

Xi'an Introduction

Xian, the eternal city, records the great changes of the Chinese nation just like a living history book. Called Chang'an in ancient times, Xian is one of the birthplaces of the ancient civilization in the Yellow River Basin area of the country. During Xian's 3,100 year development, 13 dynasties such as Western Zhou (11th century BC - 771 BC), Qin (221 BC - 206 BC), Western Han (206 BC - 24 AD) and Tang (618 - 907) placed their capitals here. So far, Xian enjoys equal fame with Athens, Cairo, and Rome as one of the four major ancient civilization capitals.

Xian is the capital of Shaanxi province, located in the southern part of the Guanzhong Plain. With the Qinling Mountains to the south and the Weihe River to the north, it is in a favorable geographical location surrounded by water and hills. It has a semi-moist monsoon climate and there is a clear distinction between the four seasons. Except the colder winter, any season is relatively suitable for traveling.

The cultural and historical significance of Xian, as well as the abundant relics and sites, help Shaanxi enjoy the laudatory title of 'Natural History Museum'. The Museum of Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses is praised as 'the eighth major miracle of the world', Mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shi Huang is listed on the World Heritage List, and the City Wall of the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644) is the largest and most intact Ming Dynasty castle in the world. In the city, there is the 3,000 years old Banpo Village Remains from the Neolithic Age (approximately from 8000 BC to 5000 BC), and the Forest of Stone Steles that holds 3,000 stone steles of different periods from the Han Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty. Around Xian, the Famen Temple enjoys the reputation of being the 'forefather of pagodas and temples in Central Shaanxi,' because it holds the finger bones of Sakyamuni -- the founder of Buddhism. The natural landscape around Xian is also marvelous Mt.Huashan one of the five best-known mountains in China, is famous for its breath-taking cliffs and its unique characteristics.

3 Days/ 2 Night Beijing-Xian-Beijing

Day 1: Beijing-Xian

Fly to Xian- Great Mosque- Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Our guide will meet you at the lobby of Crown Plaza Hotel Beijing Wuzhou. Transfer to airport and take flight to Xian. Upon arrival, our local guide will meet you at the airport.

Visit Great Mosque, Big Wild Goose Pagoda and City Wall.

Overnight at the hotel. L+D

Great Mosque The Great Mosque in Xian is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China and its location is northwest of the Drum Tower (Gu Lou) on Huaajue Lane

Big Wild Goose Pagoda It is located in the southern suburb of Xian City, about 4 kilometers (2.49 miles) from the downtown of the city.



Day 2: Xian-Beijing

Museum of Qin Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses--City Wall-Shaanxi History Museum-Night train to Beijing

Have breakfast at the hotel, visit Museum of Qin Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, City Wall and Shaanxi History Museum. Transfer to railway station and take night train to Beijing.

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Museum of Qin Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses are the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century.

City Wall After the establishment of the Ming dynasty, Zhu Yuanzhang followed his advice and began to enlarge the wall built initially during the old Tang dynasty (618 -907), creating the modern Xian City Wall.

Shaanxi History Museum The museum occupies an area of 65,000 square meters (16 acres). It is a grand complex of buildings imitating the architecture style of the Tang Dynasty (618-907)



Day 3: Beijing.

Arrive at Beijing in the morning, transfer to hotel by yourself. Service ends.

Price include:

1. Coach/Van for Transfers & sightseeing
2. Excellent English Speaking tour guide.
3. Entrance fees as mentioned in the program
4. One night accommodation (twin share bases) in 4 star hotel.
5. Meals as listed in the program; B=breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner
6. Economic flight with tax of airport: Beijing/Xian; MU2106 (07:45-09:35)
7. First class soft sleeper train ticket: Xian/Beijing West

Remarks: The flight schedule is only for reference