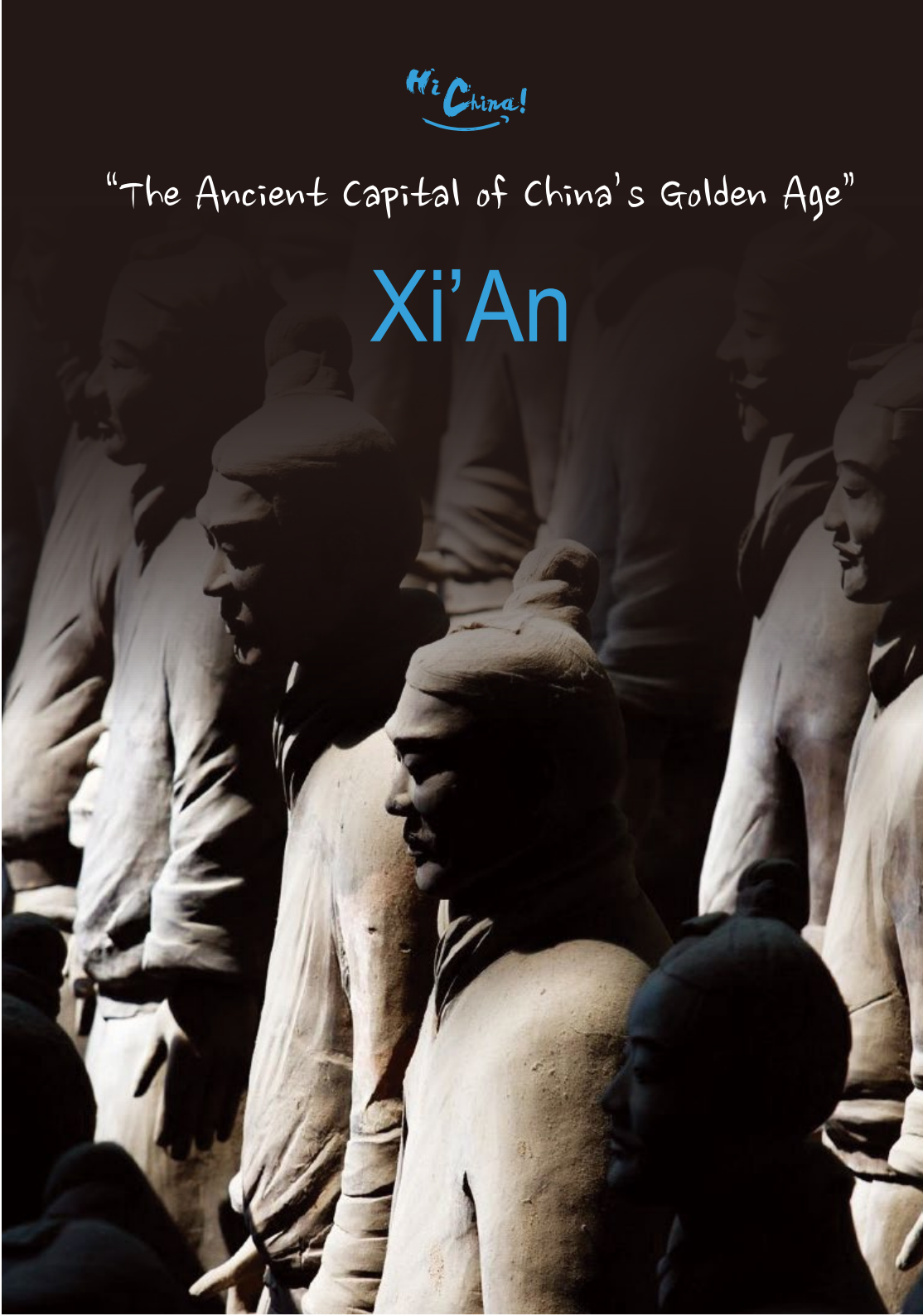


Hi China!

“The Ancient Capital of China’s Golden Age”

Xi’an



陕西
Shaanxi



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History

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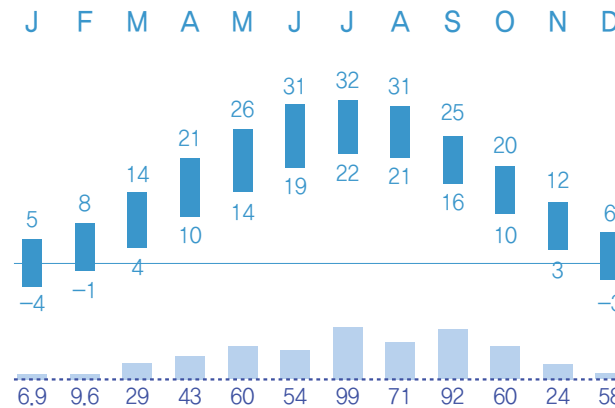
Located in central-northwest China, Xi'an is one of the oldest cities in China with a history of over 3,000 years. The city was known as Chang'an during the most glorious dynasties of Han and Tang, standing for a long period of political stability. The meaning this is “eternal peace” in ancient times, it is one of the birth-places of the ancient Chinese civilization in the Yellow River Basin area.

Xi'an is an imperial capital for 13 ancient imperial dynasties, including Zhou, Qin, Han, Tang and so on. It has a great number of precious relics and historical sites, some dating back to its times as capital. More than 4,000 historical sites and tombs have been excavated. Besides, it was the starting point of the Silk Road, where camels were loaded for their long and perilous journey to Central Asia. Xi'an's links to Central Asia goes beyond trade as Islam continues to have an influence on the local flavor through the Muslim Hui minority. In 1981, Xi'an was confirmed "World Famous Historical City" by UNESCO.

Climate

Xi'an has a continental monsoon climate, with four separate seasons. Summers are usually hot and wet, and winters tend to be cold and dry. July to September is the wet season and the average yearly temperature is 13°C.

The highest temperature occurs in July, 35 – 40 C, while the coldest month is January, with the temperature low to -10 – -5 C



Peak and Off season

Peak season (March 1st - November 30)
Off season (December 1st - February 29)


Best season

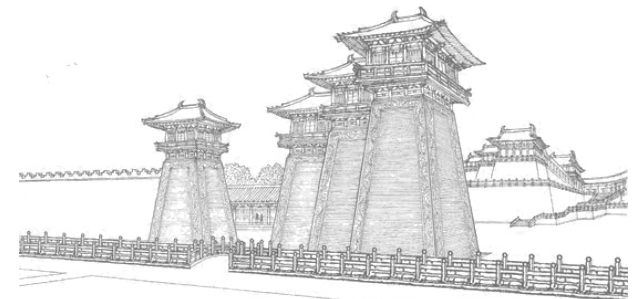
Xian climate in spring is usually warm and pleasant, and March to May is the best time of a year to visit it. Early autumn running through September and October is also a good season for travel.



