

Silk Road

– 16-Day Highlights Tour –

Departure Date: October 6, 2026



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Urumqi, Heavenly Lake, Jiaohe Ancient City, Karez Irrigation System, Sugong Minaret (Emin Minaret), Gaochang Ancient City, Astana Tombs, Flaming Mountains and Grape Valley.
- Two consecutive nights in Urumqi and two consecutive nights in Turpan.
- Two nights in Dunhuang with visits to the Mogao Grottoes, Crescent Spring, Mingsha Mountain, Dunhuang Museum and White Horse Pagoda.
- Hexi Corridor highlights include Jiayuguan, Great Wall Museum, Jiuquan, Zhangye, Rainbow Danxia, Wuwei, Lanzhou, Bingling Temple, Yellow River Iron Bridge, Tianshui, Maijishan Grottoes and Fuxi Temple.
- Two nights at The Westin Xian with visits to the Terracotta Warriors, Tang Dynasty Music & Dance Show, Giant Wild Goose Pagoda and Great Tang Ever Bright City.
- 37 meals included. Entrance fees included. Deluxe 2+1 coach throughout.
- 14 nights in 4- and 5-star hotels.
- English and Mandarin-speaking guides.
- Chinese tour leader accompanies the group when there are 16 or more passengers.

PRICE

Twin Sharing:

From **CA\$6,988**
+ tax from CA\$568



INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip China Airlines airfare from Vancouver (N-class fare basis).
- One checked bag and one carry-on bag.
- English/Mandarin-speaking guide service.
- Chinese tour leader for groups of 16 or more.



EXCLUSIONS

- Single Supplement: CA\$1,400.
- Land Only Package: CA\$4,988.
- Weekend airfare surcharge from CA\$50.
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges from CA\$568.
- Suggested gratuities: US\$170 per person.
- Travel documents, insurance and personal expenses.



BOOKING TERMS

- Deposit: CA\$1,000 per person (non-refundable).
- Final payment due 45 days before departure.
- Credit card payments subject to a 5% service fee.
- Prices and itinerary are subject to change without notice.
- Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

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ITINERARY

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Day 1 (Oct 06) Vancouver >> Hong Kong

Fly from Vancouver to Hong Kong on China Airlines via Taipei.



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Day 2 (Oct 07) Arrival Hong Kong

After arrival at Hong Kong, check-in Regal Airport Hotel on your own after 3pm. Free to explore Hong Kong or get full rest to recharge well for the Silkroad tour.



Hotel: Regal Airport Hotel Hong Kong or similar



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Day 03 (Oct 08) Hong Kong >> Urumqi

Assemble at your homeward airport, board your international airlines wide-cabin Jetliner fly to Urumqi – the capital city of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, meet after arrival and transfer to the hotel you staying tonight. Xinjiang is China's largest autonomous regions (one of six for the total area of China, and inhabited by the largest ethnic minority which most of them are Islam believers).



Hotel: Urumqi Global International Hotel



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Day 04 (Oct 09) Urumqi >> Heavenly Lake (B-L-D)

After breakfast we drive to Tianshan Mountains and enjoy a relaxing drive to the beautiful Lake of Heaven, only an hour's drive from the city, it lies on snow-capped Mount Bogda at almost 2000 meters above sea level, where you will see charming views of a crystal clear lake with the backdrop of the spectacular Heavevly Mountain Range, scattered with traditional yurts. The views from the cruise boat are breathtaking. Lunch arranged at downhill restaurant. Then drive back Urumqi. City tour to Red Hill Park, The simple of Urumqi, rising 910 meters, the Red Mountains is composed of purplish red sandstone, during dawn or dusk, the body of mountain will shine red, hence the name, The viewing Pavilion is the best place for panorama of Urumqi. Finally take a tour of Erdaoqiao International Grand Bazaar, its construction is with rich and colorful national style, just a market which selling all kinds of art-craft products and local products including dried fruits, copper kettles, silk scarf, carpet, Jade and etc.



Hotel : Urumqi Global International Hottel or similar



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Day 05 (Oct 10) Urumqi ==> Turpan (B-L-D)

This afternoon a short coach journey takes you through the desert and mountains to the Oasis town of Turpan. It is the lowest point in China and the second lowest on Earth (after the Dead Sea) at 154 meters below sea level for its Aiding Kul lake. No place in China is hotter than Flaming Mountain in Turpan, and is regarded as " Fire land ". It is also famous for their grapes, grown primarily for raisins but also wine. Here Marco Polo first encountered spaghetti, and idea he took home to Italy. On the way we will stop at Windmill station for a short break, and excursion to the largest wind power station in Asia. This afternoon's tour includes The Jiaohe ancient city ruins, the present remains of the ancient city are the capital of Jiaohe Prefecture in the Qu's Gaochang Kingdom and the key protected historical relics of this country. The defense of the city is not the walls but the steep cliffs around it , which are about 30 m.in height with only two exits respectively in the east and south. At the end of the street (about 350 m.in length and 10 m.in width) in the city stands a great temple, in which there are a deep well and a big hall with two platforms in front of it. Then we will witness the amazing 2000 year old Irrigation Canals that are still in use today - Karez Wells, the local people have developed these Wells, an irrigation system composed of wells connected by underground channels, to counter the heat and drought of the place. Then visit Emin Minaret (Sugongta), with the history of more than 200 years, it is the largest extant old tower in Xinjiang and the only Islamic tower among the hundred famous towers in China.



Hotel : HUOZHOU Mercure Hotel Turpan or similar



37 MEALS INCLUDED

Savor local cuisine throughout the journey.



ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED

All major attractions and activities are included.



DELUXE 2+1 COACH

Spacious and comfortable seating throughout.



14 NIGHTS IN 4- & 5-STAR HOTELS
Carefully selected for your comfort and enjoyment.



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ITINERARY

6 Day 06 (Oct 11) Turpan (B-L-D)

Breakfast in hotel, today we will visit the The ruined city of Gaochang (Karakhoja), the largest one of the ancient city sites and the capital of the Uyghur kingdom that flourished from the 7th-14th centuries, before being destroyed during the Mongol invasions. It existed for a long period of 1500 years, was the communication hub and an important door of Western Region. The next we will see Underground tombs of Astana, the graveyard for the ruined city of Gaochang, the tombs contain many funeral objects, including wooden figures, household utensils and paintings, even foods are well preserved because of the arid climate. The following trip is to Flaming Mountains, there is the high temperature of 61 degrees Celsius shown on the giant thermometer, Flaming Mountains shines magnificently at sunrise and sunset for this red sandstone hills, resembling a roaring flame. We must go to The Grape Valley for cooling down ourselves when this fiery sun beats down on the purple-coloured mountains, There you will find grapevine interweaving on the grape trellises, and passages and houses all in the shadow of the grape trellises, the shape of the grapes produced here looks like pearls and agates.

Hotel accommodations : HUOZHOU Mercure Hotel Turpan or similar



7 Day 07 (Oct 12) Turpan >> Liuyuan >> Dunhuang (high-speed train) (B-L-D)

Breakfast in hotel, then transfer to Turpan Railway Station, take High-Speed Train to Liuyuan, lunch provided at the train station restaurant upon arrival, finally drive to Dunhuang city along express highway (120KM). Afternoon visits to Sounding Sand Dunes & Crescent Moon Lake, extending some 40 km from east to west and 20km north to south, the highest peak is 250 meters with an elevation of 1650 meters. As the sand whispers once it starts moving, hence the "Soughing Sand Hill". The Crescent Moon Spring is a mysterious landscape in the desert. Embraced all round by sand dunes a spring lake emerges with a pool of crystal water. As it looks very much like a new moon hence the name the Crescent Moon Spring, we especially arrange the camel ride program for our passengers, you have a chance to tour this site by riding double humped camels and enjoy the view of sunset.

Hotel : Dunhuang Hotel or similar



8 Day 08 (Oct 12) Dunhuang (B-L-D)

Breakfast in the hotel, we will go to visit famous Dunhuang Mogao Thousand Buddha Grottoes, it is among the Four Greatest Grottoes of China as well as the largest and most well-preserved treasure house of Buddhist culture and arts in the world. The construction of Mogao Grottoes started from year 366 and lasted in following dynasties for almost 1500 years, which make it a sacred land of Buddhism finally. The Mogao Grottoes was added to the World Cultural Heritage lists by the UNESCO in 1987. Finally we go on visiting Dunhuang County Museum, it was built in 1986. consist of 3 halls , kept in the museum is a great collection of relics, over 5,000 pieces of different ages, which give you a detailed introduction about this famous town on the ancient Silk Road route, then visiting White horse Pagoda, which is in the south of the former site of the old city of Dunhuang . It is an earthen stupa of over 10 meters high. Though not looking outstanding it has something to do with Kumarajiva , the famous translator of Buddhist scriptures of the Later Qin Dynasty. The stupa was specially built in memory of his white horse which died here at Dunhuang when he was on the way to Chang'an, present day-Xi'an. Tonight we will wander through the local Shazhou Night Market, experience the life of local people.

