

Tour S – Silk Road & Shangri-la (17 Days)

Beijing, Dunhuang, Urumqi, Turpan, Kunming, Lijiang, Shangri-la and Shanghai

Tour Inclusions

- * Airfare from airports indicated in the tour prices (including all fees & taxes)
- * Ground transfers for all included tour programs
- * Deluxe and superior first class hotels
- * Comprehensive guided group sightseeing and shore excursions
- * Fully escorted by Chris Lee or Ping Lee
- * Locally guided by well-selected guide in each city
- * 29 meals (daily full Western buffet breakfast, most lunches and dinners)
- * Group baggage handling

Tour Highlights

- Dunhuang:** Mogao Grottoes, Museum of Silk Road, Singing Sand Dunes, Crescent Moon Lake.
- Urumqi:** Red Hill Park, Museum of Ancient Mummies, Museum of Ethnic Groups, International Bazaar.
- Turpan:** Ruins of Ancient Jiaohe City, Karez Well.
- Kunming:** Stone Forest.
- Lijiang:** Old Town of Lijiang, Black Dragon Pond, Dongba Museum and Yak Meadow of Jade Dragon Mountain, First Bend of Yangtze River, Shigu Village and Tiger Leaping Gorge.
- Shangri-la:** Ganden Songzanlin Monastery, Shangri-la Old Town, Yila Grassland.

Hotel Accommodations

- Beijing** Beijing International Hotel (5 star)
- Dunhuang** Grand Sun Hotel (4 star)
- Urumqi** Grand Mercure Urumqi Hualing (5 star)
- Kunming** Kai Wah Plaza International Hotel (5 star)
- Lijiang** Lijiang Palace Hotel (4 star)
- Shangri-la** Holy Palace Argyle Hotel (4 star)
- Shanghai** Hongqiao Jinjiang Hotel (5 star, formerly Sheraton)

Depart-Return	2017	2018	2019
	9/5 – 09/21	9/4 – 09/20	9/3 – 09/19

Prices for 2017 (add \$100 for 2018):

Land-only	\$4,516
From LAX, SFO	\$5,516
From BOS, DFW, JFK, ORD, STL	\$5,766
From DSM, DTW, MSP, OMA, RAP	\$5,816

The tour prices are per person double occupancy based on minimum of 10 people traveling together for the entire tour.
Single supplement: 2017: \$1,200; 2018: \$1,240.

If your departure airport is not listed above, please contact ChinaPlus. We arrange airline tickets for departures from any airports where connecting flights are served by ChinaPlus designated airlines (mostly AA, UA and DL).

Day 1 & 2: USA/Beijing, China

Depart for Beijing and arrive on the next day. Stay in your deluxe hotel located in the heart of the city.

Day 3: Beijing

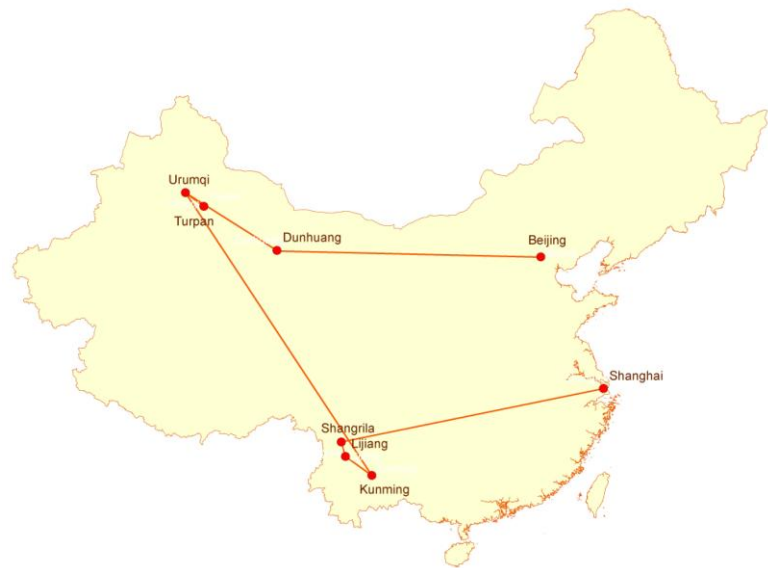
Free day in Beijing (optional tour is available).

Day 4: Beijing/Dunhuang (B/L/D)

Take a morning flight to Dunhuang, an important town on the ancient Silk Road. Start with the Silk Road Museum, then the **Sand Dunes** and **Crescent Moon Lake**. You may ride a camel (optional) on the sand dunes to have a lifetime experience. Fantastic evening entertainment is available as an option. Stay in centrally located superior first class hotel.

