

Tour Code: TCT002

6-DAY PRIVATE MUSLIM TOUR FROM BEIJING TO XIAN

Day 1 Arrival in Beijing, Greet & Meet at Airport, Transfer to Hotel

Our professional Muslim expert tour guide will meet you at the arrival hall of the airport with your private vehicle on standby and assists you to your hotel. Relax during the remainder of the day to recover from the jet lag.

Meals Included: Dinner at local Halal restaurant

Standard Hotel: 4-star 5L Hotel Beijing (former Traders Hotel Beijing) or similar

Budget Hotel: 3-star City Inn Happy Valley Beijing or similar

Day 2 Beijing, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Niujie Mosque, Fresh Water Pearl, Temple of Heaven

Explore Beijing from Tiananmen Square in the morning. Located in the centre of Beijing, Tiananmen Square is the largest city square in the world and it has great cultural significance as it was the site of many important events in Chinese history such as Chairman Mao's declaration of the establishment of the People's Republic of China on Oct, 01, 1949. Next walk to the Forbidden City. As the royal residences of the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties from the 15th to 20th century, the Forbidden City was the centre of state power in late feudal China and witnessed the enthronement of 14 Ming and 10 Qing emperors over 505 years. Visit fresh water pearl shop and the Temple of Heaven after lunch at a local Halal restaurant and Salat at the 900-year-old Niujie Mosque. The Temple of Heaven, built between 1406 and 1420 by the same emperor who was responsible for building the Forbidden City, is where the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties would worship the god of heaven and pray for good harvest. It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** regarded as a masterpiece of architectural and landscape design.

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Beijing Tian'anmen Square



Temple of Heaven

Day 3 Beijing, Great Wall, Jade Carving, Sacred Way of Ming Tombs, Photo Stop at Olympic Venues

Visit the Great Wall of China and jade carving factory in the morning. The Great Wall was continuously built from the 3rd century BC to the 17th century AD on the northern border of China as the great military defence project of successive Chinese Empires. Today, the wall is still impressive at 3,750 miles in length, stretching from the Bohai Sea to the Gobi Desert. The Great Wall embodies unparalleled significance as the national symbol for safeguarding the security of the country and Chinese people. Visit the Sacred Way of the Ming Tomb after lunch and Salat at a local Halal restaurant. The Sacred Way is a stone paved path which stretches as long as one kilometre to the north of the main gate of the Ming Tombs. Next, make a photo stop at the 2008 Olympic Venues of Bird Nest (National Stadium) and Water Cube (National Aquatics Centre).

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The Sacred Way of Ming Tombs, Beijing



Beijing Great Wall at Badaling

Day 4 Beijing, Summer Palace, High Speed Train to Xian (about 5 hours)

Morning visit to the largest and best-preserved royal garden in China, the Summer Palace. Using Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill as the basic framework, the Summer Palace combined political and administrative, residential, spiritual, and recreational functions within a landscape of lakes and mountains, in accordance with the Chinese philosophy of balancing the works of man with nature. The natural landscape of hills and open water is combined with artificial features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges to form a harmonious ensemble of outstanding aesthetic value. Board second-class high-speed train to Xian in the afternoon. Xian is the ancient capital city of China and the starting point of Silk Road.

Meals Included: Breakfast at hotel, lunch & dinner at local Halal restaurants
Standard Hotel: 4-star Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel Xian or similar
Budget Hotel: 3-star Xian Chenggong International Hotel (former Ibis Xian Heping) or similar



Summer Palace



Summer Palace

Day 5 Xian, Terracotta Warriors & Reproduction Factory, Great Mosque, Bell & Drum Tower Square, Muslim Quarter

Morning visit to the Terracotta Warriors and Horses and its reproduction factory. Considered one of the foremost archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, the 2,000-year-old Terracotta Army was discovered by accident in 1974 by local farmers digging a well. The 8,000-plus life-sized figures are arranged in vaults to guard the tomb of Qin Shihuang, the first emperor of China, a major architect of the Great Wall and unifier of China. Visit the Bell & Drum Tower Square and Xian Muslim Quarter after lunch and Salat at Xian Great Mosque. The area north of the Drum Tower is the Muslim Quarter of Xian which covers several blocks with an estimated 60,000 Muslims in the region. There are about seven ancient mosques in the area, among which the Great Mosque built in 742 is most famous and popular among all. Experience a seemingly endless labyrinth of street food, restaurants and bustling local life at Xian's Muslim Quarter.

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Terra Cotta Warriors & Horses



Xian Great Mosque

Day 6 Departure from Xian

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.
Wish you a pleasant journey home.

Meals Included: Breakfast at hotel

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We reserve the right to change the itinerary due to any unexpected operational reason or any unexpected circumstances such as natural disaster, landslides, flood, riots, traffic holdup or places of visit being closed.

