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17 Days Tour to Grand Silk Road & Southern Xinjiang (Tour Code: CXT)

Follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo and explore the highlights along Silk Road and South Xijiang on this 17-day private guided tour from Urumqi, Kashgar, Tashkurgan, Aksu, Kuche, Koala, Turpan, Dunhuang and Xi'an. Discover the scenic, cultural, religious and historic highlights, including Urumqi Grand Bazaar, Heavenly Lake, Urumqi Regional Museum, Cara Cooley Lake & Stone City in Tashkurgan, Id Kah Mosque and old town of Kashgar, Tianshan Grand Canyon in Aksu areas, Taklimakan Desert in Koala, Jiaohe ancient town ruin, Karez Wells, Flaming Mountain and grape valley in Turpan, Mingsha Mountain, the Crescent Spring, Yumen pass, Hecang ancient city ruin, Han Dynasty great wall ruin & Mogao Grottos in Dunhuang and its nearby areas and City Wall and Drum Tower of Xi'an. You will enjoy this guided tour, which will leave an everlasting memory with you for your lifetime.



Day 01, 11 May: Sydney/Melbourne – Shanghai
MU 562, 11 May Sydney – Shanghai 11:00/19:15
MU 738, 11 May Melbourne – Shanghai
11:00/19:50

Depart to Shanghai in the morning and arrive in the evening. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to hotel.

Day 02, 12 May: Shanghai – Urumqi (B.L.D)
FM9219, 12 May Shanghai – Urumqi 14:10/19:20
You are at leisure in the morning. After lunch, you are transferred to airport for your flight to Urumqi. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 03, 13 May: Urumqi (B.L.D)

After breakfast, travel to visit Heavenly Lake. It

will take one hour ride to Heavenly Lake, which is located on the north side of the Tianshan Mountains to enjoy fantastic mountain views and serene lake scenery. Afterwards, return to Urumqi to visit Xinjiang Regional Museum. Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Day 04, 14 May: Urumqi – Kashgar (B.D)

EU2257, 14 May Urumqi – Kashgar 12:00/14:00

After breakfast, enjoy your visit to the grand Bazaar. After that, you are transferred to Urumqi Airport to have your flight from Urumqi to Kashgar in the afternoon. Arrive in Kashgar in the afternoon. You are met in the airport and transferred to hotel.

Day 05, 15 May: Kashgar – Tashkurgan (B.L.D)

After breakfast, we are going to visit the famous Flea Market in Kashgar to experience the trading in local culture. And then, drive to Tashkurgan County. We can see the Uygur farmers in rural scenery.



Overlooking the southern Flaming Mountains and the beautiful scenery, enjoy an altitude of 7546 meters of the snow mountain and Cara Cooley lake. After lunch drive to Tashkurgan County. Stay overnight in Tashkurgan.

Day 06, 16 May: Tashkurgan – Kashgar (B.L.D)

After breakfast we drive to Stone City, this is one of the thirty-six kingdom location named puli kingdom in the western regions before 2000 years ago. After that we return to Kashgar. Stay overnight in Kashgar.

Day 07, 17 May: Kashgar (B.L.D)

Kashgar is the center of southern Xinjiang and an important city along the Belt and Road. Kashgar City is located in the alluvial plain formed by the Kashgar River

System. It is one of the oldest and most fertile oases on the western edge of the Tarim Basin in Xinjiang. It is known as "Hometown of Melons and Fruits". Visit Id Kah Mosque, Abakh Hoja Mazzar, Kashgar old town, giant bazaar and handcraft street. Stay overnight at Kashgar Hotel.

Day 08, 18 May: Kashgar – Shipton Tianmen – Aksu (B.L.D)

After breakfast, we drive to the Shipton Tianmen scenic spot. In 1947, the British explorer Shipton found a stone arch in the mountains of the Pamirs, called Shipton stone, the local people reverently called "Tianmen", since then, the Tianmen picture appeared in the "National Geographic" magazine, gradually being recognized. In 2005, identified as the world's 20 most scenic spots worthy of exploration of American Adventure magazine. We will trek 3-4 Km in the park. Afternoon travel to Aksu. Stay overnight in Aksu.

Day 09, 19 May: Aksu – Tianshan Grand Canyon – Kuche (B.L.D)

After breakfast, we head to the Grand Canyon of Tianshan and experience the geological park which was formed 25 million years ago. Afterwards drive to Kuche and stay overnight there.

Day 10, 20 May: Kuche – Desert Road – Korla (B.L.D)

After breakfast, we drive to Luntai desert road, the longest desert road in the word with a total length of 446km and cross the "dead sea" — Taklimakan Desert, known as the "the green Great Wall". You can enjoy the Millennium Populus Euphratica forest along the way, because rooted over 50 meters down the ground, they thrive in hostile environments, defying droughts, sandstorms and salinization, survive and multiply in the desert. It was praised as "desert hero tree", we will drive one part of the desert road to make sure everyone can appreciate this magnificent "Dead Sea". After that travel to Korla and stay overnight there.

