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Shanxi Culture Discovery - Private Tour - 5 Days

This tour highlights the rich culture and profound history of Shanxi Province in China. In five days, you will admire the Yungang Grottoes in Datong, religious Mount Wutai and its surrounding temples, Ancient City of Pingyao and majestic Qiao Family Compound.




240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China

China is implementing a 10-day (240 hours) visa-free transit policy. The transit program allows visitors who have existing flight bookings from China to a third country (region) to snag a visa on arrival at a Chinese airport (port) and stay for 10 days before departure. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan all count as third destinations.

Passport holders of 54 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, can enter visa-free through any of the 60 open airports (ports) in 24 provincial regions, covering popular tourist cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chengdu and Guangzhou.

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Meanwhile, citizens from 38 countries can [enter China visa-free for up to 30 days](#).

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Datong	 airport-hotel transfer in Datong
2	Day 2 Datong	 breakfast, lunch  Yungang Grottoes, Huayan Temple , Nine Dragon Screen The Yungang Grottoes is the oldest one of the Three Major Buddhist Grottoes of China. Absorbing Indian Gandhara Buddhist art, Yungang Grottoes melds traditional Chinese art and social features of that time, which make it a masterpiece of early Chinese cave art and Buddhist culture. The Huayan Temple is the largest and most perfectly preserved temple of the Liao (916-1125) and Jin (1115-1234) dynasties in China. it is composed by two sections. The upper temple houses five large Buddhas, and the lower temple contains a collection of Buddhist writings. The Nine Dragon Screen in Datong is one of the three famous nine dragon screens in existence. The other two are in Beijing's Forbidden City and the Beihai Park.

3	Day 3 Datong - Mount Wutai (by automobile)	 private transfer from Datong to Mt. Wutai  breakfast, lunch  Hanging Temple, Mount Wutai Built more than 1,500 years ago, the Hanging Temple is characterized by its special location on the sheer cliff and its combination of Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. Enjoy an exploration to Mount Wutai (UNESCO), one of the Four Sacred Buddhist Mountains in China. It is home to 47 China's most important monasteries, among which the Xiantong Temple and the Tayuan Temple are the most famous ones.
4	Day 4 Mount Wutai - Pingyao (by automobile)	 private transfer from Mt. Wutai to Pingyao  breakfast, lunch  Mount Wutai Enjoy an exploration to Mount Wutai (UNESCO), one of the Four Sacred Buddhist Mountains in China. It is home to 47 China's most important monasteries, among which the Xiantong Temple and the Tayuan Temple are the most famous ones.
5	Day 5 Pingyao - Taiyuan (by automobile)	 private transfer from Pingyao to Taiyuan, airport or train station transfer in Taiyuan  breakfast, lunch  Ancient City of Pingyao, Qiao Family Compound The Ancient City of Pingyao (UNESCO), a well-preserved ancient Chinese city of the Ming and Qing Dynasties, is a must-see attraction for you. You will admire the Ancient City Wall built with bricks and stones. Approach to Rishengchang Bank - the first bank of China, and get impressed by the Old Government Buildings. The courtyard houses, narrow streets and small shops in the city provide a complete picture of China's cultural and social lifestyle during that period of time. The Qiao Family Compound was the former residence of a rich businessman - Qiao Zhiyong in the Qing Dynasty. Consisting of 6 large yards and 20 small yards in total, the magnificent compound features its traditional Chinese furnishings and lifelike wood carvings. Service ends.

Tour Includes :

- Private English-speaking tour guide
- Private air-conditioned van
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance ticket as listed
- Lunch as listed
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- Flight or train tickets
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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