

## Mt.Hua Day Tour by Train

### Basics

**Trip Code:** LS- XA-1D-Mt.Hua Tour by train

**Trip length:** 9 hours

**Attractions:** Mt. Huashan

**Overview:** This day trip is designed for people who are energetic and enthusiastic about mountaineering. Starting from your Xian hotel, you will take a high-speed train for half an hour to get to Mt. Huashan. Arriving at the Huashan North Station, you will take a local cab and begin trekking. Mt. Huashan is renowned for its steepness and ruggedness. Hiking on the mountain takes a lot of energy and courage. Please bring enough water and food supply. After the day trip, you will take the train back to Xian.

### Highlights

- Challenge yourself with the trekking on Mt. Hua and get there using public transportation;
- Admire the sacred Taoist temple hanging on Mt. Huashan;
- Enjoy the stunning and breathtaking views on the mountain;
- Get away from the city hustle and bustle and get close to nature.

### Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	06:30 a.m	Mt. Huashan

06:30: Your local guide will meet you at your hotel lobby and together you will take a cab to the Xian North Train Station arriving by 7:20. You will take the high speed train (G6840, 07:59 - 08:35) to Mt. Hua. The journey takes about 30 minutes to Huashan North Train Station, from where you will take a local taxi and get to the foot of **Mt. Huashan**.

09:10-15:00: You will admire the stunning views on Mt. Huashan. Located in Huayin City, 120km from Xian city, Mt. Hua is one of the five greatest mountains in China. With the Qinling mountain in the south and the river Weihe in the north, Mt. Hua is the gate connecting central and northwestern China. Mt. Hua consists of five peaks, of which the South Peak, East Peak and West Peak are the major ones. Surrounding the major peaks are the 36 smaller peaks. Due to the unpredictable weather up there, the mountain displays itself in different views, sometimes cloudy like a paradise, sometimes rainy, sometimes foggy and sometimes covered with snow. Mt. Hua also has the perfect spot for watching the sun rise on the East Peak. Unless you have more than one day on Mt. Hua, sunrise watching is not recommended. There are about 210 small sights on the



mountain, each bearing an incredible story. Last but not least, Mt. Hua is a sacred place for Taoism. There are currently 72 hanging caves and about 20 Taoist temples on the mountain, some of them are still in use by hermits. As a mountain bearing so much history and so many views, it has attracted many scholars. Since ancient times, many poets and writers have come here and left their travel notes on the stones. Even emperors like Qin Shi Huang in the Qin Dynasty, Emperor Wu in the Western Han Dynasty, Wu Zetian in the Zhou Dynasty and Emperor Xuanzong in the Tang Dynasty came to Mt. Hua to pray for a good harvest.

15:40: Your guide will take you back to the Huashan North Train Station and take you back to Xian. Arriving at the Xian North Train Station, you will be free to explore alone or just go back to your hotel directly.

## What's Important:

### What's included:

Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.

Entrance fee for Mt. Huashan, round-trip cable car and shuttle bus for West Peak.

Second class round-trip high-speed train tickets for you and your local guide.

### **What's not included:**

Lunch

Bottled water.

Public transportation expense in Xian and Huashan.

Personal expenses or private entertainment items at the sights.

Tips or gratuities for the guide if we did a good job (recommended)

What to take: smile and a relaxed enthusiastic attitude.

### **Good to know:**

1. As our customer, your time is very valuable to us. We will never take you to any factories or shops for shopping.
2. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your family or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
3. Wheelchairs are available, but this tour is not recommended if you are bringing someone in a wheelchair.
4. Pregnant women and disabled people are not recommended to book this tour.
5. Anyone suffering from acrophobia is not recommended to book this trip.
6. The tour is changeable in case of unfavorable weather conditions.
7. There are generally two ways of visiting the Mt. Hua, the first way is actually climbing. This however is impractical on this trip. You only have 9 hours, while the single trip to all five peaks of the mountain requires about 7 hours provided that you are a strong mountaineer. This is not an option unless you have two days.
8. The other way is taking a cable car, and this is also the recommended option. On this itinerary, we will book a round-trip shuttle bus and cable car for the West Peak and give you about 1-1.5 hours to trek. This is also the most expensive way.
9. There are two other options. You can take a cable car to the North Peak first and then hike to the West Peak and take the downward cable car from there. Or, you can just take the North

- Peak cable car up and down, which can save you more energy from trekking.
10. Please do NOT reserve this trip during July and August when students are all free from school. Mt. Hua will be jammed with people and the hiking experience will be compromised. If you insist on visiting Mt. Hua in the Summer Vacation, we are not responsible for the extra hours needed for waiting in line for tickets.
  11. This day tour lasts a bit longer than a usual day trip. Please be considerate and allow your guide to leave after your arrival in Xian.
  12. Your lunch will be on the mountain, which can be challenging as there are limited food choices up there and the prices are quite high. We suggest you take some food up the mountain to keep you energized all the time.
  13. Basic mountaineering equipment is available to you for free. You just need to carry it all the time.

## FAQ

1. Does this tour involve a lot of walking?

Re: Yes, this day trip is a bit challenging for people who lack exercise. For those people, we recommend the other Mt. Hua Hiking Tour with Foot Massage.

2. Mt. Hua seems a bit dangerous, isn't it?

Re: Yes, you may see some dangerous parts of the mountain online, that's what the mountain is famous for. You can avoid the risky parts when you walk. Also, the wooden plank has been shut down as a few people committed suicide there.

3. Does the tour guide accompany us up the mountain?

Re: Yes, in usual cases, your tour guide will escort you through your whole adventure on the mountain provided that you take the cable car. If you do want to walk up and down the mountain, the guide service fee would be extremely high.

4. Can I take the cable car?

Re: Yes, sure. The return-trip cable car up and down the West peak is already included in the quote.

5. Can we start a bit later?

Re: Yes, you can start later, but we don't suggest you do. The later you start, the hotter it gets, the harder it will be for you to climb.

6. How far is Mt. Hua?

Re: It is about 2 hours drive from the city center and half an hour if you take bullet train.

7. I was thinking of watching the sunrise on East Peak, can you arrange it?

Re: If you have two days, watching sunrise on the East Peak can be arranged. You can start in the afternoon on the first day and hike or take the cable car to the North or West Peak, then hike to the East Peak in the evening. Stay for one night at a hotel on the East Peak and get up at around 5:30 the next morning to view the spectacular sunrise from the East Peak. The next day, you can either hike or take the cable car down the mountain.

In this way, it would be two days on Mt. Hua. We would suggest you take the high-speed train to and from Mt. Huashan. You will need to reserve the mountain hotel very early to make sure there is room for you. Also, you need to cover the accommodation on the mountain and round trip train tickets for your guide if you need one.