



7-Day Family Cultural Tour: Xi'an - Chengdu - Beijing

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Theme: Cultural Heritage Exploration + Natural Scenery + Food Experience

Overall Itinerary Overview

Date	City	Transportation	Nodes	Accommodation	Map
DAY1	Xi'an	Plane + Scenic Area Shuttle	Xi'an Xianyang International Airport → Bell Tower Hotel → Muslim Quarter	Xi'an Bell Tower Hotel (4-star)	-
DAY2	Xi'an	Scenic Area Shuttle + Walking	Terracotta Army → Huaqing Palace, "The Song of Everlasting Sorrow" Performance	Xi'an Bell Tower Hotel	-

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DAY3	Xi'an → Chengdu	High-speed Train G2855 (08:07 - 11:57)	Xi'an City Wall Cycling → High-speed Train → Chengdu Panda Base → Kuanzhai Alley	Chengdu Bolinghui Hotel (Quasi-4-star)	-
DAY4	Chengdu → Beijing	High-speed Train G90 (15:02 - 22:32)	Dufu Thatched Cottage → High-speed Train → Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel	Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel (4-star)	-
DAY5	Beijing	Subway Line 1	The Forbidden City → Jingshan Park → Quanjude Roast Duck Restaurant in Wangfujing	Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel	-
DAY6	Beijing	Subway Line 4	The Summer Palace → Old Summer Palace → Tsinghua Science Park	Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel	-
DAY7	Beijing	Subway + Plane	Temple of Heaven Park → Hanfu Experience → Return from Beijing Capital International Airport	-	

DAY1 (July 26) First Impression of Xi'an

Morning: Arrive in Xi'an and check into the Bell Tower Hotel. Afternoon: Explore the food in the Muslim Quarter. Evening: Enjoy the night view of the Bell and Drum Towers.

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
Xi'an Xianyang International Airport	10:30	-	Airport Bus Line 2 → Bell Tower Station

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Bell Tower Hotel	12:00	30 minutes	Walk for 5 minutes
Muslim Quarter	13:00	2 hours	Walk for 5 minutes
Bell Tower	18:30	1 hour	Walk for 10 minutes



Xi'an Xianyang International Airport

Xi'an Xianyang International Airport is the main gateway to Xi'an. It is well - equipped with various facilities to ensure a smooth travel experience for passengers.

It serves as the starting point of our journey, connecting us to the rich cultural heritage of Xi'an.



Bell Tower Hotel

Located in the city center, adjacent to the Bell Tower and the Muslim Quarter. It offers four - star facilities, and the family room includes double breakfast. It's only a 3 - minute walk to Yongningmen Station of Subway Line 2.

With its excellent location, it provides children's slippers and extra - bed services. Booking 3 days in advance can enjoy a 10% discount.



Muslim Quarter

The Muslim Quarter is a food paradise in Xi'an. You can taste traditional local delicacies such as Lao Mi's Mutton Paomo (hand - torn bread soaked in mutton soup), Jia San's Beef Dumplings, and Grandma Hua's Iced Plum Juice.

Visitors say the Paomo soup is rich and the smaller the torn bread, the more flavorful it is.



Bell and Drum Towers Night View

The Bell and Drum Towers are illuminated from 19:30 to 22:00. You can capture the panoramic view of both towers from the 3rd - floor terrace of the Bell Tower Hotel.

The night view of the towers presents a magnificent and historical scene, adding a touch of charm to the ancient city of Xi'an.

! It's hot in Xi'an during summer. Carry sun - protection items and a small fan. The main street of the Muslim Quarter has many tourists. It is recommended to enter from the Xiyangshi entrance to experience the local old - style restaurants.

DAY2 (July 27) Terracotta Army and Tang Dynasty Culture

Morning: Visit the Museum of the Terracotta Army. Afternoon: Explore Huaqing Palace. Evening: Watch the live performance of "The Song of Everlasting Sorrow".

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
Museum of the Terracotta Army	08:30	3 hours	Scenic Area Shuttle (30 yuan/person)
Huaqing Palace	14:00	2.5 hours	Bus Line 613 (5 yuan/person)
"The Song of Everlasting Sorrow" Performance	20:10	70 minutes	Walk for 10 minutes



Museum of the Terracotta Army

Must - visit

The Museum of the Terracotta Army houses the world's largest group of terracotta warriors in Pit No. 1 and the national - treasure - level bronze chariots in the exhibition hall. It's a window to the grandeur of the Qin Dynasty.

