Gansu has complex and diverse terrains, Northwest, which is rather arid. mainly including the Hexi Corridor, Longnan Corridor has magical landforms, like the cultural sites and historical monuments such as Danxia landform in Zhangye and Yardan the Mogao Caves, Jiayu Pass, Han Tombs at landform in Dunhuang. Although the Southeast Leitai, Dafo Temple, and Wuwei Confucian part of the province is located in Northern Temple, all valuable resources for the study of China, it has beautiful landscapes, earning it the ancient history. reputation of the "Little Jiangnan."

Overall, Gansu has a temperate continental

Area & Population

453,700 square kilometers. By the end of 2012, the permanent population was 25.539 million.

Gansu, "Long" for short, is located in monsoon climate, but because the province the Southeast, which is rather humid, to the

Gansu has a splendid historical culture. Mountain Land and Gannan Plateau. The Hexi Along the Silk Road, there are countless

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Administrative Divisions

Gansu province comprises 12 prefecturelevel cities and 2 ethnic autonomous prefectures, including Lanzhou, Jiayuguan, Jinchang, Baiyin, Tianshui, Wuwei, Zhangye, Pingliang, Jiuquan, Qingyang, Dingxi, Longnan, and Linxia and Gannan.



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vast and breathtaking views of sky and water merging

on the horizon. Tibetan people living in Gannan

A Tour of Gorgeous Landscape

Route: Yeli Pass - Wanxiang Cave - Jifeng

Sight: Although Gansu's Gannan, Tianshui, Dingxi,

and Longnan are all located in the North, they have a

surprising beauty reminiscent of Southern landscape.

A large number of national forest parks boasting

beautiful scenery are found in this region.

maintain brilliant and diverse customs.

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n ecommended Tourist Itineraries

A Tour of Silk Roads

Route: Wuwei - Zhangye - Jiuquan - Jiayuguan -

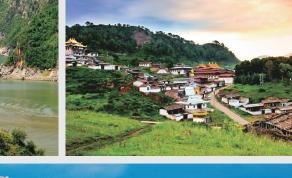
Sight: The Silk Road was an important transportation hub in West Asia and Europe in ancient times. Over its long history, numerous cultural sites and historical monuments have been left along the Road, and Mountains - Guan'e Ravine - Kongtong attracting countless travelers to this day.

A Tour of Gannan Customs

Route: Labrang Monastery - Langmusi - Sangke Grassland - Gahai Lake - Zhagana Sight: Gannan is Shambhala on the plateau. The Yellow River flowing through Gannan creates lofty

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Wuwei Han Tombs at Leitai

The Han Tombs at Leitai, tombs of the Eastern Han Dynasty discovered under an old locust tree by local farmers, are famous for the galloping bronze horse unearthed here. It is a precious cultural relic which has become one of China's famous tourist

Zhangye Dafo Temple

Dafo Temple is magnificent and imposing. Some of China's rare religious halls from the Western Xia Dynasty, Asia's largest indoor clay reclining Buddha, and handwritten golden scriptures of the Ming Dynasty can be found here.

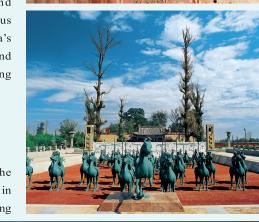
Zhangye Shandan Military

Shandan Military Horse Farm is the second largest in the world and the largest in



horses. Visitors can ride on horseback, camp,

and watch horse racing and superb equestrian





ransportation

By Air

Gansu's major airports include Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport, Jiuquan Dunhuang Airport, Zhangye Airport, Tianshui Airport, Jiayuguan Airport and Gannan Xiahe Airport. Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport is the most important airport in Gansu with flights to Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Guangzhou and other

major cities in China.

By Train Existing railways include the Lanzhou-Lianyungang Railway, Lanzhou-Urumqi Railway, Baotou-Lanzhou Railway, Lanzhou-Qinghai Railway, Baoji-Zhongwei Railway, Baoji-Chengdu Railway, Gantang-Wuwei Railway, Baiyin-Honghui Railway, Jiayuguan-Jingtieshan Railway, Jiaxing-Ceke Railway, Dunhuang-Liugou Railway and Jiuquan Xiaheqing-Inner Mongolia Saihantaolaisumu Railway.

By Road Gansu currently has the Beijing-Tibet

Expressway, Lanzhou-Haikou Expressway,

Qingdao-Lanzhou Expressway, Lianyungang-Khorgos Expressway, Fuzhou-Yinchuan Expressway, Dingbian-Wuwei Expressway, Shiyan-Tianshui Expressway and other national expressways, as well as the Lanying Expressway, Lanzhou-Langmusi Expressway, Longxi-Weiyuan Expressway, Jinchang-Yongchang Expressway and other provincial expressways.

Useful Telephone Numbers and Websites

IDD Code of China	86
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Gansu Tourism Complaints	931-12301
Railway Ticket	95105105
Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport	931-8168464
Dunhuang Airport	937-8866133
Jiayuguan Airport	937-6381114
Lanzhou East Bus Station	931-4562222
Lanzhou West Bus Station	931-2919537
Hezuo Bus Station	941-8212422
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Gannan Tourism Bureau	941-8212567

Yellow River flows through the city center. waterwheels in the world. In addition to the The urban area is near a mountain and by the Lanzhou Waterwheel, which is well known river. The mountains and water form unique at home and abroad, there are also dozens of and beautiful urban landscape. Chinese and foreign waterwheels of different Website: www.huanghetour.com styles and forms.

Lanzhou is the only capital city where the theme parks with the largest number of

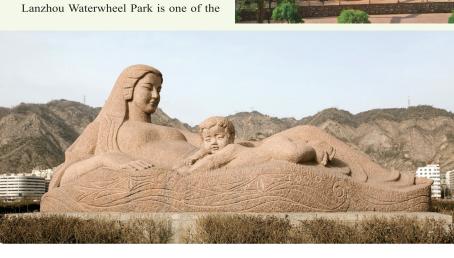
Baita Mountain Park ———

Baita Mountain Park's name comes

Lanzhou Yellow River Customs Line

The Lanzhou Yellow River Customs from the Baita Temple in the mountain. At Line is just like the painting "Along the the center of the rectangular temple stands River during the Qingming Festival," which the Bata Pagoda, built in the Ming Dynasty, depicts scenes of the Yellow River and totally white and beautiful. Lanzhou. The "Yellow River Mother" sculpture is a classic sculpture depicting the Yellow River, the mother river of the Chinese nation. Zhongshan Bridge, built across the Yellow River in 1907, is a landmark construction in Lanzhou.

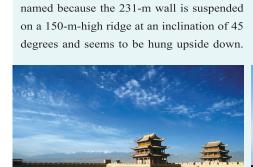
Lanzhou Waterwheel Park



Jiayuguan Jiayu Pass Gate Tower Jiayu Pass is grand and imposing. The building is composed of the inner city, the outer city, city walls and other sections. Its tragic and glorious history has witnessed the disputes and cultural integration of the inland **Jiayuguan** First Mound in the World

Plain and desert areas. Jiayuguan The Great Wall in Suspension The Great Wall in Suspension was so

and Western Regions as well as the Central





Along the stairs on top of the wall, walking

on some sections is as easy as walking on the

flat ground, while walking on others is as

First Mound in the World is the first

mound at the western end of the Ming

Dynasty Great Wall. The existing mound

built on the cliff is very steep. Here visitors

can pay tribute to the profound ancient

civilizations and exotic scenery of the desert.

difficult as climbing steep cliffs.



ccommodations & Travel Services

Accommodations

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Hongyun Hotel, Lanzhou	3	No.7 Gaolan Rd., Lanzhou	931-8734020
Great Wall Hotel	4	No.6 Jianshe W. Rd., Jiayuguan	937-6225288
Tianshui Sunshine Hotel	4	No.19 Zhonghua W. Rd., Tianshui	938-8271666
Jiuquan Guangming Hotel	4	No.18 Panxuan Mid Rd., Jiuquan	937-2807777
Jiayuguan Jiugang Hotel	4	No.2 Xiongguan W. Rd., Jiayuguan	937-6201777
Zhangye Dianli Hotel	4	No.246 W. St., Zhangye	936-8268028
Lablen Minhang Hotel	4	No.12 Renmin E. Rd., Xiahe	941-7128888

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Name	Add	Tel
Gansu Comfort International Travel Agency	19 th Floor, China Shipping Building, No.298, Jingning Rd., Lanzhou	931-8856772
China Youth Travel Service in Gansu Province	QingLv Building, No.203 Baiyin Rd., Chengguan District Lanzhou	931-8159553
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Xinglong Mountain

Wuguan Mountain

arranged throughout the mountain.

The Xinglong Mountain is at an altitude

of 2,400 meters and has been a place for

Taoists to build caves and practice since as

early as the Western Zhou Dynasty. The

Xinglong Mountain is a famous religious

mountain, with many temples and Taoist

Dunhuang Crescent Lake & **Dunhuang** Yang Pass Mingsha Mountain'

The Crescent Lake is a magical wonder historical sites and participating in desert in the vast desert, known as "the First Spring" expeditions and other special events, visitors can in the Desert." Surrounded by quicksand, the experience the splendid and glorious history and lake is never exhausted, and sand remains culture of the flourishing Tang and Han untouched by the winds, providing a dynasties, and enjoy the precipitous and broad remarkable sight.

