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4-day Tour to Datong by Round-trip Overnight Train

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Tour Code: BJN06

Length: 4 days and 3 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Beijing, Datong

Highlight Attractions: Yungang Grottoes, Huayan Temple, Shanhua Monastery, Nine Dragons Screens, Hanging Temple, Yingxian Wooden Pagoda

Experience & Features: Yungang Grottoes, Huayan Temple, Shanhua Monastery, Nine Dragons Screens, Hanging Temple, Yingxian Wooden Pagoda

Physical Rating: 2

Cultural Shock Rating: 1

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing – Overnight Train

You will be picked up at your hotel in Beijing and transferred to Beijing Train Station. Our tour guide will assist you in arranging your soft-sleeper on the train. The train departs Beijing around 23:36. Stay overnight on board.

Meals:

Day 2: Overnight Train – Datong

You will arrive in Datong around 6 o'clock am. Upon our arrival, you will be met by your local guide and driver with a van/car at the train station. After breakfast at the hotel, firstly we go to visit **[Yungang Grottoes]**. These grottoes are the main attractions most people make a trip to Datong. The grottoes hold over 50,000 Buddhist statues and stretch for about 1 km east to west. After that, visit **[Huayan Temple]** on the western side of Datong city, the largest and most well preserved temple of the Liao (916-1125) and Jin (1115-1234) dynasties in China. After lunch, move on to **[Shanhua Monastery]**, located in central Datong within the old city walls. It was first constructed during the Tang dynasty

(618-907AD). Then have a close look at Nine Dragon Screen, one of the three noted **[Nine Dragons Screens]** in China. The glazed tile screen was built in 1771 during the administration of Emperor Qianlong. It is 3.5 meters high and about 30 meters long. It consists of 270 pieces glazed tiles, having 9 featuring dragons playing with pearls with a background of clouds and seawater. After all the visits, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Datong.

Stay overnight in Datong.

Meals: (L)

Day 3: Datong – Overnight Train

You will be picked up at your hotel in Datong in the morning. Firstly we drive to the **[Hanging Temple]**, 65 km away south-east of Datong. The temple hangs on the west cliff of a hill with over 50 meters above the ground, hence the name Hanging Temple. Hanging Temple was first in 491. The present one was mainly rebuilt and maintained in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). The most distinctive features of the Hanging Temple is the fact that the temple includes Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. After lunch, move on to Yingxian County to visit the **[Yingxian Wooden Pagoda]**, the oldest and largest wooden Buddhist pagoda in existence in the world.

The pagoda is a 9-story octagonal building with a height of 67 meters. It was built without using any nails.

After dinner, you will be transferred to Datong Train Station for overnight train leaving around 22:59 for Beijing.

Stay overnight on board.

Meals: (L)

Day 4: Overnight Train – Beijing

You will arrive in Beijing about 5 o'clock am and be transferred to your hotel in Beijing. The 4-day Datong tour ends when you get back to your hotel in Beijing.

Meals:

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