

XI'AN

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Recommended Tourist Itineraries

- A Tour of Xi'an Ancient City**
Route: Drum and Bell Tower--Xi'an Steles Park--City Wall--Gulou Food Street--History Museum--Great Wild Goose Pagoda
Sight: This unique ancient city has China's best preserved Ming Dynasty city wall, the largest drum and bell towers in China, the magnificent Giant Wild Goose Pagoda and countless speciality dishes.
- A Tour of Landscape of Qin Mountains**
Route: Cuihua Mountain--Louguan Podium--Heihe Forest Park--Taihai Mountain
Sight: The Qin Mountains are located in the West and South of Xi'an. Stretching for thousands of miles, they not only have a great number of natural sights, but also abundant cultural sights, as well. They are also the cradle of Taoism.
- Tour of style in Qin and Tang Dynasties**
Route: Terra-Cotta Warriors--Huaqing Hot Spring--Mount Li--Great Tang All Day Mall
Sight: The Qin and Han dynasties have not only left the magic Terracotta Warriors and Horses and magnificent ancient palaces, but also fascinating songs, dances and operas as well as touching love stories. This tour allows you to appreciate them by one.



Xi'an Overview

Xi'an, known as Chang'an in ancient times, was the capital of thirteen dynasties in history. It is a metropolis that has the longest history, having seen the most dynasties and has had the most influence as a capital in Chinese history and ranks number one among ancient Chinese capitals. Thus, it is honored as a "Natural History Museum". Xi'an has a typical temperate continental climate with four distinct seasons. It is hot in summer, cold in winter and rainy in summer and autumn.

Xi'an, Athens, Cairo and Rome are known as the "Four Ancient Capitals of the World". Xi'an was a starting point on the Silk Road written about by Marco Polo, and the capital of 13 dynasties throughout Chinese history, leaving a great number of historic relics, including the world famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses at the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor, the Huaqing Pool, which has had many stories written about it, and the magnificent Giant Wild Goose Pagoda and Drum and Bell Tower.

Website: www.xian-tourism.com



Giant Wild Goose Pagoda

The Giant Wild Goose Pagoda Cultural Leisure Scenic Spot has a unique cultural heritage, a special style, and the Buddhist charm of the Tang Dynasty, honored as the "Living Room of Xi'an City".

Website: www.xadayanta.com

Giant Wild Goose Pagoda

The Giant Wild Goose Pagoda is located inside the Daci'en Temple, which was the place where Monk Xuanzang stored Buddhist scriptures during his translation work. It is an imitation of India's brick Wild Goose Pagoda, and a symbol of Xi'an's architecture.



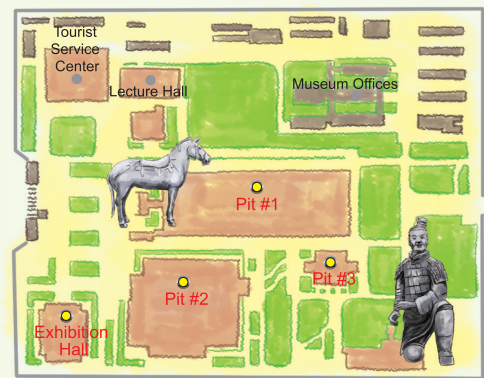
Emperor Qingshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum

Emperor Qingshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum is a large-scale relic museum based on Emperor Qin's Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, and supports the Emperor Qingshihuang's Mausoleum Site Park. It is a public urban cultural space integrating education, scientific research and leisure.

Website: www.bmy.com.cn

Emperor Qingshihuang's Mausoleum Site Park

Emperor Qingshihuang's Mausoleum Site Park is the mausoleum of China's first Emperor Qingshihuang, and a mausoleum of the largest scale and the richest burial



the largest water screen movies in the world. It is a world-class water sight integrating water screen movies, musical fountains, lasers, water mines, water mist, fireworks and 3D effects.