POLICE: 110
MEDICAL CARE: 120
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT: 122
FIRE EMERGENCY: 119

Basic Info

1. Time zone: CST (UTC+8)
2. Area code(s): +86/029
(Differentiated by districts)
3. Postal code: 710000 – 710090
4. Language: Mandarin
5. Currency: RMB, called “Yuan”,
10 cents = 角/毛, called “Jiao”/“Mao”
6. Electric notice:
Plug: 
Voltage: 220V
Frequency: 50 Hertz
7. Currency Exchange:
RMB: ¥
USD: 1 USD = 6.89 Yuan
1 Yuan = 0.1451 USD



2 Famen Temple 法门寺



3 Xi'an City Wall 西安城墙



1 Terracotta Army 兵马俑





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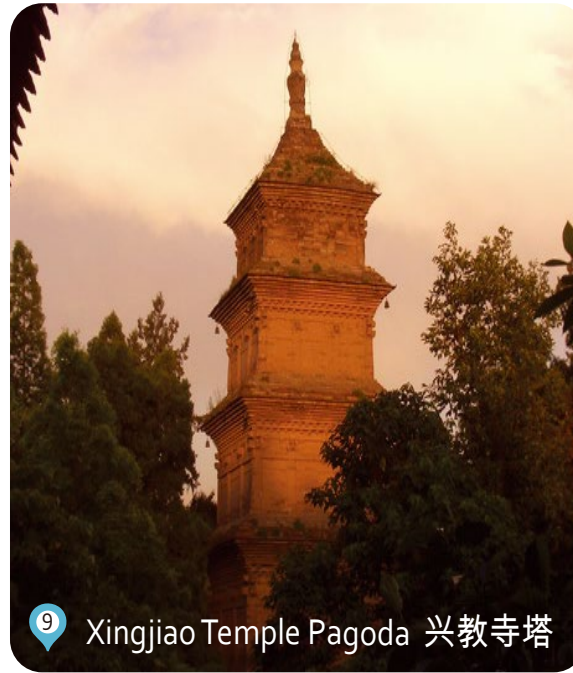
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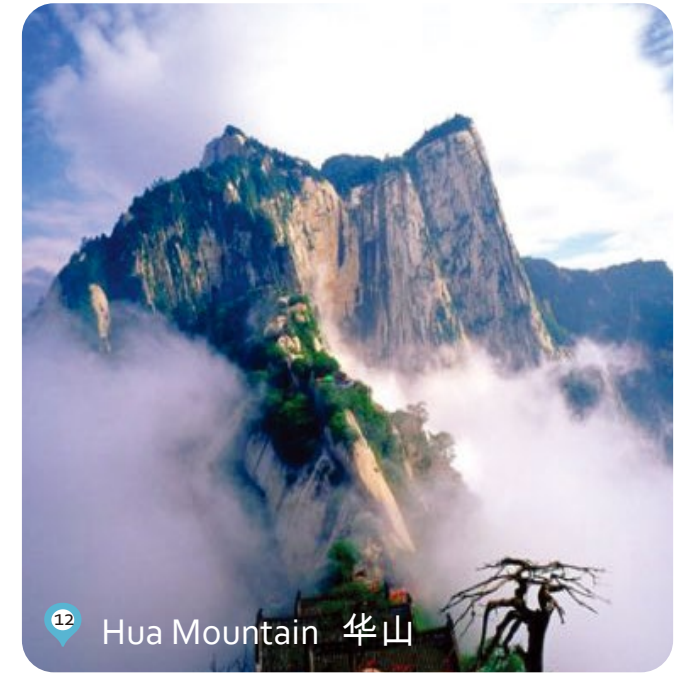
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Overview of Xi'an



TONGCHUAN CITY
铜川市

11 QIAN COUNTY
乾县

HUAYIN CITY
华阴市

Mount
Hua

2 FUFENG COUNTY
扶风县

Xi'an Xianyang
International Airport
西安咸阳国际机场

WEINAN CITY
渭南市

HUAXIAN

XIANYANG CITY
咸阳市

Wei River 渭河

1
14 16
15 LINTONG DISTRICT
临潼区

BAOJI CITY
宝鸡市

Xi'an

WEIYANG DISTRICT
未央区

5 BEILIN DISTRICT
碑林区

Wei River 渭河

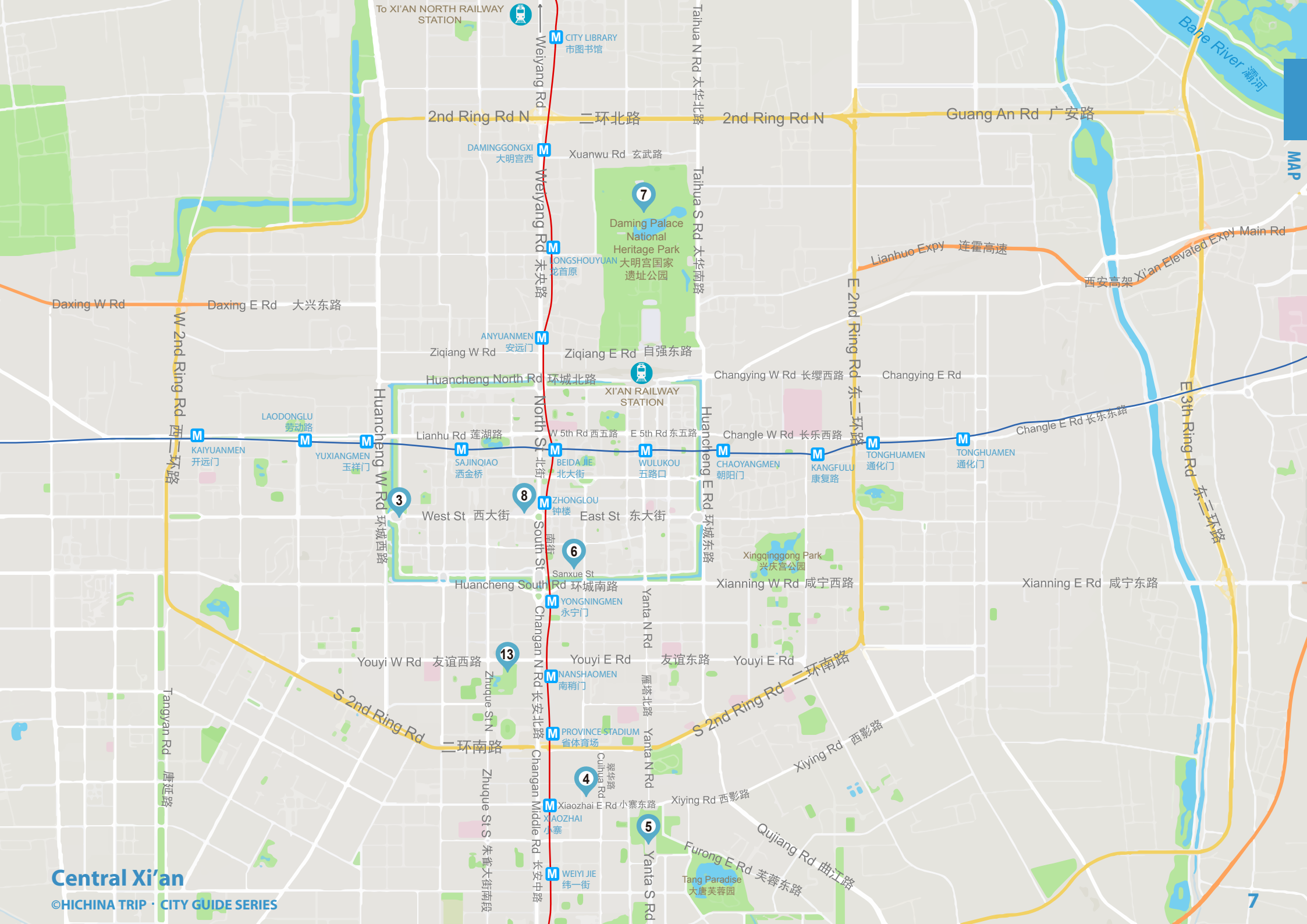
CHANG AN DISTRICT
长安区

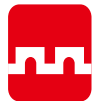
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LANTIAN COUNTY
蓝田县

