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### **Ancient Silk Road - 15 days - Xi'an / Lanzhou / Xiahe / Jiayuguan / Dunhuang / Kashgar / Turpan / Urumqi**

This soft adventure journey follows the world's greatest ancient trade routes. From the ancient capital city of Xi'an and its Army of Terracotta Warriors to the frontier town of Kashgar and the oasis town of Turpan. Explore Tibetan monasteries, witness the Western end of the Great Wall and desert fortresses, ride a camel in the desert, visit spectacular Mogao Caves and stunning Lake of Heaven. Experience the rich convergence of cultures and religions. By using flights between important locations, this tour ensures your great adventure experience in a short time.

#### **Day 1 -2 Xi'an**

Xi'an is a starting point of the Ancient Silk Road tour. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. the next day visit the amazing Terra-Cotta Warriors, followed by Huaqing Spring Park and the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Enjoy a local specialty – dumpling dinner. (B/L/D)

#### **Day 3 Xi'an / Lanzhou**

Stroll on the original City Wall and explore the back streets of the Old Muslim Quarters and the Old Mosque before flying to Lanzhou - capital of Gansu province. On arrival, you transferred to your hotel. (B/L)

#### **Day 4 Lanzhou**

Morning drive to the beautiful Liujiaxia Lake, and then to take boat to visit the renowned Bilingsi Caves, where you see amazing Buddhist artwork carved into the cliff face. Finally, climb up to the peak of White Pagoda Hill for incredible views of the city. Sample the local specialty – "Hand Stretched Noodles Dinner". (B/L/D)

**Enjoy your trip by private car & with personal guide!**

#### **Trip Grading: Adventure**

Suitable for travelers with a good level of fitness and good mobility. Some long distance driving and overnight trains are expected.

#### **Extended Stay / Customise**

The vice versa itinerary is available for this trip. why not extend your journey to Beijing or Shanghai? You may want to alter this itinerary to meet your individual needs. Please talk to one of our knowledgeable experts

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### Day 5 Lanzhou / Xiahe

Xiahe is referred to as "Little Tibet", a stunning town surrounded by mountains and bustling with pilgrims. It is a key passage on the ancient Silk Road between the East and West. After a coach trip to Xiahe, visit the famous Labrang Monastery - one of the six leading Buddhist Lamaseries in China. (B/L)

### Day 6 Xiahe / Lanzhou / Jiayuguan

Wander through local villages and visit families living on farms before going back to Lanzhou. Board on overnight soft sleeper train to Jiayuguan. (B/L)

### Day 7 Jiayuguan

Jiayuguan is the western most end of the Great Wall built during the Ming Dynasty. Upon arrival, you transferred to your hotel. After refreshments, visit Jiayu Fortress, set between the snow-capped Mountains of Qilian in South and the Mazong Mountain to the North. Take a short climb on the Western end of the Great Wall for some spectacular views over this wild and magnificent region. (B/L)

### Day 8 Jiayuguan / Dunhuang

Drive to the oasis town of Dunhuang surrounded by rolling sand dunes and home to countless camels. Take a camel ride at Crescent Moon Spring and Singing Sand Dunes, and enjoy a dinner at a local farmer's house. (B/L/D)

### Day 9 Dunhuang / Turpan

Visit one of the highlights of this trip, the spectacular Mogao Cave – home to the world acclaimed Buddhist murals and sculptures dated back to 386AD. Free time to explore the local markets before transferred to the railway station for a soft sleeper train to Turpan. (B/L)

### Day 10 Turpan

After breakfast at your hotel, Visit the ancient ruined city of Jiaohe, richly coloured Flaming Mountains and Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves. (B/L)

### Day 11 Turpan / Kashgar

Visit local families at Grape Valley, have a delicious homemade lunch and a tour of the amazing 2000 year old Irrigation Canals that are still in use today. Take an overnight soft sleeper train to Kashgar, which was once a last stop outfitting station and trading post for merchants and travellers plying the ancient Silk Road. (B/L)

### Day 12 - 13 Kashgar

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. the next day visit the fascinating Sunday Bazaar and its animal trading market, followed by a visit to Id Kah Mosque and backstreet walk through the old city. Early evening flight to Urumqi. (B/L)

### Day 14 Urumqi

Today drive to the Lake of Heaven to enjoy breathtaking views of a crystal clear lake at the top of this stunning mountain range. This evening, sample a local specialty meal of the Uygur people: Lamb Skewers. Your journey ends with an airport transfer on Day 15. (B/L/D)

### Day 15

Your journey ends with an airport transfer

\* **Standard package price from \$3419p.p.**

\* **Superior package price from \$3643p.p.**

\* **Deluxe package price on request.**

**Ask for an air-inclusive quote!**

### Inclusions:

- 11 nights selected hotel accommodation
- 2 internal flights
- 3 soft sleeper trains
- Professional English speaking guide
- Listed meals: B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner
- All transfers by air conditioned vehicles
- Sightseeing and entrance fees

### Exclusions:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Chinese Visa
- Personal expenses
- Gratuity & tips

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