An official guide for up to 5 people costs 300 yuan. It's advisable to arrive before 7:30 to avoid the crowds and wear comfortable sneakers as you need to walk about 20,000 steps.



Huaqing Palace

Huaqing Palace features the bathing sites of Emperor Xuanzong and Concubine Yang, as well as the site of the Xi'an Incident. It combines history and natural beauty.

The performance "The Song of Everlasting Sorrow" from 20:10 to 21:20 offers amazing water - fire effects and real - scene stagecraft. The middle - section ticket costs 358 yuan/person (children under 1.2 meters are free).



"The Song of Everlasting Sorrow" Performance

This performance tells the tragic love story between Emperor Xuanzong and Concubine Yang in the Tang Dynasty. With high - tech special effects and excellent choreography, it brings the history to life.

It's a cultural feast that showcases the charm of the Tang Dynasty's art and love stories.

! Book the tickets for the Museum of the Terracotta Army 7 days in advance on the official WeChat account "Qin Shi Huang's Mausoleum Site Museum". Taking photos in the hot - spring pools in Huaqing Palace is prohibited. Please follow the regulations of the scenic area.

DAY3 (July 28) Encounter between the Ancient Capital and Pandas

Morning: Cycle on the Xi'an City Wall. Noon: Take the high - speed train to Chengdu. Afternoon: Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
Xi'an City Wall Yongningmen	07:00	1.5 hours	Walk for 10 minutes
Xi'an North Station	11:30	1 hour	Subway Line 2 (4 yuan/person)
Chengdu Panda Base	14:00	3 hours	Subway Line 3 + Bus
Kuanzhai Alley	18:30	2 hours	Take a taxi (15 yuan)



Xi'an City Wall Cycling

You can rent a single - person bike for 45 yuan for 3 hours at the east side of Yongningmen (from 8:00 to 22:00), with a 100 - yuan deposit. Cycling from Yongningmen to Andingmen (3 - kilometer route, 20 - minute ride), you can overlook the moat and the old city.

It's a great way to feel the ancient charm of Xi'an from a unique perspective.



Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

Must - visit

The base is home to many cute pandas. The must - see spots include the Moon产房 (for young pandas), the Sun产房 (for panda cubs), and the Infinite Hill Viewing Platform. It's a paradise for panda lovers.

You can take Subway Line 3 to Panda Avenue Station and then transfer to Bus 198. It's best to watch pandas eat before 10:00 as most pandas take naps in the afternoon.



Kuanzhai Alley

Kuanzhai Alley is a cultural and commercial area in Chengdu, full of traditional Sichuan - style architecture, local snacks, and handicrafts. It reflects the unique charm of Chengdu.

Strolling in the alley, you can feel the slow - paced life and rich cultural heritage of Chengdu.

! The high - speed train tickets from Xi'an to Chengdu are available for pre - sale 15 days in advance. Children's tickets are half - price (131.5 yuan). Using selfie sticks in the panda base is prohibited to avoid disturbing the animals.

DAY4 (July 29) Hometown of the Poet Sage and the Night Charm of the Imperial Capital

Morning: Visit Dufu Thatched Cottage. Noon: Take the high - speed train to Beijing. Evening: Walk on Wangfujing Street.

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
Dufu Thatched Cottage	08:30	2 hours	Subway Line 4 (2 yuan/person)
Chengdu East Station	12:30	1 hour	Subway Line 2 (5 yuan/person)
Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel	23:00	30 minutes	Subway Line 1 + Bus (6 yuan/person)



Dufu Thatched Cottage

Dufu Thatched Cottage is a Tang - dynasty - style garden with an exhibition of Du Fu's life. There are also live performances of "The Song of the Thatched Cottage Caught in the Autumn Gale" at 10:00 and 15:00. It's a place full of cultural and historical significance.

The ticket is 50 yuan/person, half - price for students, and free for children under 6 years old.



Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel

Located on the west side of Wangfujing Street, it's only a 1.2 - kilometer walk to the Forbidden City. The family room includes double breakfast and costs 668 yuan per night. It's convenient for visiting attractions in Beijing.

