



Silk Road Kashgar to Xian

This itinerary starts the most western edge of the Chinese Silk Road-Kashgar and ends at ancient capital city of China-Changan (Xian) along the Tianshan Mountain range-Middle Silk Road and Hexi Corridor in Gansu province, including sightseeing to Karakol Lake, Kucha, Turpan, Dunhuang and Jiayuguan, trip covered by comfortable tour coach, soft sleeper train and by air.



2012 Departures:

	START	END
March	02	16
March	23	April 06
April	13	27
May	04	18
May	25	June 08
June	15	29
July	06	20
July	27	Aug 10
August	17	31
September	07	21
September	28	Oct 12

Cost includes: Two internal flights-Urumqi/Kashgar and Jiayuguan/Xian, one soft sleeper overnight train- Turpan/Dunhuang, A/C tour coach for all means of land transfers, Three star twin share hotel accommodation with breakfast, English Speaking Guide, Full board meals, entrance fees to tour sights, visa support letter if required, mineral water during the day etc.



Day01: Arrive Urumqi

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

Day02: Urumqi-Kashgar.

Visit to Ethnographic museum of Xinjiang where 4000 years old mummies are exhibited, visit to Grand Bazaar and Red Hill Park, take early evening flight to Kashgar for overnight.

Day03: Kashgar

A day tour at Kashgar including Visit to Apakh Khoja mausoleum which is the Sufi leader during the 17th century and claimed himself as a prophet next only the Muhammad. visit to livestock section of Sunday Market and its main bazaar, wandering around old towns and small lanes of Kashgar behind the big buildings, afternoon sightseeing to China's first biggest mosque Eidkah and its handcraft street.

Day04: Kashgar-Karakol Lake

Day trip to Karakol Lake along the famous Karakoram Highway with endless stops along the beautiful mountain range. Karakul lake is located at the foot of Muztagh Ata (Father of ice mountain) and Kongur Mountain peaks. This is also the best place for Kyrgyz nomads stay with their yaks and camels as a summer pasture, afternoon drive back to Kashgar.

Day05: Kashgar-Aksu.

Drive 35 kms southeast of Kashgar to visit Tuesday Market in Yapchan village, further drive along the oasis towns of southern Silk Road to Aksu.

Day06: Aksu-Kucha

Drive to Kizil Buddhist Caves Temples, enroute enjoy the colorful mountain range of Tianshan, afternoon further drive along the small Yardang land formation to explore the stunning Tianshan canyon and arrive at Kucha late afternoon.

Day07: Kucha-Korla.

Morning visit to Subash ancient temple ruins and Kucha local bazaar, afternoon drive along the northern slope of Taklamakan to Korla.

Day08: Korla-Turpan.

Morning cross over the Southern Tianshan to Turpan depression, Turpan is the hottest, lowest and driest place in China, overnight at Turpan.

Day09: Turpan

Visit to Jiaohe Ancient City which was listed under UNESCO, Karez underground irrigation system and Emin Minaret, time to explore Town centre in the afternoon.

Day10: Turpan to Liuyuan

Full day in Turpan including visit to Astana Graveyard, Tuyuq village, Flaming mountains and



Bezaklik Buddhist Caves, late afternoon drive to Daheyuan station to take overnight soft sleeper train to Liuyuan.

Day11: Dunhuang

Arrive Liuyuan in the morning, drive to Dunhuang, afternoon visit to Mogao Grottoes, the world heritage site, wandering around night market of Dunhuang.

Day12: Dunhuang-Jiayuguan

Morning visit to Eco sand national park-Mingsha sand dunes and Crescent Moon Lake where oasis meets the desert. After lunch head out across the Gobi Desert in a northerly direction, drive across the Gobi Desert to Anxi passing numerous well preserved watch towers enroute. Join the expressway at Anxi, late afternoon arrive at Jiayuguan.

Day13: Jiayuguan-Xian

Morning visit to Jiayuguan Fort which was built during the Ming Dynasty in 16th Century, visit to Hanging Great Wall, afternoon drive to airport to take flight to Xian.

Day14: Xian

Drive east of Xian to visit the 2,000 year old Terracotta Warriors. The Warriors are located in three huge vaults, also visit the Museum. Return to Xian for a late lunch, sightseeing in the city includes the Great Mosque and Muslim Quarter. Farewell dinner tonight.

Day15: Xian Depart

Transfer to airport for departure flight.

2012 other itineraries:

- Silk Road Classic: Xian to Tashkent 20 days
- Wild West of China 20 days
- Journey to the west 20 days
- Nature and Culture of Xinjiang 22 days
- Textile arts of China 22 days
- Travel to China's Gobi Desert 15 Days
- Xinjiang Tour 15 days



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