



China's Wild West – 'A journey through Xinjiang'
Turpan – Korla – Kuqa – Khotan - Kashgar



Date/Day	Morning	Afternoon	Hotel
Day 1	The tour begins in Urumqi. Flights run daily from Beijing, Shanghai and other provincial capitals.	Drive out to the Nanshan Grassland to visit the Kazak nomads and enjoy afternoon tea with the family inside a yurt.	<i>Overnight in a yurt</i> <i>Basic Facilities</i> B,L
Day 2	Take a day trip up to the Heavenly Lake , at an altitude of 2600 meters. The lake is flanked by rugged pines and cypresses. Enjoy a cruise on the lake to take in the majesty of the 5445 metre Bogda peak. Enjoy a picnic on the shores of the lake.	Return to Urumqi to visit the Xinjiang Provincial Museum home to a unique collection of 2000-year-old mummies displaying western features. Conclude the day at the Erdaoqiao bazaar which is the largest retail market in Xinjiang.	<i>Urumqi Hilton 5*</i> B,L
Day 3	Travel by road for 2 ½ hours into the Turpan depression. Make a stop at the ancient caravan town of " Daban Cheng ," located in the valley of the Heavenly Mountain.	Visit the mysterious ruins of Jiaohe City , an important frontier town over 1600 years ago. Venture into the ' Karez ', the ancient water supply and irrigation system. Conclude the day by enjoying the sunset and some sweet fruit in the famed Grape Gully .	<i>Turfan Huozhou Hotel</i> 4* B,L
Day 4	Pass by the Flaming Mountain , made famous in the Chinese literary classic "Journey to the West". Visit the Ruins of Gaochang , another important garrison town dating back to the 1 st century. Continue onto the Astana ancient tombs .	This afternoon head out to the Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves , which were carved into the cliffs of the Mutou valley of the Flaming Mountains back in the 6 th century. From the 9 th – 13 th centuries they were used as a royal temple. 83 caves have survived over a thousand years of vandalism and natural erosion. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Turpan Museum	<i>Turfan Huozhou Hotel</i> 4* B,L



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Day 5	Drive out of the Turpan depression past a dramatic desert landscape to Korla 380km.	Make a stop at the Iron Gate pass , which was an importation military outpost on the ancient Silk Road. Overnight in Korla.	<i>Korla Pear Garden Hotel 4*</i> B,L
Day 6	Take a morning drive through the desert to Kuqa (280Km).	Visit the Ruins of Subash , one of Xinjiang's most renowned Buddhist centres from the 6 th to the 8 th centuries and The Grand Mosque .	<i>Kuqa Park Hyatt Boutique Hotel 3*</i> B,L
Day 7	Continue to skirt the Taklamakan desert on to Aksu (360Km). Stop off en-route at the Kizil thousand Buddha Caves which date back to the 4 th century AD.	Many of the 265 remaining caves reflect the Indian Gandhāran Buddhist style. Special access to caves off limits to the public can be arranged.	<i>Aksu International Hotel 4*</i> B,L
Day 8	Take the road that cuts through the centre of the Taklimakan desert to Khotan . The landscape today moves from dusty desert scrub to poplar forests and sand dunes.	Khotan has gained a reputation along the Silk Road for its jade, silk, and carpet production. There will be an opportunity this afternoon to visit the Silk Village , famed for its Hundred-Year-Old Walnut Tree and traditional Paper Making .	<i>Khotan West Lake 4*</i> B,L
Day 9	Continue by bus to Maigaiti . Make a stop at the knife market of Yengisar and the Tomb of The Kings of Shache dating back to 1533 and the reign of the Jiajing Emperor.	Overnight in Makgati	<i>Makgati Dao Lang 3*</i> B,L
Day 10	Visit a Farmer's Painting Workshop , followed by a Daolang Dance Performance in Maigaiti county.	Take a Camel Ride in the Dawakun Desert before continuing to Kashgar .	<i>Kashgar Radisson Blu 5*</i> B,L
Day 11	Drive up to Karakol Lake , along the famous Karakoram Highway which leads into Pakistan. Enjoy spectacular scenery of Glaciers and majestic mountain peaks.	Visit the Kirgiz nomads who live in yurts on the shores of the lake. Return to Kashgar later this afternoon.	<i>Kashgar Radisson Blu 5*</i> B,L



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Day 12	Visit the famous Kashgar Sunday Market , where you will witness a scene of nomads and Uighur farmers trading camels, horses, and Fat Tail Sheep. Return to Kashgar to explore the large Kashgar Bazaar which is brimming with hats, textiles, boots, knives, and spices.	This afternoon take a stroll through The Old Town to visit the Handicraft Street, Aba Khoja Mausoleum (tomb of the Fragrant Concubine) and the Etigar Mosque . Finally take the evening flight back to Urumqi.	<i>Urumqi Hilton 5* B,L</i>

Total Cost **USD 4,800** Per (minimum 2 people)

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<p>Included in the price;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services of a good English speaking local guide in each city • All Hotels and rooms as stated based on two people sharing for 11 nights including 2 breakfasts. (B) (L) Lunches • All land transportation including airport transfers where stated • Entrance fees to all tourist sites • Baggage handling, service charges and gratuities for guides, drivers and hotel staff • Constant supply of bottled water on the bus 	<p>Not included in the price;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flights • Dinners • Visa processing fees • International Flights to and from China • Travel insurance • Personal expenses such as excess luggage, alcoholic drinks, telephone, laundry and room service
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