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Xi'an *Home of the Terracotta Warriors*

2 Day Private Tour



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Day 1 (D)



Pickup at your hotel

The Big Goose Pagoda (Dayan Ta)

Perhaps the most beautiful building left in Xi'an today, is one of the city's most distinctive and outstanding landmarks. Completed in 652 CE, the pagoda was built at the request of the Tang monk, Xuan Zang, whose pilgrimage to India is immortalized in the 16th-century Chinese novel Pilgrimage to the West or Monkey. Xuan Zang asked Emperor Gaozong to build a large stone stupa like those he had seen on his travels. The emperor offered a compromise brick structure of five storeys, about 53 metres (174 feet) high. Its present name, Big Goose Pagoda, has never been satisfactorily explained.

Muslim District

A great place to stroll without traffic and see traditional Muslim culture alive and well in China. Fun day or night. The food is authentic and is a great place to eat. Some interesting shopping. Certainly a great place for photographers. Not to be missed, Muslim Street is one of Xian's major attractions.

Dinner in Muslim District

Return to your Hotel



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Day 2 (L)



Pickup at your hotel

The Old City Walls

Walk up on the old city wall and enjoy the views. Xi'an's 14th-century wall still stands and is one of the most important city walls in China and certainly one of the best examples from the Ming. The circumference is 13.7 kilometres (8.5 miles), and it is 12 metres (40 feet) high, 12-14 metres (40-46 feet) wide at the top and 15-18 metres (49-59 feet) wide at the bottom. It is surrounded by a moat.

Terracotta Warriors

The discovery of the terracotta soldiers was like a legend come true for the villagers living in the area. For centuries they had been telling stories about the ghosts who lived underground and who were unearthed whenever they dug. Then in the drought-stricken spring of March 1974, peasants were digging a well to tap the groundwater beneath woods east of Qin Ling, the first emperor's tomb. We tour the excavation sites and the museum.

Lunch

Huaqing Hot Springs

A favourite spa since the Tang dynasty. For centuries emperors had come here to bathe and enjoy the scenic beauty. The more energetic visitors may climb some or all of Li Mountain, on which are situated several Taoist and Buddhist temples. A cable car has now been installed to make this possible for everyone. None of the buildings in the grounds are particularly important. Although many of them are named after Tang halls and pavilions, they were built either at the end of the last century or during this one.

Transfer to your hotel. End of tour. Airport transfer at extra cost.



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Price for our 2 Day Private Xi'an Tour (per person)

1 guest:	CNY 1,895
2 guests:	CNY 1,225
3 guests:	CNY 1,000
4 guests:	CNY 890
5 guests:	CNY 825
6 guests:	CNY 845
7 guests:	CNY 805

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Includes:

Private English speaking guide, driver and vehicle.
Meals as specified.
Meals include one standard drink per person.
All admission tickets to tourist sights.

Not included:

Airport or train station pickup / dropoff (can be added upon request)
Hotel - we can add this as an option, please enquire.
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Recommended tipping ratio 2:1 for guide:driver