

Grand Silk Road Tour

Destinations: Beijing, Urumqi, Kashgar, Turpan, Dunhuang, Xian, Lanzhou, Shanghai, Suzhou

Tour Features: This Silk Road tour not only brings you to the most important and interesting towns of the ancient trading route, but also takes you to the historic sites in Beijing, Lanzhou, Shanghai and Suzhou. You will enjoy a complete experience of ancient and modern China with this wide variety of cultures and landscapes. Special highlights of this itinerary are a visit to Kashgar's Sunday Bazaar and a day tour of Suzhou's traditional Chinese gardens.



Tour Code: CCT-SR05S

Tour Class: Standard

Tour Departure: Flexible

Inclusion & Exclusion

Tour map

Tour Price: From 2,855 USD

Off Season	Quotation	Single Supplement
10 Person or up	USD 2,855/Person	USD 540/Person
6-9 Person	USD 3,307/Person	USD 740/Person
2-5 Person	USD 3,674/Person	USD 740/Person

Shoulder Season	Quotation	Single Supplement
10 Person or up	USD 2,989/Person	USD 655/Person
6-9 Person	USD 3,455/Person	USD 860/Person
2-5 Person	USD 3,826/Person	USD 860/Person

Peak Season	Quotation	Single Supplement
10 Person or up	USD 3,049/Person	USD 730/Person
6-9 Person	USD 3,516/Person	USD 920/Person
2-5 Person	USD 3,986/Person	USD 920/Person

Itinerary

Day 01 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. You will be greeted by your guide at the airport and transferred to Holiday Inn Downtown Hotel

Day 02 Beijing (B, L)

Morning program takes you to Tian An Men Square and the Forbidden City, the residence of emperors for more than 500 years. Enjoy the famous Taiwan cuisine at our carefully-selected restaurant. Afternoon sightseeing features the Temple of Heaven, where emperors once prayed for good harvests. On the way back to the hotel, you will have an overlook of the major Olympic Stadium and the Olympic village.

Day 03 Beijing (B, L)

The highlight today is a visit to the Great Wall, symbol of the Chinese ancient civilization. After lunch, you will visit Ming Tombs, the burial grounds for the 13 Ming Dynasty emperors.



Day 04 Beijing / Urumqi (B, D)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uigur Autonomous Region. Check into the Xinjiang Grand Hotel. Enjoy the typical local food.

Day 05 Urumqi / Kashgar (B, L)

The highlight of our visit to Urumqi is an excursion to Heavenly Lake. Only one hour and a half drive from the city, it lies on snow-capped Mount Bogda at almost 2000 meters above sea level. The sapphire-blue lake is set in deep slope of pine forests and meadows of wild flowers where Kazak nomads camp. The views from the cruise boat are breathtaking. After lunch at carefully-selected restaurant, you will drive back to Urumqi. Proceed to visit the Regional Museum and excursion to Erdaoqiao International Grand Bazaar. Board a short flight to Kashigar this evening. Check in the local best Kashgar Barony Hotel.

Day 06 Kashgar (B, L)

No visitors to Kashigar should miss the Sunday Bazaar. In this teeming market, you can buy anything from herbal medicines to carpets, from a cradle to a camel. In the afternoon you may enjoy an exploration to the downtown. A tour will bring you to visit the vast **Id Kah Mosque** and the tomb of Abakh Khoja in the country lanes.

Day 07 Kashgar / Urumqi (B, L)

Kashgar is a fabled city with a rich mix of people and cultures. Mosques and veiled women feature strong Middle Eastern characteristics. In the morning, you will visit a



Kinder garden, old city district - a typical Uygur nationality houses with local building material and a workshop where traditional carpet are made, a warren of twisting alleys and whitewashed walls, in a donkey cart taxi, at last you will have a chance to visit the Uygur family. Fly back to Urumqi this evening. Enjoy a good rest at the Xinjiang Grand Hotel.

Day 08 Urumqi / Turpan (B, L)

Today's highlight is the Nanshan Pastures where nomadic tribesmen herd their yaks and sheep. You will have the opportunity to visit a family in their tent for a taste of traditional nomadic hospitality. A short coach journey takes you through the desert to the Oasis town of Turpan, famous for its melons and vineyards. Check into the local best Hotel Tuha Petroleum.

Day 09 Turpan / Dunhuang (B, L)

Today's tour includes visits to the **ruined city of Gaochang** by donkey cart, and the underground tombs of Astana, the legendary Flaming Mountains, and Bezeklik Caves whose walls are adorned with Buddhist frescoes. You will also see the Emin Minaret, one of the finest buildings on the Silk Road, and Karez Well - an underground irrigation system. Board the overnight train to Dunhuang. Over night on the train.

Day 10 Dunhuang (B, L)

Arrive in Dunhuang in the morning. Enjoy breakfast in the Dunhuang Hotel. Dunhuang was a strategic post on the Silk Road and frontier town of the ancient. A leisurely day includes visits to Singing Sand Dune and Crescent Moon Lake set in an amphitheater of sand dunes and has a camel ride. Stay at the local best Dunhuang Hotel this evening.

Day 11 Dunhuang (B, L)

You will visit the most famous monument of Dunhuang-the **Mogao Caves**, popularly known as "Thousand Buddha Caves". An art gallery in the desert, the walls of the caves are lined with Buddhist frescoes and sculpted figures, is said to be the finest examples of Buddhist art in the world. Mixing Indian and Chinese styles, they are a remarkable record of Silk Road civilization. You will enjoy delicious local flavor fro today's lunch. Afternoon program will take you to visit the County museum and White Horse Pagoda.



Day 12 Dunhuang / Lanzhou (B, L)

Fly to Lanzhou, which is located on the banks of the Yellow River. A city tour takes you to the White Pagoda Hill with its many pavilions offer views of the Yellow River and the city below. You will also visit Gansu Provincial Museum with the world famous Galloping horse, the Five Spring Park, Yellow River Bridge and watermill along the Yellow River. Check into the five-star Sunshine Plaza.

Day 13 Lanzhou / Xian (B, D)

Fly to Xian. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the Xian Aurum International Hotel. Proceed to visit the Shaanxi History Museum.

Day 14 Xian (B, L)

A full day tour recalls the glories of ancient Xian as you visit the burial site of the incredible army of 8000 lifelike Terra-cotta soldiers, the majestic Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the City Wall. Today you will enjoy the authentic Chinese cuisine for lunch.



Day 15 Xian / Shanghai (B, D)

After breakfast, you will visit the only underground museum in China, Yangling Mausoleum. Yangling Mausoleum will bring you to one of the most prosperous dynasty, Han Dynasty in Chinese history. Fly to Shanghai. You are greeted by your guide at the airport and transferred to the Shanghai Hotel.

Day 16 Shanghai (B, L)

Have full day sightseeing to the major attractions of the city including the Yu Garden at the Old Quarter, the French concession, Shanghai Museum and Nanjing Road at the shopping center.

Day 17 Shanghai / Suzhou / Shanghai (B, L)

After breakfast, drive to Suzhou to visit the beautiful traditional Chinese gardens. You will visit the famous Lingering Garden and Fishing Net Garden. You will have a try of local flavor for today's lunch. Drive back to Shanghai in the late afternoon. Enjoy a good rest today.

Day 18 Shanghai (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the next destination. The whole tour ends with a memorable experience.

Remarks:

1. Seasonality

Shoulder season: March 15-31, April, May, June, July, August, October, 2010

Peak season: July, August, September, 2010

2. Above prices are not valid during Spring Festival and National Holiday (1-7 October). Please contact us if your equerries fall into the above periods.

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