



"See World Differently"

Pre or Extension Tour Program

CN19 - Meet Xian- the Ancient Capital City – 4Days

Detailed Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1: Xi'an – Terracotta Army, Forest of Stone Tablets and Ancient City Walls



Today, we visit the **Terracotta Army**, created to guard the tomb of Qin Shihuang the first emperor to unite China. One of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries of all times, the Terracotta Army is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We leisurely admire this vast array of soldiers. After lunch, we return to the city to visit the **Forest of Stone Tablets**, which contains China's finest collection of calligraphy by famous ancient masters. Here, not only can one find samples of the works of the most famous calligraphers, but also samples of each of the major calligraphic scripts. We will spend time with our local teacher **studying Chinese calligraphy** or giving you a Chinese name. As sunset approaches, we stroll along the **Ming Dynasty City Walls** or bike along the walls that still encircle the old city, and then we continue our exploration of Xi'an cuisine at a local restaurant for dinner. After enjoying a distinctively Xi'an dinner, featuring lamb at the Lao Sun Jia Restaurant which has been in operation for many decades, we mingle with local people and visit shops that remain open until late in the evening.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel (Four Star)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 2: Xi'an – Big Goose Pagoda, Shaanxi History Museum and Muslim Quarter



In the morning, we start our visit to the **Big Goose Pagoda** with **morning Tachi exercise study** with a local master. Big Goose Pagoda is one of the most famous pagodas in China, it provides an opportunity to reflect on how the location of Xi'an at the eastern end of the Silk Road made it a flourishing center of Buddhist development in ancient China. Then we visit the **Shaanxi History Museum**, spending two hours studying the treasures that have been unearthed from the more than 1,000 years that Xi'an served as the ancient capital of China. After a late lunch of the traditional noodles for which Xi'an is famous, we visit the **Great Mosque** and walk around the **Muslim Quarter**, where we find a way of life that derives as much from the



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ancient cultures of Central Asia as it does from China. For over 1,300 years, Muslims have been an integral part of the colorful daily life of Xi'an.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Excursion Day Trip to Chenlu Ancient Porcelain Town



Two hours drive east away from Xi'an, there is a barely known ancient porcelain town –Chen Lu. According to the historic records, Chen Lu town started burning porcelain in the Northern Zhou Period and it dates back to more than 1,400 years, continuing in the Tang and Song, Ming, Qing dynasty, reaching its peak in the Qing dynasty. It produced 8 million pieces of pottery and porcelain annually during the Qinlong dynasty. The folk

customs are closely connected with pottery & porcelain. Civil houses, art and meals are rich in pottery cultural connotation. The dwelling house of Chen Lu has a long history, embodying the perspiration and wisdom of pottery workers and craftsmen through the ages. Pottery caves and pottery walls arranged along the mountains are praised as one of the scenic spots of Furnace Mountain. We will spend a whole day visiting a local craftsman's workshop and his home, exploring present life and how the skill is preserved. Our porcelain expert will share knowledge with us during our exploration.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Trip Ends

This morning after breakfast, we will transfer to the airport and fly home.

Meals: B



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Quotation for Program (base on 2pax)

2008	Land Prices (CAD)		
Dates	All Year Around	t	
Land cost:	From 920		
Single supplement	165		

Flights

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Triple Discount

Additional discount of \$200 applies for children under 12 sharing a triple with two adults.

The discount is for the child only.

Price includes:

- Domestic economy flights and airport taxes.
- Land transfers for whole trip
- All accommodations on a twin-sharing basis, at the hotels specified in the itinerary where available
- All admissions and activity expenses as noted on itinerary
- Meals, drinking water, and soft drinks during meals as program indicates
- All programs as per itinerary
- Private tour guide and driver

Price excludes:

- Discretionary gratuities for drivers, local guides, and staff
- Expenses of personal nature, e.g. mini-bar, laundry, telecommunications, alcoholic beverages etc.
- Travel insurance
- Excursions not included in the itinerary
- International flights and airport taxes
- GST