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BEIJING

Zhong Guo: (LP117m, 116, DK70m, 115-9m)

(1T/ N, D, 1T)

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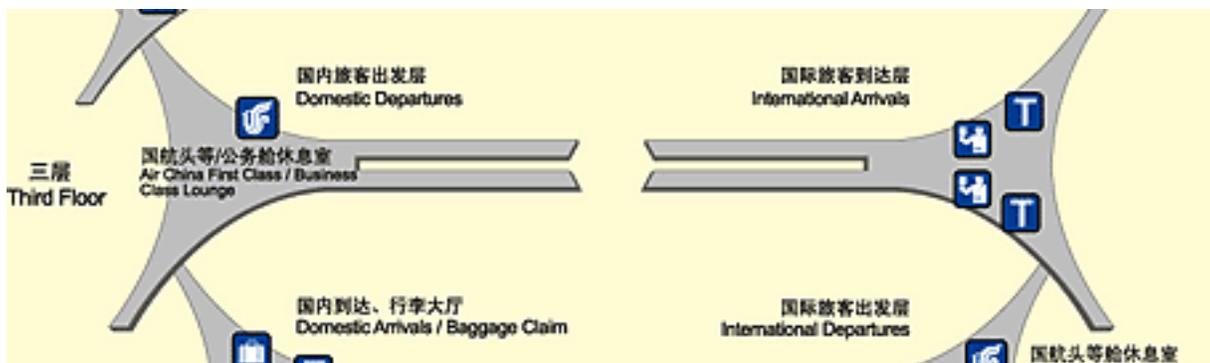
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| UAL-X 6369 | 1Sep THU | TUS (TUS>SFO) | SFO | 0600am | 0823am | 2h 23m |
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Time between flights: 2h 39m

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| CONT 4194 | 1SEP THU | SFO (SFO>PEK) | PEK | 1102am | 1420pm | 12h 18m |
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\$ \$1115.70 Seat as of 7-19-2011 @ 9am

Total Travel Time: 17h 20m



INT ARV - ENTRY PROCEDURE:

All INT ARV @ 3F of T3-E.

- A) Inspection & Quarantine,
- B) Immigration Check Post for Inspection of : **1)** filled-in Entry Registration Card, **2)** valid **passport** & **3)** **visa**
- C) Elevator down > 2F of T3-E > APM mini-train (every 3 min) > International Baggage Claim Area --- 2F of T3-C. Later, passengers should make a
- D) Customs Declaration Form: \$6K+ , dried fruit.
CASH: Declare US\$6,000+: **CAUTION:** **GET Declaration receipt** ; to show Customs @ China departure. ON DEPARTURE declare between US\$6,000 and US\$10,000 w/ Chinese bank permission
Fig bars, granola bars
- E) **Foreign Currency Exchange:**
ICE: Departure Hall at 4F of T3-C;
E exit of International Baggage Claim Area
Travellex: W exit of Intern'l Baggage Claim Area;
China Construction Bank—W of Departure Hall at 4F of T3-C (baggage claim bldg.;
- F) Transport “Smart Card” (**BPT Reload Card**) at **Airport or Dongzhimen STA**
GEN: take all metro lines, buses (2 RMB) ; quicker btw 4:30-7:00pm; **BUS:** cheap (0.4 rmb w/ card) , easy once you figure out the routes, www.bjbus.com
Card cost: Loaned free, If 1st time: **DEP:** CNY20/card PLUS CNY20 or more prepaid.
Deposit & balance – refund if not damaged



TO USE? card is tactile.

METRO: (tactile); put card close to read machine & again when exiting – MAX deduction = only CNY2

CITY BUS: put card close > card reader at **bus door** . Usually, only once on bus (signed clearly on bus). **But** on some fare charged by DIST), maybe used twice: both getting on & off.

- G) Express TRN > Beijing: **front of T3 Terminal 3: F2 of Parking Garage No. 3**

ROUTE: T3 of Capital Airport (**Term 3: F2 of Parking Garage No. 3**)→T2 of Capital Airport→Sanyuanqiao→Dongzhimen
28-km of Beijing subway; light rail line ; 20 minutes, highest speed - 110 km/hour.



F) > Metro: SEE NEXT PAGE

F) > Metro: Exp TRN > Dongzhimen STA > Metro L2 > Jishuitan (18 or 218)

1) **Airport Express > Dongzhimen STA ROUTE:** Airport Express Train: Airport T3 → T2 → Sanyuanqiao → Dongzhimen STA; 20 min, hi-spd: 110 km/hr. **CAUTION: DO NOT lose TIK**

2) Transfer to **Subway line2 > STA 18: Jishuitan station - exit C**

Station 14: 东直门 (Dongzhimen)

It is a transfer station for Line 2 and Line 13.

Attractions nearby: Dongzhimen Bus Terminal - Bus 916 for Huairou for Mutianyu Great Wall.

Station 15: 雍和宫 (Yonghegong - Lama Temple)

It is a big transfer station for Line a and Line 5.

Attractions nearby: Lama Temple, Earth Temple, Confucius Temple and Guozijian.

Station 16: 安定门 (Andingmen)

Station 17: 鼓楼大街 (Guloudajie - Bell Tower Street)

Attractions nearby: Bell Tower, Shichahai, hutong tour

Station 18: 积水潭 (Jishuitan 218)

3) When exit Jishuitan STA -- **EXIT "C"** , **turn L, walk about 10 meters > 1st L (onto Xiaotongjing Hutong)**

4) Follow street as it bends to right, then continue on this street along the side of the lake.

5) When road comes to a "T" at a stone wall (Banqiao 1st Alley), turn L and

6) continue walking about 200 meters to a small intersection with a bridge and beginning of canal.

7) Turn right at far side of canal --- Sleep Inn about 10 meters ahead on your left

ACCM: (p149) **Sleepy Inn Dwnthn 困酒店湖畔;** (p124m 80D2, 154)

Chinese address: 北京市西城区德内大街103号 丽舍什刹海国际青年酒店

No.103 Deshengmen Nei Da Jie, Xicheng District, Beijing 100035, Lynne Chen, MGR; Cathy
10-6406-9954 Email: book@sleepyinn.cn Web: <http://www.sleepyinn.com>

BOOK: D4: CNY80/bed ; ARV: 02 Sep, 2011- 09 Sep 2011; TOT: 7N, Y560

PERKS: BKFST, Lug STOR, TOURS, A/C, Lockers, Air & train tickets booking, Bike Hire,

Cathy Questions:

1) **EMAIL:**

) When I get to "small intersection with bridge", do I cross canal and turn Right alongside the canal? Sleepy Inn is on the canal?

2) **OR ARV:**

) **Ancient (Ruined) Badaling**

) **Capital Water Tours** Tel: 6823-2179 (office) 6821-3366 ext. 4402/4403 (on-site) Tickets: one-way RMB 40, round trip RMB 70

) **C Opera:**

FOOD: **Supermarkets:** [Ole Supermarket](#); [Carrefour](#); [April Gourmet](#); [Jenny Lou's](#);

MISC:

Boating on Houhai

on lake at sunset in Hired Electric (battery) powered motorboats (cost from RMB60 (with RMB240 deposit/hr.) : leisurely end to afternoon.) ten rental places;. most S lake crowded, especially @ bridge bottleneck, N lake larger Watching the sun go down over the lake is just great!

Gold Ingot Bridge:

Silver Ingot Bridge: ? between Houhai and Qianhai lakes. many hutongs in the area

Jinding Bridge is now focal point of all interesting cultural or historic spots within the shishahai (back lakes). walk, or rickshaw ride

Jinjiang Inn Nearby

OTHER BEI HOSTELS I researched

Jinjiang Inn

Nearby **Jinjiang Inn** not so over priced, close to Hutongs, lots of rest. Wifi, beds hard, buy towels, 5-10 min to/from subway station i.e. Jishuitan as well as bus stop, fluent Eng, Jinshanling-Simatai great wall trip was Y150 instead of City Wall's extortionate Y270



Red Lantern House 85% (hutong) hostel:

Red Lantern old East Yard; Red Lantern New W Yard

DORMS: 6-8 \$10, D4 - \$12, 60-70 RMB; East or West Yard

LOCATION: near the Xisi subway stop and walkable to Forbidden City; slow wifi, very cold rooms;

Reviews:

Xiosi SUB STA (10 min) ;

Need shuttle from E to W so know which one I am booked in beforehand;

NEG: cold, staff controlled heater, vVERY COLD, stinky toilets

Houhai Courtyard GH Dm \$10



NO! BEI Downtown BP Accm: 66E2

PEK IYH (48D3) D4-8-12 \$15+ & dn

SW: Far East Youth Hostel 69D570% (S of TSq : 4D 45 rmb; 6D 60rmb

SE: Peking International Youth Hostel ; 8 mix D- \$16.21USD; next to the Forbidden City and close to Tiananmen?

No.5 Beichizi 2(Er)tiao, Dongcheng District, Beijing 100006.



Beijing Lama IH

p152 D4 60

Beijing City Central IH

kit, p151 D ? 60

Zhaolong IH kit, 6 floors

p153 D460 , D2 70???

TO DO

BUY museum pass for 100Y

Walking areas:

- 1) Strolling through Dashilan street, Liulichang (fun shopping ???) street and Yandaixiejie,
- 2) Wangfujing Area "Night" MKT (**LP ? NO , DK81-17**) (Dong Chang'an Avenue in the south to Wusi Street in the north, and from Dongdan Bei Street in the east to Nanheyan Street in the west);
- 3) Lama Temple, the Confucius Temple and Guozijian (Imperial College) along Chengxian Street, Bell Tower, Yandaixiejie and Shichahai area.
- 4) Donghuamen night market

1st DAY: Orient

1D

2nd DAY: Tiananmen Square:(S>N)(LP124m, 130, DK)

2 ¾

1D

⚡ **SUNRISE flag ceremony;** @ sunrise- (5:45am) (LP131) ½ hr
emerge thru Gate of Heavenly Peace across Jie > flag pole

33 Chairman Mao Memorial Hall (open 8:30a) 1 hr
(p124m; 33 E4; 8-noon, DK81m-82) (S side of T Sq) (body)

Don't store camera w/ bag or extra fee

45 Front Gate (p124m; 45 E4, DK81m-?) (actually 2 gates) ½ hr
DK Qian Men (DK81m-2, 84)

Arrow Tower (S of Front Gates)

Orig connected to gates

DK Palace Walls:

Zhengyang Gate (largest of 9 inner city gates) (DK81m-82)

Old Station Building (>E)

¼ hr

46 Great Hall of the People 1 hr
(p124m; 46 E4; 8:39 – 3 pm varies, DK81m-82) (W side of T Sq)
Nat. People's Congress

62 Monument to the People's Heroes ¼ hr
(p124m, 62; 51 E4, DK81m-82) (N of Mao's Hall)
Qingdao granite obelisk w/ bas reliefs

Tiananmen Square's immediate surrounding area:

4 1/4

? C Numismatic MUS: early paper \$? ½ h

34? China National MUS (LP124m; 34E4, DK81m-83) ½h
ceramics / bronzes/Han Au/silver vessel

S of Qian Men (Cianmen) (immediately S)

(SE of) **DK BEI Underground City**

29 Beijing Underground City (LP124m, **29E5, p136,:** DK81m-3, 84) 1 hr
giant bomb shelter, tunnels,

ALSO: POST VISIT: Tongle Hutong, ¼ hr

one of the narrowest **DIRECS:** Exit Tunnels E > 1st alley on R

DK BEI Plan & Exhibition Hall (**EXT ONLY**) (LP124m, 27E4; DK81m-4, 84)

(SW of) **DK Dazhalan & Liulichang HUTONGs** (, DK81m-5, 85) 2 hr

DK S Cathedral (, DK81m-6, 85)

2nd DAY: E of T Sq**2 ¾ h / 7 h****1D****Foreign Legation Quarter walk: (p124m; 42 E4)****DIRECS: Up SE steps from T SQ > Dongjiaomin Xiang (St.)**

Former Dutch Legation No 40

¼ hr

28 Beijing Police MUS (p133, p124m: 28 E4)

1 hr

Banque de L'Indo-Chine No 34 (Faded char)

¼ hr

DIRECS: @ 4a Zhengyi Lu**44 Yokohama Specie Bank (Domed)** (P124 m)

¼ hr

Japanese Legation (R hand/East)

¼ hr

& British Legation (west)**43 French Post Office** No 19

¼ hr

now Jingyuan Sichuan REST)

NEAR former French Legation

60 St. Michael's Church No 11 (p131, p124m:)

¼ hr

& (opposite) Belgian Legation**DIRECS: N on Tajichang (St.)****DIRECS: N wall of Tajichang Dajie is**

¼ hr

⚡ a **Brick St. sign** embedded in N wall of
Tajichang Toutiao w/ old name "**Rue Hart**"

Further E of FOREIGN LEGATION Area**4 1/4 h****DIREC: E a couple of blocks****YES DK Wanfujing "Night" MKT** (LP ? NO , DK81-17)**50 Ming City Wall Ruins Park** (LP P124m: 50: F4, 134, DK81m-19)

1 ½ hr

2km of wall;

⚡ **Imperial City Wall Park & MUS** (p134, p138m:) (SE side of)

LOCATION: 1) N of WangFuLing pedestrianized street **OR (???) 2)** side st. to W leads to
Imperial City Wall Park; runs parallel w/ WangFuJing Jei: night time food stalls.

