

# SILK ROUTE WONDERS

Urumqi | Turpan | Kashgar – 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Your short stay into Xinjiang will show you yet another and unique corner of the China tapestry. In Urumqi, Turpan and Kashgar you will see a different landscape and a different society. You will meet the Uyghur people; view the ruined cities; visit markets and bazaars. For a moment you will be traversing in the footsteps of those who have walked the 'Silk Road' for over 2000 years. All unforgettable experiences for you, the intrepid traveler.

**DAY 1 – Arrive Urumqi:** Private transfer from the airport to the hotel.

**DAY 2 – Urumqi to Turpan:** In Urumqi, you will visit the excellent Xinjiang Regional Museum to see the incredibly well preserved mummies found in ancient tombs. Travel in a private car and guide with you to Turpan. This is a largely Muslim city lying below sea level in a depression in the desert. [Meals: B L]

**DAY 3 – Turpan:** Today the private excursion takes you to the spectacular rock formations of the Flaming Mountains and you will see the ancient Thousand Buddha Caves at Bezeklik. Following this you travel into the desert to see the mystical ruins of the ancient settlement of Jiaohe. The ancient settlement of Tuyugou founded over 2000 years ago. [Meals: B L D]

**DAY 4 – Turpan:** This morning starts with an early departure for a drive to the ancient village of Tuyugou. You will take a walk through the lovely village – The Mosque is the centre of village life, surrounded by mud brick homes, and an interesting local cemetery, framed by the picturesque vineyards. Then move on to the ancient ruins of Gaochang, built in the second century BC, which we will tour in donkey carts. If time permits you will visit the Emin Mosque and its famous minaret. [Meals: B L D]



**DAY 5 – Turpan to Kashgar:** Today you travel to Urumqi airport by private car for your next city the great oasis outpost of Kashgar and the very westernmost border of China with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. [Meals: B L D]

**DAY 6 – Kashgar:** Kashgar is China's westernmost city. The highlights of the stay will be the visit to the famous Sunday Bazaar, where tens of thousands of villagers and nomads arrive in their donkey carts. Large numbers of minority peoples come to trade, all sporting their distinctive costumes and headgear. Also



Departures between	Price per person	Single Supplement	Solo Traveller
Apr 28 – May 31 2016	\$3,315	\$998	\$5,345
Jun 01 – Jun 29 2016	\$3,215	\$915	\$5,140
Jun 30 – Aug 03 2016	\$3,215	\$915	\$5,140
Aug 04 – Aug 31 2016	\$3,215	\$915	\$5,140
Sep 01 – Sep 28 2016	\$3,315	\$998	\$5,345
Oct 08 – Oct 31 2016	\$3,315	\$998	\$5,345
Nov 01 – Nov 15 2016	\$3,235	\$930	\$5,180
Nov 16 – Nov 30 2016	\$3,035	\$765	\$4,790
Dec 01 – Dec 31 2016	\$2,870	\$765	\$4,610

Prices above are per person in USD (\$) based on two people sharing a twin-room.

the other sites will include the visit to the sacred resting place of Abakh Hoja, the burial place of the emperor Qianlong's legendary "Fragrant Concubine". [Meals: B L D]

**DAY 7 – Kashgar:** Today a private excursion takes you to the spectacular Karakul Lake. [Meals: B L]

**DAY 8 – Kashgar to Urumqi:** You will be transferred to the airport for flight to Urumqi where you will be assisted to connect your onward flight. [Meals: B]

THIS TOUR CAN BE CUSTOMISED TO MEET YOUR SPECIFIC REQUESTS