

2 Days Luoyang Tour

Trip overview

Experience the profound history of China's grandest ancient capital on this meticulously designed **2-day Luoyang essence tour**. Luoyang, the "Capital of 13 Dynasties," serves as a living museum where the spiritual art of Buddhism meets the dynamic energy of martial arts.

Your journey begins at the **Longmen Grottoes**, a breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site where over 100,000 Buddhist statues are carved into limestone cliffs along the Yi River. You will stand in awe before the colossal Lushena Buddha, a masterpiece of the Tang Dynasty's artistic peak.

The adventure continues at the legendary **Shaolin Temple**, the birthplace of Chan Buddhism and the cradle of Kung Fu. Watch a thrilling live performance by Shaolin disciples and wander through the historic Pagoda Forest. To round out your cultural immersion, you will delve into the underground mysteries of the **Museum of King's Six-Horse Chariot**, witnessing the imperial grandeur of the Zhou Dynasty.

With a private expert guide and seamless logistics, this two-day experience offers a perfect blend of ancient art, legendary legends, and imperial heritage.

- **Durations:** 2 Days
- **Destinations:** Luoyang City
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/2-days-luoyang-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Luoyang Arrival — The Grandeur of Longmen Grottoes

Welcome to Luoyang, the majestic "Capital of 13 Dynasties." Upon your arrival at the airport or high-speed railway station, you will be warmly greeted by your private English-speaking guide and driver. We will immediately whisk you away to the banks of the Yi River for a journey through 1,500 years of Buddhist history.

(Note: We recommend an arrival before 14:00 PM to ensure a relaxed and immersive pace for your first afternoon.)

The Experience: Your exploration begins with a scenic **electric shuttle ride** to the entrance of the **Longmen Grottoes**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a masterpiece of Chinese stone carving. As you stroll along the limestone cliffs, your guide will reveal the secrets behind the **100,000 Buddhist sculptures** housed within thousands of caves.

The highlight of the afternoon is the **Fengxian Temple**, where you will stand in awe before the 17-meter-high **Lushena Buddha**. Rumored to be modeled after the legendary Empress Wu Zetian, this colossal statue is celebrated for its "eternal smile" and artistic perfection. You will also learn about the fascinating cycles of imperial patronage, destruction, and modern conservation that have shaped this cultural treasure.

To conclude the visit, you will walk across the **Yi River Bridge**, offering a breathtaking panoramic view of the entire grotto complex stretching along the cliffside. After soaking in the views, your private vehicle will transfer you to your hotel for a restful evening.

Accommodation/Meals: At your own expense

Expert Tips:

- **The Best Light for Photos:** *To capture the most stunning photos of the grand **Lushena Buddha**, the late afternoon light is exceptional. It casts a golden glow over the limestone carvings and offers a softer perspective of the Yi River.*
- **Walking Comfort:** *The Longmen Grottoes area involves a fair amount of walking on stone paths and some stairs to reach the higher caves. We highly recommend wearing comfortable, non-slip walking shoes.*
- **Stay Hydrated & Shaded:** *While the grottoes are carved into the cliffs, much of the walking path is exposed to the sun. Even in spring or autumn, the Luoyang sun can be quite strong—bringing a hat or a small parasol is a smart move.*
- **Cultural Respect:** *Many of the caves are still considered sacred by locals. While photography is allowed, we kindly ask you to refrain from using flash inside the smaller caves to help preserve the ancient pigments for future generations.*

Day 2: Shaolin Kung Fu Immersion & The Emperor's Chariots — Depart Luoyang

Summary: Today, you will venture from the spiritual tranquility of Zen Buddhism to the intense energy of Shaolin Kung Fu, before returning to Luoyang to witness the underground majesty of an ancient dynasty. It is a day where legends and archaeological wonders collide.

Morning: Shaolin Temple — The Birthplace of Kung Fu

After breakfast, a pleasant one-hour drive brings you to the foot of the Songshan Mountains, home to the legendary **Shaolin Temple**. This is the spiritual heart of Chinese Zen Buddhism and the cradle of Kung Fu.

- **The Temple Grounds:** Enter through the grand gate bearing the inscription of Emperor Kangxi. Explore the ancient halls where monks have practiced for centuries, marveling at the murals and the worn floors—evidence of generations of rhythmic training.
- **The Pagoda Forest:** Wander through the world's largest **Pagoda Forest**, a collection of over 240 stone and brick pagodas that serve as the final resting places for the temple's most revered abbots.
- **The Martial Arts Performance:** No visit is complete without witnessing a **live Kung Fu performance**. Watch in amazement as Shaolin disciples demonstrate incredible feats of flexibility, strength, and weapon mastery.
 - *(Note: To ensure you have the best seats, your guide will carefully coordinate the timing to match the temple's fixed performance schedule.)*

Afternoon: Museum of the King's Six-Horse Chariot

Relax in your private vehicle as we transfer you back to Luoyang for a deep dive into the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770 BC – 256 BC).

- **A Royal Discovery:** Visit the **Museum of King's Six-Horse Chariot**, built directly over the actual archaeological site. You will stand inches away from the 2,000-year-old remains of chariots and horses buried with an ancient emperor.
- **The Imperial Standard:** The highlight is the unique "Six-Horse Chariot" (Tianzi Jia Liu), the highest ritual standard of the Zhou Dynasty, reserved only for the Son of Heaven.

Departure: Farewell to Luoyang

At the conclusion of the tour, your private driver will escort you to the airport or high-speed railway station for your onward journey.

- *(Note: We recommend scheduling your departure after 19:00 to allow for a relaxed pace throughout the day.)*

Accommodation: At your own expense

Meals: Breakfast

Expert Tips:

- **Beat the Crowds:** Shaolin Temple is a world-famous site. We typically start the day early to enjoy the morning mist on Songshan Mountain and secure a good spot for the first Kung Fu show of the day.
- **A Taste of Zen:** If you are interested in local culture, ask your guide about trying a **Buddhist vegetarian lunch** near the temple. It's a clean, flavorful way to experience the culinary traditions of the monks.
- **The Underground View:** The Chariot Museum is located entirely underground and can be a bit chilly even in summer. If you are sensitive to temperature, having a light shawl or sweater handy is a good idea.
- **Souvenir Hunting:** While at Shaolin, look for unique "Kung Fu" related memorabilia, but wait until you get back to the Luoyang city center or museum gift shops for higher-quality replicas of ancient bronze artifacts.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate

- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
 - Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate
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