



Taklamakan Desert Trek

The Taklamakan Desert (also Taklimakan) is a desert of Central Asia, in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. It is the biggest shifting sand desert in China and bounded by the Kunlun Mountains to the south, and the desert Pamir Mountains and Tian Shan to the west and north. Desert Centre is a typical continental climate, strong wind, temperature, rainfall throughout the year less. Frequent sandstorms activities here, Fully 85 percent of the total area consists of mobile, crescent-shaped sand dunes that may reach a height of 100 to 200 meters.

Our route starts from the capital city of Xinjiang in Urumqi and trekking from Derya Boyi village via Khotan and Keriya and ends at Mazar Tagh. Itinerary includes famous Silk Road oasis cities as Yarkan and Kashgar as well.



Best time to trek: April, September and October
Commences: Urumqi
Concludes: Kashgar

Duration: 17 Days
Number of Pax: 2-12

Items included in the cost:

- Trekking permit
- English Speaking Guide
- Cook with cooking equipments
- Full board meals
- Camels with camel man
- Sleeping tent with mattress, kitchen tent, mess tent
- Twin share hotel accommodation in the city with breakfast
- Air conditioned tour coach for all means of land transfers
- Internal airfare as Urumqi/Khotan
- Visa support letter if required



Day01: Urumqi

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

Day02: Urumqi-Khotan

Take morning flight to Khotan, afternoon sightseeing in Khotan and preparation for trek.

Day03: Khotan to Taklamakan Desert

Drive by 4WD along the southern slope of Taklamakan Desert to Keriya, lunch in the town centre and visit the old village, further drive the northerly direction to Taklamakan desert, overnight in the tent.

Day04: To Derya Boyi Village

Drive around 8 hours to Derya Boyi village (Daheyang in Chinese) which was called the last tribe in Taklamakan, overnight in the tent.

Day05 to 10: Trekking in the desert

Load all equipments on camels, following camel caravans to next camping point, enroute enjoy the spectacular sand dunes with endless photo stops.

Day11: To Mazar Tagh

Further trek along the northwest direction to MazarTagh, overnight in the tent.

Day12: Mazar Tagh to Khotan

Drive by 4WD cars back to Khotan, afternoon relaxing time.

Day13: Khotan to Yarkand

Morning time to explore downtown of Khotan

including silk spinning and weaving family cooperatives, carpet making factory, afternoon continue drive west to arrive in historical Yarkand.

Day14: Yarkand to Kashgar

Visit to royal cemetery complex and Amannisa Khan Tomb, wandering around local bazaar of Yarkand, afternoon drive to Kashgar for overnight.

Day15: Kashgar

Day tour at Kashgar including visit to famous Sunday Market, Apak Khoja Mausoleum, Eidkhan Mosque and old towns and small lanes of Kashgar.

Day16: Kashgar to Karakul lake

Head into the alpine regions of the Chinese Pamir where 7000 meters ice peaked mountains as Muztagh Ata and Kongur crowd the skyline, visit Karakul Lake, afternoon drive back to Kashgar. Farewell dinner tonight.

Day17: Depart

Transfer to airport for departure flight.





2012 other adventure itineraries:

- Badain Jaren Desert Trek
- Circle Trek around Muztagh Ata
- K2 North Face Trek
- Muztagh Ata climbing

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