Běijīng China's capital: home to the Forbidden City, Tiān'ānmén Square and the Great Wall – give the city two days. Q 4 ½ hrs to Píngyáo

> Pingyáo China's best-preserved walled town needs a day of your attention and an overnight stay. Q 3 ¼ hrs to Xī'ān

Xt'ān Visit the awesome Terracotta Warriors outside town, climb the imposing city wall, snack your way through the bustling Muslim quarter and visit the Great Mosque.