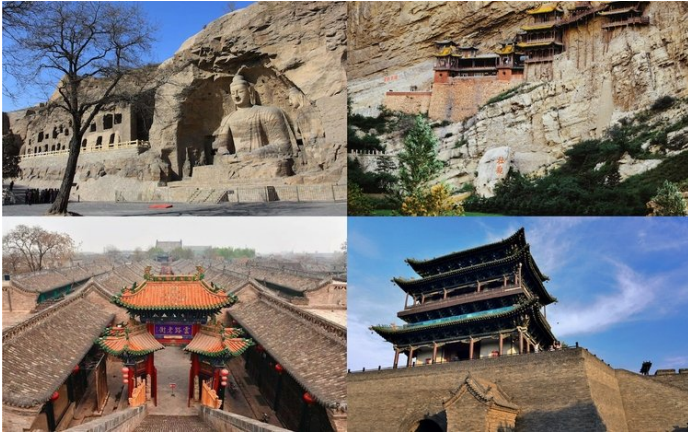


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Datong

Pingyao

Exploring the highlights of Datong and Pingyao's World Culture Heritage sites gives you a chance to admire the superb artistic attainments of the craftsmen and understand the profound Chinese culture in-depth.

Type

Private

Duration

3 days

Theme

Culture and Heritage, Family focused

Trip code

DP-01

Price

From £ 250 per person

Itinerary

This is a 3 days' culture discovery tour offering the possibility to have a glimpse of the profound culture of Datong and Pingyao and the outstanding artistic attainments of the craftsmen of ancient China in a short time. The World Cultural Heritage Site - Yungang Grottoes, Shanhua Monastery, Hanging Monastery, as well as Yingxian Wooden Pagoda gives you a chance to admire the rich Buddhist culture of ancient China deeply. The Pingyao Ancient City, one of the 4 ancient cities of China and a World Cultural Heritage site, displays a complete picture of the prosperity of culture, economy, and society of the Ming and Qing Dynasties for tourists.

Day 01 :

Datong arrival - Datong city tour

Arrive Datong in the early morning, your experienced private guide, and a comfortable private car with an experienced driver will be ready (non-smoking) to serve for your 3 days ancient China discovery starts.

The highlights today include **Shanhua Monastery**, **Nine Dragons Wall**, as well as **Yungang Grottoes**. Shanhua Monastery is the largest and most complete existing monastery in China. The Nine Dragons Wall in Datong is the largest Nine Dragons Wall in China, which embodies the superb carving skills of ancient China. While Yungang Grottoes, one of the four largest grottoes in China, is the outstanding achievement of Buddhist cave art in the 5th century AD with exquisite murals to see. Stay overnight in Datong.

Day 02 :

Drive to Pingyao via Hanging Monastery & Yingxian Wooden Pagoda

After breakfast at your hotel, start the first 1.5 hours' drive to visit **Hanging Monastery**, a temple built into a cliff near Mount Heng in Hunyuan County, Datong. The whole temple is a wooden frame structure with 40 halls and pavilions, even it is small in size, but the most amazing thing is that it relies on the tenon joint structure, which is embedded in the cliff without falling. With a history of more than 1,500 years, it is the earliest and best-preserved high-altitude wooden cliff building in China.

After lunch, continue driving south to Pingyao, have a stop at **Yingxian Wooden Pagoda**, the tallest and oldest wooden stupa

in the world, for a visit. After sightseeing, in another 4-hour drive, you will arrive at Pingyao Ancient City, one of the 4 ancient towns in China. Stay overnight in Pingyao.

Day 03 :

Pingyao ancient city sightseeing - Pingyao Departure

Wake up in your traditional-Chinese-style room. After breakfast, start your exploration in Pingyao Ancient City by walking on the **Ming-Qing streets**, the most prosperous area in the ancient city, to explore the Ming and Qing culture in Pingyao. **Stair up its City Wall** to have a bird view of the ancient city. Then pay a visit to highlights of Pingyao Ancient City including **Pingyao Confucian Temple, Pingyao Ancient Government Office, Rishengchang Exchange Shop**, etc. The Rishengchang Exchange Shop is considered to be the first draft bank in China's history. Meanwhile, you will have a chance to experience the traditional Chinese paper-cutting as well as learn to make dumplings and various typical local steamed buns here, in addition, you can have dumplings as lunch.

Late afternoon, drive to the train station to catch your high-speed train for departure. Say farewell to your guide and driver at the train station, and end your enjoyable journey with WindhorseTour.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

The tour price is based on 3 star standard hotels. At your request we can provide pricing for different levels of service such as budget hostel, luxury 4 star standard hotels or deluxe 5 star standard hotels.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Domestic travel accident insurance.

If you have any questions please inquire with one of our Travel Advisors.

Meals allowance for your guide and driver.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

3 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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