

ANCIENT SILK ROAD

A TAILOR-MADE JOURNEY

BEIJING TO SHANGHAI | 17 DAYS

Discover the legends, culture, and natural beauty of the Silk Road on this most remarkable of journeys. Visit the Mongao Grottoes, ride a camel into the Singing Sand Dunes, discover the Han Great Wall, and more!

ITINERARY



Forbidden City Pavilion, Tiananmen Square, Beijing

DAY 1 BEIJING

Day at leisure on arrival.

DAY 2 BEIJING

Visit the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the Imperial Palace, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, and enjoy a boat ride on Kunming Lake. Tonight, enjoy a Peking Duck dinner.

DAY 3 BEIJING

Visit the Great Wall of China and Ming Tombs.

DAY 4 BEIJING > XI'AN

Fly to Xi'an and visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Ancient City Walls, and the Islamic Quarter.

DAY 5 XI'AN

Marvel at the Terracotta Warriors, visit Shaanxi Provincial Museum, and this evening, enjoy a dumpling dinner and a cultural show in the Tang Dynasty Palace.

DAY 6 XI'AN > DUNHUANG

Visit the Shaanxi History Museum before boarding your flight to Dunhuang, in the heart of the Old Silk Road.

DAY 7 DUNHUANG

Today's tour will take you to the Mongao Grottoes – a collection of almost 500 caves containing historic Buddhist artwork – before continuing to Crescent Moon Lake at the foot of Singing Sand Mountain. Here, you will have the opportunity to ride a camel.



Crescent Moon Lake, Dunhuang

DAY 8 DUNHUANG > LIUYUAN > TURPAN

Visit White Horse Pagoda before driving to Liuyuan to board the overnight train to Turpan.

DAY 9 TURPAN

A full day of sightseeing is arranged for today, starting with a visit to the Gaochang Ruins and ending with a cultural performance.

DAY 10 TURPAN > URUMQI

This morning visit the Emin Minaret, the tallest in China. Visit a local village before driving to the ruins of Jiaohe City for a tour and continuing to Urumqi.

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DAY 11 URUMQI

Visit the excellent Xinjiang Region Museum, the Erdaoqiao Grand Bazaar, and the picturesque Heavenly Lake area.

DAY 12 URUMQI

After breakfast, drive to the Southern Pastures, where you will find fountains, waterfalls, and thick forests.

DAY 13 URUMQI > KASHGAR

This morning fly to Kashgar, in the westernmost corner of China's Xinjiang province. Enjoy an afternoon sightseeing tour to Xiangfei Tomb, the Id Kah Mosque, and Kashgar's Ancient Town.

DAY 14 KASHGAR > SHANGHAI

This morning, visit the vibrant and bustling Sunday Bazaar, one of the largest in the region, before your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 15 SHANGHAI

A full day of visits have been arranged for today, including the Jade Buddha Temple, the Yu Garden, and the bustling Yuyuan Market.

DAY 16 SHANGHAI

Enjoy an audio guided tour of the Shanghai Museum, often ranked as China's best museum. Afterwards, walk down the Bund along the Huangpu River, and enjoy a bird's eye view of modern Shanghai from the World Financial Centre. Wander along Nanjing Road, the main shopping street of Shanghai and one of the busiest in the world.

DAY 17 SHANGHAI

Today is free for you to spend at leisure until your transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

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	Twin	Single
3 Star from	\$7,395	\$13,995
4 Star from	\$7,970	\$14,970
5 Star from	\$9,150	\$16,830

INCLUDED:

- Tailor-made journey with local English speaking guides.
- 16 nights accommodation.
- Transfers & transport.
- 16 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 2 dinners.
- Economy class flights Xi'an > Dunhuang > Urumqi > Kashgar > Shanghai.
- Train Beijing > Xi'an & Liuyuan > Turpan.
- Sightseeing and entrance fees.

NOTE:

This itinerary is available in the reverse direction. It is important that you are in Kashgar on a Sunday for the famous market, so ideally the itinerary should start in Beijing on a Monday. The itinerary may be modified if you start on another day.