

## Shanxi Itinerary 6 Nights / 7 Days

### Pingyao – Mount Wutai – Taiyuan

#### Day 01 Hong Kong – Taiyuan – Pingyao

Depart Hong Kong (HKG) MU5090 1235hrs, arrive Taiyuan (TYN) 1545hrs (approx. flying time 03hrs), meet your guide at the airport and you will be escorted to Pingyao, hotel transfer, overnight Pingyao.

#### Day 02 Pingyao

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your full day City Tour will cover the **Ancient City of Pingyao** and **Shuanglin Temple**.



**Ancient City of Pingyao**

The **Ancient City** is a splendid example of a well-preserved traditional Han Chinese city. Founded in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, see the imposing buildings associated with banking, Ping Yao was the major centre for all of China in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The urban fabric portrays the evolution of architectural style and town planning in Imperial China spanning five centuries. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

Continue to **Shuanglin Temple**, tucked away in the countryside of Qiaotou Village, about 6-7km southwest of the Ancient City, one of many cultural monuments located in Pingyao, which is a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*. Founded in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, famous for the collection of over 2,000 clay statues that date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

Hotel transfer, overnight Pingyao.



**Shuanglin Temple**

### Day 03 Pingyao



**Wang Family Courtyard**

Breakfast at hotel, your tour takes you to the **Wang Family Courtyard**. You will see why it is considered more of a castle than a home, explore the grand Qing Dynasty former residence, which has been well maintained as evident in the wooden galleries fronting many of the courtyard structures. This huge area has 123 beautiful courtyards and is interspersed with gardens, it is worth climbing the walls around for an excellent view. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

Hotel transfer, overnight Pingyao.

### Day 04 Pingyao – Mount Wutai

Hotel breakfast, check-out, you will be escorted to the **Qiao Family Courtyard** and then transferred to Mount Wutai (200km / 02hrs 30 mins).



**Jinci Temple**

Explore the **Qiao Family Courtyard**, an 18<sup>th</sup> century complex of courtyards, one of the finest depicting a traditional private residence in China. Learn of the celebrated merchant that used to live within this austere maze of doorways and courtyard that house over 300 rooms. The place is decorated with red lanterns and furniture from the Qing Dynasty. Hotel transfer, lunch served at a local restaurant.

You will be driven to Mount Wutai (200km / 02hrs 30mins), enjoy the amazing landscape on the way, hotel transfer, overnight Mount Wutai.

### Day 05 Mount Wutai

Breakfast at hotel, your private tour will take you to **Mount Wutai** where you will see **Xiantong Temple, Guayue Peak and Dabai Pagoda**.



**Mount Wutai**

The mountain has many natural resources, with hundred of species of plants and grass, special local produce such as Taimo (mushrooms grown on the peaks) are enjoyed by many. **Xiantong Temple** plays the most significant role among Buddhist temples here, considered the most prestigious and oldest. The court-style construction houses seven palaces, the cooper bell in front of the gate is the biggest bell on the mountain as well and the toll can be heard around the entire mountain. Lunch served at a local restaurant.

**Guayue Peak** also known as *Hanging Moon Peak* will provide you with unique imagery in the evening when you can see the elegant and serene sight of the graceful moon hanging above dense pine trees. This is an ideal point of interest near or after sunset.

Hotel transfer, overnight Mount Wutai.

#### **Day 06 Mount Wutai – Taiyuan**

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, check-out and transfer to Taiyuan (210km / 03hrs). Check-in and relax.

Later your tour will take you to **Jinci Temple** to the southeast of downtown Taiyuan City, you will be welcomed with an amazing entrance comprised of many ancient trees. Also known as *Jin Ancestral Temple*, the area is a combination of beautiful landscapes and historical cultural relics. Explore the many halls, pavilions and bridges, famous all over the world as an ancient ancestral temple is truly rare in China. A highlight of the area is the Flying Bridge across the Fish Pond. Lunch at a local restaurant.



**Jinci Temple**

Hotel transfer, overnight Taiyuan.

#### **Day 07 Taiyuan – Hong Kong**

Hotel breakfast, check-out, airport transfer, depart Taiyuan (TYN) MU5089 0825hrs, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 1135hrs (approx. flying time 03hrs 10mins).