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Xi'an
Jiuzhaigou
Huanglong
Jiuzhaigou

Some may consider pristine Jiuzhaigou and ancient Xi'an an odd fit, but these UNESCO World Heritage Sites are both magnificent. From the turquoise lakes of northern Sichuan to the stone Terracotta Warriors, these sites are indeed a perfect match

Type
Private
Duration
6 days
Theme
Culture and Heritage, Natural scenery
Trip code
XA-04
Price
From £ 498 per person

Itinerary

This tour, from Xian to Jiuzhaigou, is really an escape from reality tour. First soak yourself in the mysterious ancient civilization of Xian's, filled with historical relics such as the Terracotta Warriors. Then head directly to Jiuzhaigou National Park a must see attraction in Sichuan. A widely known saying is that if there is fairyland, Jiuzhaigou must be it. The name Jiuzhaigou refers to the nine Tibetan village situated here. So when you enjoy the breathtaking scenery, you can also get close to the colorful Tibetan culture without traveling to Tibet.

Day 01 :
Arrive at Xian



Upon your arrival in Xian, you will be received by your local guide and driver, who will bring you to the hotel. You can relax in the hotel or explore nearby shops on your own.

Day 02 :

Xian Terracotta Warriors Tour

Today your tour will begin with a short drive into the suburbs to visit the **Terracotta Warriors**, this imposing funeral art buried in the tomb of China's first emperor. Embrace this more than 2,000 years lost history with what is now called the eighth wonder of the world. See the more than 10,000 clay warriors and their chariots. The most amazing thing is that there are no two terracotta soldiers that are identical, you will have plenty of time to take photos and try to find a pair that matches!

Then you will be driven back in your private car to Xian downtown where in the afternoon, you will visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, the landmarks of Xian. It's said the pagoda was built to house the Buddhist sutras brought back from India by Xuanzang, a famous monk. Here, you can enjoy the fabulous traditional Chinese architecture and take a bird's-eye view of the city. A short drive will then take you to the final stop of the day which is **Xian's Muslim Quarters** and the Great Mosque. A visit to this place will awaken your cultural awareness to this unique ethnic atmosphere.

In the evening, you can choose to enjoy an impressive Tang Dynasty Dinner Show, and an abundant dumpling buffet, before the start of the performance.

Day 03 :

Another half day in Xi'an - Train to Chengdu

In the morning, drive to visit **Beilin Museum (Forest of Stone Steles Museum)**, it is a treasure trove of Chinese calligraphy, historical documents, and stone carvings, housing over 3,000 steles.

Then head to visit **Xi'an City Wall**, one of the oldest and best-preserved city walls across China, you can choose to take a walk along the city wall or rent a bicycle. Afterward, pay a visit to **Shuyuan Men ancient cultural street**, where you can find some traditional Chinese arts and crafts, a good spot for souvenirs.

Afternoon take the high speed train to Chengdu (about 4 hours train journey). Upon arrival at Chengdu, you will be picked up and assisted to check into hotel in the downtown of Chengdu.

Day 04 :

Chengdu Panda Base - Train to Jiuzhaigou,

After breakfast, head to the **Chengdu Panda Base** to see the adorable pandas. Morning is considered as the best time to visit Panda center as you will catch the feeding time and the pandas are at their most active. Walk through the forested landscape, watch as giant pandas play, nap, and munch bamboo; visit the panda nursery, subadult enclosure, and adult compound; and watch informational videos on panda behavior and the challenges of working with and breeding captive pandas.

If time is allowed, pay a visit to **People's Park**, a great place to get insight the daily life of locals who come here relax, exercise, play games like Mah-jongg and chess, sing and dance, or find love matches for their loved ones. You will be arranged to have a cup of tea like locals in the open-air Heming Tea House, a great place to slow down and rest your legs.

You will **take afternoon high-speed train to Jiuzhaigou** (about 1.5 hours), upon arrival at Zhenjiangguan train station, you'll be picked up and transferred to your hotel just outside Jiuzhaigou Park, rest and prepare for the next day.

Day 05 :

Whole Day Sightseeing at Jiuzhaigou Valley

People often say that if there is fairyland, Jiuzhaigou must be one of them. Very fortunately, you will spend a whole day to enjoy its unparalleled beauty. With verdant crystal lakes, splendid waterfalls and rich flora all within this well protected fairyland forest, there is plenty to explore. Beyond the park there are the nearby Tibeaten villages, you will certainly leave your worries and immerse yourself in the magical scenery.

In the evening, you will have the option to attend a local Tibeaten - Qiang minority culture show. Overnight at Jiuzhaigou Valley.

Day 06 :

Drive to visit Huanglong Park, then transfer to Jiuzhaigou Airport for your onward flight/train (B)



After breakfast, head to Huanglong Park, a 2.5-hour drive away, renowned for its vibrant lakes, stunning landscapes, and serene Buddhist monasteries. The park features a plethora of colorful ponds in shades of yellow, blue, green, and brown, scattered amidst lush forests. You have the option to explore the park either on foot or via cable car, allowing for a 4 to 5-hour experience. Afterward, you will be transferred to Jiuzhaigou airport/train station for your late afternoon onward flight/train, concluding your trip to Jiuzhaigou. WindhorseTour can help plan to continue your stay in China or assist in helping return home.

Please note: The cable car at Huanglong Park is not operational from December 16th to the end of March during the winter season. If you wish to visit Huanglong during this period, be prepared for a challenging walk up and down. Alternatively, you can choose to visit Munigou Scenic Park, which offers easier access.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

4 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.

All bullet train tickets (Soft Seat)

General exclusions:

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

Tips for your guide and driver.

Cable car ticket at Huanglong Park.

Tibetan cultures show at Jiuzhaigou.

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.