HIST: Surviving (rebuilt ?) section of ORIG Imperial City wall; Only very short section of main city
wall left standing today; separated IMP family from subjects; followed Metro L2 path (Originally
Yuan dynasty, extended to current 2nd ring-road shape in Ming, 1550, including a rectangular S
land block.) **Climb wall**; if - even meet Keeper of the Wall who ilives in original guard tower.

SE Corner Watchtower (LP125m, 59G4, DK81m-19)**DIREC: E a block**

INT: impressive & splendid carpentry

"Say" going to Art Gallery for free admission to tower etc.

24 Ancient Observatory (p124m: 24 G4)

1 ¼ h

Reproduction of armillary sphere i.e. a celestial globe model of rings & hoops representing
equator, tropics, and other celestial circles; able to revolve on its axis. Used to show the
recurrence of equinoxes & solstices

Pleasant sitting courtyard & garden – more instruments

ON ROOF: Jesuit designed astronomical instruments

Ritan Beilu (park) LPn74m, B1-2, 65**DIREC: NW on Map129 > Jinbao & Chauyangmen INTERSECTION****15 St Joseph's Church** (LP129m p142,: 15 D2)

½ hr

NOTE; 5 HUTONGs between St. Joes & Zihua TEMP

16 **Zihua Temple** (p143, , p129m, 16 F2)

½ hr

authentic cuz avoided restoration)

Shrine; Zihua Gate;

Scriptures Hall –wooden library, magnificent UN restore ceiling;

Ten Thousand Buddha's Hall

Take stair at rear ,if open, clamber up to effigy of Vairocana

39 **Dongyue TEMP** (Dong Yue Miao)(LP124m / 39 G3144, DK81m-15, 93) ½ h

Due E of FC / 1 ½ mi NE of Observatory (24G4) Chaoyang:

1000 Armed Guanyin (at temple rear)

| DAY: | TOTAL | 2D |
|---|-------|-----------|
| S > N Approach > Forbidden City | | 2h |
| Center S > N | | |
| Audio tour – NO (useless, difficult to use). | | |
| 13 Gate of Heavenly Peace (LP138m, DK81m-?) | | ½ hr |
| Largest of 4 such gates | | |
| 5 doors & 7 bridges | | |
| Free walk thru gate, but climbing requires fee | | |
| 8 Duan Gate (LP138m, DK81m-?) (ceiling) | | ¼ hr |
| W side (S>N) | | |
| Zhongshan Park | | ¾ hr |
| (LP138m-B5, P134, S of Site 40 S of FC) | | |
| E side (S>N) | | |
| Worker's Cultural Palace | | ½ hr |
| (LP138m-C5, P134, ; SW side of) | | |
| Huge halls & imperial yellow tiled roofs | | |
| 11 Front Hall Can't find | | |
| 34 Middle Hall | | |
| 38 Rear Hall | | |

NOTE: Get inside early cuZ(S>N) (p138m) DO ALL Cuz 1 day TICKET

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|---|--|---------------|
| FORBIDDEN CITY : 8:30a; (, DK86m-, 84) | | 1D 2h |
| METRO: Tiananamen Xi or Tiananamen Dong | | |
| Audio tour – NO (useless, difficult to use). | | |
| 33 Meridian Gate (TIKs) (LP138m, 33B4; DK86m, | | ¼ hr |
| Golden Stream (DK Golden Water) | | |
| 15 Gate of Supreme Harmony (LP138m, 15B4; DK87m | | ¼ hr |
| 24 Hall of Supreme Harmony (LP138m, 24B3; DK87m,) | | ¼ hr |
| INT: Dragon Throne; Bronze <i>shuigang</i> (vats) | | |
| 21 Hall of Middle Harmony (LP138m, 21B3; DK87m,) | | ¼ hr |
| (transit lounge) | | |
| 23 Hall of Preserving Harmony (LP138m, 23B3; DK87m,) | | ¼ hr |
| REAR: 250 ton marble imperial carriageway | | |
| INNER COURT: (LP138m, DK87m, 88) | | |
| 26 Heavenly Purity Gate (LP138m, 26B2, DK88m, 89m – 1, 88) | | ¼ hr |
| 36 Palace of Heavenly Purity (LP138m, 36B2; 89m – 2, 88) | | ¼ hr |
| 25 Hall of Union (LP138m, 25B2; DK89m – 3, 88) | | ¼ hr |
| 9 Earthly Tranquility Palace (LP138m, 9B2; DK89m – 4, 88) | | ¼ hr |
| 28 Imperial Garden (LP138m, 28B2; DK89m – 5&6, 88) | | ½ hr |
| 29 Imperial Peace Hall (LP138m, 29B1; DK89m - 10) | | ¼ hr |
| Eastern Palaces: (LP138m, DK89m -7--11, 88) | | 1 ¼ hr |
| 7 DK Eternal Harmony Palace | | ¼ hr |
| 8 DK Palace of Abstinence | | ¼ hr |
| 35 Nine Dragon Screen (LP138m, 35C2; DK 89) | | ¼ hr |
| DK IMP Zenith (Supremacy) Hall (LP138m, 30C2; DK89m-10) | | ¼ hr |
| 11 DK Peacefl Longevity Hall | | ¼ hr |

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| Western Palaces: (DK89m -12, 89) | | ¼ hr |
| DK Mental Cultivation Hall (LP138m, 20B2;DK89-12) | ¼ hr | |
| (authentic orig wall paint) | | |
| E Warm Chamber | | |
| DK Palace Walls & Arrow Towers @ ea corner: (DK89m -13 & 14, 8) | ½ h | |
| 3 Chengguang Gate | ¼ hr | |
| Pair of bronze kneeling elephants | | |
| 39 Shenwu Gate | ½ hr | |
| (14 Gate of Devine Prowess DK / Divine Military Genius Gate) | | |
| NW Quadrant: (LP138m, B2) | | 1 ½ h |
| 41 ? Thousand Autumns Pavilion | | |
| 44 ? Western Palaces | | |
| 47 Yikun Palace: <u>authentic orig wall paint</u> | ½ h | |
| 10 ? Eternal Spring Palace | | |
| 20 Hall of Mental Cultivation | | |
| <u>authentic orig wall paint</u> | 1 hr | |
| NE Quadrant: (LP138m, C2) | | 3 ¼ h |
| 31 ? Jadeware Exhibition | | |
| 4 ? Chengqian Hall | | |
| 32 ? Jingren Hall | | |
| 5 ⚡ Clock Exhibition Hall authentic C H2O clock | ½ hr | |
| 43 Well of Concubine Zhen* (C1) | ¼ h | |
| 17 ⚡ Hall of Harmony: <u>Buddha, gems, gold</u> | ½ hr | |
| 18 Hall of Jewellery* | ½ hr | |
| 19 Hall of Joyful Longevity: <u>jade, lazuli</u> | ½ hr | |
| 16 Hall of Character Cultivation | ¼ hr | |
| 2 Changyin Pavilion <u>old Imperial stage</u> | ¼ hr | |
| 30 Imperial Supremacy Hall | ¼ hr | |
| 35 Nine Dragon Screen* | ¼ hr | |
| SW Quadrant: (LP138m, | | 1 ¾ h |
| 27 ? Hongyi Pavilion (B3) | | |
| 22 ? Hall of Military Powers (B3) | | |
| ⚡ Golden Stream (see p138m) | ¼ hr | |
| 46 Xihua Gate (A4) | ¼ hr | |
| 14 Gate of Military Prowess (B4) | ¼ hr | |
| 45 Xihe Gate (B4) | 1 hr | |
| SE Quadrant: | | ¼ hr |
| ? Unmarked bldg. | | |
| 7 Donghua Gate | ¼ hr | |

N of FC: (p124m) START by Metro

9h 1D+

38 Ditan Park (Di Tan)

¾ hr

(p142, p124m: 38 F1, DK81m, 14)

If > art gallery, may waive PK fee

- **48 Lama Temple (LP124m , 48 F2, 141, p, DK81m, 12)**

1 hr

GO SE of Park

GOTO: Xilou Hutong (Exit Lama TEMP going E) > Bailin Temple

36 Confucious Temple & Imperial College

¾ hr

(p142, 36 F2, p124m, DK81m, 13) 2mi N of

Confucious Temple: *bixi* , pailou, forest of stelae,

WANDER: Guozijian Jie **hutong** cafes & shops,

1 hr

40 Drum & Bell Tower

¾ h

Drum performances every ½ hr 9-11:30 & 1:30-5pm

½ hr

(p143, p124m: 40 E2, DK81m, 11) (1 ¼ mi due N of FC)

(**hutongs** nearby; also near Shichahai Lake ???)

¾ hr

impressive views of hutongs from top;



Nanluogu Xiang (LPn72m, 1B3) (LP59)

DK Prince Gong Mansion (Early; 8/8:30)

¾ h

(**LP124m, 55D2, 146; DK81m-10, 90**)

Grand Opera House (on E grounds) (LP159 info)

Phone: time, \$, dress) 6618 6628 TIKs:

**** 26 Beihai Park**

1 hr

(p124, p140: 26 E2, DK81m, 9) (¾ mi N of T SQ)

Large green jade jar

Jade Islet

Thru Yong'an Temple White Dagoba

Xitian Fanjing

Nine Dragon Screen

If XTRA TIME:

Miaoying TEMP 'White Dagoba' (LP124, 49C3, DK81m-99)

¾ h

SE > 49 Miaoying Temple White Gagoba

½ h

171号 Fuchengmen Inner Street, Xicheng

010-66160211 (Hutong) (p147, p124m / 49 C3)

¾ h

DIRECS: L2 > Fuchengmen STA; walk E

47 Jingshan Park

1 hr

(p124m, p142: 47 E3, DK81m, 14) (Immediately N of T SQ)

priceless views at top; hanging tree

West & South of T Sq

6 3/4 h 1D

Due W of T SQ:

32 Capital MUS (p145, p124m / 32 B4, DK81m-22, 94)

1 1/2 h

63 White Cloud Temple (p144, p124m 63B4, DK81m-5, 98)

1/2 h

37 Cow Street Mosque

1/2 hr

(p144, p124m: 37 C5, DK81m-23, 98) (2 1/2 mi SW of T SQ)

41 Fayuan Temple

3/4 hr

(p145, p124m / 41 D5, DK81m-24, 998) (Near Cow Mosque)

THEN detour N >:

58 Songtangzhai MUS

1 hr

(p136, p124m: 58 D5, DK81m-) (SW 1 1/2 mi T Sq)

Traditional Chinese carvings, drum stones, carved lions

106 National Grand Theatre (W of Great Hall)

1/2 hr

DIREC: Metro (p130, p124m, 106 D4, DK)

Due SE walk or taxi

61 Temple of Heaven Park

2 hr

(LP124m, 61E5, 135; DK81m-81m-21, 96 DRAWing) (Due SSE of T Sq about 2mi) ARV early

Traditional approach S gate, N gate an after thought

Temple: Round Alter; Imperial Vault of Heaven (tablets)

Echo Wall;

Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests 1420 astonishing structure

END DAY

Haidian & Xicheng:

(8 ½ h)

1D

SUMMER PALACE: (yiheyuan) (p122m, p146m, 145)

6 h

DIRECS: p 146; LPn70, 69 (via Xiyuan STA &Exit C or Beigong men (L4)

Kumming Lake

Hall of Benevolence & Longevity

½

(p146m, @E gate)

Hardwood throne; bronze animals in courtyard

N Shore:

Long Corridor (N shore)

½

Longevity Hill

¾

N-S axis on hillside -temples

Buddhist Fragrance Pavillion

½

Cloud Dispelling Temple

½

Buddhist Temple of

the Sea of Wisdom (at top)

½

Cixi's Marble Boat

¼

Qing boathouses

¼

South Lake Island (DIREC: Ferry >)

¾

Dragon King Temple

¼

17-arch bridge(DIREC: back> shore)

¼

Suzhou Street (C1)

1

Boat / cruise to Summer Palace (124m, 126B2)

Capital Water Tours 资本水上旅游 Tel: 6823-2179 (office) 6821-3366 ext. 4402/4403 (on-site) Tickets: one-way RMB 40, round trip RMB 70

boat boarding: behind Zoo's Exhibition Center: at top of a road that runs between Exhibition Centre and Zoo.