The hotel provides free Wi - Fi, a children's play area, and Hanfu rental services (198 yuan/set including makeup and styling).



Wangfujing Street

Wangfujing Street is a famous commercial street in Beijing, with a variety of shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions. It's a place where you can experience the modern and traditional charm of Beijing.

Walking on the street, you can buy souvenirs, taste local snacks, and feel the bustling atmosphere of the capital.

! The high - speed train journey from Chengdu to Beijing takes 7.5 hours. It's recommended to bring snacks and picture books for children to pass the time. It often rains in Beijing during summer. Carry a folding umbrella with you.

DAY5 (July 30) At the Peak of the Forbidden City

Morning: Take a in - depth tour of the Forbidden City. Afternoon: Visit Jingshan Park and have roast duck at Quanjude in Wangfujing.
Evening: Enjoy the night view of Tiananmen Square.

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
Forbidden City Meridian Gate	08:30	5 hours	Subway Line 1, Tiananmen East Station (3 yuan/person)
Jingshan Park	14:00	1.5 hours	Walk for 10 minutes
Quanjude (Wangfujing Store)	18:00	2 hours	Subway Line 5, Dongdan Station (2 yuan/person)



Forbidden City

Must - visit

The Forbidden City is a magnificent palace complex with a history of over 600 years. The recommended route is Meridian Gate → Three Great Halls → East Six Palaces → Treasure Gallery → Divine Prow Gate, a 5 - kilometer journey taking about 5 hours.

The ticket is 60 yuan/person (peak season), 10 yuan for the Treasure Gallery. Children under 6 years old are free. The audio guide costs 40 yuan/unit, supporting both Chinese and English, with an animated - explanation mode for children.



Jingshan Park

Jingshan Park is located behind the Forbidden City. You can climb to the top of the hill to enjoy a panoramic view of the Forbidden City and the surrounding area. It's a great place to overlook the grandeur of Beijing.

Strolling in the park, you can also appreciate the beautiful gardens and historical buildings.



Quanjudu Roast Duck

Quanjudu is a famous brand for roast duck in Beijing. Recommended dishes include the premium roast duck (298 yuan/duck), duck wings (58 yuan/dish), and children's meals (12 yuan/dish including a small portion of roast duck and vegetables).

It's advisable to make a phone reservation one day in advance (010 - 65253310). A 10% service charge will be added for window seats.



Tiananmen Square Night View

The night view of Tiananmen Square is extremely magnificent, with the illuminated Tiananmen Rostrum and the Monument to the People's Heroes. It's a place that showcases the solemnity and grandeur of the capital.

Visiting at night, you can feel the historical and cultural atmosphere of Beijing more deeply.

! The Forbidden City is closed on Mondays. Book the tickets at 20:00, 7 days in advance on the official mini - program "The Palace Museum". Bringing selfie sticks and tripods is prohibited. You can deposit large luggage on the east side of the Meridian Gate (5 yuan/item/day).

DAY6 (July 31) Royal Gardens and the Elegance of Universities

Morning: Visit the Summer Palace. Afternoon: Explore the Old Summer Palace and Tsinghua Science Park. Evening: Go to Sanlitun Taikoo Li.

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
The Summer Palace East Palace Gate	08:30	4 hours	Subway Line 4, Beigongmen Station (3 yuan/person)
Old Summer Palace	13:00	2.5 hours	Bus Line 686 (2 yuan/person)
Tsinghua Science Park	16:30	1.5 hours	Take a taxi (15 yuan)



The Summer Palace

Must - visit

The Summer Palace is a large - scale royal garden with beautiful scenery. Must - play items include boating on Kunming Lake (60 yuan/hour for a 6 - person electric boat), admiring the 546 painted scenes of the West Lake on the Long Corridor, and climbing to the Foxiangge for a panoramic view.

The ticket is 30 yuan/person (peak season), and the combined ticket is 60 yuan including the inner gardens.



Old Summer Palace

The Old Summer Palace is a historical site with Western - style building ruins such as the Great Fountain and the Remote Viewing Pavilion, as well as a museum with 3D restoration animations. It's a place that reflects the history and culture of China.

Since the park is large, it's recommended to rent an electric scooter (60 yuan/hour).



Tsinghua Science Park

Tsinghua Science Park is a high - tech innovation area affiliated with Tsinghua University. It's a place where you can feel the academic and innovative atmosphere of the top university in China.

