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### Pingyao Ancient Town

### INS-CN22

Country: China Duration: 3 days Accommodation: Included Meal: As per program Transportation: included

Have you ever heard the whispers from the far away ancient town? Have you ever smelled the unique flavor of the stale architecture? Have you ever imagined living in the past? Follow us and bring back to the memories of the flourishing past. On this 2-day trip you will not only visit the old town, but also Qiao Family Compound and Jinci Temple.

# Day 1: Beijing / Taiyuan / Pingyao (L)

Today you will be picked up at the hotel in downtown Beijing and be transferred to the railway station for the fast train to Taiyuan. Second class soft seats will be arranged. It is about 3 hours on the way. When you arrive in Taiyuan, they will be transferred to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, you will travel to Tianlong Mountain. Do some hiking and also visit the Buddhist Grottoes on the mountain. After the visit, be transferred to Pingyao.

# Day 2: Pingyao (B,L)

Today you will be guided to explore the old town of Pingyao. You will see the Ancient City Wall constructed in early Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and the Ming Qing Street. After that you will visit the County Government Office that was once the ancient law court. Stay overnight in Pingyao.

# Day 3: Pingyao / Taiyuan / Beijing (B,L)

This morning, you will take a full day tour to Zhangbi Underground Castle and Wang's Family Compound. Zhangbi Underground Castle is actually an ancient village which features amazing architecture and engineering. Wang's Family Compound consists of 5 architectural groups but only 2 of them are now open to tourists. The entire architectural complex is very big. It has impressive and interesting maze of rooms and courtyards with delicate wood and stone carvings. After dinner, you will be transferred to Taiyuan railway station and board the train to Beijing. When you arrive in Beijing, you will be transferred to your hotel in downtown Beijing.

# Included:

- 2 night accommodation in a double or twin share room with daily breakfast
- Meals: as mentioned in the program (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner) on the basis of a local restaurant
- Experienced English speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Return train ticket (Second class, soft seats) from Beijing to Taiyuan
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Service charge and government tax

# Excluded:

- Airfare international
- Entry visas to China
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Admission to the sites not included in the program
- Travel Insurances (We highly recommend that you purchase an adequate insurance)
- Gratuities for guides and driver
- Other services which are not specified in the itinerary