Closest METRO: Exhibition Centre is just W of **Xi Zhi Men STA (lines 2, 4, and 13)** and just E of Beijing Zoo Station (line 2 ALSO reverse option) Beizhan Houhu (北展后湖) Beijing Zhanlanguan (Beijing Exhibition Center, 北京展览馆).



Boat Timetable

Depart Bayi Lake/Yuyuantan Park 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00

Depart (Beijing Zoo ???) Beizhan Back Lake 9:30, 13:00 and 15:30

Depart Summer Palace for Bayi Lake 9:05, 10:05, 11:05, 14:05, 16:05

Depart Summer Palace for Beizhan Back Lake 10:45, 15:15

Call to confirm schedule and ticket availability as prices and times are subject to change.

The ticket booth and pier are a kilometer south of the South Gate of the Summer Palace. Above-deck seating is limited so arrive early. Standing on deck is permitted.

Reservations cannot be made over the phone. Charters and night rides may be arranged. The eastern route is nine kilometers, the southern route is 10 kilometers; trip time for either route is less than an hour total

Route:

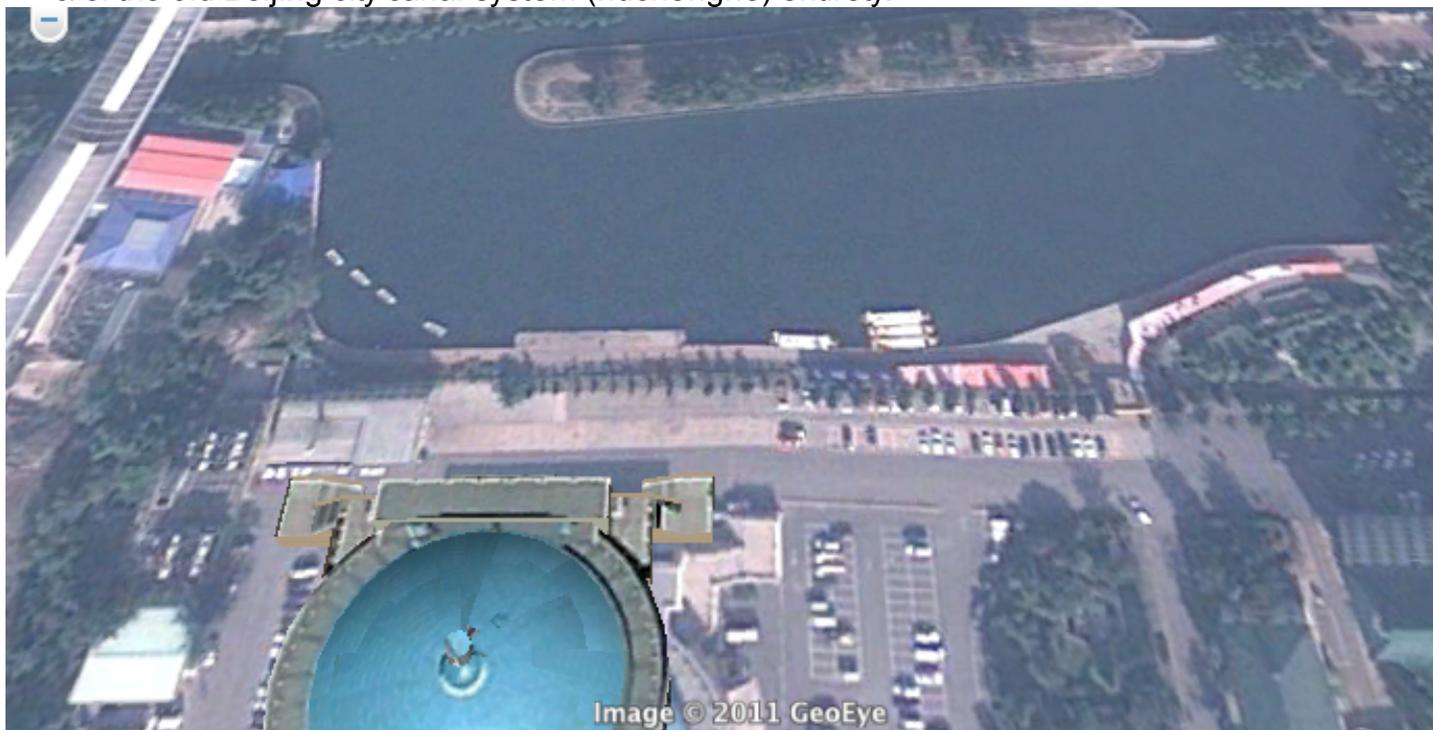
NEARBY :

Friendship Store: see C TO DO NOTES fro address & map

14-boat fleet: faux barges-like ancient imperial pleasure ships w/ dragonheads. Also modern boats: two sizes; largest – outdoor seating

SUM PAL (S) > Zoo: Kunming Lake wharf > Long River Bridge (changhe qiao):. On W: Military Command College camouflaged in residential area > Eternal Spring Bridge (changchun qiao) > Changhewan Wharf. (canal forks) > E: > Wanshousi Temple & Wanshousi dock (Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), Empress Dowager Cixi's day-long pleasure cruises > Wanshousi, then sedan chair carried back to Summer Palace) > elegantly refurbished Purple Bamboo Park >

NOTE: This E-W canal section once connected to Beijing's central lake district: Houhai, Beihai, Zhongnanhai and the moat around the Forbidden City. Not now navigable, but plans to reopen & of the old Beijing city canal system (huchenghe) entirety.



Old Summer Palace (p147, p122m, 9 C1, DKm(use LP), but DK 100-102SPECLAY)

Aka Yuanming Yuan 2 ½ h

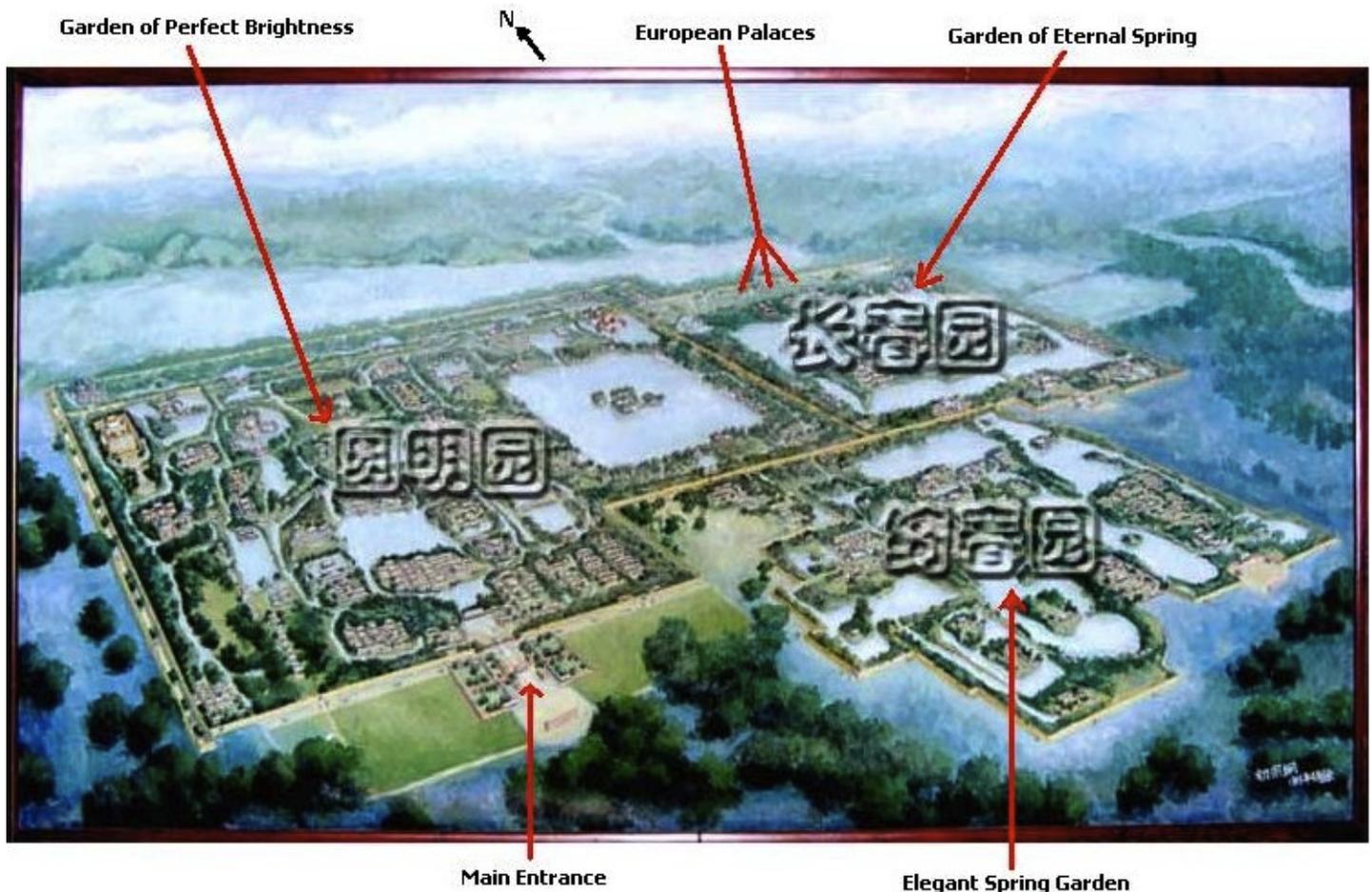
DIRECS: LP147, DK1021) Minibus FROM New Summer PAL > old Summer PAL (Y10)

- Eternal Spring Garden ¾ h
- Great Fountain Ruins ¼ h
- Garden of Yellow Flowers ½ h
- Perfection & Brightness Garden ½ h
- 10,000 Spring Garden ½ h

W of Summer Palace

IF TIME

½ D



7 Fragrant Hills Park (LP122m, 7A2 p147,)

2 ¾ h

aka Xiang Shan PK

DIRECS: BUS 360 from ZOO OR BUS 318 from PingguoyuenMETRO STA : L #1

- Incense-Burner Peak (chairlift) ¾ h
- Azure Clouds Temple (N gate) ¼ h
- Mountain Gate Hall ¼ h
- > small courtyard: Drum & Bell towers) ¼ h
- >hall: Statute of Milefo ¼ h
- > next hall: statutes, golden carved dragon, ¼ h
- Sun Yatsen Memorial Hall: glass coffin ¼ h
- @very back: marble Vajra Throne Pagoda ¼ h
- Hall of Arhats: 500 luohan STATS ¼ h

5 Beijing Botanical Gardens: (p148, p122m / 5 A2) 1 ¼ h

Walk

1 h

Temple of the Reclining Buddha & shoes

Bee Museum of China west side of the Botanical Gardens in the Fragrant Hills

Address: Beijing Botanic Garden, west of Sleeping Buddha Temple, Fragrant Mountain

Opening Hours: All year around (except November 15-March 5 the next year)

Tel: 8610-82594910, 8610-8259009

SE of Old Summer Palace (Kicheng; Sleepy Inn)

3 ¾ h

½ D

30 IF TIME Beijing Zoo (p147, p124m / 30 B2)

1 ½ h

Pandas

If XTRA TIME:

C MIL HIST MUS: DK81m-26, 99 – way to the W of TSq

DAY TRIPS:

GENERAL INFO:

midweek travel is always better than weekend travel, particularly true at destinations easily tackled in a weekend, such as Wutai Shan and Pingyao.

Ming Tombs: (SEE G MAP pdf) (LP171 , DK104 **SPECLAY**)

DIRECS:(if NOT by Tour) **LP172:**

Entry road: “Spirit Way”: triumphal arch; Great Palace Gate; giant *bixi* ; & largest C stele; 12 stone & animal guards.

