

D2701 Xi'an North – Zhangye West 08:00-13:54(Luggage service included) in 2nd class seats

Please put your luggage at the platform, and our staff will transfer the Luggages to hotel directly.

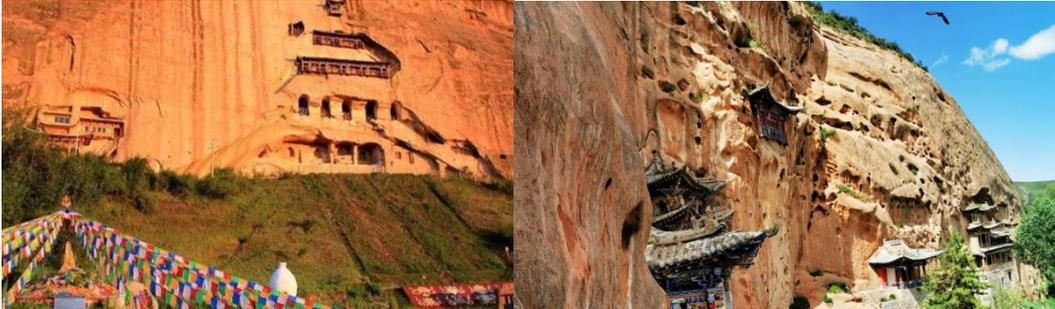
Explore **Mati Temple**, a unique religious site with a rich history. Its architecture and cultural relics exemplify the harmonious blend of diverse religious and cultural elements.

Note: Need 30-40min climb up the mountain to visit the *Mati Temple*.

Transfer to hotel

Lunch and dinner will be on your own

Overnight in Zhangye



Day04 Zhangye/Jiayuguan(240km,3.5hrs)

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

Rainbow Danxia Landform, a spectacular natural wonder formed by millions of years of geological processes, presenting a breathtaking landscape as if a rainbow were painted on the earth

Transfer to Jiayuguan

Visit the **Jiayuguan Fortress**, known as the "First and Greatest Pass Under Heaven." As a crucial military outpost on the ancient Silk Road, its magnificent architecture and profound historical significance make it a must - visit destination.

Overnight in Jiayuguan



Day05 Jiayuguan/Dunhuang(370km,5hrs)

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

Check out and transfer to Yulin Grottoes

Head to Yulin Grottoes Explore the **Yulin Grottoes**, which house a large number of exquisitely crafted Buddhist cave artworks, reflecting the religious and cultural life of different eras.

Continue drive to Dunhuang Check in hotel and rest

Enjoy a free dinner at Dunhuang's night market, savouring a variety of local delicacies.

Overnight in Dunhuang

Notes:

- *Night market is about 6km from hotel, you shall take taxi back(by cash or alipay). There are many snack stands in the market, you can try based on your preference.*



Day06

Dunhuang

[B/-/-]

Depart for Mogao Caves

Visit the world - renowned **Mogao Caves**, a cultural heritage site housing thousands of years of Buddhist art, including stunning murals and delicate sculptures. Attend an academic lecture to gain a deeper understanding of the caves' history and significance.

Visit **Mingsha Mountain and Crescent Moon Spring**. Mingsha Mountain is famous for the sound of the sand when wind - blown, while Crescent Moon Spring is a miraculous oasis in the desert, featuring a crescent - shaped pool of clear water.

***Optional camel riding: about 40min, RMB100/per person, you can pay on site*

Overnight in Dunhuang

Day07

Dunhuang/Turpan by train

[B/-/-]

Breakfast

Visit **Dunhuang Museum**

Check out and luggage out

Depart for Liuyuan Station

Arrive at station for boarding assistance

Take train Liuyuan/Turpan D575 16:32-19:54 (subject to change) (1st Class Seats subject to availability, luggage service included.)

Transfer to hotel in Turpan

Overnight in Turpan

Day08

Turpan/Urumqi

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

Visit the **Flaming Mountain**. Lunch at local family of **Tuyoq Village**

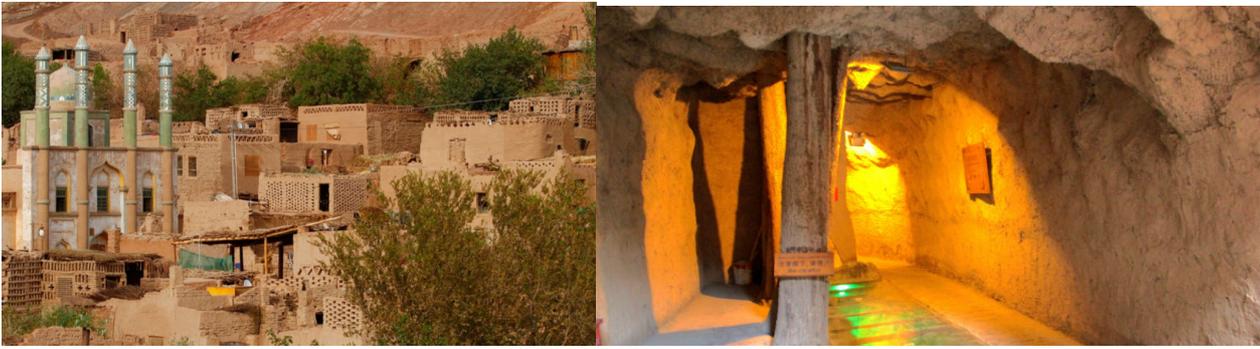
Visit the **Karez Irrigation System**, an ancient and ingenious water - conservancy project that showcases the wisdom of the local people in arid - region water - resource utilization.