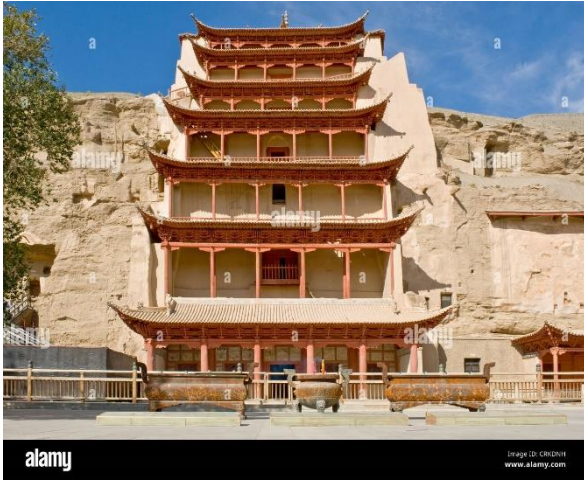
Day 11, 21 May: Korla – Turpan (B.L.D)

After breakfast, we travel to Tuokexun to visit the ancient pass – Tiemenguan. After that, travel to Turpan, where we will visit Jiao He ancient town ruin. Stay overnight in Turpan.

Day 12, 22 May: Turpan (B.L.D)

Enjoy a Turpan day tour today. We are going to visit the greatest irrigation system in Xinjiang and entire central Asia: Kariz Wells. Kariz is a kind of underground canal to protect water from snow mountains away from dry out





when running through desert. After that, we will pass by flaming Mountain (Huoyanshan) and visit grape valley. You can experience local style life there. Lastly we are going to visit Sugong Tower. Visit Turpan night market and try local BBQ in the evening. Stay overnight in Turpan city.

Day 13, 23 May: Turpan – Dunhuang (B.L.D)

In the morning, we are travelling by high-speed train from Turpan to Liuyuan train station (**Reference train: 09:15 – 12:43**). Upon arrival, we will be met and drive to visit Mingsha mountain, where the sandhills coexisted with the springs, and were named for the sound of sand. Here we

can climb sand hills, overlook the Crescent Spring, enjoy the desolate vastness of the northwest desert on the top of the mountain, ride camels, and enjoy the intoxicating sunset of Mingsha Mountain. And then drive to Dunhuang and stay overnight in Dunhuang.

Day 14, 24 May: Dunhuang (B.L.D)

In the morning, we are going to visit Yadan demon city and then visit Yumen pass, Hecang ancient city ruin and Han Dynasty great wall ruin in the Gobi Desert. We will be back to Dunhuang in the afternoon to enjoy Dunhuang night market. Stay in Dunhuang overnight.

Day 15, 25 May: Dunhuang – Xi'an (B.L.D)

MU2216, 25 May Dunhuang – Xi'an 16:20/18:40

After breakfast, visit Mogao Grottoes. These are the most famous and best-preserved grottoes in the world. After that, you are transferred to airport for your flight from Dunhuang to Xi'an. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to hotel in Xi'an.

Day 16, 26 May: Xi'an – Shanghai – Sydney (B)

MU2176, 26 May Xi'an – Shanghai 13:30/15:55

MU 561, 26 May Shanghai – Sydney 20:20/09:00 (27 May)

MU 737, 26 May Shanghai – Melbourne 20:15/09:00 (27 May)

You are taken to visit the city wall and drum tower in Xi'an. Afterwards you are transferred to airport for your flight to Sydney or Melbourne from Xi'an via Shanghai and fly overnight.

Day 17, 27 May: Sydney/Melbourne Arrival

Arrive in Sydney or Melbourne in the morning. Your unforgettable China Xinjiang tour ends.

Tour Price:

\$4,880 per person, twin or double share

Single supplement: \$1,120

This tour price includes:

1. China Eastern economy class air-tickets: Sydney/Melbourne – Shanghai – Urumqi //Dunhuang – Xi'an – Sydney, airport tax and fuel surcharge.
2. Chengdu Airlines one way economy domestic flight Urumqi – Kashgar with airport tax.
3. Second class high-speed train ticket from Turpan to Dunhuang (Liuyuan South).
4. 15-night accommodation at 4* hotels as below or similar.
5. Transfers and transport.

6. Meals as indicated (15 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners).
7. Sightseeing with entrance fee as mentioned.
8. Professional English-speaking guide.
9. Gratuities to guides and drivers.
10. One bottle of spring water per person per day.

This tour price excludes:

1. Travel insurance.
2. China visa if applicable.
3. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
4. Personal expenses.



Hotel List:

Shanghai: Shanghai Ramada Plaza Shanghai Pudong Hotel **** or similar

Urumqi: Mercure Urumqi Hualing Hotel**** or similar

Kashgar: Kyriad Marvelous Hotel **** or similar

Tashkurgan: Grand Hotel Chogori**** or similar

Aksu: Tianyuan International Hotel **** or similar

Kuqa: Kucha Hotel**** or similar

Korla: Jinjiang Metropolo Hotel**** or similar

Turpan: Mercure Hotel Turpan Downtown**** or similar

Dunhuang: Tianrun Yibo Hotel**** or similar

Xi'an: Novotel Xi'an The Bell Tower Hotel**** or similar

