

China's Qi County Will Unveil Diverse Cultural and Tourism Activities for May Day Holiday



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As the 2026 May Day holiday approaches, Qi County, located in Hebi City of central China's Henan Province, is set to roll out a rich lineup of cultural and tourism events. Integrating daytime landscape sightseeing and immersive waterfront night performances, the county showcases the distinctive military culture of the Warring States Period and time-honored glamour of the Shang dynasty, welcoming tourists nationwide and worldwide to discover the ancient charm of Zhaoge, a historic city rooted in the iconic *Investiture of the Gods* legends and 3,000 years of profound civilization.

Ancient Zhaoge, today's Qi County, functioned as the capital for four successive rulers in the late Shang Dynasty and served as the capital of the State of Wei during the Western Zhou Dynasty. The county boasts millennia-old cultural legacies and premium tourism resources unique to central China.

Renowned for its picturesque scenery, Yunmeng Mountain in Qi County is best known as the secluded

retreat of Guiguzi, a distinguished strategist and thinker from the Warring States Period. The mountain, widely regarded as China's ancient military academy, was where renowned ancient strategists and diplomats including Sun Bin, Pang Juan, Su Qin and Zhang Yi studied.

During this year's May Day holiday, Yunmeng Mountain Scenic Area will present *Elegant Rhymes of Guiguzi*, an original immersive live-action show highlighting traditional Chinese culture. Visitors can also enjoy classic folk performances featuring graceful sword dances, traditional copper pot artistry, and the Four Arts of the Chinese Scholar—qin (zither), qi (go), shu (calligraphy), and hua (painting). Interactive recreational programs such as ancient troop formation simulations, traditional Chinese chess competitions and simulated military grain transportation challenges will be open to tourists of all ages.

Guling Mountain, a national 4A-level scenic spot in Qi County, features core cultural themes centering on Goddess Nüwa mythology and Yin-Shang civilization. Over the May Day holiday, tourists at the Guling Mountain can immerse themselves in time-honored mythological heritage. They may hike up the mountains to pray for blessings and take in spring vistas, enjoying a perfect blend of stunning natural scenery and authentic traditional folk culture.

Chaoyang Mountain holds profound cultural significance as a site frequently visited by Confucius during his decade-long residence in the ancient State of Wei. For the upcoming holiday, the mountain will launch a Confucius Culture Season and educational family tour program, delivering immersive, high-quality research and cultural learning experiences for family travelers.

Jinniuling Scenic Area offers a perfect blend of outdoor leisure and in-depth cultural exploration. Tourists can stand on the scenic glass viewing platform to take in panoramic views of the sweeping Taihang Mountains.

Zhaoge Old Street will stage four exclusive live historical performances over the holiday, recreating classic story scenes including *King Zhou's Guest Reception*, *Daji's Classical Dance*, *Peach Grove Romance* and *the Lotus Prince Nezha* performances. A host of intangible cultural heritage showcases, such as molten iron fireworks, fire-breathing stunts and traditional opera face-changing acts, will be staged daily.

At Zhaoge Ruins Park, travelers can climb the iconic Zhaixing (Star Picking) Terrace, revisit timeless *Investiture of the Gods* tales, and soak up the authentic historical ambiance of the Yin-Shang dynasty.

From April 30 to May 4, Meishui River in Qi County will host nightly waterfront cultural galas. The rich lineup includes langqiao (covered bridge) dance performances, special themed concerts, and the grand outdoor show *Ballad of Meishui River: Flower Boat Parade*.

Boasting legendary *Investiture of the Gods* culture and millennia-old Zhaoge heritage, Qi County has prepared a diverse array of cultural and tourism events for the May Day holiday. The ancient city invites visitors across the country and around the globe to explore its stunning natural landscapes, profound historical heritage and enduring cultural charm.



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