

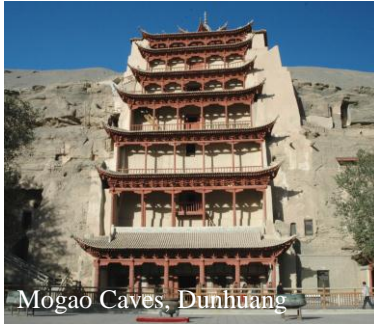
Cultural Expeditions

Silk Road: 8 Days Xian, Dunhuang, Turpan & Urumqi

Departure Dates for 2012: 2 Apr, 21 May, 18 Jun, 16 Jul, 20 Aug, 17 Sep & 22 Oct



Terracotta Warrior, Xian



Mogao Caves, Dunhuang



Ancient City of Jiaohe, Turpan

Day 1 Hong Kong → Xian **Approx. 2.5 hours flight** (Hong Kong Airlines or China Eastern Airlines)

Fly to Xian. Dinner on the flight.

Stay at the Xian Garden Hotel or similar (4-star)

Day 2 Xian

Visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, built in 589 AD in the Sui Dynasty and completed in 652 AD during the reign of Emperor Gaozong of the Tang Dynasty (618 – 907), mainly to hold sutras and figurines of Buddhism that were brought back to China from India by the Buddhist monk Xuanzang. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site – **Terracotta Warrior Museum**, a treasure house of Qin Dynasty's military affairs (221-207BC), science and technology, art and culture. Onwards to the **Drum and Bell Square**. Enjoy a **dumpling dinner** in the evening.

Stay at the Xian Garden Hotel or similar (4-star)

(B, L & D)

Day 3 Xian → Dunhuang **Approx. 2 hours flight**

Visit the **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum**, one of the four largest museums in China, showing the development of Chinese civilization. Fly to Dunhuang.

Stay at the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel or similar (Culture Hotel)

(B, L & D)

Day 4 Dunhuang

Visit the **Mogao Caves**, the largest and richest ancient art treasure-trove in the world. The Mogao Caves was inscribed as UNESCO Heritage Site in 1987. Visit the **White Horse Pagoda**, which was originally built in 386 AD to commemorate the Indian Buddhist Master named Kumarjiva 9in Putonghua “Jiumoluoshi”) and his white horse that died on the way when Kumarjiva traveled eastward to spread Buddhism. Visit the **West Thousand Buddha Caves** of which 17 caves were made from Northern Wei Dynasty to Song Dynasty. Onwards to the **Yangguan Pass**, the Emperor Wu (156 – 87 BC) ordered to build to consolidate the frontier defense as well as developing the remote western region. Shop for your favorite local arts and crafts at the **Night Market**.

Stay at the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel or similar (Culture Hotel)

(B, L & D)

Day 5 Dunhuang → Urumqi **Approx. 1.5 hours flight**

Visit the **Mingsha Sand Dunes** and **Crescent Spring**, a natural wonder in the Gobi Desert. Fly to Urumqi.

Stay at the Hoi Tak Hotel or similar (5-star)

(B, L & D)

- Day 6 Urumqi 🚗 Turpan Approx. 2.5 hours coach**
Cruise around the **Heavenly Lake** surrounded by alpine meadows and rugged snow-capped mountains densely covered in fir, pine and cypress. Transfer to Turpan. Visit the **Ancient City of Jiaohe**, which has a history of 2,300 years and was the capital of the former Cheshi State. Be the guest of a **Uygur family**. Enjoy a **Uygur dance performance** in the evening.
Accommodation at Turpan Oasis Hotel or similar (Culture hotel) (B, L & D)
- Day 7 Turpan 🚗 Urumqi Approx. 2.5 hours coach**
Drive past the **Flaming Mountains**, made famous by the story of the Monkey King. Take a donkey cart ride at the **Ancient City of Gaochang**, built as a garrison town in the first century BC. Onwards to **Tuyu Valley**, a typical Uygur village. Visit the **Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves**, first chiseled in the Qu Gaochang State and have passed through to Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368). Proceed to the tallest Minaret in China - **Emin Minaret**. Then visit the **Grape Valley**. Return to Urumqi.
Stay at the Hoi Tak Hotel or similar (5-star) (B, L & D)
- Day 8 Urumqi ✈️ Xian Approx. 5 hours flight**
Xian ✈️ Hong Kong Approx. 2 hours flight (Hong Kong Airlines or China Eastern Airlines)
Visit the **Xinjiang Regional Museum** which displays archaeological treasures from the Silk Road and Xinjiang's minority cultures, including 3,000-year-old corpses from Charchen, Loulan and Hami. Fly to Hong Kong via Xian. (B)

Tour Price

HK\$16,880 per person on twin-sharing basis

Single supplement: HK\$2,220.-

Price includes:

Economy class air tickets, hotel accommodation, coach transfer service, sightseeing with entrance fee, tour guide service, tour escort, 3 meals a day where applicable, 2 bottles of mineral water per day, 0.15% TIC levy and group travel insurance insured in a sum of HK\$100,000.

