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2-day Tour to Datong by Car

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Tour Code: BJN05

Length: 2 days and 1 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Datong

Highlight Attractions: Yungang Grottoes, The Nine Dragon Screen, Hanging (Xuankong) Monastery, Wooden Pagoda

Experience & Features: Yungang Grottoes, Nine Dragon Wall, Hanging Temple, Yingxian Wooden Pagoda

Physical Rating: 2

Cultural Shock Rating: 1

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing – Datong

You will be picked up at your hotel in Beijing after your breakfast. Take our private van/car to Datong (about 4-5 hour drive). After lunch we will visit the **[Yungang Grottoes]**. In a valley at Yungang, some 16km west of Datong, there are more than 45 recesses dug into the hills and filled with Buddhist statues of various sizes and shapes, 51,000 altogether, later called Yungang Grottoes (Cloud Ridge Caves) listed UNESCO World Heritage in 2001. After the visit to Yungang Grottoes, we will return to the city center of Datong and visit the **[Nine Dragon Wall]**, which used to guard the mansion or palace. In China, a big wall of dragons in front of the entrance should block evil spirits who can only walk straight. The wall is 8 meters high, 45 meters long, and has 9 different dragons made of 426 glazed tiles. It is the largest nine dragon screen in China. Check-in to the hotel in Datong. The rest of the day will be free.

Stay overnight in Datong.

Meals:

Day 2: Datong-Beijing

You will be picked up from your hotel after your breakfast. 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. It is admired as one of the "Three Pagoda Wonders" in the world", together with Eiffel Tower in France and leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy. After

all the visits, we will take our car/van going back to Beijing. The 2-day Datong tour ends when back to your hotel in Beijing. Stay overnight in Datong.

Meals: (L)

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