Poetry, Music and Dance Drama

The grand poetry, music and dance drama *Dream Back to Tang Dynasty* is performed every day at the garden. The drama is divided into six acts: Magic Gramme, Invitation to Emperor Qin, Bathing at Huaqing Pool, Dream Lingering in the Western Region, Dreamlike Cruise in Qu River, and Dream Back to Tang Dynasty.

Water Curtain Movie



Huaqing Palace

Huaqing Pool leans against Mount Li in the south and adjoins the Weihe River in the north. It is an ancient detached palace well known for its hot spring pools. The rulers of various dynasties regarded this wonderland as their temporary imperial palace and garden for their travels and banquets.

Website: www.hqc.cn

Hot Spring Bath

The Huaqing Hot Spring has four springheads in total, with a stable water temperature of about 43°C. The water contains multiple minerals and organic substances, which can help alleviate symptoms of arthritis, dermatitis and other ailments.

Singing and Dancing Performance

Singing and dancing performances from the Tang Dynasty, such as the *Drunken Beauty*, the *Beauty Bathing* and the *Dancing*



Relics of Ancient City

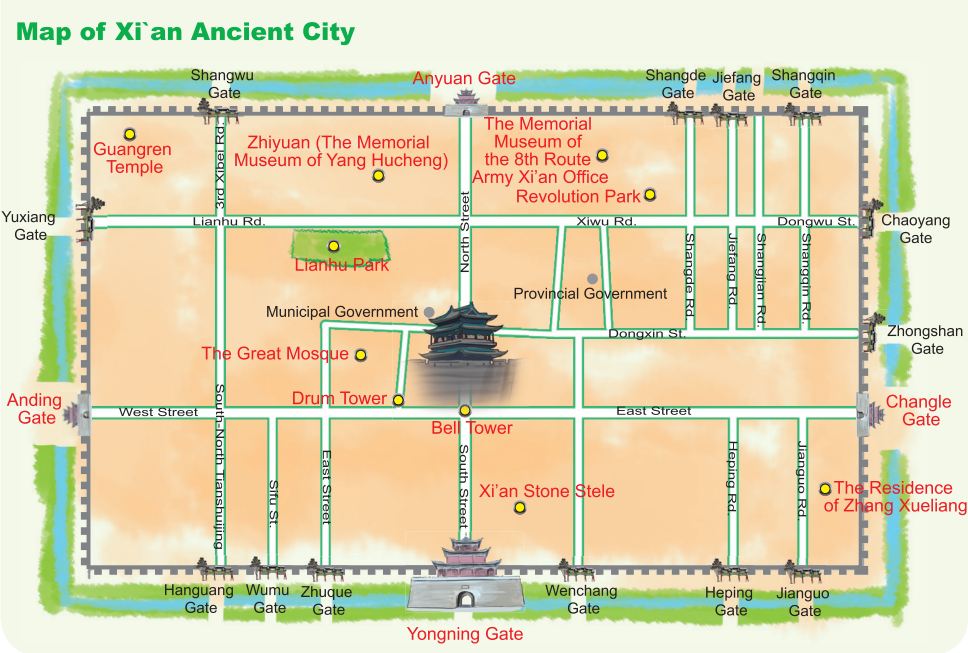
The existing city wall of Xi'an, built from 1374 to 1378 during the Ming Dynasty, has a history of 600 years. It is the best-preserved ancient wall in China.

Bell and Drum Tower

The Xi'an Drum and Bell Tower is a landmark building of Xi'an, with two buildings from the Ming Dynasty complementing each other, creating a sight of grandeur.

Great Mosque

The Great Mosque is one of the four most famous mosques in China and a perfect



Ruins of Ancient City

Ruin of Chang'an City in the Han Dynasty

The Ruins of the Han Dynasty Chang'an City is a historical site of the Western Han capital. As the largest capital in the world at that time, it boasts three palace groups: the Palace of Eternal Happiness, the Palace of Endlessness and the Jianzhang Palace.

