



The Silk Road 14 Day Package

Day 1: US/BEIJING

Take an international flight from the US to Beijing, China. Meals and snacks will be served on the plane. Movies will also be available during the flight.

Day 2: BEIJING

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be met and transferred to your hotel by our tour guide. For those arriving in Beijing earlier today, you may spend the rest of the day for leisure or join in the optional tours (at an extra expense) in Beijing.

Day 3: BEIJING (AB)

Enjoy your full day for leisure or take the following optional tour with lunch and specialty dinner for \$75 per person.

Today you will visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the largest and most intact conglomeration of ancient structures of the imperial palace. This was the palace for 24 Ming and Qing Dynasty emperors who ruled China for over 500 years. Take a photo stop at the National Center for the Performing Arts, also known as the National Grand Theatre, designed by the French architect Paul Andreu. You will also tour the Summer Palace, the famous resort of Empress Dowager Ci Xi. Feast your eyes on the Long Corridor, Longevity Hill, and Kunming Lake. If time permits, you may also have the opportunity to see pandas at Beijing Zoo located nearby the Summer Palace. Attend a welcome Peking Duck Dinner tonight.

Day 4: BEIJING (AB, L)

Enjoy your full day for leisure or taking the following optional tour with lunch for \$89 per person.

The highlight today is a trip to the astonishing Great Wall of China at Juyongguan Pass, one of the most remarkable feats of mankind. After lunch, you will stroll along the Sacred Way guard-

ing the Ming Tombs, lined with different statutes of animals such as lions, elephants, camels and etc. Later in the day, you will make a photo stopover at the Olympic Park where you will view the exterior of the Bird Nest-China National Stadium and Water Cube-China National Aquatic Center.

Day 5: BEIJING (AB)

Enjoy your full day for leisure or taking the following optional tour with lunch for \$65 per person.

This morning you will take a tour of Hutong (Chinese alleyways) by riding aboard a rickshaw pedicab through the narrow lanes of the old residential quarters. You will have the opportunity to take a glimpse of the local residents' daily life. After lunch, you will tour the delicately crafted Temple of Heaven, where the emperors used to pray for good harvest. Enjoy the rest of the day for leisure.

Day 6: BEIJING/XIAN (AB, SD)

After breakfast, you will take a flight to Xian, the ancient capital city for 11 dynasties in Chinese history. Upon arrival at the airport in Xian, you will be met and taken to tour the well preserved Ancient City Wall of Xian. After hotel check-in, enjoy some free time for leisure, before attending a dumpling dinner banquet, followed by an on-stage show of Tang Dynasty dance and music.

Day 7: XIAN (AB, L)

The excursion today takes you to visit the Tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang and see the awesome Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses, widely regarded as the eighth wonder of the world. After lunch, you may enjoy the rest of the day for leisure or join the optional night walking tour of Muslim Street, known for the local yummy snacks and a variety of local artifacts.

Day 8: XIAN/DUNHUANG (AB, D)

Enjoy some leisure time this morning before taking a departure transfer to the airport for flight to Dunhuang, an important religious, cultural and trade crossroads on the Silk Road. Upon arrival in Dunhuang, you will be met and taken to tour Min Sha Hill and the Crescent Moon Pool, where you will have the opportunity to take camel ride over the sand dunes. Stay overnight in Dunhuang.

Day 9: DUNHUANG/ LIUYUAN/ TURPAN (AB, L, D)

The highlight today is a visit to the famed Mogao Grottoes or Mogao Caves, known as the Caves of the Thousand Buddhas. Designated as the World Cultural Heritage Site by the UNESCO, Mogao Caves comprise the largest, most richly endowed, and longest used treasure house of Buddhist art in the world, and represent the great achievement of Buddhist art from the 4th to the 14th century. Many visitors find themselves deeply touched by the immortal works of art. Tonight, you will be transferred to Liuyuan Train Station to board overnight train to Turpan.

Day 10: TURPAN (AB, L, D)

Upon arrival in Turpan in the morning, you will visit the Karez Well-the amazing ancient underground irrigation system, the ruins of Gao Chang City and Jiao He City. Attend a local minority singing and dancing show in the evening.

Day 11: TURPAN/URUMQI (AB, L)

This morning you will take a tour of the Grape Valley where you will have the opportunity to taste the well-known grapes grown here. Later in the afternoon, you will head for Urumqi, the capital city of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and a major hub on the Silk Road in history. Enjoy the rest of the day for leisure.

Day 12: URUMQI (AB, L, SD)

Today's excursion takes you to the beautiful Lake of Heaven (Tianchi Lake), where you will take a boat ride. Upon returning to the city, you will visit the Historical Museum of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which has an extensive collection of Silk Road artifacts and houses the famous mummies of Indo-European ancestry. Enjoy some time at a bustling local bazaar before joining in a special roast lamb dinner in the evening.

Day 13: URUMQI/SHANGHAI (AB)

Enjoy some leisure time before taking a departure transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, China's largest city (home to 16 million people). Shanghai is also China's principal port on a deep estuary of the Yangtze River. Often regarded as "the Paris of the East," Shanghai has retained the flavor of its past European influences. Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in. Enjoy the rest of the day for leisure, or join in some optional tours in Shanghai.

Day 14: SHANGHAI/US (AB)

After breakfast you will take a departure transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Complimentary initial airport arrival transfer in Beijing and final airport departure transfer in Shanghai are provided if your transpacific flights are booked through Pilgrim Tours. If airfare is booked on your own, then airport transfers are an additional expense.

TOUR FEATURES:

- All domestic air and ground transportation.
- 12 night's hotel accommodations at five-star deluxe hotels.
- Escorted tours and sightseeing with admission and English

speaking tour guides in each city.

- 24 meals: 12 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners including dumpling dinner banquet in Xian, special roast lamb dinner in Urumqi and Shanghai cuisine farewell dinner party.
- Cultural entertainments: Tang Dynasty dance and music show with dinner in Xian and ethnic minority dance and music show in Turpan.

PRICE PER PERSON: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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