Chang Ling: impressive yellow tiled gate, series of magnificent halls , 3tiered marble terrace, Hall of Eminent Favors: breath taking INT: w/ Cedarwood columns

Ding Ling: underground interlocking vaults, vast self-locking marble doors

Eastern Qing Tombs (LP172, DK109 **SPECLAY)**

DIRECS: BEST w/ weekend Line “E” tour bus (LP172) 6:30am-8:30am from **BEI Sightseeing Bus Center** (LP124, 124E4)

“**Spirit Way**”: (Best) , but many tombs:

EMP Kangxi:

EMP Qianlong: beamless stone chambers; Tibetan & Sanskrit bas-reliefs; & Buddhist Bodhisttvas reliefs (unique)

Empress Dowager Cixi: tomb, Ding Dong Ling, SEE Phoenix symbol of Empress Cian above EMP’s dragon symbol

Marco Polo Bridge (SW off LP122m)(LP172, DK110) IF LOTS of X Time

DIRECS: BUS 6 from N gate of Temple of Heaven Park > LAST stop @ Liuli Bridge; THE BUS 339 or 309 > Lugou XinqiaoMEM Hall : War of Remembrance against Japan

Peking Man (DK111,) 8:30-4:30 500,000 BPE **PROBABLY NOT**

1D

TRANS: 48km SW of BEI ONLY i

Tianqiao BUS STA : BUS 917 > Fangshan; Bus 2 or taxi to site

INFO: No bones, small MUS, run down, Place charisma

Zhoukoudian is a small village situated about 50 km southwest, One half kilometre north, one finds a narrow pass leading to a basin. Baerhe stream wriggles out of the pass and flows down south. It passes then to the west of Zhoukoudian and finally drains into Liulihe about 10 km south of the village. The Peking Man Site is just on the west side of Zhoukoudian Village.

REMEMBER: BUS > Chengde also passes Jinshanling GW

CHENGDE > Shanhaiguan (Hebei):

5D

Train SCHEDs: [http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special: CNTrainSearch](http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch)

NOTE: ADDED OPTIONS:

Chengde > BEI RETURN w/ day in Jnshanling GW hike

CHENGDE (p183m, 187, 188m, DK122-127 **SPECLAY**)

(1T, 1 D, 2N)

TRANS-IN:

BUS: hrly, 4 hr, FROM:

Liuliqiao LD BUS STA (LP124m, 130A5)

Sihui LD BUS STA (LP 122, 16H5)

exit @ Chengde TRN STA, if possible

BEI Return: Minibus for BEI: every 20 mon., 4hr,

TRN: 4/hr, 8;05am, ARV: 12:31p; **TIK OFF in S ortion ???**

Beijing > Chengde

<http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

Main BEI RR STA (1号 Beijing Station West Street, Dongcheng, Beijing, China [北京站](#) > Chengde

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| K7711 | Beijing - Chengde | Beijing (北京) | 08:05 | Chengde (承德) | 12:31 | 256 | C |
| 2251/2253/2256/225 7 | Beijing - Dandong | Beijing (北京) | 12:15 | Chengde (承德) | 17:17 | 256 | C |

TrainNo: **K7711**

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| Tongzhou West | 通州西 | 08:24 | 08:26 | 18 | 00:19 |
| Huairou | 怀柔 | 09:05 | 09:07 | 68 | 01:00 |
| Xinglong County | 兴隆县 | 10:35 | 10:37 | 155 | 02:30 |
| Chengde | 承德 | 12:31 | - | 256 | 04:26 |

ACCM:

Ming's Dynasty Hotel: Chezhan Lu, Zhongzhuzhai Lu Bei, Chengde, Hebei Province, China ; bar/café, WIFI, DM: \$6US Amer woman & C husband; near TRN STA
Booking: Hostelworld <http://www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Ming-s-Dynasty-Hostel/Chengde/51149#availability>

DIRECS:

FROM TRAIN STATION:

Exit TRN STA, turn L onto main road (Chezhan Lu).

Continue walking, about 5-10 minutes, until you reach a small branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC).

After ICBC, take a L down alley.

Ming's Dynasty Hostel will be on left, between . Look for our sign on the left. **If you cross the railroad tracks, you've walked too far.**

Chengde Qain Yang Youth Hostel 86-4008106868; 8, Eacircle city of east road , Chengde, Hebei Province, China

SITES:

DK idea: 1 day leisurely walk interior, 2nd day taxi outer TEMPs

3 EMP- Kangxi

The Wall;

OUTSIDE MAIN GATE: 1st DAY (LP189)

11 Guandi (Wumiao) TEMP: several Halls (LP)

Shanmen Hall: Green (or Blue) Dragon & White Tiger (or White Lion)

Chongwen Hall:

Shengmu Hall

Hall ahead: Guandi STAT: 2 stelae

R hall:

L Hall:

Hall of the 3 Clear ones

Center rear hall:

INSIDE WALL: 1st DAY Bishu Shanzhuang

5:30am-6:30pm (LP188, 190)

Lizheng (Main) Gate: (LP188m, 190,

12 Main Palace

Imperial Palaces:

Main Palace (9 courtyards & wings

1st: Hall of Simplicity & Sincerity

Study of Four Knowledges

Pine Crane Palace (190,)

10 Boat Rental

Fragrant Garden House (Fangyuanju)

Ruyi Island

13 Misty Rain Tower

21 Wenjin Pavillion

22 Yongyousi Pagoda

Hhuidiji Gate (E gate)

Beizhen Twin Peaks

Ancient Pavilion (Guju Ting)

Xibei Gate (N gate)

(W gate) **Befeng Gate**

8 OUTER TEMPs: 2nd DAY (LP190-192, DK 124 SPECLAY)

- ⚡ **15 Puning Si TEMP:** wooden Guanyin STAT
stele pavilion:
Hall of Heavely Kongs
Mahavira Hall:
 @ rear steep step (can climb) > gate tower
 Mahayana Hall: some bldgs are actuall slid false bldg
 * Guanyin golden STAT

- ⚡ **20 Sumeru TEMP:** Hapiness & Longevity

- ⚡ **17 Putuozongcheng TEMP:**
Stele pavilion
3 Arch w/ 5 stupas
2 Gates: elephants
Red Palace – Look up !!!!!
 Restored courtyard
 Sandalwood pagodas
 kapala bowl (young girl's skull)
 Main Hall: climb for views

14 Pule Si TEMP

Nearbyviews & tram

Club Rock 30 min walk

Toad Rock: views

18 Puyou NO!!! Too damaged & run down

Xumisushou Zhi Miao

19 Shuxiang Si TEMP

Guang'an TEMP

Arhat Hall RUINS

Red Palace:

TRANS OUT: > Shanhaiguan via Qinhuangdao **SEE TRANS on next page**

BUS > Qinhuangdao: 5/day; 4-5 hr,

From E Bus STA () (8km S of Chengde TRN STA -- use Bus 118 or taxi)

TRN:

NO Direct TRN > Shanhaiguan: SO, TRN back> BEI, THEN> Shanhaiguan or BUS > Qinghuangdao > Shanhaiguan

SCHEDs: <http://www.cnvol.com>

<http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

Shanhaiguan & Shanhaiguan Pass (LP195, DK 128) (AVOID WEEKEND ARV) DK106-108 "Great Wall" SPECLAY

BEI OPTION: IF RETURN > BEI & THEN > Shanhaiguan:

D5: Sleek Express > Sheyang (2hr) soft seat (9:20a : stop Shanhaiguan 11:27

DK106-108 "Great Wall" SPECLAY

TRANS:

- 1) **TOUR** from BEI, or
- 2) **TRANS:** Chengde > Shanhaiguan via Qinhuangdao
 - 1) **BUS > Qinhuangdao:** 5/day; 4-5 hr,
From E Bus STA () (8km S of Chengde TRN STA -- use Bus 118 or taxi)
a few in morning & a few more early afternoon. **express bus:** 4 hr / 90 rmb.
 - 2) **Qinhuangdao City > Shanhaiguan :** bus No.25 or 33 (front of TRN STA on Yingbin Lu)
(05:50-19:30; 15 km / 90min) (支)

TRN STA: 经常往返北京——

秦皇岛，其实秦皇岛是一个非常小的站，虽然离北京很近，但很多

??? at Sidaoqiao Bus STA in Qinhuangdao City > Shanhaiguan Nanmen (the South Gate of Shanhaiguan Pass)

LOCAL TRAN: tricycles Y2 in town

many Taxis: have a photo sheet showing sites -- making it easier to communicate.

ACCM:

Lida hotel/restaurant now destroyed **but** new version now called **Kouan Bingguan** (口岸宾馆) -- right in front of **LD bus station in Shanghaiguan** (汽车站: hotel & bus STA on **Dongdal** 东大路

DIRECS: taxi or walk from train station; 15-25 min walk;

D3 bed: 60-80, but negotiate > 40 kuai, not terribly clean, but OK; sink & toilet in rooms, no showers.

Phone numbers : 0335-5051479 – reception; owners' cell is 138-0338-6244. (he speaks few, very difficult, Eng words)

Only other option in town: is expensive **Jinshan Binguan** (京山宾馆), near "the first pass under heaven"; inside city wall - everything dead, pay 200 yuan; very nice though, in old chinese way.

2 hotels have foreigners permission?

Jing Shan Hotel (directly N of entrance to ???). takes foreigners, consists of several buildings both N & S of First Pass w/ courtyards between them. Rooms Y180 & up : Sep (Seems to suggest either to similar named places of confusing address??)

SITES:

Cable car

4 Dabai Pavillion (rebuilt) (LP197m, 4A1)

5 Drum Tower (rebuilt) (LP197m, A1)

City Walls

E>W running Hutongs (original) w/in Walls

NEAR Shanhaiguan Pass is **Great Wall Museum**, which displays military relics and details the history of the Shanhaiguan Pass.

6 First Pass under Heaven (aka E Gate) (LP197m, 196, 6A1) (天下第一关)

DIRECS: BUS 25 from A Gate

E tower: "Zhendong Tower"; area between sea & mts;

Mini-MUS & Tower (Climb)

- 13.7 mtrs (44.95 feet) high w/2 floors. **On tower** - big board w/5 huge Chinese characters 'tian xia di yi guan' (the First Pass under Heaven) inscribed by Ming DYN calligrapher. From Zhendong Tower top: 1 DIRECT: rolling sea, otgher DIREC:
- NOTE: Jingbian Tower, Linlu Tower, Muying Tower & Weiyuantang Hall on the same axis w/Zhendong Tower: a strong protective screen.
- Zhendong Gate: (part of tower ???)

NOTE: This gate (E gate) has a circuoalar 'enciente' attached to it , as did others originally

7) GW MUS (长城博物馆), (LP197m, 7A1)

DIRECS: 1) SE gate (near train station)> old town, 2) walk N along E wall). If open.



8 N Gate (LP197m, 8A1)

attached wall being restored (climb – DIRECS : LP197)

9 Wang Family Courtyard (LP197m, 9A1)

10 W Gate (LP197m, 10A1)

Excavated outlines of enciente visible

Ming DYN road slabs

Laolongtou GW (Old Dragon's Head) (LP197m, 4A1, 196) = most eastern beginning of GW extending into Bohai Sea.: peninsula-like sensation. **AVOID BUYING TIK – see LP196**

Jiaoshan GW: (DK128) says: 2mi N of town

HIKE up or cable car

Jiumenkou Great Wall option if time: p366 15km N of Shanhaiguan Pass; only section that intentionally forded a river – Jiujiang RIV

SEE NEXT PAGE

Jiumenkou Great Wall option if time: p366 15km N of Shanhaiguan Pass; only section that intentionally forded a river – Jiujiang RIV

TRANS:

FROM: Shanhaiguan Pass Stop:

Taxi: 15 km NE of Shnhaiguan; 30 RMB., BUS - inconvenient

Minibuses > destination. Visit Time: 3 hrs

Minibuses (in season ???)

SITE:

Cable car

Qixian Monastery 祁县寺 ? (Jloshan MON)

hike to from Jiumenkou GW

Jiujiang: VERY peaceful & few peeps



TRANS OUT: > Beijing

Shanhaiguan > Qinhuangdao:

Reverse the bus

Qinhuangdao > Beijing:

EXP TRNS: 0636, 0725, 1510 (3:10p) , 1947 (747p)

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4) NO Changshoushan MT: (Longevity Mountain)

5) NO Yansaihu Lake

Badaling GW DK106-108 "Great Wall" SPECLAY

Opening Hours: 06:40 to 18:30

MOST touristy, renovated, crowded, easy to reach

LOCATE: over 70 kilometres (43 miles) NW of Beijing.

SITE:

Great Wall MUS: (DK108,)

WALKING STRAT:

If you same bus back > city; then use Cable car to top, walk around and then hke down to BUS TER; 4 hrs (Cable car RT- 2 hrs)

DK: to avoid crowds quickly walk as far E or W of entrance

TRANS:

Badalng, Juyongguan & Ming Tombs BUS (LP124, 127D1,



a) Walk from Deshengmen bus stop (next pic)

b) to tower building where Bus 919 originates

NOTES: Take WATER!