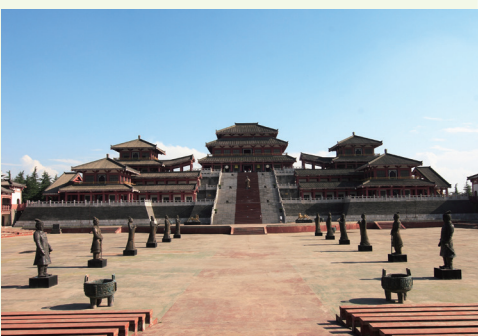
Ruin of Daming Palace in the Tang Dynasty

The Daming Palace in the Tang Dynasty is the most majestic building complex in the world famous Tang Dynasty Chang'an capital. The original palace is 7.6 km long, and totals 11 gates on four sides. More than 40 ruins of palaces, mansions and pavilions have been discovered here to date.



Ruin of Epang Palace in Qin Dynasty

Epang Palace is the most famous palace building complex in Chinese history and has a grand scale and majestic profile. The ruins of the Qin Dynasty Epang Palace were identified as the largest construction site in the world through a field investigation conducted by UNESCO in 1994.



Museum

Shaanxi History Museum

The Shaanxi History Museum is an art palace for Shaanxi's historic culture and China's ancient civilization. The most famous collections are bronze ware from the Shang and Zhou dynasties, pottery figurines of different dynasties, gold and silver vessels from the Han and Tang dynasties, and tomb murals from the Tang Dynasty.

Website: www.sxhm.com

Xi'an Banpo Museum

The Banpo Ruin is the relatively complete village site of a matrilineal clan commune, which vividly demonstrates the life of matrilineal clan society over 6,000 years ago, and has an important value for studying the history of primitive Chinese society.



Landscape of Qin Mountains

Mount Cuihua

Mount Cuihua is well known as the "Beauty of Zhongnan" and the "Chinese Geological Geomorphology Museum". It enjoys numerous historical sites and scenic spots, as well as picturesque scenery, unique landslide topography, and wonderful natural sights. It was a site for emperors of different generations to make sacrifices to the immortals, travel for recreation and stay away from hot summer.

Louguan Podium

According to local folklore, the ancient Chinese sage Lao Zi once wrote books here and built a podium on the mound of Louman for teaching scriptures, so it was named "Louguan Podium". Today, the podium, alchemy furnace, Lao Zi Tomb and other sights can be seen, so it is known as "The first paradise under Heaven".



Qinling Wildlife Park

Qinling Wildlife Park is the first wildlife park in Northwest China, and consists of a walking tour area, grazing area, wild beast area and bird whistling area. It is home to golden monkeys, takins, panthers, white tigers, African leopards, Bengal tigers and other rare animals.



Mount Taibai

Mount Taibai is the main peak of the famous Qin Mountains, with an elevation of 3,771 m. Mount Taibai presents beautiful views and fascinating scenery.

Baxian Podium

Baxian Podium, 3,771m above sea level, is the summit of Taibai Mountain. The peak looks like an irregular triangular pyramid. The top is wide and flat, allowing tourists to watch the sunrise in the morning and the sunset in the evening and offering a beautiful spectacle.

Millennium Ice Cave

On the eastern cliff of Dayehai, there is a "millennium thaw-free ice cave", in which ice is available all year round. The extreme cold has resulted in an endless array of ice columns, ice platforms and ice towers, which present a wonderful sight.



Transportation

- By Air**
Xi'an Xianyang International Airport is the largest air traffic hub in Northwest China and the fifth largest airport in China. At present, it has three terminals and two runways. The airport has 100 open navigation points and 202 routes, including 11 international (regional) navigation points and 11 routes, with more than 400 flights arriving and departing here every day. A one-hour flight can reach Chengdu, Chongqing, Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Lanzhou, Xining, Yinchuan and other key cities in Central and Western China.
- Useful Telephone Numbers and Websites**
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Police: 110
Fire: 119
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Railway Ticket: 95105105
Xi'an Xianyang International Airport: 29-88796997
Xi'an Xianyang International Airport Website: www.xia.com
Xi'an Bus Network: www.bbs.bxbs.cn

● By Railway

The Xi'an Railway Station ranks fourth in passenger traffic across the country. As one of six large railway hubs nationwide, it has railways include the Lianyungang-Lanzhou Line, Xi'an-Ankang Line, Nanjing-Xi'an Line, Xi'an-Yuxia Line, Xi'an-Houma Line and Baotou-Xi'an Line etc.

