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Xi'an City Wall 西安城墙

Jo: When I visited Xi'an recently, Feifei, I went to the Terracotta Warriors, the Bell Tower, the Drum Tower and the Tang Paradise, but did I miss anything?

Feifei: Well, Jo, I think you did. But I'll answer that question in a minute. Hello there, 欢迎收听今天的《都市掠影》节目，我是冯菲菲。

Jo: For this On the Town special, we're reporting from our recent visit to Xi'an - the ancient Chinese city in central China.

Feifei: 那么我们来赶快回答 Jo 刚才提的这个问题，她说西安还有什么值得一去的地方？ I'd say the city wall definitely.

Jo: Really? What's so special about it?

Feifei: Well the Ming Dynasty started building the wall in the year 1370, so it's about 800 years old; it's one of the oldest and best-preserved Chinese city walls.

Jo: Wow! That sounds amazing.

Feifei: Yeah. So I decided to ask a few of my foreign friends, who've lived in Xi'an for few years what they think about the wall.

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Sam:

The Xi'an city wall is one of the most beautiful landmarks in Xi'an. Going up on the city wall, you have a beautiful view of the Bell Tower, the Drum Tower, the ancient centre of the city as well as the rest of Xi'an. It's definitely worth visiting.

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- Jo:** Sam says the wall is one of the most beautiful landmarks in Xi'an.
- Feifei:** Sam 说西安城墙是西安最美的一个地标建筑, landmark 陆标, 地标。
- Jo:** Finally Rick says you can see every neighbourhood and the diversity of the city from the wall.
- Feifei:** Neighbourhood 这个词经常被使用在美式英语当中, 它的意思是地区, 街道。
Diversity 多样性。
- Jo:** He says as you walk around the wall, the way people live in the city is just so visible.
- Feifei:** 看得见的, 可见的 visible. Let's listen again.

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- Feifei:** Sam and Rick also told us what you can do on the wall.

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Sam:

On the wall you can stroll along or you can rent a bicycle. They also have tandem bikes, so you and a friend can enjoy a nice day cycling along the city wall, enjoying the sights of Xi'an.

Rick:

You can ride your bike or you can rent a bike on any side of the wall and ride it around. I think it's about a 13-kilometre ride, it's tiring, but it's a great way to see the city.

- Jo:** So both Sam and Rick say you can rent a bicycle or you can ride your bike on the wall. You can even rent a tandem bike.

- Feifei:** Tandem bike 双人自行车。Sam 和 Rick 说你可以骑自己的自行车或者是在城墙上租一辆自行车来游览城墙。



Jo: Rick says it's about a 13-kilometre ride. I'd love to do that!

Feifei: I've done it before Jo, and I highly recommend it. I also asked Sam what he likes about the wall.

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What I like about the Xi'an city wall is that it gives you a sense of history in Xi'an. I've described it before as being almost romantic, it's large and beautiful. At night or even during the day creates a real atmosphere of ancient China and what is a fast-growing modern city.

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Feifei: A sense of history 一种对历史的感悟。

Jo: Sam described the wall as being almost romantic. He says the wall creates a real atmosphere of ancient China and what is a fast-growing modern city.

Feifei: Sam 说他曾经用 **romantic** “浪漫”这个词来形容西安的城墙；他说城墙不仅能给我们创造一种古中国时候的气氛，同时也展示了现代西安迅速发展的美景。
Atmosphere 气氛；**fast growing** 发展迅速的。So next time you go to Xi'an, you'll have to check out the city wall, Jo.

Jo: I'll look forward to it, Feifei.

Feifei: Please visit our website for more On the Town programmes, at www.bbcukchina.com and it's updated everyday. Thanks for listening and see you next time!

Jo: Bye!