1) Take Bus 919 (Y12) at Deshengmen (LP124m, 127D1)



There are 3 places w/ numbered 919 buses: all NOT go > Badaling – only one. DEPENDS on which direction you are coming from towards the tower

NO --- 1st parking lot w/ buses numbered 919

NO --- a bus stop just behind the (first) parking lot numbered 919

'fast' bus scam: 'slow' bus cost 20 RMB ; fast bus: 40 RB CUZ correct fare IS 12 RMB so ignore.

YES --- he pointed to beside the tower building, well out of sight from where we were standing; just a minute's walk

CAUTION: walk ALL THE WAY to Deshengmen: a whole block E of the Jishuitan Subway Exit A.
: cross the road at end of block, going underneath an overpass road.

NO: On your way you will encounter another 919 bus station (quite close to Jishuitan Exit A) –
GOES > CITY -- WRONG

BOGUS minibus touts: "official tourist information volunteers" w/ red badges on --- walk
away, further towards E, to find Deshengmen bus stop & CORRECT Badaling 919 bus.
headed for Badaling departs.

From Line 2: Jithustan subway Exit A.

- 1) Exit building (L or R then L or R again ???) TO follow sidewalk EAST for 2000 ft as the Badaling 919 GW bus stop is located on N side of huge monument - Deshengmen Watchtower.
- 2) You pass three 919 bus stops-- **don't stop** . Continue to walk until the sidewalk curves left to the Deshengmen Watchtower.
- 3) Cross @ cross walk to watchtower -- be careful- no PED roght-of-way.
- 4) Soonn U see 2 rows of buses: correct 919 bus stop is on L side
- 5) Look for 919 bus stop sign (in both English and Chinese) or look for tourist with guide books.
- 6) Scan BUS card & take seat. you let the driver know where you are heading and sit/stand as close to the front of the bus as possible - 9 out of 10 drivers or passengers will tell you when your stop is coming up.

DROPPED OFF POINT: at the Bus terminal on the Southside of the Balding Great Wall :: Facilities:
stores, , Ticket booths, cable car:

Side notes:

- 1) food stall behind the exit A building - sells chinese pork / chicken burritos for 5 Yuan filled with bean sprout last food place I saw until the Great Wall, **ALSO btl water**
Badaling ARV: GOTO TIK off ; buy TIK You will be dropped off (as I was)

WALKING STRAT: If same bus back > BEI; then 1) Cable car to top, 2) walk around & 3) then hike down to BUS TER; 4 hrs (Cable car RT- 2 hrs)

southward to the highest point Haohanpo (heroes slope) and northward to Shierlou (twelve buildings) with a length of about 3,700 meters (2.3 miles)

HIST :

PURPOSE: Ming Dynasty defense against Mongolian people:

CONSTRUCT: wall = huge bar-stones & bricks. Wall INT: rammed earth w/ small stones = very firm & strong. DIMEN: -TOP: actually a brick paved road 6 mtrs (20 feet) wide: 5 horses abreast; archer's firing holes drilled in side; "barrel-drain" & moat both inside & outside wall -- paramount military fortification focus.

SITE: Very steep slope, tortuous roads = MIL stronghold = 'strong dragon winding its way along the mountain ranges – like'; most well-preserved section; average altitude of over 1,000 meters (3,282 feet ; average 7.5 meters (8.2 yards) HI, 4 mtrs (4.4 yards) thick, 6.5 mtrs (7.1 yds) wide @ base ; 5.8 mtrs (6.3 yds) at top.

FEATURES:

2 gate towers: 1 tablet inscribed w/ "outpost to Juyongguan" hung on E gate & 1 tablet inscribed w/ "the lock of the northern gateway" hung on W gate

GW MUS:

"Watching Beijing Rock": E of fortress is huge rock,; 7 met mtrs (7.7 yards) long and 2 mtrs (2.2 yards) high. STORY: When Eighth Allied Forces invaded Beijing in 1900, the Empress Dowager Cixi made short stop here while fleeing > N: looked toward Beijing and recalled her comfortable life in Forbidden City .

Signal fire platforms is blockhouse built on wall top to send warning signals; amount of smoke & gunfire released conveyed specific military enemy information. 1 smoke puff + 1 gun shot = 100 enemies; 2 smoke puffs + 2 gun shots = 500 enemies; 3 smoke puffs + 3 gun shots = 1,000 enemies. Then, sequential platforms fired

The top of the wall is which could allow five or six horses to pass through side by side

2) ??? Ancient / Ruined Badaling Great Wall

LOCATE: Least tourists

10km southwest of the restored Badaling Great Wall

DIRECS: ???

Distance: 150km (95 mi) one way

TRANS: ???

HIKE:

Hiking Time: 2-4 hours

Hiking Level: Intermediate

Round trip hiking takes approx.3 hrs with 5-6 towers on the wall.

Starting point: Shixia Pass, an open place ; ENTER & turn right (east) and start your hike

HIST of Shixia Pass used to link both the east and west sections of the Ruined Badaling Great Wall. It was blasted to the ground in 1644 when Li Zicheng (1606–1645) led his troupes having a fierce fighting with Ming defence soldiers. Li Zicheng was a Chinese rebel leader who overthrew the Ming Dynasty and ruled over China briefly as emperor of the short-lived Shun Dynasty

Be well prepared, wearing closed shoes and long trousers, sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, lots of water.

W section WILD WALL forbidden

E section ONLY

Only partially restored, more adventurous, not easy to climb. (overnight camping allowed)

Dongmenying Village, (东门营村), Zhangshanying Town, Yanqing County Ancient Cliff House

Ancient Cliff Dwellings 延庆县张山营镇东门营村

LOCATE: 90km (57 miles); Daily 7am-7pm. RMB 40

TRANS:

Bus:

- 1) Take Bus 919 大站快 from Deshengmen **德胜门** (LP124m, 127D1) to Yanqing Dacaiyuan,
- 2) then change to Bus 920 (下营) or a minibus to Xiaying.
- 3) Next, change to a minibus heading to Guyaju.
- 4) Dongmenying Village then follow signs for about 2km

SITE:

Ancient Cliff House, carved in gravelly rock mountain, NW of Dongmenying Village of Zhangshanying Town, largest ancient C cliff residence. more than 130 remaining caves. Construction date can't be verified.

Soft rock = easy cutting , but much weathering = subject to dangerous hazards ie. collapse due to rainwater leak. Preservation & chemical protection project lightning-prone area. caused a large-area mountain collapse installed an advanced lightning protection

many 20 meters tall lightning rods installed in dangerous tourist sections; intergrated w/ metal guardrails = forming integrated lightning protection network. modified height and color of lightning rods to fit in with the mountain,.



??? **Huangyaguan Pass** / Taiping Mountain Stronghold (Yellow Cliff Pass --nearby yellowish hills and rocks) **黄崖关: LP176m**, marathon race

LOCATION: 126 km (78 miles) N of Tianjin City Center

HIKING DIST/TIME: 6km / 2-2.5hr / all year

TRANS:

- 1) **METRO:** Jishuitan STA (E >S) > Jianguomen STA > L1 (E) > **Shui STA** (S)
- 2) **Walk** (S) to Sihui LD BUS STA (**LP122m, 16H5,**)
- 3) **Sihui LD BUS STA** (**LP122m, 16H5,**) > Jixian County: every 10 min; 0630 to 1930.
- 4) **Jixian County > Huangyaguan Pass** of GW:

Taxi: (1 hr / Y50)

Minibus:

- 1) Tricycle from Jixian Passenger Station > to Gulou Xikou (also Xiguan) (Y 3-4)
- 2) In Gulou Xikou, many minibuses > Huangyaguan Great Wall. (bus holds 7-8 peeps/ Y 5-10); goes when full.

FEATURE: miniature of GW 20 Various water towers styles , water pass, restored 20 terraces, the Huangya Water Gate, and the Bagua (Baguaguan) Castle (the Eight Diagrams Castle).

Defensive system is complete: watch towers, frontier cities, drain holes, emplacements, barracks and other indispensable military facilities neatly arranged along wall.

GW stele forests, Beiji Temple, exhibition hall of famous couplets, Great Wall Museum (1st Great Wall MUS on wall) & Phoenix Fortress newly rebuilt INT. GW library-like

Dramatic: **visually overwhelming:** hi on mt ridge; To E is cliff, to W, crags; winds dragon-like; north entrance of Jinxian.

Dangerous: **Steep** w/ irregular height steps for ruff terrain; look down, then feel dizzy.

Beautiful: mountain scenery, **waterfalls** and springs.

Ancient: 1400+ years, 1st built in Tianbao 7th of Beiqi (557 A D), repaired in Ming Dynasty w/ bricks; 2nd time in 1985 by Tianjin people from Banlagang Mt

Heartbreak Hill (INter'l marathon race) starting form 1999

Taiping Mountain Stronghold

6 mi NW of Huangyaguan Pass, high stronghold in Xiaopingan Village. Purpose to control Chongshan Valley east of Huangyaguan Pass City.

Qi Jiguang's stone statue & tower erected by twelve widows

Jinshanling 金山岭 > Simatai Tour: 1D: \$78 (LP169)

LOCATE: wild & original Wall sections

150 km from downtown Beijing

125 km NE of Bei. connected to Simatai section to E. ; to W is S section.

E > Simatai; w > Gubeikou; most difficult hiking

TRANS: **CONFUSED**



The Guide Sketch of Jinshanling Great Wall



1) **TOUR: LP recommends a backpacker tour for TRANS ease (Y180)**

2a) MINI BUS OR BUS

1) Dongzhimen TRANSPORT HUB STA 东直门交通枢纽站 (128m, 40A2): BUS 980 > Miyun

密云县 County (5:50a-8p)

2) THEN, local tourist bus or minibus to Gubeikou & Jinshanling Great Wall



OR 2c)

BUS at Liuliqiao Long Distance Bus Station, (08:00 and 18:00; hrly; (LP124m, 130A5,) > Chengde STOP @ Jinshanling Intersection,

Taxi or walk > Jinshanling Great Wall.

RETURN > Beijing from Jinshanling Great Wall: 3-27-2011

1) take a **local van** from Jinshanling to Bus Station for BUS 980 in the downtown Miyun County. Very often there are some vans waiting at parking area around Jinshanling.

2) direct **BUS 980 (last fast bus 6:30p; last slow bus 7:30)** from Miyun County to downtown Beijing - Dongzhimen (near Dongzhimen Subway Station of Line 2)

TO DO: Cable car > top

(???) Night Great Wall (2mi) & an eight hundred meters (0.5 miles) cable way. Don't miss

HIKE 10km from Jinshanling (18 towers) to Simatai's 1st tower (19th) then backtrack to Jinshanling. w/ stunning views; over 2.5-3 hrs travel. RMB 150 (£15),

More remote & rugged, some sections almost vertical & poor condition = difficult climbing, some damaged sections: no wind break protection. Reward: most spectacular

CHAR: (temp. closed???)

2nd longest continuous section, no tourist stuff, classic views, (Ming Wall ???), peaceful, easy,

Watchtowers: various designs & functions, 1 tiered or 2-tiered. First floor has arrows shooting windows ; roofs: also varied: flat, arched, quadrangular or octagonal. Some Tower uses: store weapons & hay; soldiers' bedrooms.M

Most celebrated: Big & Small Jinshan Watchtowers.

Big Jinshan Watchtower: 2 tiers connected by stone stairs. Top tier: small room for soldiers' sleepin; unque structure: rafters & eaves made from polished bricks.

Small Jinshan Watchtower: constructed by soldiers from Zhejiang & Jiangsu PROV to remind of hometowns; named Jinshan after a pavilion's on Jiangxin Island in Zhanjiang.

Equally important: each has a legend

Wangjinglou Tower: stone bars carried to the mountain top by Er Lang Shen, the nephew of the Jade Emperor

General Tower: commemorate Wu Guihua, a heroine who sacrificed herself to resist northern invader's invasion in the Ming Dynasty.

Black Tower & Taochun Tower: commemorate two girls, Heigu and Taochun, who made great contributions to the construction of the Great Wall.

Also: The Wall for Preventing the Horses, the Retaining Wall, the Bricks with Words Written on and the Kylin Screen: renowned & worth a visit.

Meanwhile, there is a three-kilometer (two miles) ???

YES Mutianyu [moo-tyen-yoo]: Mutianyu (Chinese: 慕田峪; pinyin: Mùtiányù)

LOCATE:

Closest: In Huairou County; 70-90 km NE od BEI; connected w/ **Jiankou** in W & Lianhuachi & **Jinshanling** in E

PERKS: cable car,

TRANS: **CONFUSION**

1) EXIT Dongzhimen subway' Exit B': (LP128m, 40A1) bus stop is literally right there. NOTE: Will also see Airport Express entrance right there).