Xi'an North Railway Station is one of the most important hub stations in the national high-speed railway network, responsible for the Xuzhou-Lanzhou Passenger Line, Xi'an-Chengdu Passenger Line, Datong-Xi'an Passenger Line, Xi'an-Yinchuan Railway, Guanzhong Intercity Railway Network and Xi'an-Tongguan Intercity Railway.

● By Road

Nine national expressways join in Xi'an, forming a high-grade asterisk-shaped radial

Dining

Xi'an is land of cooked wheat food, with a strong flavor of Northwest China. Its cuisine mainly includes marinated meat in baked buns, Bianbian noodles, noodles with pork, pita bread soaked in lamb soup, cold rice noodles, Qishan noodles, Dumpling Feast and other famous Shaanxi cuisine.

● Pita Bread Soaked in Lamb Soup



● Marinated Meat in Baked Bun

The marinated meat in a baked bun is a famous snack of Xi'an. The marinated meat and baked bun complement each other, giving full play to their respective flavors. Thanks to the spiced bun, delicious meat and endless taste, it enjoys the renown of the "Chinese-style hamburger".

● Muslim Street

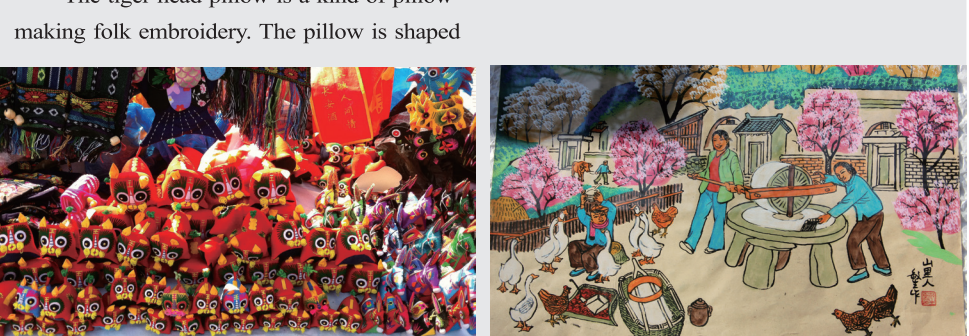
Muslim Street is the most popular snack street in Xi'an. You can find almost all famous Shaanxi cuisine such as marinated meat in baked buns, pita bread soaked in lamb soup,

Shopping

Xi'an enjoys abundant resources and products, including Lantian jade carvings, embroidery, wheat straw patchwork, Qin terracotta replicas and other cultural and art crafts. It also boasts Huangqi glutinous rice wine, Shaanxi pepper known as the "king of peppers", Lintong pomegranate, Lintong Huajing persimmon and other speciality food products.

● Peasant Painting of Huxian County

The peasant paintings of Huxian County originated in the local folktales. They have a deep origin along with the local opera, dance, folk festivals, bamboo horse, land boat, dragon lantern and other rich folk cultural forms, all full of unique regional features and folk style.



Other Attractions

Small Wild Goose Pagoda

The Small Wild Goose Pagoda is a typical dense-caves brick pagoda opposite to the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda in the east-west direction. It is a landmark building preserved from the Tang Dynasty in Chang'an Capital. It has a quiet and pretty environment and the charming style of the ancient capital.

Daxingshan Temple

Daxingshan Temple is one of the Buddhist temples with the longest history in Xi'an. During the Tang Dynasty, it was one of three sites in Chang'an for translating Buddhist scripture.

Xi'an Expo Park

The World Horticulture Exposition Garden was the venue for the 2011 World Horticulture Exposition. It has two sections, the Expo Park and the ecological recreation

