

China Tunnel Roads Cycling Adventure Tour - 14 Days

This tour starts with Beijing's imperial Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Afterwards, you cycle through the stunning valley of Taihang Mountains and Guoliang tunnel road in Linzhou. On your way to the final destination, Shanghai, China's most vibrant metropolis, you will visit Jiyuan, Dengfeng and Luoyang to appreciate the natural beauty and Chinese cultural relics as well.

Briefing:

Some of the villages in Mt. Taihang were very isolated from the outside. The villagers had to walk through the scary and dangerous paths on the steep cliffs. This situation made the villages cut off from the rest of the world and the villages were doomed to become a ghost town. In order to get touch the outside world and make the life changed better, the villagers chiselled the tunnel roads through the steep cliffs. Those tunnel roads are regarded as the world most dangerous roads.

The program gives a great chance for the cyclists to challenge those roads with the great landscapes. What is more, the cyclists can also enjoy the well-known Chinese cultural relics. Some of them are on the list of the World Heritages.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On the arrival at the Beijing Airport, our guide will greet the clients and take them to have a leisure tour to the Temple of Heaven, China's largest existing complex of ancient sacrificial buildings. Ancient Chinese emperors would make sacrifices to Heaven and pray for good harvests. After lunch at the local restaurant, we will go to check in the hotel. The rest of time is on the clients' own leisure. In the evening, the clients will enjoy the welcome dinner of Peking Roasted Duck.
2	Day 2 Beijing (city tour by bus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your first peek into Beijing begins with Tian'anmen Square, the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. Then walk around in the Forbidden City (UNESCO), where the 24 emperors of the Ming and the Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendour of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards and private quarters. After lunch, visit the Summer Palace, the largest imperial garden in the world. In the evening, enjoy the Chinese acrobatic show after dinner.
3	Day 3 Beijing (Great Wall tour by bus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tour to the Great Wall is always the highlight to China. The Great Wall is the most spectacular structures ever built by human and as the only one visible from space. Lunch & dinner will be in local restaurants.
4	Day 4 Beijing – Anyang (by speed train) – Linzhou (by bus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">After breakfast, we will go to the railways station for the speed train to Anyang which is one of the eight ancient capitals in China. (About 3 hours train ride.) <p>Upon the arrival at Anyang, our guide will pick everybody up and drive us to Hongqiqu Guest House in Linzhou where you will check the bicycles and try them in the courtyard of the hotel or nearby the hotel.</p> <p>Dinner is at the Big Pot Restaurant in the open courtyard of the hotel. Surely we have to enjoy the dinner inside the hotel if it rains.</p> <p>Overnight in Hongqiqu Guest House in Linzhou.</p>
5	Day 5 Linzhou (cycling about 70kms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cycling through the Valley of Taihang Mountain on the zig-zag hilly road with the beautiful landscapes, we will have the Lunch in the farmer's restaurant en route. <p>Dinner is at the hotel or the Korean Restaurant nearby.</p> <p>Overnight in Hongqiqu Guest House in Linzhou.</p>
6	Day 6 Linzhou – Guoliang Village via Guoliang Tunnel Road (110kms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">After breakfast, we will cycle about 70kms to the entrance of Guoliang Tunnel Road. Then we will cycle through the well-known and amazing Guoliang Tunnel Road, which is about 5 meters high (15 ft) and 4 meters (12 ft) wide, on the cliff to Guoliang Village, a small village in the Mt. Taihang. Lunch is on your own idea or in the farmer's restaurant. <p>Dinner and Overnight in the villager's home inn.</p>
7	Day 7 Guoliang Village – Wangmenling – Xiyagou (about 60kms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">After breakfast, you can have short walk or free cycling nearby for the beautiful sceneries. Then we will cycle to Shanxi province via Kunshan tunnel Road, much narrower than Guoliang Tunnel Road. Then we will visit Xiyagou Village where the first tunnel road of China was chiseled. <p>Lunch is on your own idea.</p> <p>Dinner & Overnight at farmer's home inn.</p>

8	Day 8 Xiyagou – Yangcheng (160kms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast, we will cycle out of Mt. Taihang along the hilly road with villages, terraced fields and fresh air. Before the arrival at the hotel, you will have a very quick visit to Haihui Temple which was first time built in Sui Dynasty (581AD-618AD). Then drive to the hotel on the top of hilly village. <p>Lunch is on your own idea.</p> <p>Dinner & Overnight at farmer's home inn.</p>
9	Day 9 Yangcheng – Jiyuan (90kms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast, visit the Royal Prime Minister's Mansion, built from Ming Dynasty to Qing Dynasty by Chen's family, is more or less a fort. After lunch, we will cycle to Jiyuan, about 85kms comparatively more flat road. <p>Dinner is at the hotel.</p> <p>Overnight in Jiyuan.</p>
10	Day 10 Jiyuan – Dengfeng (145kms less hilly road comparatively)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast, you can cycle around in Jiyuan. The Mt. Wanngwushan could be a good option. Then we will cycle to Dengfeng, the hometown of Chinese Kungfu. Enjoy the gorgeous landscapes and natural beauty on your way to Dengfeng. Breathe fresh air, listen to the song of birds, and feel the freedom from cycling.
11	Day 11 Dengfeng –Luoyang (70kms light hilly road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast, we will cycle to Shaolin Temple for a visit, including Pagoda Forest & Kung Fu Show. Enjoy the vegetarian lunch by Shaolin Temple and then cycle to Luoyang, one of the eight ancient capital cities in China as well as one of two starts of Silk Road. <p>Dinner is the hotel.</p> <p>Overnight in Luoyang.</p>
12	Day 12 Luoyang (city tour by bus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast, we will have a bus tour to visit the Longmen Grottos, a treasure house of ancient Buddhist cave art, with lunch at the local restaurant. The grottos were hewed and carved during the Northern Wei Dynasty (386-534). In the afternoon, we will visit the Museum of the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770BC – 256BC) Royal Horse and Chariot Pits. The numbers of horses and chariots were a measure of their status and social position, serving as an important indicator of state power and individual identity. Dinner is at the hotel.
13	Day 13 Luoyang – Shanghai (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After breakfast, check out the hotel and head to the airport for Shanghai by bus. On the arrival at Shanghai airport, the guide will take the clients to the Yu Garden. Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. Then head to the bund, which is a famous waterfront and regarded as the symbol of Shanghai for hundreds of years. It is on the west bank of Huangpu River from the Waibaidu Bridge to Nanpu Bridge. The clients will have dinner on the dragon boat and enjoy the little cruise for the beautiful night of Shanghai.
14	Day 14 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daytime is free at the leisure of the clients. After the farewell dinner, the clients will go to the airport for home-flight.

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