Hotel: accommodations : Dunhuang Hotel or similar



9 Day 09 (Oct 14) Dunhuang >> Jiayuguan (B-L-D)

This morning we will drive to Jiayuguan Pass, the west end of Great Wall in Ming Dynasty. Visits to Jiayuguan Fort, it was first built in the year of 1372, and was completed through the strenuous efforts of 168 years. Also its Over Hanging Great Wall, is located 8 kilometers north of the city, due to the steep walls fell down from the mountains, like the Great Wall hanging upside down on a ridge, iron wall vacant, steep drop down from the mountains, blocking off the stone Gap, commonly known as "Cantilever Wall". The Great Wall Museum which give you a detailed introduction about the history of ancient Great Wall.

Hotel: Jiayuguan Mingjiahuijiao International Hotel or similar



10 Day 10 (Oct 15) Jiayuguan >> Rainbow Mountains >> Zhangye (B-L-D)

Morning drive to Zhangye via Linze County, after we reach Linze county, we will take shuttle bus enter into Rainbow Mountains for visiting, this Colorful Hilly Geo-park, covers an area of more than 510 square kilometers, and has been praised as one of the seven most beautiful Danxia landform in China by the magazine China National Geography. Visiting Grand Buddha Temple, when we drive back to Zhangye, the Grand Buddha derived its name from the fact that there exists a Buddha in a state of nirvana in the temple, the biggest of its kind in China. The buildings now in existence include the Grand Buddha Hall, the Buddhist Scripture Storage and the Earthen Pagoda. Lying in the hall is the Recumbent Buddha, all gild it looks vivid and lifelike. The following our is visiting The Wooden Pagoda, was built in Sui Dynasty over 1,400 years ago, and consisting of nine storey stands 32 meters high in the shape of an octahedron. This pagoda is hollowed inside yet in the past 1,400 years and more, though many earthquakes have ever happened the pagoda still stands firmly aground, looking so splendid and magnificent.

Hotel: Zhangye Runhu Holiday Inn or similar



11 Day 11 (Oct 17) Zhangye >> Wuwei >> Lanzhou (B-L-D)

Today we will drive to Lanzhou via Wuwei City, Wuwei City is one of the four prefectures along the Hexi River Corridor in Han Dynasty. Here we can visit the Laitai Ruins, used to be a place where sacrifices were offered to the god of thunder in ancient times, the Han tomb discovered at Leitai is a large tomb built of brick and stone in the late Eastern Han Dynasty. the tomb came to be known far and wide in China and in the world for the cultural relics - the "Galloping Steed Overtaking a Flying Swallow", the symbol of the tourism industry in China. Next we will visit The Temple of Literary Elite, situated at the southeast corner of the city, is a group of magnificent buildings in imitation of royal palaces, it was later expanded in the ensuing dynasties to form a temple of relatively large scale known as the "Grown Academy on the Right of Long", It was a place where men of letters and scholars of different dynasties were here paying homage to Confucius, we continue to visit Batasi Lamasery of Tibetan Buddhism, and Jiumoluoshi (Kumarajiva) Pagoda, he was a well-known Buddhism scripts translator in Tang Dynasty.

Hotel:: Crowne Plaza Lanzhou or similar




12**Day 12 (Oct 17) Lanzhou >> Binglingsi Monastery (B-L-D)**

We will have a early breakfast in hotel, then start to drive to Liujiaxia Hydro-power Station, from there we will take a cruiser at port to transfer along Yellow River to our today's most important scenic spot, Binglingsi Monastery for visiting, it is the transliteration of a Tibetan expression, which means "Ten Thousand Buddhas", Well preserved here now are 183 caves and enshrined in them are 900 square meters of frescoes and of frescoes and 694 Buddha statues, of which 62 are arranged in a line are disposed on Lanzhou, then will have a city tour : Yellow River Iron Bridge, it was built in 1907, and is the first bridge over the Yellow River, This bridge was renamed to Zhongshan Bridge in last early century to commemorate Dr. Sun Yet-Sen. The next we will see Ancient Water Mill which is a renowned attraction here, originating from Ming Dynasty, water mills are made of wood in special round shape and were a kind of important irrigation implement in the bank areas of Yellow River in ancient China. Finally we will see the Sculpture of the Mother Yellow River, the whole sculpture contains that of a mother and a baby, which connotes that the Yellow River has nourished generations of Chinese.

