Xi'an, The Heart of China

With 6.62 million people, Xi'an is maybe one of the greatest cities in our entire world. In the province of Shaanxi, in the People’s Republic of China, it is said that if you go to China, your visit is not complete without a visit to Xi'an. With a very varying temperature, a cold winter and hot summer, the rainy season comes in July, August, and September.

The average temperature in Xi'an is 56 degrees Fahrenheit (13.3 degrees Celsius). China is the world’s 4th largest country (after Russia, Canada, and the US). Xi'an is right in the middle, in the heart, of China.

China is home to many languages. Standard Chinese or Mandarin, Yue, Wu, Minbei, Minnan, Xiang, Gan, and Hakka dialects, are just a few of those spoken in this diverse country.

Home to many cultures, such as the Han Chinese; 91.9%, Zhuang, Uygur, Hui, Yi, Tibetan, Miao, Manchu, Mongol, Buyi, Korean, and other nationalities; 8.1%, China continues to amaze us with its diversity.

The currency in China is yuan (¥), which there are 100 of to every 12 U.S. dollars.

China is a communist place. The voting age, like in the U.S., is 18 years of age. This is a universal voting age.

Two of the major holidays celebrated in Xi'an (and China in general) are the Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China, and the Chinese New Year. The former takes place from September 30th to October 1st. The latter takes place from

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Prominent Historical Sites of Xi’an

Xi’an -- known as Changan in ancient times -- holds much of China’s rich and vibrant culture in its venerable historic emblems of the country’s proud heritage.

The Terracotta Warriors
Thousands of detailed terracotta statues made in the shape of warriors -- each unique -- to guard the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, founder of the Qin Dynasty. Though they are from the ancient time of 221 B.C. the warriors are in excellent condition-- now residing in a museum built on the site and still stun scores of spectators daily with their magnificence, the skill with which the ancients created them, and their sheer number alone. Tour lasts four hours. Cost is dependant upon circumstances.

The Ruins of Banpo
Artifacts from over 6,000 years ago were found in the eastern suburbs of Xi’an, a museum has been built over the site so that the public can learn about the culture of Yangshoa - a village from ancient Neolithic times. Thousands of relics are on display to educate the populace. The carefully salvages ruins of graves, houses, sheds, and even pottery kilns remain, giving people a rare glimpse of life in ancient Banpo. Hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Cost negotiable

Big Wild Goose Pagoda
Only around four kilometers from the city proper, Big Wild Goose Pagoda graces the Temple of Great Maternal Grace. Over thirteen hundred years old, it holds works of art and calligraphy of immeasurable beauty and value. Hours are from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Xi’an has many activities and places throughout the region. You will find many places to your liking. It’s a great place for couples, families and friends. The history is extraordinary. There are beautiful temples, old houses and many other kinds of historical buildings and locations. There are delicious restaurants, like “Zhang de Fang,” one of Xi’an’s most famous restaurants. This is one of the greatest experiences that you will ever have. We assure you that this will be the time of your life. Some of the greatest places and events are:

The Kentucky Horse Park International Museum of the Horse, and The Millennium's First Great International Exhibition.

The Drum Tower was built in 1380, so it has more than 600 years of history and is well worth your visit. According to legend, in ancient times there once hung a drum for telling the time of day. The drum was struck at dusk, hence the name "Drum Tower". With an area of 1,924 square meters, the Drum Tower appears rectangular in shape, 52.6 meters long, 38 meters wide and 7.7 meters high. It is a triple-eaved, two-story structure. There are antique shops set on it, where tourists can both sight see and shop.

Emperor Qin Shi Huang had the greatest and longest-lasting influence of over 300 emperors who ruled dynasties throughout Chinese history. Some of the other greatest places and events on Earth are the Wild Goose Pagoda (Felicity Temple), the Huaqing Pools, Dumpling Dunking, and the Moon Festival (which takes place in late September.)

As you can see, Xi’an is overflowing with activities to do. If your stay is long enough, try them all. You will find quite a few new and interesting things to do just wandering the streets of this miraculous city.

Enjoy your stay!

Xi’an Travel Packages

Luxury Package:
1150 yuan -- 139 U.S. dollars -- and up for two children and two adults for a one way trip to Xi’an. You can decide how long you stay, as long as it is within your Visa. Once there we offer two hotel rooms at the Xi Dajie. Each room costs 567 yuan -- $69.00 -- per night. The address is no. 262 Feng Hao East Rd. It is about a forty minute ride from the airport.

Economy Package:
884 yuan -- $106 -- and up for two children and two adults. This is a one way ticket, but the longer you stay the more you pay. The sleeping accommodations are in The Flats of Renmin Hotel. Each room is 35-45 yuan -- $5 - $6 -- per night. The address is 9 Fenghe Lu. For travel within the city, we advise renting bikes. It is one to two yuan -- 2 - 3 cents -- per hour. The rooms come with air conditioning, television, 24 hour hot water, bicycle rentals, and free baggage storage. They also have long distance phone calls and free train station pick up. For food we advise eating in local restaurants. Once dish any visitor must try is dumplings. The tradition of dumplings originated in Xi’an.