

Xinjiang In-depth Discovery Tour - 9 Days

In this 9-day trip, you will experience a real adventure into the Xinjiang Hinterland. This trip will take you to the highlights of the mysterious and attractive historical Silk Route in old China. Besides, you can enjoy the company of fertile arable land, abundant water and vast grasslands in Yining.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Urumqi	 airport - hotel transfer in Urumqi
2	Day 2 Urumqi - Turpan (by automobile)	 private transfer from Urumqi to Turpan  breakfast, lunch  Karez System, Emin Minaret The Karez System (UNESCO), an underground irrigation system, is considered to be one of the three great ancient projects of China. Its main function is to deliver water from nearby snow capped mountains to Turpan and its agricultural fields. Emin Minaret, also known as Sugong Tower, is one of the most famous Islamic constructions and the only Islamic tower in China.
3	Day 3 Turpan	 breakfast, lunch  Astana Tombs , Flaming Mountain, Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves, Grape Valley The Astana Tombs are known as the 'Underground Museum' and highly regarded by Chinese and foreign archaeologists and historians. More than 400 tombs have been excavated from there since 1950. Pass by the Flaming Mountain, which is famous in the Chinese classical literature "Journey to the West". The Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves has 77 caves and inside each cave is a mural of the Buddha painted on the ceiling along with hundreds of Buddhist sculptures and figures. With beautiful and elegant scenery, the Grape Valley is famous for growing all kinds of grapes and other fruits.
4	Day 4 Turpan - Urumqi (by automobile) - Kashgar (by air)	 private transfer from Turpan to airport transfer in Urumqi; airport - hotel transfer in Kashgar  breakfast, lunch  Old Town of Kashgar Kashgar Old Town, located in Xinjiang, China, is a historic and cultural gem that dates back over 2,000 years. Known as one of the best-preserved traditional Islamic cities in the world, Kashgar Old Town is a captivating destination for travelers seeking to immerse themselves in ancient Silk Road history and experience a unique blend of Uyghur culture.

5	Day 5 Kashgar	 breakfast, lunch  Karakuli Lake The Karakuli Lake is a must- go place in Kashgar. Drive through the Karakorum Highway to have a good sight of the beautiful snow-capped mountains and the lake.
6	Day 6 Kashgar - Urumqi (by air)	 airport transfer in Kashgar, airport - hotel transfer in Urumqi  breakfast, lunch  Id Kah Mosque , Afaq Khoja Mausoleum The Id Kah Mosque is reputed to be the largest mosque in China. It highlights a group of old Islamic constructions with strong ethnic style and religious features. The Afaq Khoja Mausoleum is perhaps the finest example of Islamic architecture in Xinjiang, encompassing a larger complex that includes a functioning mosque and madrasa, the coffins of five generations of the family. The Mausoleum is also known as the Fragrant Concubine's Tomb, as it is the burial place of one of Afaq Khoja's descendants, Iparhan, who is believed to be the legendary Fragrant Concubine.
7	Day 7 Urumqi - Yining (by air)	 hotel - airport transfer in Urumqi, airport transfer in Yining  breakfast, lunch  Narat Pastureland In the morning, transfer to the airport and take a flight to Yining, the capital of the Yili Kazak Autonomous Prefecture. Yining has fertile arable land, abundant water, vast grasslands and mineral resources. Upon arrival, meet the guide and take a visit to the Narat Pastureland, which also boosts the name of "Pasture in the Sky". It's the home of Kazakh, one of the Islamic ethnic groups in China.
8	Day 8 Yining	 breakfast, lunch  Sayram Lake, The Tughluq Temur Khan's Mausoleum Today, take an excursion to the Sayram Lake, a natural scenic in the northern ancient Silk Road. Its unique location makes it the largest and highest cold-water lake in Xinjiang. In the afternoon, drive to the Tughluq Temur Khan's Mausoleum. Tughluq Temur Khan was the seventh-generation descendent of Cenghis Khan, and was the first Mongolian in Xinjiang to believe in Islam. The mausoleum demonstrates the fabulous technique of Islam building arts.
9	Day 9 Yining - Urumqi (by air)	 airport transfer in Yining  breakfast, lunch  Yili Grand Bridge, Huiyuan City In the morning, visit to the Yili Grand Bridge. The Yili Grand Bridge is a hyperbolic arch bridge made of reinforced concrete. Along the river has been set up a river-bank park which has already become a wonderful place for people to spend their holidays. Then, head to the Huiyuan City which was built in 1758. The military facilities show the importance of the city in the past and the busy streets show the prosperity of its modern time. Later, transfer to the airport and take a flight to Urumqi. Service ends.

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese Lunch and dinner as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flights with taxes as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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