

[GW-SR-004] Beijing-Urumqi-Kashgar-Turpan-Dunhuang-Xi'an-Shanghai (16 Day)



China. (B-L-D)

Day01 Arrive in Beijing

Arrive Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and transfer to your comfortable hotel. (D)

Day02 Beijing

Begin the day with a visit to Tiananmen Square, the world's largest. Then, move on to the Imperial Palace, also known as the "Forbidden City" that symbolizes the imperial and traditional China. In the afternoon, visit the enchanting Summer Palace, one of China's largest and best-preserved imperial gardens. A Peking Duck Dinner concludes your first full day activities in

Day03 Beijing Take an excursion to the Great Wall, symbol of Chinese civilization. Stop by Shenlu (Spirit Road) on your way back. Return to the city after lunch visit Temple of Heaven, the place where emperors of Ming and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for peace and harvest. Evening is free. (B-L)

Day04 Beijing-Urumqi Fly to Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Upon arrival in the afternoon, stop by the Xinjiang Museum to view the incredible mummies from over 2,000 years ago. Check in Hotel. Dinner is at a hotel restaurant. (B-D)

Day05 Urumqi-Kashgar Today's highlight is the excursion to the beautiful Heavenly Lake and the Nanshan pasture. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Yurt homes of the local Kazakh people. Fly to China's western-most city - Kashgar, and check in Hotel in the evening. (B-L-D)

Day06 Kashgar You are here for the Sunday Bazaar, which is believed to be the largest outdoor market. Also pay a visit to Id Kah Mosque, then stop at the Tomb of Yusup Hazi Hajup, a great Uygur poet and philosopher in the middle ages. (B-L-D)

Day07 Kashgar-Urumqi Morning is free for your own exploration. In the afternoon, visit the Tomb of Abakh Hoja, a famous concubine of Qing Emperor. Tour the grounds of Hannoyi Ruins and the Moer Pagoda. Fly back to Urumqi in the evening. Check in Hotel again. (B-D)

Day08 Urumqi-Turpan Travel to Turpan by motor coach. Turpan is a Uygur town set in a large oasis surrounded by desert and dry mountains. The ancient Jiaohe City was built on a strategic high ground and now the remains of many structures are still standing. You will stay at Hotel for the night. (B-L-D)

Day09 Turpan Today's activities take you to Emin Minaret and the mysterious Gaochang ruins, which reveals traces of a prosperous ancient trading center and military stronghold. Later stop by the Astana Tombs, the burial ground for the nobles of ancient kingdoms, and the Beziklik Caves. Late afternoon and evening are free for your own exploration. (B-L)

Day10 Turpan-Dunhuang Turpan is famous throughout China for its big and sweet grapes. The visit to the Grape Valley and the homes of Uygur farmers is an extraordinary experience. Take an overnight train ride to Dunhuang. (B-L-D)

Day11 Dunhuang Arrive at Liuyuan early morning. You are met and transferred to Dunhuang and check in Hotel for some rest. Visit the legendary White Horse Pagoda, Crescent Spring Lake, and characteristics Singing Sand Dunes of the Gobi Desert. (L-D)



Day12 Dunhuang-Xi'an Spend the whole morning exploring the fascinating Buddhist art at the Mogao Caves, carved on a cliff facing the desert. Fly to Xi'an in the afternoon and check into the Hotel. (B-L)

Day13 Xi'an Climb up the massive City Walls of Xi'an to get a feeling of China's ancient capital before going to visit the extraordinary terracotta warriors of China's first Emperor, Qin Shihuang. After lunch, visit the Shaanxi History Museum, one of the best in China. Enjoy a characteristic dumpling dinner tonight. (B-L-D)

Day14 Xi'an-Shanghai Stop by the on-going Yangling Archaeological Dig to view some fascinating discoveries of the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD). Fly to

beautiful Shanghai and visit the Bund and Yuyuan Garden upon arrival. Enjoy an exciting acrobatic show tonight. You will stay at Hotel for two nights. (B-L)

Day15 Shanghai Visit the marvelous Shanghai Museum, whose galleries contain world-class collections of ancient arts and artifacts. Wander around the former French Concession to see how local people spend their leisure time. You will have some free time in the afternoon to explore the city on your own. Enjoy a farewell dinner. (B-L-D)

Day16 Depart Shanghai Depart Shanghai . Your fascinating journey comes to an end as you board your international flight home.

Hotel: (or the same standard)

Standard A (for 4-star hotel)

Beijing: ★★★★★ Guangxi Hotel Beijing Xi'an: ★★★★★ Hotel Royal Garden Xi'an
Kashgar: ★★★★★ Seman Hotel Dunhuang: ★★★★★ Dunhuang Sun Hotel
Turpan: ★★★★★ Turpan Hotel Urumqi: ★★★★★ Xijiang Grand Hotel
Shanghai: ★★★★★ Shanghai Hotel