

14 Days Classical Silk Road Tour

In antiquity, the Silk Road served as a bridge between East and West. However, as time has passed it is now nothing but a name to many people.



Destination: Beijing, Urumqi, Kashgar, Turfan, Dunhuang, Xi'an, Shanghai

Tour Type: Multi-City Tour

Departure: Daily

Tour Code: CTP207

Duration: 14 Days & 13 Nights

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Highlights

- Take you to the Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, a local family visit in Turpan, the famous Sunday Bazaar in Kashgar and more...

Itinerary

Day 01 Arrive in Beijing

Activities: You'll be met on arrival at Beijing airport. Free time rest of the day exploring the nearby streets, or resting and catching up on your jetlag. Beijing is a city of amazing contrasts - an ancient capital with incredible historical sites, and a bustling modern metropolis hosted the 2008 Olympics.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven

Meals:

Day 02 Beijing

Activities: After breakfast head out for Tian'anmen Square, the world's largest public square, which is closely linked to Mao Zedong, and The Forbidden City, from which the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties governed for over 500 years. Later you'll visit the Temple of Heaven, where the Emperors prayed for good harvests and rain, or gave thanks for the harvest. In the evening, enjoy watching a splendid show of Shaolin Kungfu.

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Meals: Lunch

Day 03 Beijing

Activities: Leave town in the morning for the drive (a bit under two hours) to the Badaling Section of The Great Wall , which stretches for over 6000 km, and was originally built to protect China from the barbarians. You can walk and climb at your own pace, or enjoy spectacular views from the cable car. Before returning to the city you'll enjoy visiting the Changling (one of the Ming Tombs), and the attractive tree-lined Sacred Way , bordered by stone statues, along which the Emperors once trod to conduct their sacred ceremonies. Dinner tonight is at Quanjude Restaurant, where you'll eat some of the best 'Peking Duck' in Beijing.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven

Meals: Lunch+Dinner

Day 04 Beijing to Urumqi

Activities: After experiencing royal life today there is the opportunity to take a rickshaw ride to the Hutong where we visit a local flea market which is an excellent example of typical architecture of this area. We can guarantee you will have impressive stories to tell your friends after this. Then take a flight to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, and transfer to the hotel.

Hotel: Urumqi Mirage Hotel

Meals: Lunch

Day 05 Urumqi to Kashgar

Activities: You will take a morning flight to Kashgar, "the pearl of the Ancient Silk Road". Upon arrival you will be taken to the local best hotel. Visit the famous Sunday Market. The Sunday Bazaar in Kashgar is a social and commercial highlight of the week in Western Xinjiang. In the bazaar you can find different kinds of goods: ironware, silverware, fruit, clothes, local food, livestock, etc.

Hotel: Kashi Qiniwake Hotel

Meals: Lunch

Day 06 Kashgar - Urumqi

Activities: Visit the Id Kah Mosque, the Old Street and the Abakh Khoja Tomb. Abakh Khoja Tomb is also known as the Tomb of Xiang Fei (Fragrant Lady) in China. Situating 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) northeast of Kashgar City, Abakh Khoja Tomb is an ancient Islamic building, where five generations of a famous

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Islamic master were buried. It is also commonly known as the tomb of Xiangfei, the only Uygur concubine of Emperor Qianlong in Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).

Take a flight to Urumqi and check in at the hotel.

Hotel: Urumqi Mirage Hotel

Meals: Lunch

Day 07 Urumqi to Turpan

Activities: This morning you will have a chance to visit Heavenly Lake. The Heavenly Lake is a very beautiful mountain lake formed more than million years ago in the 4th glacial epoch, so the water in it is pure and icy. The altitude of the lake is up to 2150 meters above the sea level and got its fame as the "jewel in the crown". To the east of the lake stands the Bogda Peak-the highest peak in the east part of Tian Shan Mountain, which is capped by glacier and snow glistening in the sun, finely contrasted with blue lake water, forming fabulous scenery. Transfer to Turpan and check in the hotel.

Hotel: Turpan Oasis Hotel

Meals: Lunch

Day 08 Turpan to Dunhuang

Activities: Visit the Gaochang Ruins, the Baizikeli Thousand Buddha Cave and the Flaming Hill. Take an overnight soft sleeper train to Dunhuang.

Hotel: Dun Huang Hotel

Meals: Lunch

Day 09 Dunhuang

Activities: You will be picked up at the railway station and transferred to the hotel. Visit the Mogao Grottoes and the Dunhuang Museum. The Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes, a bright pearl on the ancient Silk Road, is well-known for its delicate murals and statues all over the world. The Mogao Grottoes were originally built in 366BC and were constructed in the following dynasties of Sui, Tang, Western Xia and Yuan. Breakfast is on your own.

Hotel: Dun Huang Hotel

Meals: Lunch

Day 010 Dunhuang to Xian

Activities: You will experience a short camel-ride along the Echoing-Sand Dune to reach the Crescent Lake. Having the reputation of "the First Spring in Desert", Crescent Lake is nearly 100 meters (328 feet) long from north to south and 25 meters (82 feet) wide from east to west. The circuitous shape is

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just like a crescent, so it got its name. Take a flight to Xian and transfer to the hotel.

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Xian

Meals: Lunch

Day 11 Xian

Activities: Terracotta Warriors and Horses are part of the underground tomb of the Emperor Qin. Well over 7000 figures in full battle array are formed for battle in several large pits. Many of the figures - soldiers, archers, horses and chariots have been restored. In the afternoon we are going to the Bell Tower where you can get a bird's view of the city from the top. There is a music performance of the ancient music and a display of the instruments. We will continue to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda where widely renowned Master Xuanzang (Monk Tripitaka) stored his collection of classic Buddhist artifacts brought from India.

Hotel: Hotel Ibis Xian

Meals: Lunch

Day 12 Xian to Shanghai

Activities: Fly to Shanghai. On arrival we visit the Shanghai Museum which possesses a collection of 120,000 precious works of art, and then The Bund - the old colonial sector, which is home to a myriad of European-styled buildings that face the Huangpu River. It is a must-see when visiting Shanghai. Architectural styles include gothic, baroque, Romanesque, and renaissance.

Hotel: New Asia Hotel Shanghai

Meals: Lunch

Day 13 Shanghai

Activities: Today you visit the Jade Buddha Temple, the lovely old Yuyuan Garden, and the famous Oriental Pearl TV Tower (also known as the Pearl Tower, for its distinctive shape). The second-highest platform provides wonderful views over Shanghai and the Huang Pu River, and those with a good head for heights can choose to buy a ticket to continue on to the very top.

Hotel: New Asia Hotel Shanghai

Meals: Lunch

Day 14 Depart from Shanghai

Activities: Your time is your own, until you are ready to be transferred to the airport for your departure.

Hotel:

Meals:

Price & Policy

Price Includes:

- Hotel accommodation in twin shared room with daily breakfast.
Meals as specified in the itinerary (B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner).
Domestic flights, trains or buses as specified in the itinerary
Airport tax and fuel fee.
Private car/coach for transfers service and sightseeing program as indicated in the itinerary.
Local English-speaking tour guide for transfers and sightseeing program as indicated in each city.
Entrance fees to scenic spots as indicated in the itinerary.
Service charge and government Taxes.

Price Excludes:

- Entry or exit China international airfare or train tickets.
Hotel room/cruise cabin single supplement.
Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax, telephone call, optional activities, etc.
Gratuities to the tour guide, driver and hotel bellboy.
Fees for entry visa to China.
Traveler insurance.
Services not mentioned in the itinerary.