Mingsha Mountain is formed by the accumulation of fine grain sand. In heavy winds, the sand hill will make loud noises. If visitors slide from the top of the hill, sand under their feet rustles strangely.

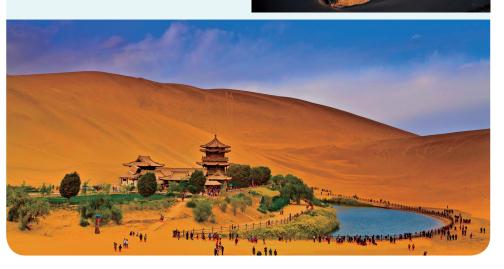
Dunhuang Ghost City

In Dunhuang Yadan Geopark, there is a large stretch of vivid and varied wind-erosion landforms. After nightfall, strange sounds like devil's snarls can be heard here, henc the name "Ghost City."



natural beauty of the desert.

Yang Pass has stunning scenery. Visiting



Dining and Shopping

Dining

Gansu cuisine consists mainly of flour, meat and dairy products. In Gannan, one can also enjoy authentic Tibetan food. Characteristic delicacies include Lanzhou noodles, Niangpizi, Huguo, and steamed chicken with ham.

Lanzhou beef noodles: Lanzhou beef noodles are characterized by clear soup, white sliced radish, red pepper, green caraway and yellow noodles. With beautiful colors and a delicious original flavor, Lanzhou Beef Noodles are famous nationwide, a must try for all visitors.

Shopping

Gansu is a famous high-quality melonproducing region rich in honeydew melons, honey melons, peaches, pears and other fruits. Garlic, lily, day lily, and black melon seeds are also local specialties of Gansu.

Luminous Cup: Gansu Luminous Cup is made of manufactured old jade from the Qilian Mountains. The exquisitely delicate uminous cup looks extremely beautiful.



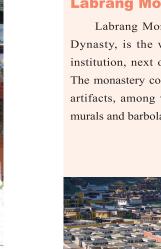






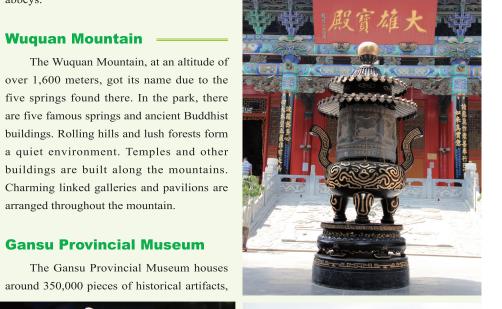
Sight: Gannan is Shambhala on the Sangke Grassland ——— plateau. The Yellow River flowing through Gannan offers lofty, vast and breathtaking Grassland is 3,000 meters. Mountains views of sky and water merging on the surround it. The Daxia River flows slowly horizon. Tibetan people living in Gannan through the grassland from south to north. maintain brilliant and diverse customs. With lush plants and plump cattle and sheep, Website: gnzx.gsta.gov.cn

Labrang Monastery, built in the Qing Dynasty, is the world's largest Lamaism institution, next only to the Potala Palace. right through the middle of the town. On the The monastery collects tens of thousands of banks of the stream you can find a Tibetan artifacts, among which statues, scriptures, murals and barbolas are the most precious.









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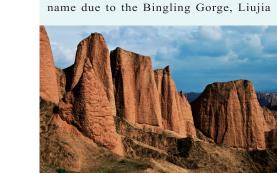


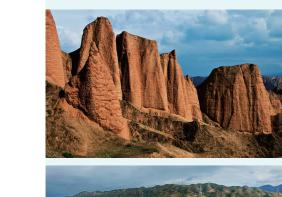
Y ellow River Landscape **Yongjing** Bingling Temple Grotto

Gorge, and Yanguo Gorge in the Yellow As a key national cultural relic protection site, Bingling Temple Grotto is one of three major grottoes in Gansu Province, located in the cliffs on the West side of the Jishi Mountain by the Yellow River. The grotto is divided into three parts, namely the upper temple, cave ravine, and the lower temple, which is the most spectacular. At present, there are 196 niches, 694 stone statues, 82 clay statues, and over **Jingtai** Yellow River Stone Forest 900 square meters of frescoes in the grotto.