G65 Baomao Expy (Toll Road)
包茂高速 G65

SHANGLUO CITY
商洛市





Xi'an Metro

- Line 1
- Line 2



SIGHTS

1 Terracotta Army 兵马俑

The Terracotta Army is one of the top attractions in China. It is a must-see attraction for every visitor to China. In other words it is called Terracotta Warriors and Horses, it is considered one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world and one of the greatest discoveries of the 20th century. In 246 BC the Terracotta Army's construction began as a protection for the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang.

Address: Qinling North Road, Lingtong district, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province,
西安市秦俑馆公路与秦陵北路交汇处东南

Ticket price:

RMB 150 / person for peak season

RMB 120 / person for non-peak season

Opening time:

08:30 - 17:30 (March 1st - November 30)

08:30 - 16:30 (December 1st - February 29)

Transportation:

Take a tourist bus No. 5 (306) from East Square of the Xi'an Railway Station. It takes 1-1.5 hours and the fare is RMB 7 per person.

Recommended time for visit: 3-4 hours

2 Famen Temple 法门寺

Famen Temple lies in Baoji City, built in Han Dynasty(2 century A.D), has the fame of "Origins of the temples & pagodas". Before 5 th century it was called "Asoka Temple" in memory of an Indian King Asoka. In Tang Dynasty (7th century A.D) it changed name to Famen Temple by the Emperor that time. Famen Temple is a royal temple in the past, and it became a holy place for budhists because of the temple-kept remains of Sakyamuni(founder of Budhisim) Famen Temple owns lots of Chinese national cultural relics , over 2000 pieces, most of them are from Tang Dynasty.

Address: Baota Road, Fufeng County, Baoji city, about 120 km from Xi'an, 陕西省宝鸡市扶风县宝塔路

Ticket price:

RMB 120 / person for peak season

RMB 90 / person for non-peak season

Tip*: Children between 3.9 and 4.6 feet (1.2 -1.4 meters) enjoy 50 percent discount.

Opening time:

08:30 -19:00 (March 1st - November 30)

09:00 - 18:00 (December 1st - February 28/29)

Transportation:

1) Take tourist bus No. 2 at Xi'an Railway Station, get off at Famensi Museum station. The bus departs at 08:00 and back at 15:00.

Fare: RMB 25

2) At Furong Park of Tang, 8:00-11:00 free buses depart every hour to Famen Temple
3) At West Bus Station of Xi'an, 9:00-16:00 buses depart to Famen Temple.

Fare: RMB 26

Recommended time for visit: 3 hours.

3 Xi'an City Wall 西安城墙

The City Wall is one of the most complete city wall that survived in China, as well as being the one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world. It was built during 1374-1378 of the Ming Dynasty with over 600 years of history.

Address: West Street, Beilin District, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市西大街

Ticket price:

RMB 54 for adults, for students half price

RMB 27 for children between 3.9 and 4.6 feet (1.2 - 1.4 meters);

free for children under 3.9 feet.

RMB 100 for a combo ticket of the wall and Forest of Stone Steles Museum

Opening time:

08:00 - 22:00 (March –October)

(October 8 to November 30) 08:00 to 18:15 (tickets available before 17:30)

4 Shaanxi History Museum 陕西历史博物馆

Shaanxi History Museum is located in the northwest of Xi'an Wild Goose Pagoda. It was built in 1983 and was opened on June 20, 1991. This museum has a massive amount of cultural & historical relics, from the ancient times to modern China, especially for the period of Zhou/Qin/Han/Tang Dynasties, an astonishing number of relics has reached over 380000 pieces.

Address: 91, Xiaozhai East Road, Yanta District, 陕西省西安市雁塔区小寨东路91号

Ticket price: free tickets by applying with ID or passport at the ticket office

RMB 20 for the Exhibition Hall for Treasures of Great Tang Dynasty

RMB 300 for the Exhibition Hall for Mural Paintings of Tang Dynasty

Tip*: The museum issues 4,000 free ticket a day. (2,500 tickets before 14:00 and 1500 tickets in the afternoon). Reservation tel: (029)85269547

Opening time:

09:00 - 17:30 (November 15 – March 15), tickets available before 16:00

08:30 - 18:00 (March 16 – November 14), tickets available before 16:30. Closed on Mondays

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 2 Xiaozhai Station, Exit F
 - 2) Take bus No. 5, 19, 24, 26, 27, 30, 34, 401, 521, 527, 701, 710 and get off on Cuihua Road
- Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

5 Dayan Pagoda 大雁塔

The Dayan Pagoda (The Great Wild Goose Pagoda) has established for thousands of years, built to settle the Sutra Classics brought back by Monk Xuan Zang from India. The north and south plaza is full of giant tang-style architectures. The light music fountain on the north plaza is said to be the new site of Xi'an while the Statue of Xuanzang, Grand Tang Dynasty Ever-bright City, Xi'an Music Hall, Xi'an Art Gallery and many hotels gather here on the south plaza. In the south of the whole plaza stands the DaTangTongYiFang with series of café, bars and restaurants, full of excitement and happiness.

Address: Yanta South Road, Beikou dayanta South square, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市雁塔南路北口大雁塔南广场北侧

Ticket price:

RMB 30 for Pagoda

RMB 50 for Daci'en Temple

Opening time: 09:00 – 17:00

Transportation: Subway Line 3 Dayanta Station, Exit B

Recommended time for visit: 1-2 hours

6 Forest of Steles 西安碑林

Stele is a kind of unique art with calligraphy carved in stones. The forest of steles has gained its name because of large number of stone steles. The forest of steles under the Kuixing Building of the south city wall in Xi'an is a precious palace holding the earliest steles of China. It was initially established in 1087 when some precious stone steles were moved here for safe keeping, including the 'Classic on Filial Piety', the Thirteen Confucian Classics. Address: 15, Sanxue Street, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区三学街15号

Ticket price:

RMB 75 (March - November)

RMB 50 (December - February)

Tip*:

*Children between 3.9 and 4.6 feet (1.2 - 1.4 meters) enjoy half price tickets.

* Children under 3.9 feet (1.2 meters) are free of charge.

* A combo ticket for this museum and Xian City Wall costs RMB 100.

Opening time:

(March 1 to April 30) 08:00 to 18:15 (tickets available before 17:30)

(May 1 to October 7) 08:00 to 18:45 (tickets available before 18:00)

(December 1 to February 28) 08:00 to 18:00
(tickets available before 17:15)

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 2, Shentiychang Station
- 2) Take bus No.14, 23, 40, 118, 208, 214, 223, 232, 706, 402, 512, 619, 704, 800, Tourist No. 6.

Recommended time for visit: 1-3 hours

7 Daming Palace National Heritage Park 大明宫国家遗址公园

The Daming Palace was the imperial palace of the Tang Dynasty, it served as a royal residence of the Tang emperors for more than 220 years. Today, it is designated as a national heritage site of China. The area is located northeast of present-day Xi'an in Shaanxi Province.

Address: 585, Ziqiang East Road, Xincheng District, 陕西省西安市自强东路585号

Ticket price: RMB 60 / person for museums of the park; RMB 50 for students

Tip*: free entrance for the park

Opening time:

09:30 – 18:00

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 2, Daminggong West Station, Exit C
- 2) Take bus No. 2, 216, 262, 528, 717

Recommended time for visit: 2 hours

8 Bell and Drum Towers 钟鼓楼

The Bell Tower is located at the centre of Xi'an city. It is just 250m from Drum Tower. The Drum Tower was built in the thirteen years of Ming Ho Wu (1380), 4 years earlier than the Bell Tower. These Towers are one of the largest and best-preserved towers in China.

Address: At the crossing of the East, South, West and North Street, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province 东西南北四条大街陕西省西安市

Ticket price: RMB 35 for each

Opening time:

08:30-21:30 (April 1st – October 25), tickets available till 21:00Xinh

08:30-18:00 (October 26 – March 31st), tickets available till 17:30

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 2, Zhonglou Station, Exit A, B
- 2) Take bus No. 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 32, 43, 45, 201, 206, 215, 218, 604, 611.

Recommended time for visit: 1 hour

9 Xingjiao Temple Pagoda 兴教寺塔

Xingjiao Temple is located in 20 km south from Xi'an city. The five-storied Buddhist Relic Pagoda, the name of it, means "Flourishing teaching". The tomb of the famous Monk Xuanzang of Tang Dynasty(6th-8th century). Built in 7th century and rebuilt in 19th century. It lies on the east bank of Ba River, on the 2nd

year of Zongzhang Emperor of Tang Dynasty(669)AD this pagoda was built. 19th century it was burned by muslim rebels, and it was rebuilt after the rebellion. Those pagodas include the remainings of Monk Xuanzang, and his student Kuiji, Student Wanca from Shilla (now Korea).

Address: Shaoling yuan, Changan District, Shanxi province, Xi'an city, 陕西省西安市长安区少陵原畔

Ticket price: RMB 10

Opening time: 08:00 – 17:00

Transportation:

Take bus 215, 229, 323 from South Gate (of the City Wall, downtown Xi'an city) and get off at Weiqu Beizhan, Weiqu Nanzhan or Chang'an Bus Station. Then shift to 917 bus to Xingjiao Temple Station.

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

10 Tang Paradise 大唐芙蓉园

Tang Paradise is located in the Qujiang resort, southeast of Xi'an city. It is the first and largest cultural theme park of the Royal Park of the Tang Dynasty (6th -8th century) in China.

Address: 99, Furong West Road, Qujiang New District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市曲江新区芙蓉西路99号

Ticket price:

RMB 120 for peak season

RMB 90 for non-peak season

Opening time:

08:00 – 21:00

Transportation:

1) Subway Line 3 Beichitou Station, Exit C, then about 20 min walk to the park.

2) Take bus No. 5, 19, 21, 22, 24, 44, 212, 307, 526, 609

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

Qianling Tomb 乾陵

Built in 684 AD, the tomb of the 3rd/4th Emperors of Tang Dynasty, Lizhi and his Empress Wuzhao, later the only female Emperor of Chinese history. Empress Wuzhao took power after her husband died and finally became the Emperor of Tang Empire, then they were buried in Qianling Tomb together.

Address: Qian county, Xianyang city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省咸阳市乾县

Ticket price:

RMB 122 (March 1st – November 30)

RMB 82 (December 1st - February 29)

Opening time:

08:00 – 18:00 (March 1st – November 30)

08:30 – 17:30 (December 1st - February 29)

Transportation: Take tourist bus # 3 from East Square of Xi'an Railway Station to Qianling. The bus leaves at 08:00 and returns at 15:00.

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

Hua Mountain 华山

Hua mountain is called as "western great mountain", is one of the famous Five Great Mountains in China. Mt. Huashan is located in Weinan City and Huayin City of Shaanxi Province, 120 kilometers east of Xi'an city. It has a long history of religious significance. It is a holy place to Taoists, till 2013 there are over 20 Taoist temples, the most famous are Yuquan, Dulong, Dongdao.

Address: Yuquan Road, Weinan city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省渭南市玉泉路

Ticket price:

RMB 180 for peak season (March 1st – November 30)

RMB 100 for off season (December 1st - February 29)

Opening time:

West gate 24 hours;

East gate: 07:00 – 19:00 for peak season

09:00 – 17:00 for off season

Transportation: Take train from Xi'an North Railway Station to Huashan North Station directly.

Small Wild Goose Pagoda 小雁塔

Small Wild Goose Pagoda, or Little Wild Goose Pagoda, is located inside the Jianfu Temple in southern Xi'an city. It is one

between 707-709, during the Tang Dynasty under Emperor Zhongzong of Tang. 707-709, during the Tang Dynasty under Emperor Zhongzong of Tang.

Address: 72, Youyi West Road, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市友谊西路 72号

Ticket price: free entrance

Opening time:

09:00 – 16:00

Tip*: every Tuesday is closed.

Transportation:

1) Subway Line 2 Nanshaomen Station, Exit A1 and A2

2) Take bus No. 18, 21, 29, 32, 40, 46, 203, 204, 218, 224, 410, 700 and get off Xiaoyan Station (Small Wild Goose Pagoda Station)

Huaqing Hot Springs 华清池

Huaqing Hot Springs is a natural spring at the foot of Li mountain in Lintong County, about 30 kilometers from Xi'an, Shaanxi Province. This hot springs is known as China's famous hot spring resort. Huaqing Hot Springs owns 6000 years history of hot spring use and 3000 years history of royal garden architecture. This hot spring was during five dynasties, like Zhou, Qin, Han, Sui, Tang dynasties.

It was the favourite place of Empress Yang in Tang Dynasty.

Address: 38, Huaqing Road, Mountain Li, Lintong District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市骊山临潼区华清路38号

Ticket price:

RMB 150 (March 1st – November 30)

RMB 120 (December 1st - February 29)

Tip*: for students is half price, for retired and disabled is for free.

Opening time:

07:00 – 19:00 (March 1st – November 30)

07:30 – 18:00 (December 1st - February 29)

Transportation:

1) Take a tourist bus No. 5 (306) at the East Square of Xi'an Railway station or bus #307 at the south gate of Tang Paradise and get off Hot Springs Station.

