

Jingdezhen Historical Exploration - 1-Day-Tour-B

From Kaolin to Kilns — Trace the Origins of Porcelain in Yaoli. A Journey to the Roots of Porcelain. Welcome to Jingdezhen, the porcelain capital of the world. This one-day historical exploration takes you beyond the city and into the mountains, where porcelain history was born. Centered on Yaoli Ancient Town, this tour combines natural landscapes, ancient architecture, and the heritage of kaolin clay—the lifeblood of Jingdezhen ceramics. This custom-designed ceramic tour is perfect for individuals, couples, and families who are passionate about ceramics, art, history, and Chinese culture. This is an adult-only tour with age requirement 16+.

350 USD / person

315 USD / 2 person

10% off for 2 days' booking

Morning – Journey to Yaoli Ancient Town

* Travel: 1.5-hour scenic drive (approx. 50 km) from downtown Jingdezhen to Fuliang County, near the Yellow Mountain border. This visit immerses you in the blend of ancient ceramics, local customs, and natural scenery—all preserved in a timeless atmosphere.

* Yaoli Ancient Town – Dating back to the Western Han Dynasty, ceramic production began here during the Tang Dynasty. Known as the cradle of Jingdezhen ceramics, it supplied porcelain clay, glaze stone, and pine resin to Jingdezhen for centuries.

* Explore stone-paved lanes, Huizhou-style architecture, ancestral halls, old academies, and dwellings from the Ming and Qing dynasties.

* Enjoy the Yaohe River flowing through the town, harmonizing with mountains, waterfalls, and ancient residences.

* Discover Wang Lake Scenic Area, featured in films, with waterfalls, lush forests, and ancient bridges.

Midday – Kaolin Origins and Ceramic Relics

* Gaoling National Mine Heritage Site: Visit the world's first-known source of kaolin clay. Learn why the village name “Gaoling” became an international scientific term in mineralogy. Follow ancient stone-paved trails in the Kaolin Mine Relic Park, where miners once supplied raw materials for imperial porcelain.

* Dongbu Historic Wharf: A 400-year-old wharf where kaolin, porcelain stone, and pine resin were shipped by river to Jingdezhen. Walk along the original stone platforms where ancient trade once flourished.

* Hanxi Village Tea Plantation. A picturesque tea farm that still produces local teas today. Experience rural life, lush tea terraces, and learn about Fuliang's long history of tea production alongside ceramics.

Afternoon – Ceramic Culture in Action

Raonan Ceramic Theme Park

- * Explore traditional workshops powered by water-driven hammer mills crushing porcelain stone.
- * See ancient dragon kilns and pottery wheels.
- * Try your hand at porcelain-making in the same way artisans worked hundreds of years ago.
- * Hike or stroll around additional scenic spots such as waterfalls, mountain paths, and Huizhou-style villages.

Why Choose This Tour?

This Yaoli Historical Exploration offers a rich combination of:

1. Ceramic Heritage – Visit the birthplace of kaolin clay and explore relics of porcelain production.
2. Cultural Discovery – Stroll through an ancient town with Huizhou-style architecture and riverside life.
3. Natural Beauty – Forests, waterfalls, rivers, and mountain landscapes for fresh air and relaxation.
4. Hands-on Experience – Optional pottery activities in traditional dragon kilns and workshops.

Included Services

1. Pickup & Local Transportation – Airport/train station pickup, and transfers to all scheduled activities within Jingdezhen.
2. Accommodation – Furnished homestay apartments (kitchen, private bathroom, laundry, free Wi-Fi, breakfast). Options available for 3-star or 4-star hotels.
3. Guided Experiences – English-speaking tour guide service, plus entry tickets and booking arrangements for all scheduled visits.
4. Cultural Visits – Access to ceramic museums, villages, workshops, and historic kilns as per your itinerary.

Excluded Services & Extra Costs

1. Optional Pottery Classes – Wheel throwing, hand-building, painting, glazing, and firing techniques.
2. Ceramic Souvenirs & Shipping – Local shopping is encouraged; we help arrange international shipping for larger items at discounted rates, but costs are your responsibility.
3. Upgraded Hotels – 4-star hotel stays available at extra charge.
4. Meals – Lunch and dinner are self-paid unless pre-arranged.
5. International Travel & Insurance – Flights to/from China and personal travel insurance are your responsibility.

FAQ

When is the tour available, and how do I sign up?

Tours run year-round. Please confirm your travel plans at least 3 weeks in advance.

Registration is via [ChineseSources.org].

Who is this tour for? Is there an age limit?

The program is designed for ceramic artists, art students, ceramic lovers, collectors, and cultural travelers. Age requirement: 16+.

What are the highlights?

- * Hands-on pottery experiences
- * Visits to ceramic expos, museums, historic kilns, and artist villages
- * Exploration of Yaoli Ancient Town and traditional wood-fired techniques
- * Free time to enjoy Jingdezhen's flea markets, cafés, and night bazaars

Where will I stay?

Accommodation options include furnished apartments, 3-star or 4-star hotels.

How does transportation work?

We provide pickup from Jingdezhen airport or train station, plus all local transportation.

How much does it cost?

Optional structured courses:

- * Pottery Painting (7 days) – \$500
- * Hand-Building Pottery (7 days) – \$500
- * Wheel Throwing (7 days) – \$500
- * Chinese Calligraphy & Fan Painting (7 days) – \$500
- * Upgrade from 7 days → 12 days: +\$300

Do I need a visa and insurance?

Yes. Some travelers require a China tourist visa (we provide invitation letters). Travel insurance is recommended.

Who can I contact for more details?

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