Yongjing Yellow River Three

The Yellow River Three Gorges got its







ogao Grottoes

Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes is one of the sutras in many languages including Chinese, four most famous grottoes in China. It is the Tibetan and others were unearthed, all of world's most magnificent and best-preserved extremely important historical value, existing Buddhist art treasure as well as a bringing much archaeological interest world-famous center of Buddhist art. Website: www.dunhuangcaves.org

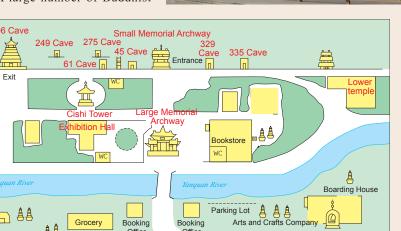
Nine-storey Building —

The Buddha statue in the grotto is 35.5 meters high and 12 meters wide at the knees, the largest Buddha these. The Nine-storey Building was built in 1935, and its towering pyramid roof, scattered eaves, and ding-dong cavalry have become one of the hallmarks of the Mogao Grottoes.

Buddhist Sutra Cave —

Map of Mogao Caves

The Buddhist Sutra Cave was a very important discovery in the history of Chinese archeology. A large number of Buddhist



The average altitude of Sangke

Langmusi is a small town on the border

between Gansu and Sichuan. A stream flows

Buddhist temple and a mosque. This region is

home to Tibetan, Hui and Han people. With a

has the most fascinating landscapes.

strong religious and ethnic atmosphere, this area

River around Yongjing. The three great dams

of the Liujia Gorge, Yanguo Gorge, and

Bapan Gorge stand majestically on the

Yellow River. The large artificial Bingling

Lake, Taiji Lake, and Maogong Lake are

very magnificent among the high gorges,

sketching out beautiful pictures of numerous

The Yellow River Stone Forest is an

incomparable landform wonder. There are

tall, straight, and breathtaking canyon stone

forests and Yellow River bends, and the

ancient and moist Longwan oasis and Batan

to the area. Thus, the specific discipline

Dunhuangology emerged.

it is an ideal natural pasture.

Zecha Stone Forest — Zhagana — Zhagana

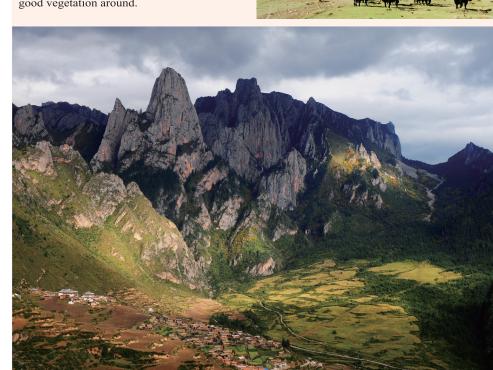
The Zecha Stone Forest is a silica fume landscape produced by the movements of the The mountain is steep. Although Joseph earth crust. Through many years of wind, Rock hailed this piece of paradise as the rain and water erosion, its diverse, strange birthplace of Adam and Eve nearly 100 years peaks and odd rocks formed. ago, it is still a stretch of virgin land.

Gahai Lake —

Gahai Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Gannan Prefecture. The green rippling lake is surrounded by excellent natural pastures and interlacing rivers with good vegetation around.



Zhagana means "stone box" in Tibetan.



Zhangye Zhangye Danxia

Linze Danxia and Binggou Danxia are most typical of Zhangye Danxia landforms. Linze Danxia is vast, colorful, and spectacular, while Binggou Danxia is famous for being grand and magical in various strange shapes.

Pingliang Kongtong Mountains

beautiful scenery, the beautiful Lotus Mountain, Yemu Gorge, Kangduo Gorge, Ye The Kongtong Mountains are famous for Lake, the 10-li sleeping Buddha and other hill forests, quiet valleys, and rugged rocks, landscapes can be found, all of which are combining both the grandness of the north and the elegance of the south. According to legend, Guangchengzi practiced Taoist cultivation and



became an immortal here, and the Yellow

Emperor Xuanyuan once discussed Taoism

with him. Thus, it is known as "the first Taoist

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In Yeli Pass with steep mountains and

mountain in the world."

Gannan Yeli Pass





Maijishan Grottoes

Website: www.maijishanshiku.cn

Dug in the late Northern Wei Dynasty,

there are 17 vivid Buddha statues in the

The 135th Cave ———

The Maijishan Grottoes is one of whole cave. The preserved mural is about 50 China's four most famous grottoes, known as square meters with vivid and realistic the "Oriental Sculpture Museum." In the pictures showing intense battle scenes. peculiar Maijishan Hill, the lone peak stands out like a wheat stack, hence the name "Maiji The 127th Cave — (wheat stack)."

99 square meters of beautiful and magnificent frescoes can be seen covering the walls surrounding Buddhist statue niches in the 127th Cave of the Maijishan Grottoes. These works have.



