

China: Heartland Extension

Sample Itinerary

A note: All of our itineraries are flexible. Our philosophy at Crooked Trails is to let the country guide our experiences and not to live by a strict itinerary. If unexpected events arise, we may change plans to take advantage of the situation or deal with an issue. However, we will do all we can to offer you everything that is on the schedule. Please be flexible yourself and allow the program to unfold.

Meals included in the program cost are listed as B (breakfast), L (lunch) and D (dinner) for each day.

BEIJING

Day 1-2:

- Yong Feng Village (cooking lessons, home stay and interaction with host families)
- Gardens of Perfect Brightness

Day 3-4: Tourist attractions

- Great Wall, Forbidden City and Ti'an men Square
- For those booked this program as an extension to the Shangri La tour and therefore have done these sites, we will arrange other options such as the Ming's Tomb, the Alley Tour, or the history museum, depending on the group's interest.
- On the night of day 4, board the train and depart for Xi'an

XI'AN, SHAANXI PROVINCE

Day 5

- Shaanxi Provincial History Museum.
- If time allowed, we will visit the Wild Goose Pagoda or the Old City Wall.

Day 6

- Terra Cotta Warriors and HuaQing Hot Spring Park

Day 7

- Mt. Hua
- For those who are fit and daring, we will climb the giant staircase carved over 5,000 ft of elevation gain to ascend Mt. Hua.
- For those who are wise, there is a cable car that lifts you to two thirds way up the mountain. From there you can hike the rest one third way up to the top.

Day 8

- Field trip to a nearby village on the Loess Plateau. This tour will take you into places that not only rarely see tourists but also are seldom visited even by Chinese city dwellers. We will hike into the village and a school that lies deep inside the rolling hills of Loess Plateau.

- This is a 6 -7 hours of loop hike and we will visit several villages and a school on our way.

Day 9

- Visit local farmer artists.
- Take train back to Beijing.

RETURN TO BEIJING

Day 10:

- Flexible schedule; shopping or tours.
- Will provide several options such as temple tour, museum, or university, etc.

Day 11:

- Flight back to US.