

6 Days Shanxi Highlight Tour

Route Summary

Starting from Datong, this tour takes you to appreciate the Shanxi culture, historical sites and civilizations. You will visit the famous Yungang Grottoes, the religious Wutaishan and the ancient Pingyao Town. Many of the sites features of northern Han Chinese culture, architecture, and way of life during the Ming and Qing Dynasties.

Price: 1 Person:\$370 2-5 Persons:\$188 6-9 Persons:\$188

Destination: Datong,Pingyao,Taiyuan

Duration: 6 Days

Tour Type:

Day 1

Arrive in **Datong** in the early morning.

Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to the city area.

visit **Shanhua Temple** which was originally built in the Tang Dynasty (618-907). It is the most intact and largest preserved temple of Liao and Jin dynasties in China. Continue to visit the **Nine Dragon Screen**, by far the most magnificent screens in China. Visit Yungang Grottoes in the afternoon. **Yungang Grottoes** are known as one of the three major Grottoes in China. The construction of the caves was started under the auspices of the noted monk Tan Yao in 453 and took 50 years to complete.

Meals:

Accommodation:Datong

Day 2

Drive to visit **Yongan Monastery**, which was built in the Yuan Dynasty. Proceed to visit the **Hanging Temple**. According to the history of Hengshan Mountain, the Hanging Temple was first built at the end of the Northern Wei Dynasty (about the sixth century). Drive to visit **Yingxian Wooden Pagoda**. It is the oldest wooden structure extant today in China, and also the tallest among ancient wooden buildings of the world. Drive about 3.5 hours to Wutaishan Mountain.

Meals:

Accommodation:Wutaishan

Day 3

Visit **Wutaishan Mountain**, one of China's four sacred Buddhist Mountains. Drive about 4 hours to Taiyuan in the afternoon. En route have a short rest and **visit local family**.

Meals:

Accommodation:Taiyuan

Day 4

Visit **Jinci Temple** in the morning. Located at the foot of Xuanweng Mountain to the southwest of Taiyuan, Jinci Temple is one of the most important historical sites under special protection of Shanxi Province. Jinci Temple was built in the Bei Wei dynasty (386-

534 AD) in memory of Shuyu, the second son of the Zhouwu kingdom. Drive about 3 hours to **Pingyao Ancient City**, one of the 4 ancient cities well preserved in China and it was evaluated as the most outstanding heritage in the world by UNESCO in 1997. Visit Wang Family's compound en route.

Meals:

Accommodation:Pingyao

Day 5

Full day explore the ancient town of Pingyao: walk on the city wall and shop at the **Ming & Qing Streets**. Continue to visit **Shuanglin Temple**. The Shuanglin Buddhist Temple is part of the World Heritage Site of Pingyao. It was founded 1400 years ago in the 6th century during the Northern Wei period. The buildings were extensively renovated during the Ming Dynasty. It is famous for its collection of over two thousand decorated clay statues dating from the 12th-19th centuries. The statues are distributed among 10 halls in three connected courtyards. They are indeed a valuable treasure in the field of art. Transfer to Taiyuan in the late afternoon.

Meals:

Accommodation:Taiyuan

Day 6

Transfer to the airport and board flight to next destination.

Meals:

Accommodation: