

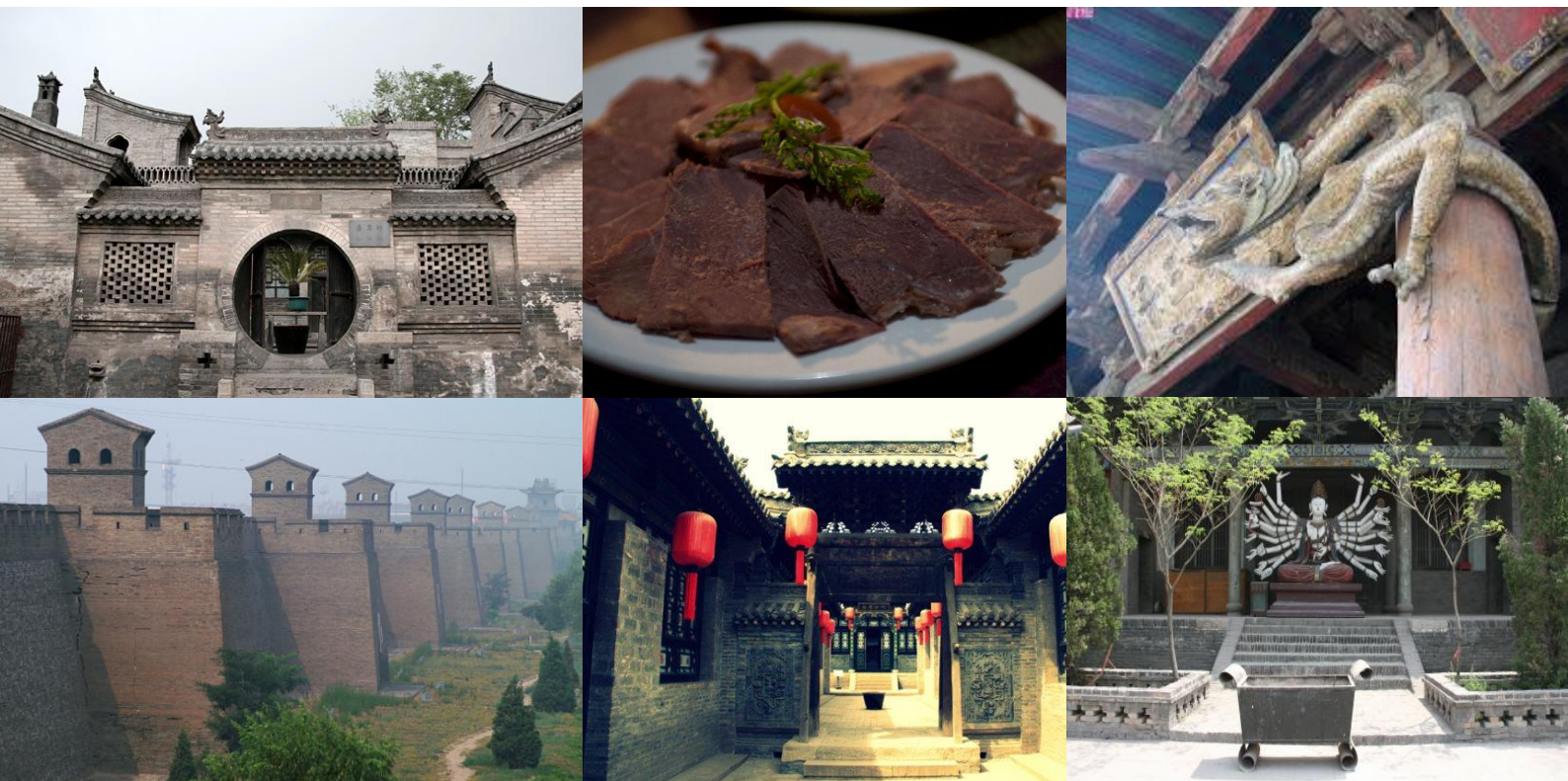
Pingyao 5 days / 4 nights

Looking for a peaceful getaway? Why not let us guide you around the peaceful premise of Pingyao over 5 days and 4 nights.

Peruse one of the best walled cities in the world, explore old town which is on the *UNESCO World Heritage List*, a town standing the test of time for over 2500 years.

Walk around the Wang Family Courtyard and then the Qiao Family Courtyard; compare the two locally famous compounds that house many beautiful carvings and treasures from the Qing and Ming dynasty.

Relax and enjoy this peaceful paradise while chewing on some famous Pingyao beef in this incredibly wonderful city.



Day 01 – Hong Kong – Taiyuan – Pingyao

Depart Hong Kong, arrive Taiyuan (approx. flying time 2hrs 55mins), meet and greet, hotel transfer, overnight Pingyao.

Day 02 – Pingyao



City Walls

Welcome to one of the best walled cities in the world, established over 2500 years ago during the Western Zhou dynasty. The **City Walls** were originally constructed from tamped dirt, a stark contrast to the now brick and stone design that began in the 14th century. The city walls are shaped like a tortoise, the Chinese character for which represents *longevity*. Enjoy starting your day by checking out the 72 watch towers scattered along these old walls.

Old Town is a walled city stretching across 2.6 sq. kilometres, mostly off limit to cars, a great area to walk around. The cobbled streets and wonderful buildings originate from the *Ming* (1368 – 1644 BC) and *Qing* (1644 – 1911) dynasty, this peaceful environment is relatively unknown to most foreigners.



Old Town



Ancient City

This **Ancient City** is great to walk around due to the peaceful setting, many shops are catered towards tourists, antiques, handicrafts and cloth shoes are a few of the many different products openly displayed. The city has a large lacquer ware manufacturing industry and is known for her cloth shoes.



Pingyao Beef

Be sure to make a note of Pingyao's specialty, **Pingyao Beef**, an acquired taste, strong and somewhat similar to corned beef. Be aware that bills of ¥100 or more are not uncommon for a meal that appeared less expensive, we recommend asking about the price of any chef's specials as the price difference varies significantly from place to place.

See **Ming-Qing Street**, named after the dynasties, the main commercial avenue in the city since her inception. Discover the hundreds of shops that line this busy place, various traditional outlets that sell snacks, food, paintings, furniture, calligraphy and souvenirs all create a bustling atmosphere. Evening hotel transfer, overnight Pingyao.

Day 03 – Pingyao

Tour begins with the **Wang Family Courtyard**, near Lingshi Town; explore over 50 courtyards and 1000 rooms, one of the largest residential complexes built by Shanxi merchants. Beautiful carvings can be found, stone, brick and wood designs are in abundance here. Paintings, calligraphy and Qing dynasty furniture are also housed here; all can be peacefully enjoyed while learning of the family that used this place since the 1600s.



Wang Family Courtyard



Shuanglin Temple

Continue with **Shuanglin Temple**, over 2000 sculptures depicting warriors, gods and Buddha are housed in this interestingly designed Buddhist temple complex. Founded over 1500 years ago, the ten halls arranged around three courtyards come from the Ming and Qing dynasties, the main attraction is the impressive collection of over 2000 terracotta and wood sculptures. Evening hotel transfer, overnight Pingyao.

Day 04 – Pingyao – Taiyuan

Morning transfer to Taiyuan, on route visit **Qiao Family Courtyard**, about a quarter the size of the Wang Family Courtyard that you visited yesterday. Film fans may notice this place at being from *Raise the Red Lantern*, a film set in the 1920s starring Gong Li. Housing over 300 rooms, considered by many architects to be one of the finest examples of great private residences northern China.



Qiao Family Courtyard



Jinci Temple

Final point of interest is **Jinci Temple**, Founded almost 1,400 years ago this incredibly aged complex contains over 100 sculptures, terraces, bridges and buildings. See the Hall of the Holy Mother where you will find the best known structure, notice the impressive carved wooden dragons that coil around the eight lucky pillars the support the upward-curving double-eave roof. Evening hotel transfer, overnight Taiyuan.

Day 05 – Taiyuan – Hong Kong

Morning free, later transfer to airport **depart Taiyuan, arrive Hong Kong** (approx. flying time 3hrs 05mins)

Package Cost

Hotel Envisage		Lower 4-stars	Higher 5-stars
Day 1 – 3	Pingyao 03 nights	Pingyao De Ju Yuan Hotel Hotel Website	International Financier Club Hotel Website
Day 4	Taiyuan 01 night	Shanxi Grand Hotel Hotel Website	Taiyuan Shanxi World Trade Hotel Hotel Website
Day 5	Taiyuan – Hong Kong		
Hotel and Airfare		3,360	4,100
Land Arrangements		4,840	
Total Package Price Per person - twin sharing basis		8,200	8,940

Prices are **per person** in HKD on twin sharing basis, does not include airfare taxes (approx. 320 / adult)

Package Includes:

Round-trip airfare Hong Kong to Taiyuan
 04 nights' accommodation in double / twin room
 Daily ABF at hotels
 03 lunches for days 2 – 4 at local Chinese restaurants (inclusive of 01 glass soft drink per person)
 Transfers and sightseeing tours by private car / coach
 Services of local English speaking guide
 Entrance fees to scenic spots mentioned in the itinerary

Package does not include:

Spending of a personal nature (e.g.: Extra meals besides breakfast, phone bills, laundry, tips)
 Video Camera and Still Camera permits
 If gov't taxes are revised, client will have to pay additional surcharges
 Airfare taxes, surcharges & anything else not mentioned under Package Includes

ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately.

COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered.

If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described. All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*. Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged on the next day if possible. No refund can be made if it's failed to do so.

OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10- 15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

PERSONAL EXPENSES - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax.), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.

The above quote is valid for 14 days only & No reservations has been made, To guarantee the above quote a written booking request or purchase order must be received by Nanda Travel within the validity period

DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of 30 % of the tour fee on a per person basis must be paid after all reservations are confirmed.

We accept cash or cheque only. Bookings for this deposit not received are subject to cancellation without notice. If *G.C Nanda* is unable to confirm the requested arrangements the deposit will be fully refundable. Deposits vary for each tour operator, hotel, or provider of any service contained in the program and will be payable according to the *General Terms and Conditions* of each operator. Please note that firm reservations cannot be made for any pre-booked accommodation until the required deposit is received. The balance payment must be received not less than 30 days prior to departure. If the balance payment is not received by us on the due date, we reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

AMENDMENT FEES

For each amendment requested after confirmation additional charges will be levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines. An amendment constitutes a change to an existing booking and not a transfer to another tour, wherein cancellation fees may apply.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Cancellations are subject to a fee as follows:

- **30 days, or more, prior to departure: forfeit of deposit**
- **14-30 days, or less, prior to departure: 100% of total cost**

Cancellations will also be subject to cancellation fees levied by each operator according to their respective *Booking Terms and Conditions*. Please note that it is your responsibility to request from us the details of *Terms and Conditions*, and to ensure that you have understood their contents. The payment of your deposit constitutes an acceptance of those terms and conditions and your acknowledgement that you will be bound by their cancellation fee charges. No refund is made on any pre-booked accommodation, coach tours, villas hotel, cruising or other travel not utilised. No refund is available for cancellation after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that, at the time of booking, you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice. We suggest that the policy should include, but not be limited to the following features: Loss of deposit through cancellation, personal baggage, loss of money, medical expenses, additional expenses to cover hotel accommodation should the tour or holiday need to be extended or curtailed due to illness while overseas, or due to the need to return to Hong Kong because of unexpected death or illness of a close relative. **Please consult us on the insurance policy most suitable for your needs.**

VISA, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passengers should familiarise themselves with any and all health or visa requirements that may be applicable in the areas they intend visiting. They shall be responsible for all exits, entry, health and other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transited. Each person shall carry a valid passport at all times. Kindly note that passport and visa requirements are not our responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to a passenger's failure to comply with the above or any statutory requirement made in any country whatsoever.

PRICE

All prices shown are subject to variation without notice.