Visit the **Jiaohe Ruins**

Transfer to Urumqi hotel and check in

Overnight in urumqi

Note: Need 30-40min climb up the Jiaohe Ruins(Slow slope).



Day09 Urumqi

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

transfer to visit **Heavenly Mountain Tianchi.**

Explore the **International Bazaar**, a great place to experience local culture and purchase various souvenirs, such as handicrafts, ethnic clothing, and local products.

Overnight in Urumqi



Day10 Urumqi/Kuqa by flight

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

Free at leisure, rest.

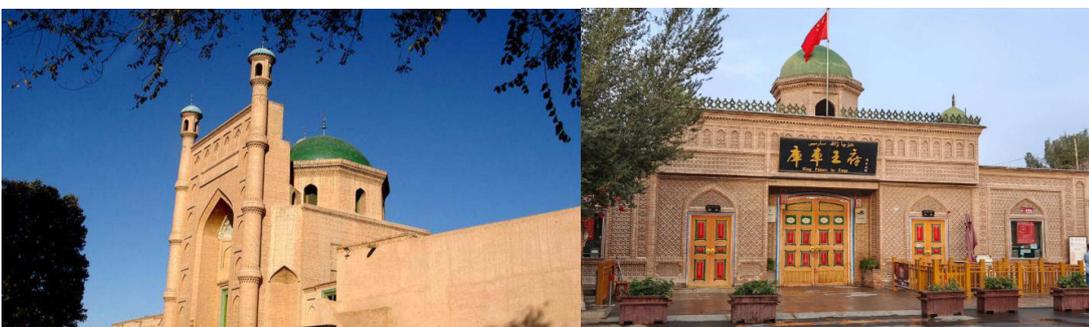
Check out and transfer to the airport

Take flight to Kuqa.

[Flight Urumqi- Kuqa CZ6873 \(13:50-15:10\), economy class with 23kg checked in baggage.](#)

Visit **Kuqa Mosque**, an important religious building in the area, representing the unique Islamic culture. Proceed to **Kuqa Prince's Mansion** which was the official residence of the Kuqa feudal lords during the Qing Dynasty and now serves as a cultural heritage site showcasing Uyghur history and architecture.

Overnight in Kuqa



Day11 Kuqa/Kashgar

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to **Tian Shan Grand Canyon**

Visit **Tian Shan Grand Canyon**, offering a thrilling experience for nature lovers with its magnificent canyons and unique geological features. Lunch at local restaurant. Transfer to **Kyzil Thousand Grottoes**
Explore **Kyzil Thousand Grottoes**, one of the earliest Buddhist grottoes in China, where the artworks possess high artistic value and historical significance.
Transfer back to Kuqa
Take flight to Kashgar, pick up and transfer to hotel for check in.
Overnight in Kashgar



Day12 Kashgar

[B/-/-]

Visit **Abakh Hoja Mausoleum**, a famous mausoleum with unique architecture and cultural connotations.
Visit the **Gaotai Ancient Residential Quarter** which is a 600-year-old fortress-like Uyghur community built on a loess highland, featuring multi-generational family homes and traditional craftsmanship.
Explore **Id Kah Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in Xinjiang, with its magnificent architecture and solemn religious atmosphere.
stroll through **Kashgar Old Town**, where the narrow alleys and traditional Uyghur architecture preserve the original charm of the ancient Silk Road city. Finally, relax at the Century - **old Teahouse**, enjoying tea and chatting with locals to experience the slow pace of life in Kashgar.
Overnight in Kashgar



Day13 Kashgar/Tashkurgan

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel
Drive to **White Sand Lake**, a beautiful lake with white - sand beaches, presenting a peaceful and scenic landscape.
Continue to Tashkurgan
visit a **Tajik family** to experience their unique lifestyle and culture.
Overnight in Tashkurgan

Note:

- The altitude of Tashkurgan is around 3200m-4000m, normally we would not suggest seniors to Tashkurgan, as the hospital there is quite basic. They can stay one more night in Kashgar.



Day14 Tashkurgan/Kashgar

[B/-/-]

Breakfast at hotel

Explore **Stone City**, an ancient city ruin with a long history, standing on a high mountain overlooking the surrounding valleys and mountains, continue to visit **Jincaotan Grassland**, a vast and beautiful grassland where you have chance to enjoy the scenery and spot flocks of sheep and herds of cattle.

Lunch and coffee break at **Buzhou Mountain camping site**(on your own expense), admire **Karakul Lake**, a high - altitude lake with crystal - clear water, reflecting the surrounding snow - capped mountains in a breathtakingly beautiful way. Transfer back to Kashgar.

Overnight in Kashgar



Day15 Kashgar Departure

[B/-/-]

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for departure.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 14-nights' accommodation as indicated with daily breakfast included in the program
- 1 Tang Dynasty dinner
- All the transfers and tours as indicated in the program with local **English-Speaking** Guide service;
- Entrance fees as indicated
- High speed train of **Xi'an/Zhangye, Dunhuang/Turpan** in 2nd class seats
- **Flight of Urumqi/Kuqa/Kashgar in economy class with 20kg** checked in baggage;
- Service charge, room tax and handling fee

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- All International /domestic air tickets not mentioned above.
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned in the programme
- All Supplements
- Early check-in and late check out charges from the hotel;
- Optional tours/ services;
- Other meals and services which are not indicated in the program;

- Chinese Visa;
- Personal insurance;
- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry & etc;

Reference Vehicle(picture for reference only):

5/7 seat car:

