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Ancient Beijing & Xi’an on Bullet Train - Private tour - 6 Days

Take a Beijing-Xi’an bullet train journey, explore two great ancient capitals in China, Beijing - the imperial residence of emperors in Ming and Qing Dynasties, Xi’an - the home of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses.

Tour Highlights

Explore premier UNESCO World Heritage monuments in both capitals including the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall, and Terracotta Warriors.
Experience China's world-class high-speed rail network with smooth round-trip bullet train transit between Beijing and Xi'an.
Stand face-to-face with thousands of life-sized underground soldiers at the Emperor Qinshihuang Mausoleum site museum.
Cycle or walk along the monumental ramparts of the best-preserved Ancient City Wall in Xi'an.
Immerse yourself in authentic cultural life while sampling legendary Silk Road street delicacies in the vibrant Muslim Quarter.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Arrival in Beijing	airport - hotel transfer in Beijing
2	Day 2 Beijing | Forbidden City & Temple of Heaven	breakfast, lunch **Tian’anmen Square, Forbidden City (UNESCO), Temple of Heaven (UNESCO)** Stand in the heart of modern China at the world’s largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People. Constructed from 1406 at the very centre of Beijing, the Palace Museum is more widely known as the Forbidden City. Previously home to 24 different emperors, it is the largest palace complex in the world at approximately 720,000 square metres. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City. Completed in 1420, the Temple of Heaven is the largest complex of sacrificial buildings in China that still stands to this day. The temple was visited by Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1636-1912) emperors on an annual basis to pray to the heavens for a good harvest. The subtle employment of acoustic principles used in the construction of the Echo Wall, Triple Sound Stone and Dialogue Stone reflects the advanced architectural technology in use in ancient China. **Dinner Suggestions: Iconic Peking Duck** Indulge in a signature feast at a renowned, time-honored restaurant. Savor the legendary roast duck, celebrated for its signature crispy skin, tender meat, and the subtle aroma of fruit-wood roasting.

3	Day 3 Beijing | Great Wall & Summer Palace	breakfast, lunch **The Great Wall (UNESCO), The Summer Palace (UNESCO)** The Great Wall is the largest ancient defensive project ever undertaken in China and even the world. Built continuously over 2,000 years starting in the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046-771 BC), the Great Wall now snakes its way across vast areas of northern and central China and has a total length of more than 20,000 km. The wall is a physical illustration of the Chinese philosophy of defending and tolerating rather than expanding and invading. This Qing Dynasty (1636-1912) imperial palace and garden (1636-1912) is the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. Modelled on the West Lake in Hangzhou and borrowing design techniques and artistic ideas from the gardens of Jiangnan south of the Yangtze River, this landscaped park offers the perfect summer retreat.
4	Day 4 Beijing to Xi'an by Bullet Train | Hutong Tour	train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi’an breakfast **Beijing Hutongs & Rickshaw Tour** Dive into the heart of old Beijing with a visit to the Hutongs—a maze of historic, narrow alleys lined with traditional courtyard houses. To experience this vibrant neighborhood like a local, you will take a traditional rickshaw tour. Sit back and relax as your driver wheels you through the lively lanes, passing by local markets, ancient doorways, and hidden gardens. It is a wonderful, nostalgic journey that offers an intimate look at the city's traditional lifestyle away from the modern skyscrapers.

5	Day 5 Xi'an | Terracotta Warriors & Muslim Quarter	breakfast, lunch **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.
6	Day 6 Xi'an to Beijing by Bullet Train | Ancient City Wall	train station transfer in Xi'an breakfast **Ancient City Wall** 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. Service ends.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How long does the bullet train journey take between Beijing and Xi'an?

A: Modern high-speed bullet trains travel between Beijing and Xi'an in approximately 4 to 4.5 hours, providing comfortable second-class or first-class seating, panoramic window views, and air-conditioned convenience.

Q: How is luggage handled during the bullet train journey?
A: Your private guide and driver assist with luggage loading and direct transfer to the railway stations in both cities. On the train, luggage is stowed securely on spacious overhead racks and dedicated end-of-car luggage areas.

Q: Can we rent bicycles to ride along the Xi'an Ancient City Wall?
A: Yes. Bicycles and tandem bikes are readily available for rent at the south gate of the city wall, offering an enjoyable way to explore the wide stone battlements and panoramic city views.

Q: Is this 6-day round-trip itinerary suitable for 240-hour visa-free transit travelers?
A: Yes. Because the tour departs from and concludes back in Beijing, international travelers holding qualifying onward flights from Beijing can easily participate under the visa-free transit policy.

Tour Includes :

-- Private English-speaking tour guide
-- Private air-conditioned coach
-- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
-- Entrance tickets as listed
-- Lunches as listed
-- Domestic train tickets
-- Hotel accommodations with breakfast
-- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

-- International flights with airport tax
-- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
-- Gratuities for guides and drivers
-- China Entry Visa
-- Travel insurance

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