2) 2 shuttle buses from Dongzhimen STA:

#936: 0600-1400 , hrly, **2.5 hr** **BLOGGER: BEST** cuz **DIRECT**

#916: 5:30a – 1800p evry 20min, 2.5 hr

Tricky part: SEVERAL 916# bus options.

Really SLOW 916#:

A/C 916 stops several places

Finally, 'seldom stop – **fast**' #916:

* Blogger took A/C cuz 1st to come & few peeps.

3) **STOP:** Huairou Inter'n'l Conference Center STA: I asked the bus lady to let me know which stop to get off at for Mutianyu Great Wall and she did. ----- " avoid Touts demands--

4) **Taxi or Mini van:** about 60RMB return including waiting; don't pay him until back at bus stop later. Set a time.

TRANS > BEI: reverse i.e **936** **MAY** be best

SITE:

HIKE Options:

1) Cable car RT (.#14 Tower / bldg.)

2) Cable car UP; slide down (#6 Tower / bldg.)

3) **MY OPTION:** 1) Hike S footpath > top, Back & forth loop of all towers, 2) slide down

ALSO: China Dream Stones City > S at bottom

From parking lot, buy TIKs: 2 TIK OFF near parking lot – N & S

No. 10, 8, 6 Buildings to climb down along the footpath, or No. 6 Building to take the slide way

HIST:

Built in mid-6th century during **Northern Qi**, older than Badaling.Ming DYN , General Xu Da supervision. 1404, a pass was built in wall. 1569, Mutianyu GW rebuilt ; most parts well preserved; lafrgest construction scale & best quality; ruthless Emp. Wenxuan

FEATURES:

Great Wall: Most unique characteristics?: Built mainly w/ **granite**, 7-8 mtr x 4-5 mtr W.

20 Watchtowers: most densely placed, numbered from R > L-- #1-# 20 (ie. E > W) , snaking for 2,250-mtrs., 20th tower: GW's highest point; triple tower; & battlements on the both sides (some saw-toothed) (vs. 1 side as w/ others); square embrasures the top of which are designed in an arc structure, different from the traditional round embrasures.

Crenelated outer and inner parapets are with **merlons**, so shots could be fired at enemy **on both sides** - a feature very rare on other parts of the Great Wall.

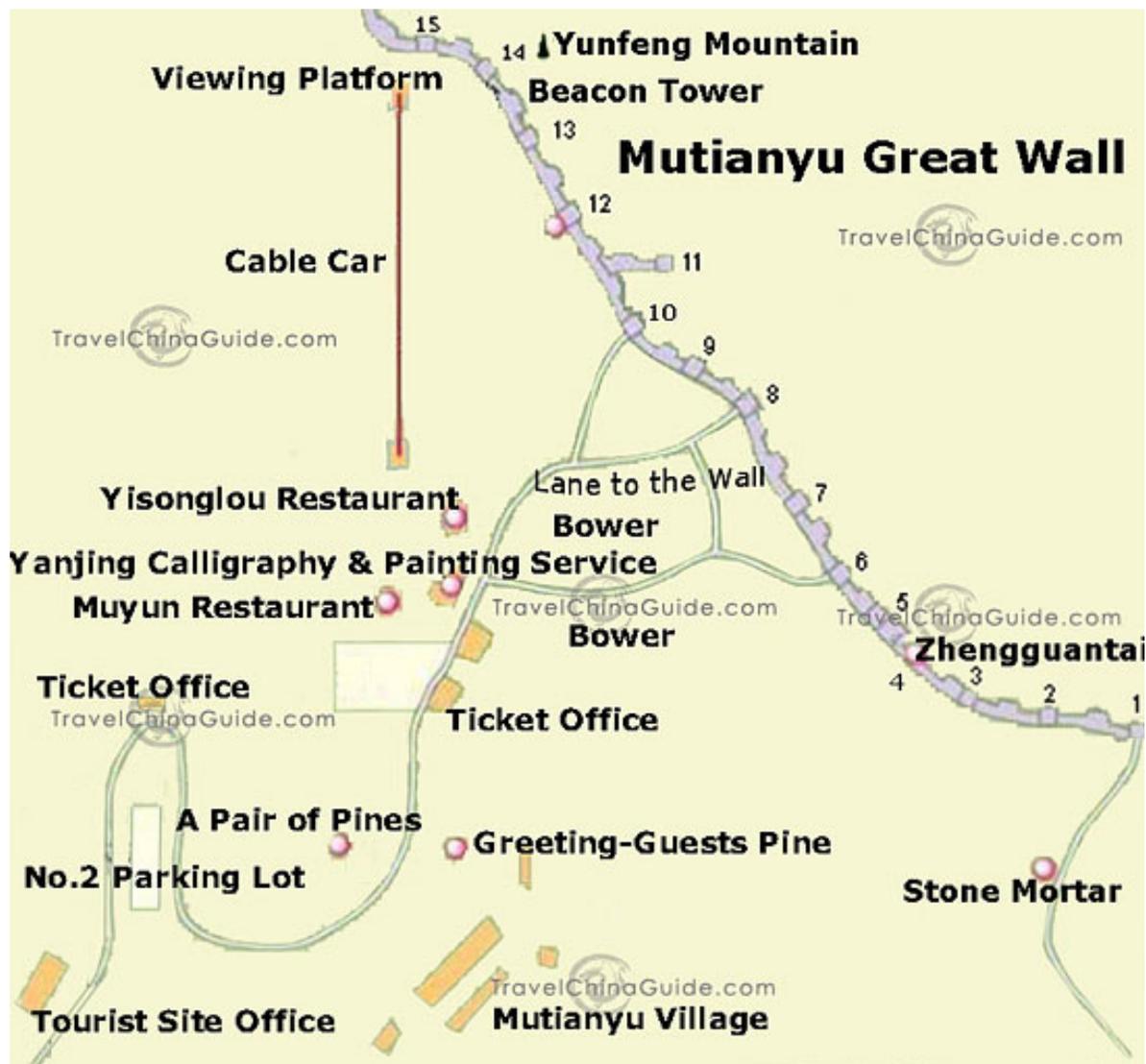
No. 20 Building, highest part of Mutianyu GW The next watchtower is well-known collapsed Jiankou GW.

Mutianyu Pass (No. 6 Building to No. 5 Building) has 3 watchtowers, 1 big in center & 2 smaller on both sides. Standing on same terrace, the three watchtowers are connected to each other inside and compose a rarely seen structure. composed of three connected terraces. On the top of each terrace, there is a tower respectively. What's more, the gate of the pass is not built on the middle terrace, but on the two side terraces

Mutianyu village, Adjacent to Mutianyu wall, a model village cuz tourism & glassware industries.

TRANS > BEI: reverse i.e 936 MAY be best





Shanxi: (SW of BEI) p396

Datong: (LP398, DK131)

(1T, 1D, 2N)

STRAT: ARV afternoon, spend night , tour next day , spend night , leave next morning for Pingyao:

BOOK

CITS:

Mr Gao: MORN OPENS @ btw 08.15 and 08.45, CITS office now located in smaller arrivals building to L of main STA. office is immediately on the right as you come out of Datong stationbldg

CITS tours: DP around 0930 am; **return** around 4 or 5 pm.

Tour driver to **drop off** in Datong @ 9-dragon screen; THEN walk > huge temples: Shang Hua Yan Shi & Xia Hue Yan Si.

??? Are Hanging Moanstery & Overhanging Temple the same?

Datong TOUR: Grottoes & hanging monastery: 1 D; cud do by taxi (Y 200 to 300) or public TRANS (hassel)

TRANS IN: Beijing < Datong by:

BOOK Day after next: TRN > Pingyao ???

NOTE: In BEI “ foreigners ticketing office” (24hr, 2nd floor of BEI West TRN STA

Train SCHEDs: http://www.cnvol.com/

TRAIN: FREQ/REG from BOTH Beijing Main STA,(freq., 6-7 1/2 hrs,)

??? Z19: 9:24pm: Other Trains: Inquire

DON”T travel hardclass seat i.e bottom level , but hard SLP may B OK

Lots trains to & from; only book TIKs very far in advance.

Beijing-Datong sleeper in advance. Note the departure station is Beijing West Station.

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<http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

www.china.org.cn 4th **Search OPT: detailed + CLK TRN # for STA details; lacks TOT Travel Time**

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|------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| K1114/K1111 | Beijing | 02:49 | Datong | 09:03 | 374 | US\$8 | US\$13 | US\$16 | US\$ |
| 1458/1455 | Beijing North | 07:02 | Datong | 15:07 | 358 | US\$4 | US\$7 | US\$10 | US\$ |
| K23 | Beijing | 07:47 | Datong | 13:51 | 374 | US\$8 | US\$13 | US\$16 | US\$ |
| K3 | Beijing | 07:47 | Datong | 13:51 | 374 | US\$8 | US\$13 | US\$16 | US\$ |

STA LIST

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| Beijing North | 06:50 | 07:02 | 835 |
| Kangzhuang | 10:14 | 10:29 | 905 |
| Shacheng | 11:09 | 11:12 | 940 |
| Xuanhua | 11:54 | 11:57 | 990 |
| Zhangjiakou South | 12:22 | 12:28 | 1015 |
| Datong | 15:07 | 15:19 | |

TRANS – around town:

BUS 4: TRN STA > downtown (See LP401)

FOOD:

Lunch: fast food section at Yonghe Shifu on Xiao Nanjie...ENG menu & nice dumplings.

Dinner:

Yonghe Shifu is a great restaurant for dinner

Tonghe Dafandian on Zhanquian Jie: - cook own hotpot ; ENG menu.

ACCM:

(LP398m, 1B3, 400): Datong Fandian Luquan:

Feitan Hote: D Y35

#1 Datong Youth Hostel; No.2 Huayansi Street, Cheng District, Datong 037006, China

On pedestrian Jie, around very busy, , superior, next Huayansi

Owner helpful, walk a few minutes to get to Huayansi, Nine Dragon Wall, the ancient city wall,

#2: Hongru Home Hostel Y60: Datong Hongru Community, Datong

#3: Dayou Hotel

No.1 Xinping Wangwei Fifth Road, Nanjiao District, Datong

AVOID: Tong Tie Hotel (near STA – unclean & TRN noisy)

TOWN SITES: (LP398m, 399, DK131)

2 hr

Ancient city wall??

Hutongs: either side of Huanan Jie , S & SE of Huayan TEMP

12 Nine Dragon Screen (largest glazed-tile wall in C) ¾ hr

11,14 Huayan Temple: p399 ¾ hr

oldest Datong bldg; wooden sculptures

13 Shanhua Temple ??? ½ hr

grandiose wooden-bracket rear hall

AROUND Datong:

Yingxian Wood Pagoda: (LP70 km S of Datong , (Yingxian County) 40 km W from Monastery > W, 200ft high, a 1000 yrs old: entirely w/o nails! (Climb: fee)

Liao Dynasty, 950 yrs of calamities: earthquakes, lightning storms: decorative iron tip on top protects; unique octagonal structure defends against earthquakes. Outside, looks like a 5-story, but - nine stories; four are hidden inside; built w/ 54 different kinds of brackets. Under eaves: wind chimes--little bells; . Inside large Buddhas, includ. 11-mtr STAT on 1st floor.

1) Yungang (Cloud Harbor) Caves (LP401, DK131-133 **SPECLAY**)

5 hr ½ +D

gobsmacked & Eng captions (so guide unnecessary)

DIRECS: (8:30a – 6p) (NE of; < 1 hr, 2 hr Visit Time- adequate

1) BUS “3-2” (?) (50 min, 6am – 6pm) Outside train STA

1a) OLD ALT:

1) BUS 4(30min)> Xinkalii

20 3-1> Jinhua Gong

30 Ts-axi . drop off point

1km walk

Or Taxi - Y80

2) At ticket checkpoint, turn L >:

Western Caves 21-45 first

W 16-20: earliest; Exceptional carving quality

Cave #39; heads smashed off

3) THEN, **Caves 5 & 6 (Best for LAST)**

CAUTION: This blogger: not find buses > grottoes (???): no BUS cuz road work;

2) Hanging Monastery 悬空寺 (SE Of Datong) (LP401, DK131) p401; 7:00am, 2 hr Visit Time-adequate; ½ day



Awesome; in **shadow in afternoon**, facing E, ; only Chinese tourists. The place, not sure if there are any later buses.

