

## 3 Days Xian Adventure Tour with Mt. Huashan

### Basics

**Tour Code:** LCT-XA-3D-01

**Duration:** 3 days

**Attractions:** Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, City Wall, Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell or Drum Tower, Muslim Quarter, the Great Mosque, Mt. Huashan

**Overview:** Downtown Xian is easy to explore independently but getting out of the city is a challenge if you don't speak Chinese. Treat yourself to a private guide and driver for three days' door-to-door exploration. Besides the historic downtown sights and the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, meet farmers at their cave homes, see the second terracotta army at Han Yan Ling Museum, and hike on Mt. Huashan.

### Highlights

- Get close to the Terracotta Army and see their features;
- Climb on the City Wall and see the hustle of the city center;
- Ride a bike on the ancient city wall;
- Stand on the old Bell Tower and listen to the Bell sound;
- Taste all kinds of local food and snacks in the Muslim Quarter;
- Learn about the Muslim culture in Xian.
- See the one and only underground museum in China - Hanyangling Museum (Jingdi's Tomb);
- Learn about the Buddhist history in the Tang Dynasty by visiting the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.
- Appreciate the Chinese calligraphy and painting in Shuyuanmen Cultural Street.

- Be amazed by the magnificence of Mt. Hua.

## Itinerary

Date	Starting Time	Destination
Day 1	09:00 a.m	Terracotta Warriors Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, City Wall, Shuyuanmen Cultural Street
Day 2	07:30 a.m	Mt. Hua Hiking Tour
Day 3	09:00 a.m	Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter

### Day 1: Terracotta Warriors Museum, Traditional Cave Dwelling, City Wall, Shuyuanmen Cultural Street

09:00: Greeted by your tour guide, your exploration of this great city begins.

09:50: You will arrive at the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**. Your tour guide will take you through all important figures, horses and weapons. By examining the terracotta figures discovered here, you can imagine what the Qin soldiers looked like 2000 years ago. From the horse cart and weapons displayed, you will have an idea how these soldiers used to fight. If you look closely enough, you will discover that each figure has different facial expressions, which is astonishing considering how many figures there are.



Then, you will appreciate how great this work is and why the Terracotta Warriors Museum is regarded as the Eighth Wonder in the world.

12:30: Time to find lunch which will be for your own account. Your tour guide will be happy to cater to your needs and find a suitable restaurant for you. Here are some local foods you might be interested in: Chinese Hamburger, Baozi (steamed stuffed bun), Spicy Soup, Tofu Jelly, Deep-fried dough sticks, Pita Bread Soaked in Mutton Soup, Biang Biang Noodles, Guokui, etc.

13:30: Visit a local family living in a **Traditional Cave Dwelling**. Your tour guide will explain to you why people like to live here.

14:10 : Depart the Terracotta Warriors and return to the city. The transfer takes about 50 minutes during which you can have a little rest and be prepared for the afternoon tour.

15:00: Visit the **Ancient City Wall** in a style that suits your preferences. You can either walk or ride a bike, or even take a golf cart (golf carts and bikes for your own account). This City Wall is the best preserved and most complete wall that has survived through China's long history. It is about 12 meters high, 12 to 14 meters wide across the top and 15 to 18 meters thick at the base. The entire circumference is about 13.7 kilometers. It can take a while if you choose to walk the whole way around.



16:30: Visit the **Shuyuanmen Cultural Street** and learn about Chinese calligraphy and painting. The name originates from the Guanzhong Academy, which was the highest institution of higher learning in the Ming and Qing dynasties in Shaanxi, and now has become a painting and calligraphy center in Xi'an. Today there are sound splash-ink works and high-quality goods on exhibit, sold in street stalls with elegant displays of price tags. Wandering in the street, you will have the misconception of walking in ancient China. Every year a large number of painting and calligraphy masters converge on Xi'an, holding various exhibitions. You might take part in one of them if you are lucky.

17:00: You will be dropped off at your hotel and your day tour comes to an end.

## Day 2: Mt. Hua Hiking Tour

07:30: Meet your hiking tour guide and set out for the hiking tour.

09:00 - 15:30: **Mt. Huashan** is located 120km southeast of Xian City. It takes around 2 hours to get there. You will have an adventure hiking tour. Mt. Huashan is praised as "the First Odd Mountain in the World". It



boasts five imposing peaks with sheer precipices and overhanging rocks. The eastern one is called the ‘Peak of the Rising Sun’ which is the best location to view sunrise; the northern one, the ‘Peak of Cloud Terrace’ is famous for cliffs on its three sides; the western one is called the ‘Peak of Lotus; the southern one, the ‘Peak of Wild Geese’ is the main peak and also the steepest of Mt. Hua with an elevation of 2,083 meters; the Central one is called the ‘Peak of the Jade Maiden’, and links the east, west and southern peaks. Each presents unique scenic beauty, surrounded by over 70 minor peaks.

