

Dunhuang, a desert treasure trove famed for its historical cave-paintings, is one of the most important oasis towns on the ancient Silk Road. The **5 Days Dunhuang Desert Exploration** tour features many special activities that will give you a memorable and enlightening journey, including bonfire party with Dunhuang dance performance, camel riding to the Mingsha Sand Dunes to enjoy a full breakfast in time to view the spectacular sunrise, visiting the World Heritage – Mogao Caves, exploring the mysterious desert as a Gobi trekker, etc.



5 Days Dunhuang Desert Exploration



Departs every Thursday & Saturday

- Day 1** **Hong Kong → Beijing** **Approx. 3.5 hours flight**
 Fly to Beijing. Dinner on the flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the airport hotel.
 Accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express Beijing Wangjing Hotel or similar (4-star)
- Day 2** **Beijing → Dunhuang** **Approx. 2.5 hours flight**
 Take an early morning flight to Dunhuang. Breakfast on the flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel – a Culture Hotel in Han and Tang dynasties style. Rest and freshen up at the hotel. After lunch, visit the **Dunhuang Museum** and proceed to a **local market** for souvenir shopping. In the evening, enjoy dinner with **bonfire party and Dunhuang Dance Performance** under the starry sky.
 Accommodation at the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel (Culture Hotel) (L & D)
- Day 3** **Dunhuang**
 After breakfast, visit the **Dunhuang Yadan National Geopark (Ghost City)**. "Yadan" refers to a precipitous hillock in Uygur language, a kind of wind-eroded landform. In geological terms, a "ghost city" refers to the wind-eroded landform or Yadan landform. Proceed to the **Yumenguan Pass (Jade Gate Pass)**, a strategic pass on the ancient Silk Road where caravans heading out of China would travel up the Hexi Corridor to Dunhuang. Onwards to the **Yangguan Pass**, ordered to be set up by the Emperor Wu (156 – 87 BC) to consolidate the frontier defense as well as developing the remote western region.
 Accommodation at the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel (Culture Hotel) (B, L & D)
- Day 4** **Dunhuang**
 Start the day in style with a **camel ride** from the hotel to the **Mingsha Sand Dunes** to enjoy a '**Sunrise Breakfast**' - in time to view the spectacular sunrise over the endless dunes (*weather permitting*). Enjoy a full breakfast of eggs, croissants and coffee served against a backdrop of yellow dunes on one side and green oasis on the other side. Visit the mysterious **Crescent Spring**. Be a **Gobi Trekker** to explore the desert and experience the serenity of the vast Gobi

(about 10 km/2 hours walk). After lunch, visit the world-renowned **Mogao Caves**. Numerous sculptors worked heart and soul on their art treasures that comprise architecture, colored sculptures and murals, creating a great art gallery in the desert. The Mogao Caves was inscribed as World Heritage by UNESCO in 1987.

Accommodation at the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel (Culture Hotel)

(B, L & D)

Day 5 **Dunhuang → Beijing** **Approx. 2.5 hours flight**
Beijing → Hong Kong **Approx. 3.5 hours flight**
After breakfast, take a flight back to Hong Kong.

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Tour Price

2-5 persons from HK\$18,880 per person

6-9 persons from HK\$15,000 per person

10-14 persons from HK\$12,080 per person

15 persons or above from HK\$11,880 per person

Single supplement: from HK\$1,480 per person

Remarks:

- Tour price excludes gratuities, airport tax, security charge and fuel surcharge.
- Tour price includes Hong Kong Tour Escort for 15 people or more persons traveling together.
- Bonfire party, minimum 20 persons or more and 'Sunrise Breakfast' at Mingsha Sand Dunes, minimum 10 persons or more.
- Itinerary and prices are subject to change in response to departure date, flight schedule, airfare and bad weather.
- The above itinerary and price are valid till 31 October 2013.
- Tour is subject to Terms and Conditions.