## Ancient Capitals of Beijing & Xi'an - Deluxe - 6 Days

As great ancient capitals in China, Beijing and Xi'an is must-see destinations in your trip. Enjoy our hand-picked programs of sightseeing and local

delicacies. <b>Date</b>	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
		Guaranteed Service: Shopping-free tour route with zero extra charges
		Lavish Meals: 5-star hotel buffets plus special local delicacies
		Deluxe Auto: Buick MPV
1	Spotlight Services	Excellent Tour Guide: Experienced English-speaking tour guide
		Hand-picked Programs: Dadong Peking Duck, Forbidden City with the Treasure Hall, Hutong rickshaw ride with dumpling making, Chinese Shadow Puppetry at Gao's Familiy, Dumpling banquet with Tang Dynasty Show
		Luxurious Accommodation: Regent Hotel Beijing, Wanda Hilton Hotel Xi'an
2	Day 1 Beijing	Welcome to Beijing! Meet your guide and transfer to the hotel. Beijing, ancient capital, modern metropolis, the home of emperors and the heart of a great cultural tradition. Spend the rest of the day to explore Beijing's historical yet dynamic atmosphere on your own.
		Meals: Buffet breakfast, 5-star hotel buffet lunch
		You can't come to Beijing and not get a photo taken on one of Beijing's cultural icons the <b>Tian'anmen Square</b> , the world's largest square lying in the middle of Beijing's central axis.
3	Day 2 Beijing	Then walk into the <b>Forbidden City</b> (UNESCO), the world's largest imperial palace complex. The yellow-glazed tiles and ancient relics in the Forbidden City make it easy to feel like you're being transported back in time, when the city existed in all its imperial glory. The <b>Treasure Hall</b> visit will introduce to you private apartments of Emperor Qianlong and Empress Dowager Ci'xi. Most of the exhibits there are made out of precious materials like gold, silver, ivory and jade.
		Continue to take a <b>Hutong tour</b> with pedicab ride. The Hutong courtyard, traditional courtyard homes of local Beijing people, is symmetrical and neat inside with room on all four sides. If you are interested in Chinese food, you could learn how to make dumplings during your home visit.
		Meals: Buffet breakfast, Western lunch, Special Dinner (Dadong Roast Duck)
		Today you'll visit another renowned imperial site, the <b>Temple of Heaven</b> (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests.
4	Day 3 Beijing	Then take an excursion to the <b>Great Wall at Mutianyu</b> for its awe-inspiring former glory, winding through mountain scenery, with easier walking conditions and fewer crowds compared with Badaling Great Wall. You won't regret the fresh air, the nature and your marvelous Great Wall experience.
		Traditional <b>Peking Duck</b> at Dadong Roast Duck Restaurant for special dinner tonight.
		Meals: Buffet breakfast, Western lunch
5	Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an (by air)	In the morning, pay a visit to the <b>Summer Palace</b> (UNESCO). Once as a resort for the imperial court, the Summer Palace is an opulent mixture of palaces, temples, gardens, pavilions, lakes and corridors.
		Then transfer to the airport for Xi'an.
		On arrival, transfer to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day on your own.
		Meals: Buffet breakfast, Western lunch, Special Dinner (Dumpling Dinner & Tang Dynasty Show)
		Take an excursion to the <b>Terracotta Warriors Museum</b> . Admire the 7,000 terracotta soldiers that have stood guard over China's first emperor for over 2,200 years.
		Dip your toes into the century-old <b>Great Mosque</b> , which blends Islamic mosque styles and traditional Chinese architectural elements.
6	Day 5 Xi'an	Then visit the <b>Gao's Familiy</b> and feast your eyes with the <b>Chinese Shadow Puppetry</b> , a form of theatre acted by colorful silhouette figures made from leather or paper,

form of theatre acted by colorful silhouette figures made from leather or paper, accompanied by music and singing and manipulated by puppeteers using rods. Tonight experience the enchantment and the splendors of the Dumpling Dinner & Tang Dynasty **Show**, taking you back thousands of years.

**Good to know:** If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.

## Meals: Buffet breakfast, 5-star hotel buffet lunch

Your day will start with **Xi'an Ancient City Wall**, one of 10 top attractions you must see in Xi'an and is the best-preserved city wall in China as well one of the largest ancient military defensive systems across the globe. If you are interested in cycling, you could ride a bike on the nine-mile City Wall, one of the largest ancient military defense systems in the world.

Head to **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**, housing large quantities, full categories, and high grade precious art treasures, stone carvings and unearthed historical relics of the Han and Tang dynasties.

Then transfer to the airport for your flight to Beijing.

End of service.

## **About Shopping or No-shopping Tours**

Day 6 Xi'an - Beijing (by

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