17:30: Drop you off at your hotel.

### **Day 3: Hanyangling Museum, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Muslim Quarter**

09:00: Be ready to be picked up by your friendly tour guide.

09:30 - 12:00: Start your day tour with the only underground museum in China - **Hanyangling Museum**, also called Jingdi’s Tomb. It is located near the airport about 30km north of Xian City. This is the burial site of Emperor Jingdi and his wife Empress Wangzhi. This tomb has been dated back 2,100 years. You will see some of the funeral goods such as pottery figurines dating back to the Han Dynasty, Luoqing Stone that was used for measurement, and all kinds of stele inscribed with words.

12:00 - 13:00: Enjoy a Chinese lunch somewhere that locals frequent at your own expense. You may try something different from what you had the previous day.

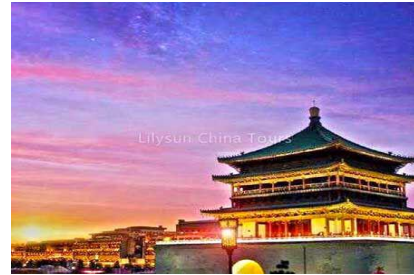
13:40 - 15:30: Your afternoon tour will start with a visit to **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Located inside the Da Ci En temple, it was built in the Tang Dynasty to store all the Buddhist Sutras and Buddhist figures that Xuan Zang brought back from India. It’s the largest and oldest square pagoda ever built. Today, it has been remodeled and enlarged into a large park where



local people come to relax on sunny days. If you come here at night, you will see local people dancing and singing, children running, fountain show performances and various small stalls selling local snacks.

15:50 - 16:30: Visit the icons of Xian city - **Bell Tower (Or Drum Tower)**. In ancient times, the bell and the drum were used to strike time in the morning and at dusk because people didn't have clocks or watches, so there is a saying 'Morning Bell and Dusk Drum' in Chinese. The two towers are icons of Xi'an, as they are the best preserved in all of China.

16:30 - 17:00: Located to the west of the Bell Tower, the Muslim Quarter was once a place just for Muslims who had migrated from other places. As time went by, a unique Muslim culture was formed and this place has become a must-see sight for anyone coming to Xian. If



you wish to hunt for local food, learn about folk art, and explore the mysterious Muslim culture, this is the right place.

17:20: Finish your day tour and arrive back at your hotel.

### **What's Important:**

#### **What's included:**

- Air-conditioned vehicles with experienced driver.
- Licensed Chinese- English bilingual speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee for sights mentioned.
- Bottled water.
- Round-trip cable car up and down the West Peak of Mt. Hua.

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

- Meals
- Personal expenses or private entertainment items at sights.
- Tips or gratuities for guide and driver 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. For lunch, we will take you to a nice local restaurant, where you can enjoy the local food at a fair price. Please inform us about your food preferences in case you have any allergies.
3. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. If you want a tour with a duration exceeding the working period of our tour guide and driver, we need to charge you for your extra hours at the standard rate of 100 RMB per hour.
4. The tour we provide you is based on days, not the hours. A regular day tour will last 8-9 hours. In case you only need our service for between 6 hours to 8 hours in one day, we will consider it a day tour.
5. Please be aware that your itinerary can be changed at anytime. Whenever you want to adjust it, we will help you with that.
6. What we provide are high-quality private tours, you will only be with your families or friends. There are no other people joining your tour.
7. Wheelchairs are available, please advise prior to your trip in case you need any.
8. During your visit to the Terracotta Warriors Museum, you may encounter some local people following you to sell souvenirs, just ignore them.
9. You are free to switch the tour sequence in order to align with better weather conditions.

## FAQ

1. Does Mt. Hua hiking tour involve a lot of walking?

Re: Not necessarily, you can hike or take the cable car.

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 walking.

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.

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. How long is the tour each day?

Re: The tour lasts about 8-9 hours, starting from the time when you leave your hotel.

6. When does the tour usually end in each day?

Re: The tour usually ends at 17:30.

7. How much time do we have in the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: You will have a whole morning or afternoon wander in the museum and be immersed in the great wonder.

8. How far is the Terracotta Warriors Museum?

Re: It is about 50 mins drive from the city center.

9. Can the itinerary be changed on the spot?

Re: Sure, you can change the itinerary whenever you want. Your tour guide will accommodate your needs.

10. Where do we have lunch?

Re: Your tour guide will take you to a nice local restaurant instead of the tourist ones for lunch. You can try some delicious meter-long noodles. While on Mt. Hua, you will have lunch on the mountain for sure. Please bring some snacks to keep you going until lunch.

11.How far is Mt. Hua?

Re: It is about a 120- minute drive from the city center.