Highlight of these Private Tours is:

Performing Salat at Beijing Niujie Mosque

Beijing Niujie mosque was originally built by Nasruddin in 996. Major renovation projects were carried out during the time of Emperor Kangxi (1662-1722) of the Qing Dynasty. It is the largest and oldest mosque in Beijing. The buildings inside the mosque are symmetrically arranged. The main buildings include a minaret which is in traditional Chinese style, the Prayer Hall, and the Stele Pavilion. Many important cultural relics, such as steles from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and cupreous hollowware from the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), are preserved in the mosque. Now Niujie area outside the mosque is the residential place for more than 13,000 Chinese speaking Hui Muslims in Beijing.



Beijing Niujie Mosque



Beijing Niujie Mosque

Performing Salat at Beijing Madian Mosque

Beijing Madian Mosque is one of the famous mosques in Beijing with a long history. The area of Madian became a place where Chinese speaking Hui Muslims inhabited in the Ming Dynasty. It is recorded that the number of Hui Muslims in Madian area was more or less the same like in Niujie area (the place with Niujie Mosque, the largest Hui Muslim community in Beijing). Due to the large Hui Muslim population in Madian area, the mosque was built here during Qing Dynasty Emperor Kangxi's reign (1661-1772). During the Culture Revolution (1966-1976), Madian Mosque was turned into a factory and the prayer room became the workshop. In 1982, the factory was moved away and Madian Mosque was returned to the local Muslim community. However, the prayer room was no longer suitable for salat. Local Muslims raised money to rebuild the prayer room and lecture rooms. Covering an area of 3,800 square meters, the newly renovated Madian Mosque is in traditional Chinese courtyard style.



Beijing Madian Mosque



Beijing Madian Mosque

Performing Salat at Beijing Nandouya Mosque

Beijing Nandouya Mosque was first built in the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1644) with a main entrance, prayer hall and other facilities. The original entrance of Nandouya Mosque had an Islamic lintel with crescent moon on the top. In 2003, Nandouya Mosque was relocated to its current place which is about 100 meters southwest of its original site due to the improvement of Beijing's infrastructure. With a total investment of eight million Chinese Yuan from Beijing city government and local Muslims' donation, Nandouya Mosque was newly built in traditional Chinese courtyard house style. Nandouya Mosque is now the best example of how new mosque are built using modern material and technique while traditional Chinese and Islamic styles are still well maintained.



Beijing Nandouya Mosque



Beijing Nandouya Mosque

Performing Salat at Xian Great Mosque

Xian Great Mosque was built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), and expanded in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). The mosque has a rectangular layout which is from east to west. There are five courtyards inside the mosque. The main buildings include the decorated archway, the prayer hall, the minaret (a traditional Chinese Tower), the scripture hall and the stele pavilion. The principal building is the prayer hall, which can accommodate 1,000

prayers at the same time. In the mosque there are many precious cultural relics, such as epigraphs, tablets, couplets, censers, phylacteries, paintings, hanging lamps and so on. A hand-written copy of the Quran by a well-known Moslem noble in the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) is preserved in the mosque.



Xian Great Mosque



Xian Great Mosque

Performing Salat at Xian Daxuexixiang Mosque

Xian Daxuexixiang Mosque was built during the Yuan & Song Dynasties. Buildings inside the mosque include screen wall, minaret (a traditional Chinese Tower) and prayer hall which can accommodate 500 people to pray at the same time. The minaret was said to be built in Song Dynasty, and was renovated for several times after Zhenghe finished his fourth voyages. The well known Zhenghe Stele, or the Rebuilding of Qingjing Temple Stele, is erected inside the South Stele Pavilion.



Daxuexixiang Mosque



Daxuexixiang Mosque



Standard Prices (4-star hotel accommodation)					
Valid Time	Room Type	2-3 Pax	4-5 Pax	6-9 Pax	10 Pax & Above
Mar to Nov	Double/Triple Room	1,850	1,650	1,450	1,300
	Single Room Supplement	350			
Dec to Feb	Double/Triple Room	1,700	1,500	1,330	1,250
	Single Room Supplement	260			

Budget Prices (3-star hotel accommodation)					
Valid Time	Room Type	2-3 Pax	4-5 Pax	6-9 Pax	10 Pax & Above
Mar to Nov	Double/Triple Room	1,730	1,500	1,300	1,180
	Single Room Supplement	170			
Dec to Feb	Double/Triple Room	1,590	1,390	1,200	1,100
	Single Room Supplement	170			

- Child (2-12 years of age) with extra bed: 100% of the adult price
- Child (2-12 years of age) without bed: 80% of the adult price
- Infants (under 2 years of age) traveling with parents: Free



What's Included

- Second-class high-speed train ticket from Beijing to Xi'an
- Hotel accommodations with daily breakfast
- Halal meals as specified in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned vehicle with experienced driver for land transportation
- Experienced private English language speaking tour guide
- All admission tickets to sightseeing places
- All government taxes

What's Not Included

- International airfares
- Optional tour & Travel insurance
 - VISA (At least 2 month before departure date)
- Gratuities or tips to guides and drivers
- Excursions & activities not included in itinerary
- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc