

# 8D Friendly Shandong

Jinan/Weifang/Qixia/Yantai/Qingdao/Taierzhuang/Heze/Qufu/Taian

## Tour Highlight:

- No shopping Tour
- Stay 5\* Local standard hotels throughout; Free upgrade to 5\* hotel for 1 night; stay in Taierzhuang Water Town for 1 night at the best local inn 4\*
- "The First of the Five Mountains" - Mount Tai
- The Little Forbidden City in the North - Mou's Manor
- Ancient city of Taierzhuang, which is hailed as the "living canal" by the World Tourism Organization (including a painted boat ride)
- "Pearl of Quancheng" - Daming Lake
- One of the four famous springs - Black Tiger Spring
- The No. 1 Mansion in the World—Confucius Mansion
- The city logo of Qingdao - Zhanqiao
- May 4th Square, the symbol of Qingdao New Town
- Drink authentic Changyu wine + authentic Tsingtao puree beer
- DIY New Year pictures + DIY Shandong giant steamed buns
- April flower viewing season: Qingdao Zhongshan Park - Cherry + Peach + Tulips blossoms; Jinan Daming Lake - Magnolia & Winter jasmine flowers; Tai'an - Peach blossoms; Heze for Peonies.
- Fruit picking season: April - strawberries; May - Cherries; June to August - Peaches; September to November - Apples or Grapes
- Flavors and delicacies: Beijing flavor, Shandong cuisine, Weixian flavor, landlord's banquet, Yantai flavor, seafood hot pot, seafood steamer, Jiaodong flavor, Taicheng flavor, Chinese flavor, Confucius feast, Cantonese flavor, Taishan flavor



### Day 01: Singapore ✈️ Shanghai ✈️ Jinan (L/D)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport, onboard the flight to **Jinan via Shanghai**, China. Jinan City, the capital of Shandong Province, referred to as "Ji", also known as "Spring City". Visit the beautiful **Daming Lake**, known as the "Pearl of the Spring City", and visit the **Black Tiger Spring**, one of the four famous springs. Continue to **Baihuazhou Park**, also known as Baihuating, Baihua Pond, and Xiaonan Lake for flower viewing. Check into hotel after dinner.

### Day 02: Jinan/Weifang (2H) (B/L/D)

Depart to **Qingzhou** to visit **Qingzhou Zhaode Ancient Street**, one of the first ten "Historical and Cultural Streets" in China. Thereafter, drive to **Weifang** to visit **Yangjiabu Folk Customs Grand View Garden**. The park is dominated by New Year pictures and kites, with folk customs as its theme. Here you can enjoy the stencils, New Year pictures and paper-cut production with strong Shandong style. You can also enjoy **DIY New Year pictures** and appreciate the ancient folk customs and folk customs of Yangjiabu people. Check into hotel after dinner.

### Day 03: Weifang/Qixia (2.5H)/Yantai (3H) (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive to **Qixia**, the hometown of apples, and visit **Mou's Manor (DIY Shandong Big Momo)**, known as the Little Forbidden City in the north. It is the most complete and typical feudal landlord's manor in northern China and has been rated as "Fossils of a Century-old Manor" and "The Place of Six Hundred Years of Rise and Fall". You can also experience the fun of making and processing **Shandong's traditional Momo or dumplings** on site. Continue to **Yantai**. Visit the century-old **Changyu Wine Museum**, appreciate the century-old historical legend of Changyu, and experience the extensive and profound wine culture (including tasting authentic Changyu wine).

**Day 04: Yantai/Qingdao (3H) (B/L/D)**

This morning, drive to **Qingdao** to visit **Zhongshan Park (cherry blossom viewing)**, stroll along the International Architecture Expo - **Badaguan (Eight passes)** for peach blossom viewing, **the May 4th Square**, the symbol of Qingdao New Town, **the Olympic Park**, the witness of Qingdao's century-old history, and the city logo of Qingdao City - **Zhanqiao Pier**. Check into hotel after dinner.

**Day 05: Qingdao/Taierzhuang (4H) (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, visit **Tsingtao Brewery No. 2 (including wine tasting)**. At Tsingtao Brewery No. 2, you can visit the advanced beer production line. During the tour, you can also drink a cup of authentic Qingdao puree beer. Then, drive to **Zaozhuang** and visit the "Living Canal" - **Taierzhuang Ancient City (Painted Boat Cruise)**, which is praised by the World Tourism Organization. Take a boat ride to enjoy the charming scenery of Taierzhuang Ancient City, feel the Jiangbei water town, the charm of the ancient canal that has flowed for thousands of years, and feel the ancient city of comfortable life.

**Day 06: Taierzhuang/Heze (2H)/Qufu (2.5H) (B/L/D)**

Drive to **Heze**, the hometown of peonies, and visit the **Caozhou Peony Garden** (appreciating the national beauty and fragrant peonies). You can immerse yourself in the sea of flowers and appreciate all kinds of peonies, as if you are in a painting, and the painting is a fairyland. Thereafter, we continue our journey to **Qufu**, the old capital of Lu and the hometown of Confucius. Visit the **Confucius Mansion**, the first mansion in the world, the former residence of Confucius, and the residence where the descendants of Confucius lived and worked. Check into hotel after dinner.

**Day 07: Qufu/Taian (1.5H)/Jinan (1.5H) (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, go to **Tai'an** to visit **Mount Tai Scenic Area (including round trip cable car)**. Visit **Nantianmen, Tianjie, Jade Emperor Summit, Peach Blossom Spring (appreciate peach blossoms along the way)** etc. Mount Tai is known as the sacred mountain in China. Ancient feudal emperors often had customs related to Mount Tai. Mount Tai can also be called one of the holy places of Taoism, the religion of Chinese rural scholars. From the foothills to the top, there are more than 30 historical sites. Depart for **Jinan**. Check into the hotel after dinner.

**Day 08: Jinan ✈️ Shanghai ✈️ Singapore (Packed Breakfast)**

Transfer to airport for your flight back to **Singapore** via **Shanghai**. Thank you for choosing ASA Holiday.

**Compulsory Additional Tour (RMB 600/person):** Jinan Daming Lake Boat Ride + Qingdao Site of German Governor's Palace + Qingdao Night Market + Kang Youwei's Former Residence + Yantaishan

**Remarks:**

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- Gratuity: A nominal fee of RMB30/pax/day, total RMB240/pax will be given to the guide and driver in reciprocation for the service rendered.