TRANS: SE of Datong; 80km ; 1 1/2hr

1) **BUS:** Datong Bus / Coach STA (Yanking Rd) (1½ hrs, 6:30am – 5:30pm) thru Hunyuan &/or free taxi for last 5km if too few peeps. (Mt. Heng)

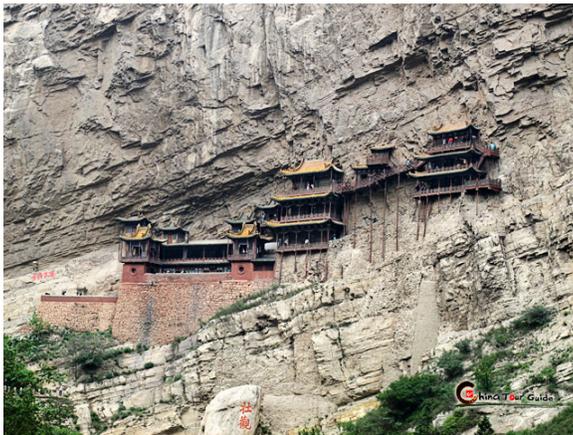
2) **THEN town BUS 8 (infrequent) or Taxi Y20 > Monastery** , BUT to hill bottom only, thereafter 2km uphill walk (presumably taxi goes to top)

(**???** advisable to take a taxi or hire a van from Datong; no more than CNY150 (25usd - RT)

NOTE: seem to ride into mountain, then turn R into village of about 50 houses, through village & then up winding road with trucks passing on your sides in both directions. A huge dam is being constructed right next to monastery and this explains the trucks, quite a ride, Took 30minutes to get there

RETURN: closes at 6pm 5:45pm bus back to Datong

Hengshan Mountain, Three Religions Hall Buddha, Laotze and Confucius enshrined



Overhanging Temple:

Heng Shan (**8am-6pm**) from Datong's long-distance BUS TERM > Hunyuan SE 75km. From there, frequent tourist buses depart for Heng Shan.

Overhanging Temple, at mountain's foot; N Wei Dynasty (386-534), on high cliff hemmed in by a precipice on either side; beyond reach, solitude. From bottom you see range upon range of pavilions supported by dozens of wooden pillars. Entering the temple, people will be surprised by its half-house and half-cave inner structures. Overhanging Temple deserves a visit.

TRANS OUT: Datong > Pingyao**ALT (???)**: Datong > Lishi > Xian**TRAIN**: from train STA 6 daily, 8 hrs, 5:58pm & 10:56pm**NOTE**: Travel times below are strange i.e 2602 = 20 hrs while K7807 = 7 hrs. GUESS: some trains take circuitous routes or are express**BEST TRAIN SCHED INFO:**<http://www.chinahighlights.com/china-trains/> 800-2682918<http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Special:CNTrainSearch>

Chinese characters, STA en route,

| TrainNo | Origin-Destination | From (in Chinese) | Dept Time | To (in Chinese) | ArrTime | Distance (km) | Total Time (hh:mm) | Seat (RMB) | Soft Sleeper (RMB) |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 2602/2603 | Longjiaying - Linfen | Datong (大同) | 06:15 | Pingyao (平遥) | 13:58 | 463 | 07:43 | 54/93 | 171/179 |
| K7807 | Datong - Yuncheng | Datong (大同) | 07:45 | Pingyao (平遥) | 15:06 | 463 | 07:21 | 34/60 | 115/120 |
| 2671 | Datong - Xian | Datong (大同) | 16:40 | Pingyao (平遥) | 00:31 | 463 | 07:51 | 34/60 | 115/120 |

STA LIST: K7807

| Station | Station Name in Chinese | ArrTime | DeptTime | Distance (km) | Total Time (hh:mm) |
|----------|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Datong | 大同 | - | 07:45 | - | 00:00 |
| Ningwu | 宁武 | 10:16 | 10:18 | 166 | 02:31 |
| Yuanping | 原平 | 11:33 | 11:39 | 231 | 03:48 |
| Xinzhou | 忻州 | 12:08 | 12:12 | 267 | 04:23 |
| Taiyuan | 太原 | 13:25 | 13:36 | 355 | 05:40 |
| Yuci | 榆次 | 13:57 | 14:01 | 382 | 06:12 |
| Taigu | 太谷 | 14:28 | 14:30 | 418 | 06:43 |
| Qixian | 祁县 | 14:49 | 14:51 | 441 | 07:04 |
| Pingyao | 平遥 | 15:06 | 15:09 | 463 | 07:21 |

| | From - To | Dep. | -Arr. Time | Duration | Distance | Price |
|------------------|------------------|-------|------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 2602/2603 | Datong - Pingyao | 06:15 | -13:58 | 20:16 | 463 km | Soft Seat: N/A |

BUS: REG , New South Bus STA, 3 hrs, 6:50am – 8:30am (pm ???)
New Bus STA short walk from N Gate

Pingyao (SW of BEI) (LP408m, 409, DK138-139 SPECLAY) (1T, 3D,4N)

If Lijaishan & Back to Pingyao ADD (1T,1N,1T) (2D)

TOTAL

(1T, 5D, 6N)

CITS: find nearest office

TRANS IN: Datong > Pingyao

Train SCHEDs: <http://www.cnvol.com/>

TRAIN: from train STA 6 daily, 8 hrs, 5:58pm & 10:56pm

See TRANS OUT above

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Check Travel China Guide for SCHED

BLOG: overnight train from [Datong](#) (CITS booked in Datong, 73 Rmb + 30 Rmb commission).
Hard sleeper perfectly adequate

BUS: Near N Gate; REG , New South Bus STA,

CITS or CTS: ON Datong ARV immediately BOOK TRN out, tour & hostel, Store baggage at hotel tour leaves from

China Industrial Bank a few metres out of the West Gate, towards the train station.

ACCM:

In Old Town: (Along Nan Dajie) many GD & hostels; mozzies at night, many, competitive, speak Chinese only.

✈ **Harmony GH D ¥30-50, Eng SPK, bike rental, Probably LP jammed**

CAUTION: CITS agent may charge a deposit/ kickback for himself; awesome,

Mr Deng tours,

Yamen Hostel : D Y30-40; Blog: seems good

Bi Foo Luo Hotel 平遥百福樓酒店 – partner w/ Zhengjia Hostel across the street from Yamen **Youth Hostel** , **just outside city walls on the NW corner.** grubby, some ENG, friendly staff,

NO: Zhengjia Hostel: (D3, old town; across from Yamen Youth Hostel . just outside city walls on NW corner. Grubby, no Eng, rude son, smelly bath drains,

YES (OTOH) said opposite, Bob's Eng; **Best value** bed & linen super clean; bed soft. Bathroom: dark, facing ; noisy - eve/morn: street noise & laughter (GUD).

NOTE: Hostels can book BUS to Xian if necessary to take bus.

FOOD:

TOWN SITES: (Mr. Deng Tours p408)

5 ½ hr

½ D+

City Walls BEST TIME:

3 hr

--- late afternoon, for light & peeps bustling about homes below.

Lower W Gate:

9 Rishengcheng Financial House MUS p407

½ hr

7 City Tower

½ hr

3D3 Nine Dragon Screen (LPn m,)

4D2 Qingxu Guan: 8 Dacheng Hall (LPn m,)

(in Confucian Temple complex)

½ hr

Slogans" @ #153 Xi Dajie : 2 red blood Cutural REV slogans: L one: "Industry should learn from Datong; R: "Earnestly undertake struggle, criticism & reform"

MISC: Ancient Government Building near Yamen Gate

The City Tower (Climb: Y5); views not better than other places on SITE TIK

PINGYAO SITE TICKET : (120 Rmb). Valid for 2 days, only 1 time/site; THUS- wall only once (maybe 10 rm. bribe for 2nd time) **CAUTION:** RETURN > ticket office btw 5 & 8pm purchase date > stamp TIK for 2nd Day; **2nd Blog:** Didn't buy, just wandered

AROUND Pingyao:

Shuanglin Temple (LP408m (SEE map L of TRN STA) 409) by bike (5 mi)

¼ D

NOTE: outside city = NOT includ in TIK

Carved STATs, ARCH; extra 25RMB (What?) . its old, crumbling, but SO different from the other painted and new temples.

DAY TRIPS:

OPT 1: COMBO trip:

Wang Family Courtyard > Mian Shan (Cotton Mountain) > Zhangbi Underground Castle;
easy > combine if start early enough

OPT 2: 2 trips: 1 combo; 1 alone

Wang: took a taxi there & he waited to bring him back to Pingyao.

1) Wang / Cotton Mt: tour (info in hostels)

1D

2) Zhangbi Underground: separate trip

1/2D

taxi (250 Rmb) > Wang Family Courtyard & Zhangbi Underground Castle.

1) Wang Family Courtyard: (LP409)

SITE:

w/ "city" wall & watch towers - walk walls top Castle-like; spectacular, like Forbidden City

Cave dwellings (behind castle walls)

Confucian TEMP - Yuan DYN

TRANS: come early w/ food & lots of water

1) **2 Direct BUSES** from STA (8:20am & 2:40am)

BLOG: Bus STA: TIK > Wang Courtyard House (¥20, 1½ hr);

Note : Pingyao bus very infrequent.

2) a) REG BUS > Jiexiu (40 min)

b) BUs 11 > Wang FC (40 min)

However, **Reg buses** from Jiexiu (about halfway from Pingyao) are very frequent, a town Jiexiu is well connected by buses to Pingyao.(see below) TRN STA too.

2) **or:**

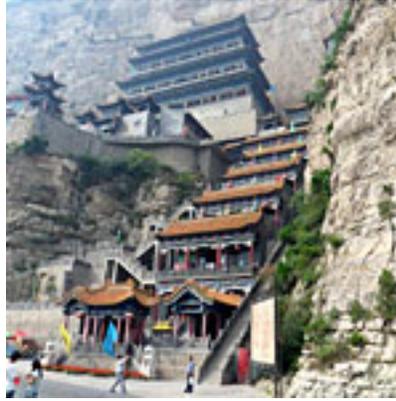
a) regular BUS > Jiexiu (40 min) ;

- b) THEN BUS # 11 (40 min; terminates at complex.
- 3) **LAST BUS BACK:** Wang FCY > Jiexiu: 6pm



Hanging Monastery of Mianshan PIKS





Zhangbi & Mianshan COMBO trip ???

2) Hanging Monastery of Mianshan (Cotton MT.) 山西綿山:

Hanging Monastery of Pingyao VS of Datong: see both, Mianshan is more of a large park w/ many sites – religious and natural.

N Song prime minister tribute to Jie Zitui & his mother

1Msg Bd says lots more to see than just the Hang MON

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rh2N0nGcQk8>)

Mianshan MT (绵山)

TRANS / DIRECS: 40km S of Pingyao; 25 km (16mi) S of **Jiexiu RR STA**

1) Pingyao TRN > Jiexiu:

2) Touts > Mianshan

3) S side of Fen River, 20km S W 9?) of Jiexiu on highway 108.

TO DO:

1) See "Mianshan Mt, Pingyao Options pdf" on IPT

2) **Sky Bridge:** built btw steep cliffs, 300 mtrs (328 yds) long & 1 mtr / (3.3 feet) wide; suspended over 300 mtrs (980 ft) above valley floor; 200+ mtrs/ (660 feet) from mountain tops.

Tang DYN route: Dragin Ridge peak & TEMP, Cliff Scenic Zone; springs, waterfalls,

Taoist Route: Daluo PAL, Sky Bridge

natural landscape route Shuitao Gully, Guteng Valley and Shengru Spring

BACKGROUND:

Mian Shan or MianShan: fantastic Buddhist & Taoist mountain w/ temples built on cliff face w/ 100s of hidden caves - 2500 yrs old.

Most famous:

Taoist temple is **DaLuo Gong** 大罗宫 (or Temple of All Embracing Heaven); many **old Taoist texts**, Dao De Jing wooden engravings; **LaoZi 's (father of Taoism)** Taoist classic thus attracting more Taoist followers.

Buddhist **BaoFu Temple:** inside so called BaoFu Cave; shaped like "two hands of Buddha holding onto his stomach"; "stomach" large enuf for 1000s of people plus the temples, 200 over rooms.

ACCM:

Many guest houses at mt. bottom.

