

Xian Gourmet Food Tour

Basics

Title: Xian Gourmet Food Tour

Duration: 3 hours (18:00 - 21:00)

Meeting point: Hotel

Place to visit: Muslim Quarter and its surroundings

Overview: Take the opportunity to taste all the local food on this trip. Your guide will accompany you to take a local Tuktuk and explore the hidden restaurants for authentic food including Chinese Hamburger, Pita Bread Soaked in Mutton Soup, Cold Noodles, Pomegranate juice, Sweet Rice with Chinese Dates etc. Through this tour, you will gain a deeper understanding of the Xian food culture.

Highlights

- Get close to the local neighborhood and learn about the local culture and customs;
- Hunt for delicious local food in a hidden diner;
- See how food is made by the cook.

Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	18:00 p.m	Muslim Quarter

Meet your guide in an easy-to-find location (Hilton Hotel, No.199, Dongxin Street, Xincheng District, Xian) at 18:00, then walk to one of the two most popular food districts of Xian. It is an ancient style building complex with a large collection of the most famous local snacks from all over the province! Here we will taste the savory Chinese hamburger - round pita bread stuffed with minced pork, and then visit the only food museum in the same area within the wall.

After a short stroll through a park we will take a Tuk Tuk ride to the **Muslim quarter**, the other food marketplace in a community with a 1300 year history. It's not only a place of historic interest but the most colorful and bustling area, a real kaleidoscope of local life! The rest of our tour will mainly take place in this humble but richly cultural district!

These 5-6 eateries are scattered around the district, some on main streets and others tucked away in back streets, but they all cook for the locals. While visiting these food stops, you will learn a lot about the local's lives and the family restaurants that have been making their specialties for generations.



You'll watch your food being made and learn about what makes it so special to Xi'an locals. Whether it's sitting by an old man grilling meat over burning coals or watching dumplings being made right in front of you, whether you are shredding your own pita bread for "Pita Bread Soaked in Lamb Soup"(Yangroupao) or listening to the sound of fresh Biangbiang noodles being made, there are always something for you to try!

What's Important:

What's included:

- Public transport costs
- Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.
- Bottled water.
- 5-6 kinds of snacks
- Tuk Tuk fee.

What's not included:

- Personal expenses or private entertainment items at the sights.
- Tips or gratuities for guide if he/she did a good job (recommended)

What to take: smile and a relaxed enthusiastic attitude.

Good to know:

1. Please wear comfortable shoes as this tour will involve some walking.
2. Please take care of your pockets as it will be crowded in the Muslim Quarter and there might be thieves.
3. Please do not take free food provided by locals.
4. Please follow your guide closely.

FAQ

1. When does the tour start?

Re: It starts 18h00 every day.

2. Can I do this tour in the morning or afternoon instead?

Re: You can, but we wouldn't recommend it. There is a great atmosphere in the evening, as many locals fill the streets looking for food. Especially on pleasant days, you will see many vendors and barbecues stalls coming out and yelling out promoting their wares.

3. Is it a private tour or group tour?

Re: It can be either. If there are no other people joining you, it will be a private tour. If other people book the same date as you, we can make it a group tour with your permission.

4. We are not staying in the city center, can you pick us up from our hotel?

Re: In usual cases, we will use public transportation to complete this tour. If your hotel is in the suburbs and it's not easy for you to take a cab, Lilysun China Tours can provide a private transfer service. This will, however cost extra.

5. Can we start the food tour earlier?

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Re: Sure, we can start earlier as long as you inform us in advance. However, the original time period enables you to experience the best of Xian at night.

6. We want to watch the Tang Dynasty Show, can you arrange this?

Re: Yes, we can arrange the Tang Dynasty Dinner Show, but it will clash with the food tour. We suggest you plan another night for the show.