2) Take bus No. 914, 915.

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours

Li Mountain National Forest Park 骊山国家森林公园

Lishan Mountain National Forest Park is about 30 km from Xi'an city. It's famous for its scenic beauty and many historical monuments of the Imperial period.

Address: 3, Huancheng East Road, Lintong District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市临潼区环城东路3号

Ticket price:

RMB 70 (March 1st – November 30)

RMB 45 (December 1st - February 29)

Tip*: for children is half price; RMB 45 per student for peak season, RMB 35 per student for off season; free entrance for retired and disabled.

Opening time:

08:00 – 17:00

Transportation: Take bus No. 914, 915, Tourist bus (5) 306 from East Square of Xi'an Railway Station

Qinling Underground Palace Exhibition 秦陵地宫展览馆

It lies on the west side of the tomb of the first Chinese Emperor, Qin Shihuang, and it is a man-made scenic spot which restored the undiscovered tomb of Qin Shihuang, according to scanning of the tomb, as well as the description of a famous historian called Sima Qian in 2 century B.C. Photographing is prohibited inside the Hall.

Address: 136, Qinling North Road, Lintong District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市临潼区秦陵北路136号

Ticket price: RMB 30

Opening time: 08:00 – 18:00

Transportation: Take bus # 914, 915, Tourist bus (5) 306 from East Square of Xi'an Railway Station

Recommended time for visit: 2-3 hours



"Ride a bike on the Ancient City Wall is one of the highlights of Xi'an city... "

"If you visit Xi'an city, you should definitely get a chance to ride a bike next to the Ancient City Wall. Renting a bike, even a tandem, you and your friend can enjoy a nice ride along the wall, furthermore enjoy the sights of Xi'an city. It was a perfect autumn sunny day, me and my boyfriend rented a tandem bike, it took us around 2 hours to see all the towers of the wall by bike. It was so incredible, taking pictures and admiring the views around. The length of the wall is about 13 km., but it's definitely worth of riding! The wall creates a real atmosphere of ancient China, you can get a sense of history of Xi'an. It's a wonderful experience, I can say....so if you have time when you travelling in Xi'an, don't ignore this opportunity to cycle around this awesome place".

Xi'an is not only a city of historical places, it's a city of culinary as well. The variety of Xi'an food is unusual and very interesting, coming from different soups, noodles to sandwiches with meat filler. This food is worth of trying when you are travelling around Xi'an. In 2012 Xi'an was rated as one of Asia's ten best "snack city" by CNN. Muslim snacks are also very famous, you can try it on "Muslim Street" (Hui Ming Jie).

Yang Rou Pao Mo 羊肉泡馍
(Pita Bread Soaked in Lamb Soup)

In the northwest of China, especially in Xi'an, Yangrou paomo is a famous local dish. The main ingredient of this dish is mutton and pita bread. Soaked in lamb soup pita bread tastes more palatable. This dish is suitable for eating all year round, while the best time to taste it falls into winter, which could not only warm your stomach but enrich nutrition in your body.

Rou Jia Mo 肉夹馍
(Pork sandwiched between pita bread)

In Chinese, Roujiamo means a kind of food with marinated meat in baked bun. It's also called "Chinese Hamburger". It is the most popular local snack in Xi'an. The main ingredients are pork and pita bread.

With more than 20 kinds of ingredients such as salt, ginger, onion, cardamom, clove, cardamom seed, loquat, cinnamon, ice grain, incense the traditional Roujiamo tastes amazing. It's said that Roujiamo has been invented since the Period of Chinese Warring States (475-221 B.C).

Biang Biang Noodles "Biang Biang" 面

"Biang" is a special word in Chinese characters, it can only be read but not written. But someone has invented a writing character like the photo shows you can try to ask the local people how to write "Biangbiang". The answer may be very interesting. It's a bowl of wide noodles topping up with beef, tomatoes and eggs.

Guokui 锅盔

Guokui looks like the ancient flat helmet. In Chinese, "Kui/盔" means the helmet. In Tang dynasty the Emperor Wuzhao was building her mausoleum. And she found that there are too many labourers that they can't afford the canteen and food. So the empire official invented a flat iron hat. When they take on, it's a helmet. When they take off, it's a pan.

Hu Lu Tou 葫芦头

"Hu lu tou" means "the head of gourd", but it's actually made of chitling (pig intestine).

When it's washed clean and cooked, it looks like the gourd head. That's why Chinese people call it "Hu lu tou". It's a unique dish that mostly appears in autumn and winter.

You Po Noodles 油泼面

It's said that Youpo surface has existed for more than 3000 years. The cooking way is a little complex. The cook should roll and pull noodle before it's put into the boiling water, with green onion, chopped pepper powder, salt and many other seasonings thrown on the noodles. The most important step is to throw boiling rapeseed oil on the surface of noodles. That's why we call it "Youpo surface".

Liang Pi 凉皮 (Cold noodles)

Liang-pi is one of the popular cold snacks. It can be different types: rice-made noodles and wheat flour-made noodles. About 2000 years ago Xi'an got into a great drought and local people could not pay the rice-tax. To avoid punishment, one who was called "Lishier" ground his own rice into flour and invented a new food. He took it to the Emperor Qin Shihuang. The emperor found it tastes very delicious. Then this food which was called Liang-pi became a famous snack in Xi'an.



Yang Rou Pao Mo 羊肉泡馍



Rou Jia Mo 肉夹馍



Biang Biang Noodles “Biang Biang” 面



Hu Lu Tou 葫芦头



You Po Noodles 油泼面



Sao Zi Noodles 臊子面



Liang Pi 凉皮 (Cold noodles)



Guokui 锅盔



Meigui Jinggao 玫瑰镜糕 (Rose Cake)

Sao Zi Noodles 臊子面

Sao-zi-noodles is invented in the Song-dynasty of China. Its major seasoning is called “sao-zi” which is cooked with lean pig meat. One of Chinese four famous novels, “All Men Are Brothers” has taken a detailed description on this kind of food. Sao-zi-noodle is still very popular in the northwest of China.

Meigui Jinggao 玫瑰镜糕 (Rose Cake)

Local cook steams the glutinous rice with white sugar, walnut, rose. Mostly, it can be cooked in a small oven. When it is cooked thoroughly, you can get it with a bamboo stick.

Kabobs 烤串儿

It's also one of the popular snacks of Xi'an. Various kinds of meat like pork, mutton, beef and fish are grilled over fire and it can be added by lots of condiments, so it can be a little spicy. They look oily but not too greasy.

Where To Eat

Fan Ji La Zhi Rou Jia Mo 樊记腊汁肉夹馍

It's an old and famous restaurant.

Address: 53, Zhubashi Street, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市

碑林区竹笆市街53号(近阿房宫电影院)

Average price: RMB 12 / person

Tel: +86(029)87273917

Transportation: Subway Line 2 Zhonglou Station, Exit B

Lao Mi Jia Da Yu Pao Mo 老米家大雨泡馍

Address: 127, Xiyangshi Street, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区西羊市中段(近百盛商场)

Average price: RMB 20 / person

Tel: +8615829789948

Chun Fa Sheng Restaurant 春发生饭店

It's famous for Hu-Lu-Tou (Gourd Head) dish.

