

FIELD GUIDE / COMPLETE EDITION

Xi'an Shopping Field Guide

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Choose writing tools and clearly described reproductions.

Buy practical calligraphy supplies or collection-inspired gifts with clear materials and production details. Agree on commissioned work before it begins.

8 places, with a reason to choose each

Four starting points from the free city guide plus four additional researched stops. Each card includes a fit, a reason to skip and a question that changes the purchase.

3 ready-to-adapt outings

Choose by interests and a spending cap. Each plan includes priorities, a fallback and something to cut when time or money is tight.

A kit for the shop counter

Recipient-matched gifts, bilingual questions, a worked comparison, packing decisions and a purchase record.

Research edition: 17 September 2026. Independent public-source research, not personal store visits. Prices, stock, access and opening hours are not live-verified. Route budgets are planning examples, not seller quotations.

01 / CHOOSE BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Which stop earns its place?

Use this board to build a short list. The four additional stops are marked +; the complete guide also expands the original four.

01 Shuyuanmen cultural street

Someone seeking practical writing materials or a planned inscription.

Skip: Pass on a commission without agreed characters, total and collection time.

03 SHANG XIA - Xi'an SKP home gallery

Someone considering contemporary homeware with a firm budget and packing limit.

Skip: Pass if the available piece cannot be collected or packed safely for your trip.

05 Xinhua Bookstore - Bell Tower branch +

Readers and visitors buying flat, non-fragile gifts inside the city walls.

Skip: Skip a large art volume if your bag is already heavy; search for a smaller edition.

07 Zi Zai Beilin - Forest of Steles Museum shop +

A visitor interested in Chinese writing who plans to see the collection.

Skip: Skip a shop-only museum journey if entry is unavailable; choose practical materials on Shuyuanmen instead.

02 Shaanxi History Museum gift shop - Qujiang Intime

A Grand Tang Mall visitor seeking a gift connected to the museum collection.

Skip: Pass on a special trip until the Qujiang Intime branch is reconfirmed.

04 Grand Tang Mall pedestrian district

Someone already exploring the pedestrian district and open to a small souvenir.

Skip: Pass if the purchase depends on an unsupported age, handmade or museum claim.

06 De Mao Gong - West Street +

A recipient who enjoys sweet pastries and can eat them within the labelled storage period.

Skip: Skip if ingredients, travel rules or the remaining journey make the gift impractical.

08 Xi'an Museum - Xibo Zaowu cultural shop +

A visitor combining the Small Wild Goose Pagoda site with a small cultural gift.

Skip: Skip an extra museum-shop circuit if you already have a gift from the collection that mattered most to you.

Route cards follow on pages 3–5. Detailed stop cards are on pages 6–13. Copyable Chinese addresses are embedded text; save the PDF on your phone before travelling.

02 / OUTING 1

Inside the walls: writing with context

For calligraphy, paper and a book that helps explain the trip.

Your spending cap: CNY 500

Illustrative allocations, not current store prices. Only costs explicitly listed below are included; budget separately for anything else. The cap is not a target.

Museum design gift: CNY 150

Practice brush and paper ceiling: CNY 180

One book: CNY 120

Rigid sleeve and unspent reserve: CNY 50

1. Zi Zai Beilin - Forest of Steles Museum shop

Anchor the route to a confirmed museum entry. Identify a writing or inscription theme before browsing the shop.

2. Shuyuanmen cultural street

Compare practical brushes and practice paper nearby. Specify use and total price before accepting a commission.

3. Xinhua Bookstore - Bell Tower branch

Continue toward the Bell Tower and East Street as a separate old-city leg. Search for a relevant illustrated title.

If a stop does not work

If museum entry is unavailable, begin with Shuyuanmen and choose a practical item you can test; the bookstore supplies context without requiring a museum ticket.

Short on time or budget?

Cut the bookstore if you already have the exact title, or cut a commission when collection would be uncertain.

Before you head back

Finish with all paper in a rigid sleeve and inks sealed separately. Keep any print's production description.

03 / STOP 05 / ADDITIONAL SELECTION

Xinhua Bookstore - Bell Tower branch

Books & cultural gifts

This named bookshop gives the old-city shopping route a reliable address and a place to search by title. Use it for context: a book about the architecture, writing or archaeology encountered on the trip. The national reading portal documents the shop's address and its refurbishment at the same site.

Best for

Readers and visitors buying flat, non-fragile gifts inside the city walls.

Look for

A Xi'an history or illustrated title that you can inspect before buying.

Make this comparison

Pair a useful book here with practical writing materials at Shuyuanmen. Choose the book first if you need to understand a script or subject before commissioning anything.

Walk away or skip when

Skip a large art volume if your bag is already heavy; search for a smaller edition.

西安市新华书店钟楼书店

西安市新城区东大街377号

377 East Street, Xincheng District

One last check at the counter

Check language, publisher, ISBN and page condition. Ask for a sale copy if the one you have been reading is a display copy. A local shop does not make every book a Xi'an publication.

National Reading government portal: Bell Tower bookshop and address

Research compiled September 2026. Reconfirm the exact branch before a special trip. Individual product stock and tax-refund participation are not guaranteed.