3) Zhangbi Underground Castle (Zhangbi Cun village): (LP410)

TRANS / DIRECS: @ Longfeng Zhen (Dragon & Phoenix Town), Jiexiu City

Opt #1:

- 1) LP (o&n) says "Can **ONLY** get there **by TAXI**" Y ; Y70 includ. waiting time.
- 2a) BUT, cut cost w/ bus to Jiexiu (40 min)
- 2b) Taxi > Tunnel: 40 min

Opt #2: 2007 ADV:

- a) Tourist shuttle bus: Runs between Jiexiu and Zhangbi.
- b) Taxi: Outside Jiexiu Railway Station miandi (old taxis) run to Longfengzhen (RMB 2 per person),
- c) Rent car for RMB 15 to reach Zhangbi



SITE

(40 Rmb + 20 Rmb - **Compulsory Guide & Tour** - not to get lost: underground - sometimes Eng)

GEN: Still being excavated, but extensive ; low powered lighting; generals slept & guards waited to surprise intruders, horse stables

HIST: Ancient tunnel: Sui (581 – 618 AD) & Tang (618 – 907 AD)

Tunnel DESIGN; 3 layers. Top layer = 1 mtr (3 ft) deep, center: 8 > 10 mtrs (26-32 ft) deep, bottom = 17 > 20 mtrs (55-65 ft) dp. Passages hide: mangers, kilns, caves, wells, grain silos, flood-prevention amenities, wall-hole communication services and assassination devices; From lowest tunnel level (20 mtrs (55 ft)) U can see sky from Tour continues (includes) > Zhangbi Cun village outside, above tunnels:

MUS-like : Colects Buddha STATS savaged during Cultural Revolution; tombs through the Jin Dynasty (1115-1234), theater phases from the Yuan Dynasty (1206-1368) and residences from the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1636-1911) Dynasties.; glaze stele (NOTE: quality of new roof vs. Old - politically more liberal, few tourists, worth it.)

TRAIN SCHEDULE: Pingyao > Jiexiu

CAUTION : These train schedules cannot be globally changed and use Chinese characters

Pingyao > Jiexiu

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PUBLIC TRANS: >

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| K603 | Beijing West - Yuncheng | Pingyao (平遥) | 05:16 | Jiexiu (介休) | 05:39 | 31 | 00:23 | 9/1 |
| 2462/2463 | Hohhot East - Linfen | Pingyao (平遥) | 06:27 | Jiexiu (介休) | 06:49 | 31 | 00:22 | 5/1 |
| 1163 | Beijing West - Hancheng | Pingyao (平遥) | 07:36 | Jiexiu (介休) | 07:58 | 31 | 00:22 | 7/1 |

RETURN : Jiexiu > Pingyao

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|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|----|-------|-----|
| 6816 | Yangquanqu - Taiyuan | Jiexiu (介休) | 15:23 | Pingyao (平遥) | 15:50 | 31 | 00:27 | 4/1 |
| 4628 | Yuncheng - Taiyuan | Jiexiu (介休) | 15:46 | Pingyao (平遥) | 16:08 | 31 | 00:22 | 7/1 |
| K866/K867 | Yuncheng - Tangshan | Jiexiu (介休) | 17:49 | Pingyao (平遥) | 18:11 | 31 | 00:22 | 9/1 |
| K604 | Yuncheng - Beijing West | Jiexiu (介休) | 18:22 | Pingyao (平遥) | 18:44 | 31 | 00:22 | 9/1 |
| 2464/2461 | Linfen - Hohhot East | Jiexiu (介休) | 20:13 | Pingyao (平遥) | 20:35 | 31 | 00:22 | 5/1 |
| 1486 | Chengdu - Taiyuan | Jiexiu (介休) | 20:44 | Pingyao (平遥) | 21:06 | 31 | 00:22 | 7/1 |

LIJIASHAN (Lijia Shancun) Near Qikou (**LP 410**) (1T,1D,1N)

NOTE: Try to find Chinese character for

TRANS IN: (LAT: 36.77 (36° 46' 0 N), LONG: 111.82 (111° 49' 0 E),

www.chinahighlights.com **No Pingyao > Lishi SCHED**

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Some one in Pingyao write out C DIRECS

1st OPT: Pngyao> Lishi > Qikou:

- 1) from **Pngyao train STA: regular BUS > Lishi:** (2 ½ hrs, **7:30am** & noon (12:30???)
- 2) Then, from **Lishi's LD BUS STA > BUS 1 > W BUS STA** (20min) **BUT Note: Ask before I go)** Lishi's W bus STA - does not exist anymore;
- 3) **Qikou (2 hr) > Lijiashan:** walk or tractor

Black Dragon TEMP: DIRECS: LP guide p410



Qikou (?口): Bus Stop > Lijiashan: 李家山 by WALK:

- 1) Cross bridge & walk along River 2.5KM paved road to the foothill blue sign --1KM > Lijiashan

Have PIC of Town

- 1) @ bus stop, X bridge near bus stop & **Guessing that I turn R.** NOT if PIK shows side river going into Huang He (Yel R)
- 2) follow (hitch tractor ride) river 30 min until U see blue sign w/ (See guide book for Chinese words p 410)
- 4) follow dirt track uphill for 25 min > village until you get to top. Also it is no longer a dirt track but concreted so keep on the concrete!



Bridge: View across river on walk > blue sign Qikou view ???



RETURN:

Usual option : RETURN . Pingyao

1) LAST BUS from Qikou > Lishi (Liliang) @ 12 noon, then mini bus option

2) ??? From Lishi, bus seems > Pingyao leaving at 06:00 too.

??? Lishi > Pingyao: 7:30am & noon

If POSSIBLE: from Lishi > Xi'an: **See TRANS OUT below**

BUS: REG , Bus STA,

Check Travel China Guide for SCHED

New Bus STA short walk from N Gate

TRAIN: from train STA () **BOOK EARLY:**

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DON'T travel hardclass i.e bottom level

ACCM: (LP410) see [Downloaded web page](#)

DIRECS: Keep climb up > Cave GH at top, lovely, cool rooms on hot day! nice food too

Mr Li's family has lived in Lijiashan for 6 generations. After kids left to find work, converted 180-yr-old courtyard home into guesthouse w/ cave bedrooms where Chinese art students stay.



Qikou ACCM (if necessary, but prefer Lijiashan)

Qikou Kezhan hotel: continue on road for about 10 min: very large door (about 15ft high) w/ lovely rooms, A/C and room Internet access..

TRANS OUT:**Option A: Lishi > Xi'an:****1D****BUS:** REG , Bus STA,**Check Travel China Guide for SCHED**

New Bus STA (Xian) short walk from N Gate

TRAIN: from train STA () **BOOK EARLY:****Check Travel China Guide for SCHED****Option B: Pingyao > Xian****1D****Why don't DP Time > ARV Time = Total Tie makes sense?**

| Trains | From | Dep. Time | To | Arr. Time | Distance (km) | Total Time (hh:mm) | Hard Seat |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <u>2671</u> | <u>Pingyao</u> | 00:09 | <u>Xian</u> | 09:05 | 543 | 16:25 | \$ 6 |
| <u>1674/1675</u> | <u>Pingyao</u> | 01:22 | <u>Xian</u> | 10:27 | 543 | 23:29 | \$ 6 |
| <u>1095</u> | <u>Pingyao</u> | 20:42 | <u>Xian</u> | 07:20 | 571 | 12:09 | \$ 6 |
| <u>2669</u> | <u>Pingyao</u> | 23:14 | <u>Xian</u> | 07:46 | 543 | 09:56 | \$ 6 |

Option C: Pingyao > Hancheng 韩城 (Dangjiacun village) (p430) > Xi'an

2D

TRN SCHED

BUS: REG , New South Bus STA, (**Pinyao or Xian???**)

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New Bus STA short walk from N Gate

TRAIN: (6 daily, 8 ½ hr-11 1/2hrs) **BOOK EARLY:**

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Pingyao > Hancheng

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| 1163 | Pingyao | 07:35 | Hancheng | 13:13 | 331 | 18:10 | \$ 6 |
| 1095 | Pingyao | 20:42 | Hancheng | 02:08 | 331 | 06:57 | \$ 4 |
| 7003/7002 | Hancheng - Xian | | 07:33 | 14:37 | 07:04 | 279 km | Soft Seat: \$14 |

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1163 STA/Times

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|----------|----|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Pingyao | 平遥 | 07:33 | 07:36 | 670 | 12:30 |
| Jiexiu | 介休 | 07:58 | 08:04 | 701 | 12:55 |
| Lingshi | 灵石 | 08:29 | 08:33 | 728 | 13:26 |
| Huozhou | 霍州 | 09:10 | 09:13 | 771 | 14:07 |
| Linfen | 临汾 | 10:06 | 10:12 | 836 | 15:03 |
| Xiangfen | 襄汾 | 10:34 | 10:37 | 862 | 15:31 |
| Houma | 侯马 | 11:08 | 11:14 | 896 | 16:05 |
| Xinjiang | 新绛 | 11:29 | 11:33 | 912 | 16:26 |
| Jishan | 稷山 | 11:51 | 11:55 | 932 | 16:48 |
| Hejin | 河津 | 12:20 | 12:25 | 958 | 17:17 |
| Hancheng | 韩城 | 13:13 | - | 1001 | 18:10 |

TRANS: Hancheng > Dangjiacun village (**LP430**,)

TAXI (Y15, 20min, 9km NE)

Minibus (Y3) from BUS STA

Hancheng:

SITES: Confucian Pagoda

NOTE: May be able to do enroute from Pingyao > Xian Confucian Pagoda

Possible village overnight

DIRECS:

Mini bus/ 2 km walk or taxi

Dangjiacun Village (LP414m, 430, see SShots)

(1T, 1D, 2N,1T)

(9km NE of Hancheng):

NOTE: May do en route from Pingyao > Hancheng > Xian

Climate

BEST: Spring: Apr & May; Autumn: Sept & Oct

PLAN: 1) Pingyao train > Hancheng, 2) Hancheng > Dangjiacun 3) Overnight Dangjiacun 4) back > Hancheng hotel 5) overnight 6) DP . XIAN ON TRAIN 7002/7003

TRANS-IN:

Pingyao > Hancheng

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TRAIN: See Pingyao: TRANS OUT:

From Xian:

BUS (7/day, 3 hrs) ; from long distance STA

TRAIN:

1) 4 ½ hr , 7:13am

2) also, daily local train (more fun?): p431)

Return : BUS until 6pm , across from TRN STA on Longmen Dajie Beiduan & @ BUS STA

TO Dangjiacun: NE 9km from Hancheng BUS STA (20min) by minibus (30 min) > entrance road for pleasant 2km walk thru fields to town OR taxi (Y15)

NOTE: Hancheng's New town on hill w/ RR STA, Old Town at bottom.

ACCM:

Dangjiacun: courtyard house DM 10Y

Hancheng: Tianyuan Binguan: Across from TRN STA

GEN & HIST:

Besides courtyards:12 ancient buildings: ancestral halls, **temples**, ancient stages, **pavilions** , and tablets; NW China style: two-storey houses: grain storage above & living below; most interesting part: gate leading into courtyard: Usually, entrance gate set R or L of gatehouse, & sometimes on a parados (an intercepting mound, traditionally used for military purposes): parados gates: mostly

narrow & simple, decoration only. **wealthy families:** built large impressive gate instead: aka "Horse Passing Door"; on sides of are: mounting-horse stones, tethering stake and rings of all kinds -still present.

One wealthy layman dreamed to be an official , so, built sedan-like attic on top of gate, so every time passed door, he feel like official;

Preserved well cuz wood-framed architectural structure so strong that even if walls fall, frame structure will not collapse -- bandit protection designs,

"new village" for younger married generations; unaffected local peep customs & morals



TO DO:

Dangjiacun:

Courtyard houses, w/carvings & ATCH mix,
Confucian Pagoda (Wenzxing ge)

Hancheng:

Confucious TEMP: glazed dragon screens,
Chenghuang TEMP: Sacrifice Hall: rof detail

TRANS-OUT:

Hancheng > Xian

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| TrainNo | Orgin-Des | From | DeptTime | To (in C | ArvT | Dist (km) | TOT | Sea |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----|
| 1095 | Taiyuan - Lanzhou | Hancheng (韩城) | 02:16 | Xian (西安) | 07:22 | 240 | 05:06 | 19% |
| 7003/7002 | Hancheng - Xian | Hancheng (韩城) | 07:33 | Xian (西安) | 14:37 | 279 | 07:04 | 18% |

7003/7002 STA/Times

| Station | Station Name in C | ArrTim | DeptTim | Dist(km) | Total Time (h) |
|------------|-------------------|--------|---------|----------|----------------|
| Hancheng | 韩城 | - | 07:33 | - | 00:00 |
| Weizhuang | 韦庄 | 10:32 | 10:34 | 107 | 02:59 |
| Dali | 大荔 | 11:02 | 11:04 | 121 | 03:29 |
| Zhongjiacu | 钟家村 | 11:49 | 11:51 | 153 | 04:16 |
| Zhangqiao | 张桥 | 12:02 | 12:04 | 164 | 04:29 |
| Yanliang | 阎良 | 12:26 | 12:29 | 184 | 04:53 |
| Sanyuan | 三原 | 12:55 | 12:57 | 210 | 05:22 |
| Xianyang | 咸阳 | 13:57 | 14:16 | 256 | 06:24 |
| Xian | 西安 | 14:37 | - | 279 | 07:04 |