You can visit the scientific research institutions, exhibitions, and experience the advanced technology and innovation here.



Sanlitun Taikoo Li

Sanlitun Taikoo Li is a trendy commercial and cultural area in Beijing, with a variety of international brands, restaurants, and entertainment venues. It's a place that reflects the modern and fashionable side of Beijing.

Strolling in the area, you can enjoy shopping, dining, and feel the vibrant nightlife of the capital.

! The boating on Kunming Lake stops at 4 pm. It's recommended to take a boat in the morning to avoid the crowds. You need to make an appointment in advance on the official WeChat account "Tsinghua University" to visit Tsinghua Science Park.

DAY7 (August 1) Pray at the Temple of Heaven and Return

Morning: Visit the Temple of Heaven Park. Noon: Taste food on Qianmen Street. Afternoon: Return from Beijing Capital International Airport.

Node	Arrival Time	Recommended Duration	Transportation
Temple of Heaven South Gate	08:30	3 hours	Subway Line 5, Tiantan Dongmen Station (2 yuan/person)
Qianmen Street	12:00	2 hours	Subway Line 5, Chongwenmen Station (2 yuan/person)
Beijing Capital International Airport	15:30	2 hours	Airport Express (25 yuan/person)



Temple of Heaven Park

Must - visit

The Temple of Heaven Park is a place where emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties held sacrificial ceremonies. The must - see attractions include the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests with a circular gilded roof, the Echo Wall, and the Circular Mound Altar for praying at the Center Stone.

The ticket is 15 yuan/person (off - season), and the combined ticket is 34 yuan including all attractions.



Qianmen Street

Qianmen Street is a traditional commercial street in Beijing, with a long history and rich cultural heritage. You can taste various Beijing - style snacks and buy traditional handicrafts here.

Walking on the street, you can feel the old - fashioned charm of Beijing and take a Hanfu rental service at the "Back to the Han Dynasty" store on the street (80 yuan/3 hours for children's Hanfu including hairstyle design).



Hanfu Experience

You can rent Hanfu at the "Back to the Han Dynasty" store on Qianmen Street. The best shooting spots are the Circular Mound Altar in the Temple of Heaven and the Painting - Touring Gallery in the Summer Palace. It's recommended to take photos before 10:00 for the best lighting.

Wearing Hanfu, you can better experience the traditional Chinese culture and take beautiful photos.



Beijing Capital International Airport

Beijing Capital International Airport is the main transportation hub for leaving Beijing. It has complete facilities to ensure a smooth journey for passengers.

It's time to end our wonderful journey and start a new chapter.

! It's recommended to arrive at the airport 3 hours in advance as there are large crowds during the summer vacation. The cloth shoes from the "Neiliansheng" store on Qianmen Street (120 yuan/pair for children's shoes) can be taken as souvenirs.

Budget Details

Item	Unit Price (Yuan)	Quantity	Total Price (Yuan)	Notes
Transportation				
Second - class high - speed train from Xi'an to Chengdu	263	3	789	Children's ticket is half - price (131.5 yuan)
Second - class high - speed train from Chengdu to Beijing	840.5	3	2521.5	Children's ticket is half - price (420.5 yuan)
Local transportation	50	7	350	Subway + Bus + Taxi
Accommodation				
Xi'an Bell Tower Hotel	400	2	800	Family room with breakfast
Chengdu Bolinghui Hotel	550	1	550	Family room
Beijing Xiangjiang Days Hotel	668	3	2004	Family room with breakfast
Catering				
Food in Xi'an Muslim Quarter	80	2	160	Per person per day
Food in Chengdu	100	1	300	Includes the Bamboo Rhyme Restaurant in

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				the panda base
Food in Beijing	150	3	1350	Includes Quanjude roast duck
Tickets				
Terracotta Army + Huaqing Palace	120 + 120	2	480	Children are free
Forbidden City + The Summer Palace	60+30	2	180	Children are free
Other attractions	50	2	100	Temple of Heaven + Old Summer Palace
Experiences				
"The Song of Everlasting Sorrow" Performance	358	2	716	Children are free
Hanfu rental	198	3	594	Includes makeup and styling
Total			10595	Approximately 1482 US dollars (Exchange rate: 7.1461)