Teaching aims：

1. Students can know typical places of interest in Xi’an and be familiar with Terracotta Army;
2. Students can grasp the structure of the email about a travel plan;
3. Students can master the language features of the email about a travel plan.

Teaching procedures:

Step1 Lead in

Show students a short video about Xi’an to activate their knowledge of Xi’an, then, ask students:

What’s your impression of Xi’an to learn some related words: ancient, architecture, amazing, cultural relic.

Then ask students to name some cultural relics in Xi’an by showing them some pictures.

Then learn a brochure about Terracotta Army.

Step2 Read for the structure and contents

Guide students to analyze the structure of the email and main contents of a travel plan: greeting, purpose, plan, transport, thoughts, close.

Step3 Read for language

Guide students to notice the sentences in a travel plan about When, Where, Why, What, How. Then, guide students to discuss in groups to brainstorm more expressions about When, Where, Why, What, How in a travel plan. At last, conclude the structure and language features of a travel plan email.

Step4 Write

Ask students to write a reply letter to Richard by picking one city and sharing their travel plan in ten minutes.

Then, show the checklist of the writing and comment on examples from students.

At last, appreciate a possible version together.