

Silk Road Expedition



Beijing-Xian-Dunhuang-Jiayuguan-Zhangye-
Turpan-Urumqi-Chengdu
18days17nights



Day1 Friday Beijing arrival

Arrive in Beijing in the afternoon. Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Beijing hotel.

Day2 Saturday Beijing (B/L/D)

Breakfast in hotel. Head to Tiananmen Square. Take a leisurely stroll across the spacious square, soak up the solemn and grand atmosphere, and capture some memorable photos. Then visit the Forbidden City with its 500-plus years of imperial history at a relaxed pace. In the evening, enjoy the included Beijing Roasted Duck Banquet. Highlight of the night is the engaging Peking Opera experience, including mask painting, costume dressing, brief teaching session by professional actor and watching a Peking Opera performance.

Day3 Sunday Beijing (B/L/D)

Breakfast in hotel. The highlight today is a visit to the Juyongguan Great Wall, one of the world's greatest wonders and an iconic symbol of Chinese ancient civilization. In the afternoon, visit the Summer Palace, a beautiful imperial garden with lakes, pavilions, and bridges. Overnight in Beijing hotel.

Day4 Monday Beijing – Xi'an bullet train (B/L/D)

Breakfast in hotel. Start your morning with a visit to the Temple of Heaven, a grand imperial complex where Ming and Qing emperors prayed for bountiful harvests, reflecting ancient China's belief in harmony between heaven and earth. In the afternoon, transfer to the railway station and take a bullet train (G89 15:00-19:12 or similar) to Xi'an. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel and enjoy dinner at Changan Grand Restaurant, offering refined Shaanxi cuisine in an elegant setting inspired by ancient Changan. Overnight in Xi'an hotel.

Day5 Tuesday Xi'an (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel. Visit the Terracotta Army, thousands of life-size warriors and horses guarding Emperor Qin Shi Huang's tomb, showcasing ancient Chinese artistry. Lunch at Daqin Banquet. In the afternoon, dress-up into costume of Han people in Tang-Dynasty-style, travel back in time to the lively city street of the ancient capital Changan at the sightseeing The Longest Day in Changan. Enjoy a Tang-style cuisine in the costume with traditional music and dance performances. Overnight in Xi'an hotel.

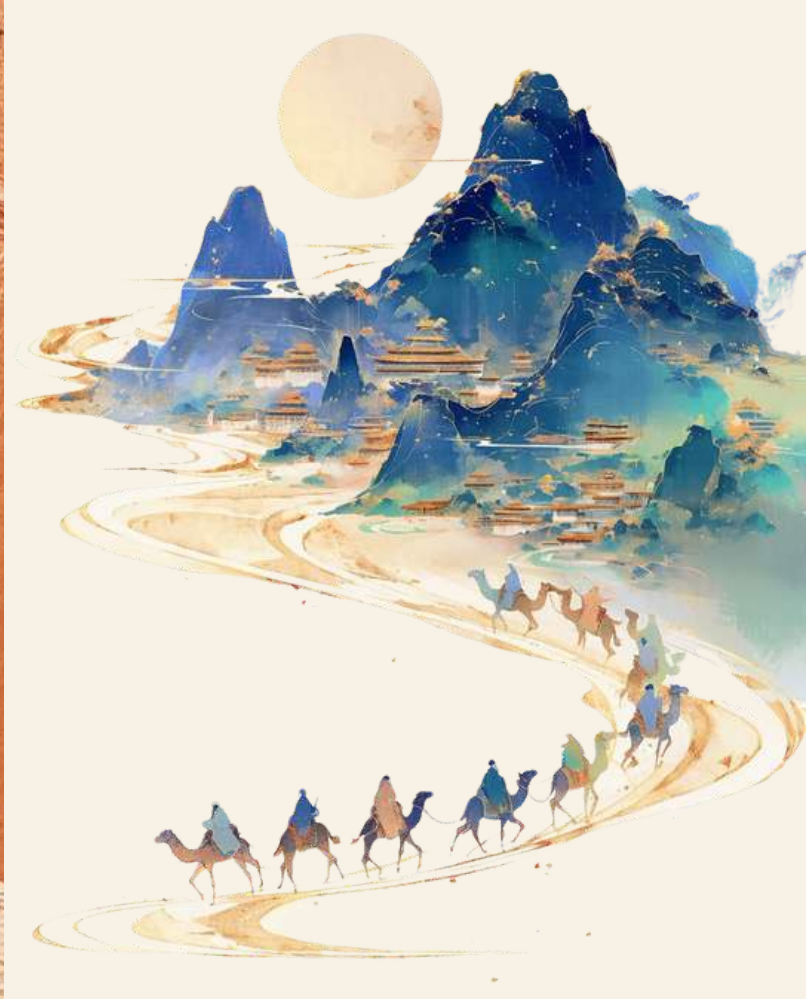
Day6 Wednesday Xi'an – Dunhuang Flight (B/D)

Breakfast at hotel. Spend the daytime exploring the Ancient City Wall and Muslim Quarter, strolling through historic streets, sampling local snacks and immersing yourself in the city's vibrant cultural atmosphere. Dinner at Defachang Dumpling Banquet. In the evening, take flight MU2127 (20:15-22:40) to Dunhuang. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Dunhuang hotel.