Price excludes:

Airport tax, security charge and fuel surcharge (about HK\$1,020), gratuities (to escort, local guide and driver), China visa (if applicable), personal travel insurance, excess luggage charge, personal expenses such as telephone call, laundry, etc.

Remarks:

- Itinerary and tour price are subject to change.
- Tour price is based on 10 people traveling together. Supplement is required if the number of participants is below 10 people.
- The above itinerary and price are valid till 31 October 2012.

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文化探索

絲綢之路: 8 天西安、敦煌、吐魯番、烏魯木齊

出發日期: 2012 年 4 月 2 日、5 月 21 日、6 月 18 日、7 月 16 日、8 月 20 日、9 月 17 日、10 月 22 日



第一天 香港 → 西安 乘機約 2.5 小時 (乘坐香港航空或中國東方航空)

乘飛機往西安。晚餐於航機上。
住宿唐華賓館或同級(4 星)

第二天 西安

參觀**大雁塔**，本名慈恩寺塔，是古都西安的標誌。始建於唐高宗永徽三年（652 年），是為了保存唐代高僧玄奘從印度取回的梵文佛經。之後參觀被聯合國教科文組織列為世界文化遺產的秦始皇陵衛隊**兵馬俑博物館**。遊覽**鐘鼓樓廣場**。晚餐享用**餃子宴**。
住宿唐華賓館或同級(4 星) (早、午及晚餐)

第三天 西安 → 敦煌 乘機約 2 小時

參觀**陝西歷史博物館**，是國家級博物館，館內陳列 3,000 件文物，展示了陝西的歷史和文化風貌。乘飛機往敦煌。
住宿敦煌山莊或同級(文化酒店) (早、午及晚餐)

第四天 敦煌

參觀世界文化遺產**莫高窟**，是全球保存最完好的佛教藝術寶窟，始建於五胡十六國時(304-439 年)，一直延續到元代(1271-1368 年)，有千多年的歷史。後往參觀富有明代(1368-1644 年)喇嘛教風格的**白馬塔**，相傳是為紀念印度高僧鳩摩羅什及其白馬而建的。參觀**西千佛洞**，石窟大都開鑿於北魏期間(386-534 年)，因位於莫高窟之西而名。後往古絲路南道必經的關隘 - **陽關**，因一句『西出陽關無故人』而吸引了無數旅客去感受其蒼涼。晚上遊覽**敦煌夜市**。
住宿敦煌山莊或同級(文化酒店) (早、午及晚餐)

第五天 敦煌 → 烏魯木齊 乘機約 1.5 小時

遊覽浩瀚的**鳴沙山**和**月牙泉**，沙漠深處的月牙泉形如一彎月牙，泉水長年不枯，成為大漠奇觀。乘飛機往烏魯木齊。
住宿海德酒店或同級(5 星) (早、午及晚餐)

第六天 烏魯木齊 → 吐魯番 乘車約 2.5 小時

遊覽**天山天池**，天池位於天山第二峰博格達峰，海拔 2,000 米，池水碧清，雪峰倒影。乘車往吐魯番。遊覽有二千多年歷史的**交河故城**，早於秦(公元前 221-前 207 年)時期由車師人開創和建造的，

後因連年戰火，交河城逐漸衰落。到訪當地**維吾爾族家庭**，欣賞**維族舞蹈表演**。
住宿吐魯番綠洲賓館或同級(文化酒店) (早、午及晚餐)

第七天 吐魯番 🚗 烏魯木齊 乘車約 2.5 小時
途經由紅沙岩、礫岩和泥岩組成的**火焰山**。乘驢車遊覽古絲路重鎮**高昌故城**。故城保留唐代(618-907 年)城廓建築形式，著名高僧**玄奘**曾途經高昌講經。之後參觀濃厚傳統維吾爾族風情的古老村落**吐峪溝**。其後往**柏孜克里克千佛洞**，現存洞窟 80 多個，殘存壁畫 40 個，仍保留著漢文和古回鶻文之題記。參觀伊斯蘭教古塔**蘇公塔**和**葡萄溝**。乘車返回烏魯木齊。
住宿海德酒店或同級(5 星) (早、午及晚餐)

第八天 烏魯木齊 → 西安 乘機約 5 小時
西安 → 香港 乘機約 2 小時 (乘坐香港航空或中國東方航空)
參觀**自治區博物館**，展品包括絲路歷史文物和保存完好的 3,000 年古屍。下午乘飛機經西安往香港。(早餐)

團費
HK\$16,880/每位(二人一房)
單人房附加費：HK\$2,220.-

包括：
經濟客位機票、酒店住宿(2 人一房)、空調旅遊車接送、行程所列早、午及晚餐、觀光門票及專業導遊講解、隨團出發領隊、每天兩支礦泉水、旅遊業議會 0.15%保障基金、團體旅遊保險保障額 HK\$100,000

不包括：
機場稅、保安費及燃油附加費(約為 HK\$1,020)、小費(領隊、導遊及司機)、持外國護照入境簽證、個人旅遊保險、一切私人性質之費用如酒類飲品、洗衣及電話等。

備註：
- 行程和團費如有更改，將作另行通知
- 團費按 10 人出發計算，如人數不足，需補差價
- 以上行程及價格有效至 2012 年 10 月 31 日

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