

China Silk Road & Shangri-la (15 Days)

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

****This tour is highly recommended for China re-visit****

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 (or a professional tour director)
- * Locally guided by well-selected guide in each city
- * 28 meals (daily full Western buffet breakfast, most lunches and dinners)
- * Group baggage handling (one piece per person)

Tour Highlights

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

Hotel Accommodations

Beijing	Capital Hotel (5 star)
Urumqi	Grand Mercure Urumqi Hualing (5 star)
Turpan	Huozhou Hotel (4 star)
Dunhuang	Grand Sun Hotel (4 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)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Depart-Return	9/11 – 9/25	9/9 – 09/23	9/8 – 9/22

Tour Prices for 2019 & 2020:

From LAX, SFO	\$5,576
From BOS, DFW, JFK, ORD, STL	\$5,776
From DSM, DTW, MSP, OMA, RAP	\$5,876

The tour prices are per person double occupancy based on minimum of 10 people traveling together for the entire tour.
Single supplement: \$1,250

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: USA/Beijing, China

Depart for Beijing.

Day 2: Arrive in Beijing.

Day 3: Beijing/Urumqi (B/D) flight

Take a 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 4: Urumqi (B/L/D)

Drive to the **South Mountain Valley** to enjoy the natural scenery of green valleys and **meet the Kazak nomads**. Then proceed to 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 sometime in the exciting **International Bazaar**.

Day 5: Urumqi/Turpan (B/L) coach

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. Stay in your comfortable hotel of local style in downtown.

Day 6: Turpan/Dunhuang (B/L) train

Take an express train (3.5 hours) for Dunhuang, an important town on the ancient Silk Road. En route, you will witness the unique scenery of Gobi Desert in Northwest China. Upon arrival, met by your guide and transferred to your centrally located comfortable hotel. Today’s tour starts with 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 7: Dunhuang (B/L/D)

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



Day 8: Dunhuang/Kunming (B/L) flight

Take a flight for Kunming. Met by your guide and transferred to your deluxe hotel located in the center of the city.

Day 9: 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 10: Kunming/Lijiang (B/L) flight

Today’s highlight includes the **Golden Temple**, a beautiful attraction in the city. Take a flight to Lijiang. Stay in your centrally located superior first class hotel.



Day 11: Lijiang (B/L)

Visit the **Old Town of Lijiang** (UNESCO Heritage Site) and Black Dragon Pond.

Day 12: 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 13: Shangri-la (B/L/D)

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 then drive out to enjoy the beautiful country view.

Day 14: Shangri-la/Shanghai (B)

flight

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

Day 15: Shanghai/Home (B)

Depart Shanghai and arrive home the same day.

*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. Hotel of the same (or similar) class will be used.

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

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