Day7 Thursday Dunhuang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, head to Mingsha Mountain (Singing Sand Dunes) and Crescent Lake, a picturesque desert oasis surrounded by rolling sand dunes. In the afternoon, visit the Mogao Caves, famous for 492 caves housing 45,000 square meters of murals and 2,100 statues, reflecting a millennium of Buddhist art along the Silk Road. Experience copying of the exquisite wall painting of Mogao Caves. In the evening, taste local cuisine in the middle of the desert. Get surrounded by the grand scenery and feel the wildness and pureness of the place. Overnight in Dunhuang hotel.





Day8 Friday **Dunhuang (B/L/D)**

Visit Yardang National Geopark, with dramatic wind-eroded rock formations in the desert, then White Horse Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty Buddhist pagoda historically storing scriptures brought from India, with elegant multi-eaved architecture. Wonder around Dunhuang night market. Overnight in Dunhuang hotel.



Day 9 Saturday Dunhuang – Jiayuguan Bus(B/L/D)

Drive to Jiayuguan (approx. 4–5 hours). Visit Jiayuguan Pass, the westernmost fort of the Great Wall, including the Overhanging Great Wall and First Fire Tower, important military sites guarding the Silk Road. Leisure afternoon tea break will be prepared on the Great Wall. Check in at hotel. Overnight in Jiayuguan hotel.





Explore China's iconic Great Wall and Forbidden City. Discover the Terracotta Army and Silk Road treasures at Mogao Caves. Witness Zhangye's rainbow mountains and experience Chengdu's pandas. A journey through profound history and stunning landscapes.

Day 10 Sunday Jiayuguan – Zhangye Bus(B/L/D)

Depart at 8:30 a.m. and take a 40-minute drive to Zixuan Winery. Enjoy a one-hour tour: stroll through sun-kissed vineyards adapted to Hexi Corridor's climate, learn local winemaking secrets, and sample distinctive wines with rich terroir flavors. Then drive 3 hours to Zhangye, arriving around 1:00 p.m. for lunch. In the afternoon, explore Zhangye Danxia Landform Geological Park, a natural wonder where wind and water have sculpted sandstones into rainbow-hued ridges—vibrant reds, oranges and purples glow stunningly under sunlight, creating a surreal, breathtaking landscape. Overnight in Zhangye hotel.



Day 11 Monday Zhangye – Turpan high-speed train(B/L/D)

First, visit the Giant Buddha Temple, a renowned Buddhist site boasting China's largest reclining Buddha statue from the Western Xia Dynasty. The serene statue, adorned with delicate carvings, lies in a grand hall surrounded by ancient murals that tell tales of Buddhist history. Then transfer to the railway station to take high-speed train D575 (13:15/19:54) to Turpan. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. Overnight in Turpan hotel.



Day 12 Tuesday Turpan (B/L/D)

Start with a visit to Flaming Mountain, famous for its fiery red sandstone slopes and scorching summer temperatures. Next, head to Dessert Art Museum for an immersive intangible cultural heritage experience: learn the ancient art of mulberry bark paper making under the guidance of a hereditary inheritor (approx. 1.5 hours). You'll participate in the entire process—fiber soaking, paper forming, drying, and final stamping/coloring—to create your own handcrafted paper artwork. In the afternoon, explore Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves, where well-preserved murals blend Buddhist art with Silk Road cultural elements. For dinner, you will enjoy the "Silk Road Splendor" immersive banquet. Feast on a grand buffet and BBQ, and join the joyful Mashrap dance for a true desert celebration. Overnight in Turpan hotel.



Day13 Wednesday Turpan – Urumqi Bus(B/L/D)

Morning tour of Jiaohe Ancient City, a 2,000-year-old earthen ruin and one of the world's largest and best-preserved adobe cities. Then visit the Karez Irrigation System—known as the "Underground Great Wall"—an ingenious underground water network, showcasing ancient Chinese engineering. Enjoy an unique lunch under the grape trellises, tasting sweet fruits and dancing with local farmers to experience authentic Turpan life. Drive to Urumqi (approx. 2.5-3 hours). Check in at hotel. For dinner, visit the "Cute Xinjiang" restaurant, a fortress-style venue featuring the grand Muqam Hall and a bazaar of regional delicacies. Overnight in Urumqi hotel.