Day 5: Dunhuang/Urumqi (B/L)

Today's highlight is the **Mogao Grottoes** (UNESCO Heritage Site), which stand as the largest treasure house of grotto art extant in China.



Afternoon flight for Urumqi, capital city of Xinjiang Autonomous Region and the most inland city in the world. Xinjiang covers a large area where the ancient "Silk Road" passed through. Numerous historical sites, snow-capped mountains, melted snow-fed lakes, barren desert and hospitable people wearing different costumes and speaking different languages. All these make Xinjiang an exotic area. Stay in your deluxe hotel.

Day 6: Urumqi (B/L/D)

This morning, we will visit the **Red Hill Park** and **Museum of Xinjiang** which displays thousand-year old mummies and discoveries excavated along the ancient Silk Road as well as the introduction to the life style of the ethnic groups. Enjoy the afternoon in the exciting **International Bazaar**.

Day 7: Urumqi/Turpan/Urumqi (B/L)

Leave Urumqi for Turpan by coach. As an important pass on the ancient Silk Road, Turpan offers important historic sites and unique scenery of oasis surrounded by Gobi desert. Today's highlights include the ruins of **Jiaohe City** (UNESCO Heritage Site), which was built over 2000 years ago. The layout of streets, houses and temples are still in shape. Then we'll visit the **Karez well** - an underground irrigation system that started over 2,000 years ago and is one of the great architectural projects of ancient China after the Great Wall and the Grand Canal.



Day 8: South Mountain Valley (B/L)

Drive to the **South Mountain Valley** to enjoy the natural scenery of green valleys and **meet the Kazak nomads**. This is the chance to ride a horse if you wish (optional).

Day 9: Urumqi/Kunming (B/D)

air

Fly to Kunming. Met by your guide and transfer to your deluxe hotel.

Day 10: Kunming (B/L)

Kunming is a renowned city of landscape and nicknamed “City of Eternal Spring”. Today’s highlight is the **Stone Forest**, one of China’s most remarkable nature phenomena.

Day 11: Kunming (B/L)

Today’s highlight includes the **Golden Temple and Park**, a beautiful attraction in the city. The afternoon is free at leisure.

Day 12: Kunming/Lijiang (B/L)

air

Fly to Lijiang and visit the **Old Town of Lijiang** (UNESCO Heritage Site). Stay in your superior first class hotel conveniently located at the entrance of the Old Town.

Day 13: Lijiang (B/L)

Drive out of the city to the mountains, where we’ll take chair lift to the **Yak Meadow of Jade Dragon Mountain**, which has rich vegetation coverage, featuring distinct and complete alpine vertical ecosystem from subtropical zone to Frigid Zone. Naxi ethnic minority culture show in the evening as an option.

Day 14: Lijiang/Shangri-la (B/L/D)

coach

Drive on the Yunnan-Tibet Highway to the upper reaches of the Yangtze River and visit the **Tiger Leaping Gorge** and the **First Bend of the Yangtze River** and the **Shigu Town**. Continue driving to Shangri-la, which is a beautiful mountain area inhabited by Tibetans. Enjoy the **beautiful scenery** en route. Stay in centrally located superior first class hotel.



Day 15: Shangri-la (B/L)

More than half a century ago, British writer James Hilton wrote a novel entitled **Lost Horizon**. The novel described a place called “Shangri-la”, which had snow-capped mountains, forests, gorges and lakes, and the beautiful scenery made people linger. Now more and more evidences have shown that Shangri-la is located in this area. Today’s highlights include the **Ganden Songzanlin Monastery** (the largest Lamasery outside of Tibet), **Shangri-la Old Town** where you will learn more of the Tibetan community and Tibetan culture, and **Yila Grassland** where you will enjoy the beautiful scenery, local people and horses.

Day 16: Shangri-la/Shanghai (B)

air

Depart for Shanghai (via Kunming) and stay in conveniently located deluxe hotel.

Day 17: Shanghai/Home (B)

Depart Shanghai and arrive home the same day.

Chris Lee or Ping Lee of ChinaPlus, who will fully escort your trip, had lived in the Silk Road area for over 30 years before moved to the U.S. They have traveled to almost every corner of the Silk Road in Northwestern China and are familiar with Shangri-la area as well.

*Abbreviations in the itinerary:

B – Full Western buffet breakfast;

L – Chinese lunch; D – Chinese dinner

Some meals are not included due to time conflict with flight schedules (in-flight meals are served on some flights) or for the convenience of your own choice. For excluded meals, your guides will provide you with sufficient information and convenience for dining in your hotel or in local restaurants where various cuisines are available.

*The tour itinerary and hotel arrangements are subject to change under certain circumstances. Hotel of the same (or similar) class will be used in case of such change.

*Chinese visa, travel insurance and gratuities are not included in tour price. For details, please refer to our website or contact us.

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