 Hotel: Cowne Plaza Lanzhou or similar


**13****Day 13 (Oct 18) Lanzhou >> Maijishan >> Tianshui (B-L-D)**

Morning proceed to Tianshui city, Tianshui is located in the southeast of Gansu Province, it used to be a town of strategic importance along the ancient Silk Road, is also a historical and cultural city. Fuxi and Nuwa, the ancestor of the Chinese people, as said, were born here. Afternoon we will visit The Maiji Mountains Grottoes, this area is composed of four zones, Maiji Mountains, Immortal Cliffs, Stone Gate, and Quxi and Jiezi. It is one of the four famous grottoes in China and is known for its excellent clay statues. Praised as museum of Oriental sculptures, the grottoes have 194 caves housing more than 7,200 pieces of clay statues and sculptures as well as more than 1,300 square meters of only 142 meters high but is in a peculiar shape with fantastic grottoes on the cliff of the mountain. After we are back to city, we can visit Fuxi Temple, this temple was first built in 1483 and was repaired or rebuilt for nine times, it is the largest among the buildings built in memory of Fu Xi in the county.

 Hotel : Tianshui Jiafu Hotel or similar

**14****Day 14 (Oct 18) Tianshui >> Famensi Temple >> Xi'an (B-L-D)**

Morning driving eastward from Tianshui City for about 280 KM along the old Silk Road, the travelers comes up to a 13-tiered octagonal pagoda on the plain north of the county town of Fufeng under the municipality of Baoji, that is a Stupa built in the second century by the Indian King Asoka to keep a finger relics of the Buddha. The Famensi temple in which the pagoda stands used to be the imperial temple from dynasty to dynasty. In the course of rebuilding in 1987, an underground vault was discovered beneath the foundation of the pagoda, and a large amount of Buddhist relics were found. They include four finger sarira relics, 121 gold and silver articles, 17 glass articles, 16 pieces of olive green porcelains, more than 700 pieces of silk fabrics, 104 Buddhist figurines, hundreds of volumes of Buddhist scripture and many many stone carvings and steles, anyway it is the largest underground Buddhist palace discovered so far, and the most precious item was the veritable Finger Bone of the Sakyamuni. Late afternoon we reach the provincial city of Shaanxi province, Xi'an, known as Chang'an in ancient times, was the starting point of the Silk Road and served as the imperial capital for many dynasties. After Hul Min Jie (Muslim Street), this is a 1100-meter-long annular walkway embraced with many ancient courtyards as well as some 10 mosques in diverse-sizes that built in different time. There are about 20000 Muslims inhabited here which still retain their pristine religious tradition and life style.

 Hotel : Westin Xi'an or similar

**15****Day 15 (Oct 20) Xi'an (B-L-D)**

Today we will spend the full day to explore this age-old city of China, firstly we pay a visit to Qin Terra-cotta Warriors, it is definitely a must-see scenic spot in Xi'an, this large-scale underground military museum is recognized today as one of the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century, a unique historical site never seen anywhere else in the world. As at today, there are over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses can be seen in the site. Discovered in 1974, the site been ranked as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and it attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. The following program is an excursion to Big Wild Goose Pagoda, also known as Da Chi En Temple. It was built in the Tang Dynasty for the study of Buddhist scriptures. This pagoda is an architectural marvel, it was built with layers of bricks without any cement. The seams between each layer of the bricks and the "prisms" on each side of the pagoda are clearly visible. The grand body of the pagoda, with simple style and high structure, is indeed a good example of Chinese traditional architecture. Tonight we will enjoy the wonderful Tang Dynasty Song & Dance show in Tang Paradise and enjoy a famous Xi'an Dumpling banquet.

 Hotel : Westin Xi'an or similar

**16****Day 16 (Oct 21) Xi'an >> Hong Kong >> Vancouver (B)**

After breakfast we will transfer to Xianyang Airport, and ready to board your flight depart Xi'an to Hong Kong, where you will connect to your international flight back to your sweet home with happy memories. Until we meet again!