Address: 20, Nanyuanmen Street, Beilin District, Xian city, Shanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区南院门20号

Average price: RMB 45 / person

Tel: +86(029)87278316

Ding Jia Xiao Su Rou 定家小酥肉

Existed for more than 20 years.

Address: 223, Dapiyuan West, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区大皮院西口223号

Average price: RMB 25 / person

Tel: +8615802902999

Jia San Soup Dumplings Restaurant 贾三灌汤包子馆

Famous for soup dumplings, and it's also one of the most popular restaurants in Muslim Street.

Address: 93, Beiyuanmen Huiming Street, Xiyangshi, Beilin District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区西羊市回民街北院门93号(近鼓楼)

Average price: RMB 22 / person

Tel: +86(029)87257507

Liu Xiang Noodle Restaurant 柳港面馆

Address: Luomashi Walking Street, Beilin District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区骡马市步行街

Average price: RMB 16 / person

Tel: +8613572987872

Wei Jia Liang Pi 魏家凉皮

It's famous for Liang Pi dish. This is a chain cafe, so you can find it everywhere in Xi'an city.

Address: Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市

Average price: RMB 16 / person

Tang Dynasty Dinner Show 仿唐乐舞

Tang Dynasty Show is a dance show accompanying with ancient traditional music. Most of shows are presenting interesting historical stories like Monkey King's Master – Monk Xuanzang. The show makes people know more about the history and culture of China.

Recommended:

The Tang Dynasty Palace (Tang Yue Gong)
唐乐宫

Address: 75, Chang'an North Road, Beilin District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区长安北路75号(草场长安北路十字东南角)

Ticket price:

RMB 1000: Luxury Imperial Court Dinner + Tang Music and Dance Show;

RMB 500 / person: Imperial Court Dinner + Tang Music and Dance Show (RMB 250 for children under 12 years);

RMB 400: Dumpling Dinner + Tang Music and Dance Show;

RMB 350: Shaanxi Local Snack Dinner;

RMB 220 / person: Tang Music and Dance Show

Opening time:

Dinner time: 18:50 - 20:10;

Show time: 20:30 - 21:40

Transportation:

Subway Line 2, Nanshaomen Station, Exit B;

Subway Line 2, Tiyuchang (Stadium) Station, Exit D

Qinqiang Opera 秦腔

Shanxi opera (also called Qinqiang Opera) is one of the most ancient dramas in China, like Peking Opera. According to the history, it has been invented since the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046-771 B.C). The major instrument is made of jujube tree. Local people also call it as "Huang-Huang-Zi" for it sounds like "Huanghuang". There are no regular Qinqiang Shows in Xi'an. But if you are lucky enough, you may see it at the south of Huan-Cheng Park. (South Road of Huan-Cheng/ 环城南路). Local aged people often like to act there. And you can try to see Qinqiang at Yi-Su-She theatre (陕西西安易俗社剧院), one of the word three ancient theatres.

Recommended:

Yi Su She Theater 陕西西安易俗社剧院

Website: <http://www.xaqqjy.cn/index.html>

Address: 26, Anban Street, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑

林区案板街26号

Ticket price: ranging from RMB 20-70
Transportation: Subway Line 2, Zhonglou Station, Exit D

Fountain and Music Show 音乐喷泉

You can see the fountain and music show on one of the biggest square in Asia on North Square of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. It's a popular tourist attraction. The Fountain and Music Show has the most benches, the longest light-belt, and the largest-scale acoustic complex in the world. Besides, it equips with high technological lighting system and professional audio systems. What is most amazing is that the sound, the light, the water and the color of the fountain are harmoniously combined.

Address: North Square of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 北广场大雁塔, 西安市, 陕西省

Opening time:

Every 12:00 and 20:00 from Monday to Saturday; 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00 and 21:00 in weekends; no show from November to January in the next year.

Transportation: Subway Line 3, Dayanta Station, Exit B, C

Fountain and Music Show 音乐喷泉

The Tang Dynasty Palace (Tang Yue Gong)
唐乐宫

Defu Lane / Defu Bar Street 德福巷



Qinqiang Opera 秦腔

Bar Walking Street

Defu Lane / Defu Bar Street 德福巷

It is located in the Beilin District of Xi'an city to the north of Xiangzimidiao Street on the South Gate of City Wall. It's the most famous bar street in Xi'an, with Cafes, bars, teahouses and ancient buildings on the sides. In the Tang-dynasty of China, Telford Lane was once the part of Imperial City. This is an ancient style street mixed with modern style.

Address: Defuxiang Street, Beilin District, close to Nayuanmen Street inside of City Wall, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区德福巷酒吧街 (南院门城墙附近)

Opening time: till midnight

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 2, Yongningmen Station, Exit A1, A2
- 2) Take bus No. 501, 706, 707, 713 and get off on Fenxiang Lane Station

SLEEPING

Hostels

Xi'an See Tang Hostel 西安西唐青年旅舍

This hostel is located in 400 metres from City Wall. Inside there is a restaurant and bar and the guests can have fun at the gamesroom. Xi'an See Tang Hostel offers a 24-hour front desk and massage service. Luggage storage and fax/photocopying

services are provided.

The tour desk can help guests buy train and tourist site tickets, as well as arrange sightseeing trips. Laundry and airport transfer are available.

Address: 33, Shuyuanmen Pedestrian Street, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市书院门步行街33号

Price:

RMB 50 for bed

RMB 160 for queen room

Tel: +8613891852157

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Yongningmen

Travelling With Hostel (Xi'an Railway Station) 西安瓦舍旅行酒店 (北门店)

Xi'an Travelling With Hostel is ideally located only 50 m from Anyuanmen Subway Station (Line 2), a 22-minute walk from Tangdaminggong Hanyuandian Relic Site. It offers a tour desk and accommodation with free WiFi. Exciting activities as city walk, barbecue party are arranged for a unique experience. Xi'an Travelling With Hostel is 2 km from Xi'an Railway Station and 6 km from Xi'an North Railway Station. Xianyang International Airport is 26 km away. The Bell and Drum Tower is 2 subway stops away. Daming Palace National Heritage Park is 10 minutes' drive away.

Address: 9, North of Main Street, Xi'an City,

Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市北关正街9号

Price:

RMB 40 for bed

RMB 150 for twin room

Tel: +86(029)86228851

Transportation: Subway Line 2, An'yuanmen Station, Exit C

Caesar Youth Hostel 西安三木凯撒青年旅舍

Caesar Youth Hostel offers affordable accommodation with a social vibe in Xi'an. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar and library. The property offers free WiFi in all areas. Bell Tower Subway Station (Line 2) is 700 m from Caesar Youth Hostel. The famous Muslim Street is a 3-minute walk away. Xi'an Xianyang Airport is a 45-minute drive away.

Address: 74, Guangji North Street, Lianhu District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市莲湖区北广济街74号

Price:

RMB 50 for bed

RMB 150 for queen bed

Tel: +86(029)89057999

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Zhonglou Station, Exit A, B

Hotels

Jinjiang Hotels 锦江之星

It's a chain hotel which you can see in most city of China such as Beijing、Shanghai and etc.

Address: 110, Jiefang Street, Xincheng District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, (South of the Xi'an Railway Station), 陕西省西安市新城区解放路 110 号 (火车站南)

Price: RMB 180

Tel: +86(029)87452288

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Beidajie Station, take bus No. 182,102, 702

Bell Tower Hotel Xi'an 钟楼酒店

Bell Tower Hotel Xi'an is located in Xi'an's Beilin District, overlooking the Bell Tower and Bell Drum Square. The hotel offers free internet access, 3 restaurants and free parking.

Address: 110, South Street, Beiling District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区南大街110号

Price: RMB 300

Tel: +86(029)87600011

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Zhonglou Station, Exit B

5-star Hotels

Shangri-La Hotel 香格里拉大酒店

Shangri-La Hotel Xi'an is a luxurious 5-star hotel situated in the Gaoxin High-tech Development Zone, and a 35-minute drive from Xi'an Xianyang International Airport. It offers stylish accommodation with 4 dining options, an indoor pool and rooms with free wired internet and Wi-Fi. Convenient transportation and good locations of Shangri-La Hotel Xi'an, is easy to reach many top tourist attractions, including the Terracotta Warriors Museum and Ming City Wall.

Address: 38, Keji Road, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市科技路38号

Average price: RMB 750

Tel: +86(029)88758888

Transportation: Subway Line 3, Kejilu Station, Exit A

Sheraton Xi'an North City Hotel 西安赛瑞喜来登大酒店

It's a 5-star luxurious Sheraton Xi'an North City Hotel is a 5-minute walk from Daming Palace, a famous tourist spot. It boasts an indoor pool, a hot tub and a wellness centre. Sheraton Xi'an North City is a 1-minute walk from Longshouyuan subway station, an 8-minute drive from

street and a 15-minute bus ride from Shaanxi History Museum. Xi'an Xianyang Airport is a 30-minute drive away and a 40-minute drive from Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor.

Address: 32, Weiyang Road, Lianhu District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市莲湖区未央路32号

Price: RMB 700

Tel: +86(029)88866888

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Longshouyuan Station, Exit B

SHOPPING

Xi'an city is one of the ancient cities in China, so it is famous for its cultural relics, antiques and artworks. These are the famous Xi'an local products.

Souvenirs and Handicrafts

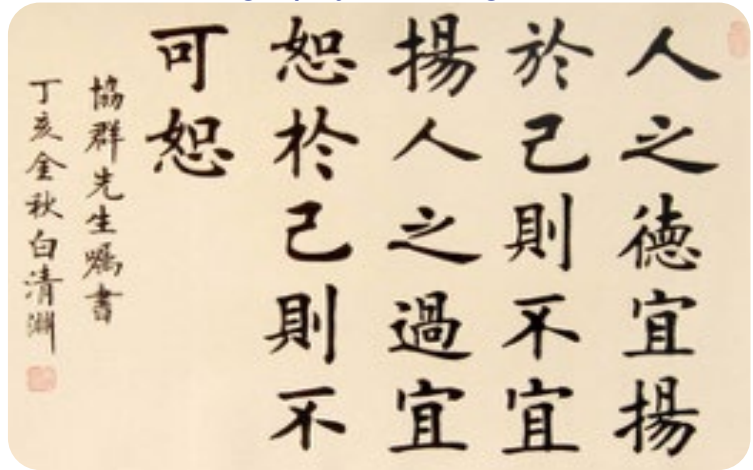
Calligraphy Rubbings 书法

If you are interested in Chinese calligraphy, so it is the right place to buy some books of rubbings from the famous Chinese calligraphers. Most of the calligraphy rubbings are sold there are copies rather than originals, so they are rather cheap.

Paper Cutting 剪纸



Calligraphy Rubbings 书法



Tang Pottery Replicas 唐三彩



Green Porcelain 青瓷器



Terracotta Warriors Replicas 兵马俑仿制品



Folk Paintings 名俗画



Folk Paintings 名俗画

It's one of the fantastic and very special type of souvenir from Xi'an. The local folk painters have borrowed the line drawing techniques of traditional Chinese brush painting and drawn inspiration from cultural and historical figures, animals, flowers and birds. It can be purchased at every tourist attraction, from street vendors to the shops around museums and relics.

Green Porcelain 青瓷器

Green Porcelain (Qing Ciqi) is method of making porcelain which originated in the Song Dynasty. Lifelike animals and flowers are the major decorative themes and the most common colors of this porcelain are blue and green.

Paper Cutting 剪纸

Paper cutting is a popular folk art in Shaanxi Province and is used as interior decoration by locals during holidays and weddings. People like to decorate the doors and windows of their homes with colorful paper cuttings.

Tang Pottery Replicas 唐三彩

As the capital of the Tang Dynasty, Xian continues to produce replicas of the pottery the Dynasty that was so revered for.

Different animal figures, plates, teacups and vases with their distinctive yellow, blue, green colors glazes are still hand-made as it was during the Tang Dynasty.

Terracotta Warriors Replicas 兵马俑仿制品

There are many different types of replicas of Terracotta Warriors and they are available as souvenirs, from a few inches tall to life-size. The prices range from 1 US dollar to several thousand dollars for the biggest replicas. It's usually less than 400 US dollars.

Where to buy

Muslim Market 回民街

It is located in the north-south street from the Drum Tower to the Beiyuanmen, some 100 m west of the Bell Tower. Muslim Street of Xi'an, known as Huimin Jie as well by Chinese, is a Muslim community in the city. It's not a street of various Muslim food and snacks, but it is also a street of different souvenir and antique shops.

Address: 1, West Street, Huimin Street, Beilin District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区西大街1号回民街

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 2, Zhonglou Station, Exit B
- 2) Take buses No. 4, 7, 15, 32, 43, 45, 201,
When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be. -- Lao Tzu

205, 206, 215, 218, 221, 222, 251, 300, 604, 611, 612, K630, 8(610) and get off at the stop of Gu Lou (鼓楼, Drum Tower).

Shu Yuan Men Street 书院门街

Shu Yuan Men is an ancient-style street that located behind the Steles Forest in Xi'an city. Various crafts and arts are sold on this crowded street all year long. Shu Yuan Men is a street for hand crafted products and reflect the richness of traditional Chinese crafts. The market has a wonderful collection of oriental paintings which make a colorful display of the traditional painting styles. It is particularly famous for its collection of calligraphy. In fact, the market is popularly known as the "Calligraphy Street". A lot of shops here carry the legacy of the ancient Chinese art. Address: 103-105, Shuyuanmen Street, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市书院门街103-105号 (朝阳油画室附近)
Opening time: 9:00 - 21:00
Transportation: Take bus No. 12, 600, 603, 616, 46 to Nanmen (South Gate) Station

Century Ginwa Shopping Mall 世纪金花购物中心

Located between the ancient Bell tower and Drum Tower, it is a landscaped square with profound cultural connotations



Muslim Market 回民街

Century Ginwa Shopping Mall
世纪金花购物中心

Kai Yuan Shopping Mall 开元商城



Shu Yuan Men Street 书院门街

as well as a high quality, exclusive shopping center. The mall opened in 1998 and now houses over sixty world-famous brands for discriminating customers, including Bally, Burberry, Dior, Givenchy, Lancome, and Estee Lauder, making Ginwa a fashion center in Xian.

