



10 Days Urumqi, Turpan, Heavenly Lake, Kanas Lake, Karamay Tour

Trip highlights:

Heavenly Lake, Kanas Lake, Kangjia Shimenzi Rock Carvings.

Karamay: Ghost City

Turpan: Jiaohe and Gaochang Ruins, Astana Graveyard, Emin Minaret, Bezaklik Thousand Buddhist Caves, Tuyuq valley, Karez Underground Irrigation System and Flaming Mountain.

Route Map:



Day01: Arrive Urumqi

Arrive at Urumqi airport, met by guide and driver transfer to hotel for overnight.

Day02: To Turpan

Visit to Regional Museum and Int'l Grand Bazaar, drive down to Turpan basin, time to explore Jiaohe Ancient City in the late afternoon.

Day03: Turpan

Visit to Emin Minaret (also Sugong Minaret), further drive to easterly direction to Astana Graveyard, Gaochang Ruins and to have a donkey cart to its main Buddhist hall, visit to Tuyuq Mazaar Village and Bezaklik Thousand Buddhist Grottoes, drive along the Flaming Mountain back to Turpan.



Day04: To Heavenly Lake

Visit to Karez irrigation system and local bazaar of Turpan, drive over the Tianshan Mountains to Heavenly Lake, trekking around lake side and stay in the Kazakh yurt for overnight.

Day05: To Burjin

Driving down to entrance of Heavenly Lake Resort by shuttle bus, heading into eastern edge of the Karamaili Nature Reserve and Zhungar Basin to Burjin for overnight, enjoy beautiful Burning Mountain landscapes enroute.

Day06: To Kanas Lake

Drive to Kanas National Nature Reserve, Kanas contains diverse landscape features, including glaciated peaks, colorful alpine meadows, grand granitic natural sculptures, dynamic weather patterns, picturesque rivers and lakes, and authentic nomadic life and folk customs, we plan to take shuttle bus up to the lake side, enroute stop at Camel Neck Bay, Moon Bay and Fairy Bay, overnight at Jiadengyu.

Day07: Kanas Lake

We will enter Kanas Nature Reserve again in the morning and further drive up to Guanyuting



(Fishing Pavilion) to enjoy Altay mountains which bordered with China, Kazakhstan and Russia, trekking along the small trails down to Tuwa village. Tuwa people, also called "Kukumenqiak", have a long history and were recorded in ancient literature. Tuwa people keep their unique custom and language. Their language falls into the Turkic language group, Altaic language family and they believe in Buddhism. Enjoy the local life of Tuwa and scenery of Kanas, afternoon drive down to Jiadengyu for overnight.

Day08: To Karamay

Morning drive down by western edge of

Dzungarian Basin to China's one of the biggest oil city-Karamay, enroute enjoy special land formation-Yardang, Ghost City and hundred miles Oil Zone.

Day09: To Urumqi

Drive to Hutubi Town to visit Kangjia Shimenzi Rock Carvings, furrher drive back to Urumqi.

Day10: Depart

Transfer to airport for departure flight. End of SRA service.



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