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Xi'an & Luoyang Ancient Capitals Tour - Private Tour - 4 Days

Journey across the heartland of Chinese civilization on this 4-day private bullet train excursion linking the great imperial capitals of Xi'an and Luoyang. Uncover the subterranean wonder of the Terracotta Army, cycle along Xi'an's imposing Ancient City Wall, and immerse yourself in the vibrant street food culture of the Muslim Quarter. Whisk eastward by high-speed rail to marvel at the cliffside Buddhist masterpieces of the Longmen Grottoes and witness authentic martial arts demonstrations at legendary Shaolin Temple.

Tour Highlights

Stand in awe before thousands of life-sized Qin Dynasty guardians at the UNESCO-listed Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses.
Marvel at over 100,000 sacred Buddhist statues carved into steep limestone cliffs at the Longmen Grottoes.
Witness authentic Shaolin Kung Fu demonstrations and wander among more than 240 ancient brick stupas in the Shaolin Pagoda Forest.
Cycle or take a scenic stroll atop the monumental ramparts of the best-preserved Ancient City Wall in Xi'an.
Discover the elegant Sino-Islamic courtyard architecture of the Great Mosque and savor street-food flavors in the historic Muslim Quarter.
Experience China's world-class high-speed railway network with round-trip bullet train transit between Xi'an and Luoyang.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Arrival in Xi'an	airport - hotel transfer in Xi’an

2	Day 2 Xi'an | Terracotta Warriors, Bell & Muslim Quarter	breakfast, lunch, special dinner **Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO), The Bell and Drum Tower Square, The Muslim Quarter (Huimin Jie)** Unearth the secrets of the world's most significant archaeological discovery. Face the silent ranks of over 6,000 life-sized warriors, archers, and bronze chariots that have guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. Located at the very center of ancient Xi'an, the Bell and Drum Tower Square is a grand landmark that beautifully connects China's imperial past with its vibrant modern energy. This spacious public square offers a stunning vantage point between two magnificent Ming Dynasty masterpieces: the majestic Bell Tower, which marks the geographical heart of the city, and the historic Drum Tower, which stands at the entrance to the famous Muslim Quarter. Visited by millions each year, the square provides an exceptional setting to admire traditional triple-eaved wooden architecture, which comes alive at night with a spectacular display of colorful illuminations. Steeped in over a millennium of history, the Muslim Quarter is a vibrant sensory feast and the heart of Xi'an's legendary food culture. As you wander through its ancient stone-paved lanes, you are greeted by an incredible array of mouth-watering delicacies and authentic Silk Road flavors. From the savory aroma of charcoal-grilled lamb skewers to the rhythmic pounding of traditional nut candy, this bustling historic enclave offers an unparalleled glimpse into the heritage and culinary soul of the city's Hui community. It is the ultimate destination to immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere and rich, diverse tastes of old Xi'an. **Leisure Time & Optional Experiences** **Evening Recommendation**: Indulge in a celebrated Xi'an Dumpling Banquet, followed by an enchanting Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show—a vibrant revival of China's golden age of art and culture. **Extended Exploration**: If your schedule allows, we highly recommend a journey to Mount Hua to witness its breathtaking natural peaks. **Regional Highlights**: For a deeper dive into Buddhist history, consider a bullet train excursion to Luoyang to marvel at the Longmen Grottoes, one of China's three most renowned ancient cave complexes.
3	Day 3 Xi'an to Luoyang | Longmen Grottoes & Shaolin Temple	train station transfer in Xi'an, train station transfer in Luoyang breakfast, lunch **Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Temple** The Longmen Grottoes is one of the Three Major Buddhist Grottoes in China. Carved 1500 years ago, the grottoes is the long-established art form which plays a significant role in the evolution of Buddism in Asian. It has over 100,000 Buddhist images and statues inside. Established in the 5th century, the Shaolin Temple (UNESCO) is world-famous for its connection with Chinese martial arts - Shaolin Kung Fu. China's biggest pagoda forest also lies in Shaolin Temple, which is a concentration of more than 240 tomb pagodas for abbots and eminent monks of the temple.

4	Day 4 Xi'an Departure | Ancient City Wall & Great Mosque	airport transfer in Xi'an breakfast, lunch **Ancient City Wall , Great Mosque** Located in the centre of Xi'an, the Xi'an City Wall was built in the early Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) over the previously existing palace walls of the Tang Dynasty. It is the best-preserved and largest city wall in China and extends a total of 13.74 kilometres. The wall has a moat, draw bridges, watchtowers, corner towers and other military defences. The Great Mosque, which blends Islamic mosque styles and traditional Chinese architectural elements, acts as one of the oldest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China Service ends.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How long does the bullet train ride take between Xi'an and Luoyang?
A: The high-speed bullet train between Xi'an and Luoyang takes only about 1.5 hours each way, allowing for a comfortable and efficient full-day round-trip excursion.

Q: Can we watch a live martial arts performance at Shaolin Temple?
A: Yes. Your visit to Shaolin Temple includes admission to the official martial arts training hall where Shaolin monks perform impressive demonstrations of traditional Kung Fu forms and weapon skills.

Q: Is bicycle rental readily available on the Xi'an Ancient City Wall?
A: Yes. Single bicycles and tandem bikes can be rented directly on the top deck near the South Gate, offering a fun and scenic way to explore the entire 14-kilometer defensive perimeter.

Q: Is this 4-day itinerary suitable for travelers utilizing the 240-hour visa-free transit?
A: Yes. Because this private journey departs from and concludes back in Xi'an, international passengers holding qualifying transit flights out of Xi'an Xianyang International Airport can take full advantage of the visa-free policy.

Tour Includes :

- Private English-speaking tour guide
- Private air-conditioned van
- Land transfers between airport and hotel
- Entrance ticket as listed
- Lunch as listed
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Domestic train tickets as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- Flight tickets
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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