Address: 27, West Street, Bell and Drum Square, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市莲湖区西大街27号, 钟楼和鼓楼广场

Opening time: 10:00—21:00

Transportation: Take bus No. 611, 6, 608, 7, 300, 604 or 603 and get off at the Bell Tower.

KaiYuan Shopping Mall 开元商城

It is one of the most popular shopping malls in Xi'an city. Quite good prices, good quality of clothes,

Address: 6, Jiefang Market, Beilin District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市碑林区解放市场6号开元商城1楼北口

Opening time: 10:00—21:30

Transportation: Take bus 46, 35, 36, 37, 43, 502, 600, 603, 604, 608, 609, 611, 612, 6 or K630 and get off at Bell Tower.

TRANSPORTATION

Arriving and Departing

Xi'an Xianyang International Airport 西安咸阳国际机场

It is located to the northeast of Xianyang city, Xi'an Xianyang International Airport is 47km to the northwest of Xian city center. It is the largest airport in China's northwest. Currently, the airport connects to 79 other cities domestically and internationally. It has 2 Terminals: T2 and T3.

Airport Code: XIY

Official website: <http://www.xxia.com>

Service hotline: +86(029)96788

Shuttle Bus:

Location:

T2: Exit 2, outside of 1F

T3: Exit 314, Ground Transportation Center (GTC)

Fare: RMB 25 / person

Tip*: you can use a transportation card (yika-tong) to pay the fare of any shuttle bus.

Ticket office:

Terminal 2 – Passenger Service Center (next to the Exit 2)

Terminal 3 – The Arrival Hall and the Ground Transportation Center (GTC)

Bus routes: 7 shuttle bus lines

Duration: 1-1.5 hours

Opening time:

07:00 – 23:00

Interval: every 20-30 minutes.

Service number:

Airport Shuttle Bus +86(029)88791384

Tip*: Passengers should take the shuttle bus from the city area to the airport at least 2.5 hours in advance.

Taxi:

Location:

T2: Exit 2, outside of 1F

T3: Exit 314, Ground Transportation Center (GTC), then go through Exit G08 and G09

Fare: usually from RMB 120-130 at daytime, 150 at night

Duration: 40-50 minutes

Service number: +86(029)96716

Useful tips for taking a taxi:

1. Please follow the indicators inside the terminal building to the taxi parking lot and take the taxi in green which is the best choice for a budget trip.
2. Most of the drivers refuse to charge by meter; therefore, you should bargain a reasonable price with them.
3. Alternatively, carpooling, which is preferred by drivers, is an economical way for travelers, too. The fare is around



RMB 60-70 per person.

Xi'an Railway Station 西安火车站

Normal trains are boarded at Xi'an Railway Station, located at the end of north end of Jiefang Road. The foreigners tickets office is on the south side of the Xi'an station on the second floor, and is open daily from 8:30 to 11:30 am and from 2:30 - 5:30 pm.

Address: 44, Huancheng North Road, Xincheng District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市新城路44号

Tel: +86(029)82130402

Transportation:

- 1) Subway Line 1, Wulukou Station, Exit D, then walk around 1 km to the north.
- 2) Take bus No. 16, 39, 266, 603, 608, 616 and etc.

Xi'an North Railway Station 西安北站

Fast trains (Bullet trains) are from Xi'an North Railway Station, 10 kilometers north of Xi'an's north gate.

Address: Lijia Street, Weiyang District, Xi'an city, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市未央区李家街村

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Beike Station

City Transportation

Subway

Xi'an city subway has 3 lines, others are under construction.

Fare: from RMB 2-5, it depends on the distance.

Public Transport Card:

1. The transport card can be used in buses, subway and trains.
2. You can buy and charge the card in all subway stations and the most biggest bus stations.
3. You should swipe the card when you getting on and off the bus.

Bus

Taking a public bus is very efficient and cost-effective for nearby local attractions within the city. Most popular bus routes are by No. 610 (Tourist 8), 306, 611 and etc.

Fare: RMB 1-2

Taxi

There are green taxis by different brands like BYD, Jetta, Red flag and etc.

Fare: RMB 9 for 2 km, RMB 2.3 / km later during 06:00-23:00

RMB 10, RMB 2.7 / km later at night during 23:00-06:00



NOTES

Hospitals

Xi'an Central Hospital 西安市中心医院

Website: <http://www.xaszxyy.com>

Address: 161, Fifth Road, Xincheng District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市新城路161号

Opening time: 24 hours

Tel: +86(029)87218916; (029)87268355

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Beidajie Station, Exit D

Xijing Hospital 西京医院

Address: 127, Changle West Road, Xincheng District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市新城区长乐西路127号

Opening time: 08:00-18:00

Tel: +86(029)84775507

Transportation: Subway Line 1, Kangfulu Station, Exit D



Xi'an Traditional Medicine Hospital 西安市中医医院

Address: 69, Fengchengba Road, Weiyang District, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, 陕西省西安市未央区凤城八路69号

Opening time: 08:00-18:00

Tel: +86(029)89626201

Transportation: Subway Line 2, Xingzheng Zhongxin Station, Exit D3 and D2

Banks



Here are several most well-known banks in China:

中国银行BOC (Bank of China)

中国建设银行CCB (China Construction Bank)

中国农业银行ABC (Agricultural Bank of China)

中国工商银行ICBC (Industrial and Commercial Bank of China)

招商银行 CMB (China Merchants Bank Ltd.)

How to search for places?

With phone data or connection to WiFi, a Google Map should be useful in searching for sights, ATMs, hospitals, supermarkets, or wherever you want to go in Beijing. However, due to the limitation of Chinese internet, downloading a VPN in your phone is necessary to avoid the firewall.



Important:

Wherever you go, remember to take your passport with you. Whether a hospital or bank, at railway station or police station, you will need your passport.



Learn some Chinese

English	Chinese	Chinese Pronunciation
Hello	你好	nǐ hǎo
How much is it?	多少钱?	duō shǎo qián
I want to go to...	我想去.....	wǒ xiǎng qù
Thank you	谢谢	xiè xiè
You are welcome	不客气	bú kè qì
Toilet	卫生间	wèi shēng jiān
Help!	救命!	jiù mìng!
Restaurant	餐馆	cān guǎn
Yes	是	shì
No	不是	bú shì
Hotel	酒店	jiǔ diàn
Gentleman	男士	nán shì
Lady	女士	nǚ shì
Attention	注意	zhù yì
Forbid	禁止	jìn zhǐ
Danger	危险	wēi xiǎn
Emergency	紧急	jǐn jí

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