Day14 Thursday Urumqi (B/L/D)

Drive to Heavenly Lake of Tianshan, a stunning alpine lake nestled at 2,600 meters above sea level. Local traditional “Nine bowls in Three Rows” banquet will be served for lunch, an authentic feast of Hui ethnic group, featuring nine specialty dishes meticulously arranged in a square. Savor local flavors like stewed meat, yellow noodles with BBQ, and stir-fry wild mushroom. In the afternoon, visit Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar, a vibrant hub of ethnic culture. Return to Urumqi in the evening. Overnight in Urumqi hotel.

Day15 Friday Urumqi – Chengdu Flight (B/L/D)

Transfer to Urumqi airport and fly to Chengdu. Check in at hotel. Overnight in Chengdu hotel.

Day16 Saturday Chengdu (B/L/D)

Visit Panda Conservation Centre to see baby and adult pandas in enclosures mimicking their natural habitat. Continue to Shu Brocade Museum to view intricate embroidery. Stop at Matchmaker’s Corner in People’s Park and enjoy local tea at a traditional teahouse. Overnight in Chengdu hotel.

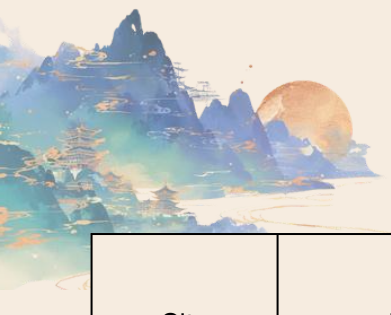
Day17 Sunday Chengdu (B/L/D)

Free day for leisure. Overnight in Chengdu hotel.

Day18 Monday Chengdu (B/L/D)

Morning transfer to airport for departure.





Hotel Information

City	Hotel	level	Address	Telephone
Beijing	Grand Hotel Beijing	5*	No. 35 East Chang'an Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China	+86-10-65137788
Xian	Wyndham Grand Xi'an South	5*	No. 208 Ci'en East Road, Qujiang New District, Xi'an 710061, China	+86-29-68219999
Zhangye	Zhangye Wangshan International Hotel	5*	No. 2-3, Shuangta Folk Culture Village, Xindun Town, Ganzhou District, Zhangye City, Gansu Province	+86-936-8221111
Dunhuang	The Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel	4*	Dunyueta Road, Dunhuang City 736200 Gansu,China	+86-937- 8882088
Jiayuguan	Nuojin International Hotel	5*	No. 1306A-1-1, Building 66, Sunshine Jinshuiwan, West Jianshe Road, Jiayuguan City	+86-937- 6349666
Turpan	Turpan Munarga Homestay (Turpan Yuefeng Homestay Collection)	5*	No. 1869 Huoyanshan South Road, Gaochang District, Turpan City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China	+86-199- 09951662
Urumqi	Wanda Reign Urumqi	5*	No. 567 Xuanwuhu Road, Toutunhe District (also noted as Shayibak District on some platforms), Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China	+86-991-3181111
Chengdu	Xizang Hotel Chengdu	5*	NO.10 Sect.1.Renmin RD.N.CHENGDU,CHINA	+86-28-83183388

Quotation : (Quoted on 260105)



Group Size	Low Seasons 26th March to 25th May 2026	Shoulder season 26th May to 25th August 2026	High Season 26th August to 25th October 2026
Currency	¥	¥	¥
6-9 persons	29080	30810	30500
10-15 persons	28520	30045	29630
16-20 persons	25765	27095	26685
21-25 persons	24560	25795	25385
Single supplement	7485	8575	8250
English-speaking guide		Guide service starting from Beijing airport on Day 1 to Day 18	
Tips for guide and driver		CNY 720 for 18 days in total	

Quotation Includes:

1. Accommodation in 1/2 sharing room with ABF in 4 or 5 star hotel at designated hotels: 5 star hotel in Beijing, Xi'an, Zhangye, Jiayuguan, Turpan, Urumqi, Chengdu ; 4 star hotel in Dunhuang.
2. Private bus with air-conditioning.
3. Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
6. Sightseeing with English-speaking local guide.
7. High speed train Beijing - Xi'an / Zhangye-Turpan / (Second class)
8. Flight Xi'an - Dunhuang // Urumqi-Chengdu(economy class).
9. Admission in the above program.
10. 1 bottled water everyday for tourists.
11. All headphone services required for tour guide commentary

Quotation excludes:

1. Tipping to the guide and driver.
2. Personal cost.
3. Extra program not mentioned in the above program.
4. Lunches or dinners not included in the above program.
5. International flight tickets .

Remarks: We keep the right to adjust the itinerary according to the changes of the trains and flights.

