

Impression Western Regions-Silk Road 6 Days Tour [Tour Code: ESKD(Sun.)]

Itinerary: Urumqi Arr. - Turpan-Liuyuan-Dunhuang-Jiayu Pass-Lanzhou Dep. 5N6D



Tour Highlights:

Follow the ancient trade route linking east and west since the first millennium. This Silk Road tours take you through rugged landscapes to distant cities that are quite different from the eastern metropolises.

Urumqi: the farthest city from the ocean in the world
Turpan: the famous hometown of grape and fruits in the world
Dunhuang: art treasures in the desert
Jiayu Pass: the west starting point of the Great Wall
Lanzhou: the best place for viewing the Yellow River

Local Delicacies:

Urumqi/Braised Chicken with Potato and Green Pepper
Turpan/Characteristic Naan
Dunhuang/Silk Road Braise Camel Palm
Lanzhou/Lanzhou Noodles

Deluxe Hotels:

Urumqi: 5 ☆ Mirage Hotel Urumqi/ similar
Turpan: 4 ☆ Huozhou Hotel/ similar
Dunhuang: 4 ☆ West Lake Hotel/ similar



Minsha Mountain, Dunhuang

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Start Date: Every SUN (Local Date in China)

D01, SUN, Urumqi Arrival

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Upon arriving at Urumqi airport, you will be greeted by your tour guide and then transferred to hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax.

(Free Pick-up Period: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; passengers arriving adjacent within 2 hours will be picked up together; extra pick up fee: \$50/vehicle/transfer for 2-3pax).

D02, MON, Urumqi-Turpan

BUS

B, L, D

After breakfast, visit **【Heavenly Lake Scenic Spot in Tianshan Mountain】** (include the transportation cost). Covering 4.9 square kilometers (1.89 square miles), this crescent-shaped lake deserves its name, “Pearl of Heavenly Mountain (Tianshan Mountain)”. With melted snow as its source, Tianchi Lake enjoys crystal water. After that, go to the general store to see the local specialty here. Then go to **【ErDaoQiao International Grand Bazaar】** which is the largest bazaar in the world by scale, combining Islamic culture, architecture, ethnic commerce, tourism and entertainment. It is also one of the most famous landmarks in Urumqi, and in Xinjiang. Then transfer to the famous hometown of grape and fruits in the world—Turpan.

D03, TUE, Turpan-Liuyuan

TRAIN

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After breakfast, visit **【The Ancient City of Jiaohe】**, “the most perfect ruins of the earth”, it is the largest and well-preserved earth construction city. Continue to visit **【Uygur Ancient Village】** with one hundred years of history. Then go to **【Qanat】** --one of the three great ancient projects (Great Wall, Grand Canal) in China. Qanat is an ingenious structure of the special irrigation systems. After lunch, visit **【Emin Minaret】**, is the tallest minaret in China. It is a circular tower that tapers as it rises 44 meters high. The minaret was built during the early Qing Dynasty in 1777. Then go sightseeing **【Grape Valley】**. The hill to the side of the valley is green and is full of various fruits like peaches, apples, pears and so on. Then visit **【Flaming Mountains】**, it is one of the hottest places in China. The ground surface temperature can reach 80 degrees Celsius or 175 degrees Fahrenheit. Visit artwork shop in the Silk Road. After dinner, transfer to Turpan railway station for your overnight train to Liuyuan.



【ESKD】Impression Western Regions-Silk Road 6 Days Tour Price List

USD/CAD/AUD per person

Valid Date	Tour Fare	Including Turpan-Liuyuan and Jiayu Pass-Lanzhou train tickets fee
2013.03.01 – 2013.11.30		999
	Single Room Supp.	200
	Service Charge	60

Remarks:

- 1) Tour fare excludes service charge (\$60/pax). Service charge includes tips for tour guide and driver and so on. The fare for adults and children are the same.
- 2) Total fare composed of tour fare and service charge must be pre-paid at time of reservation.
- 3) The price is based on American / Canadian / Australian adults (non student group). That for travelers under 12 years old is as follows:

Child between 2-11 years old with bed	Child between 2-11 years old without bed	Child under 2 years old without bed
\$949/pax	\$829/pax	10% of adult tour fare

- 4) Excellent English speaking tour guide.
- 5) Our company reserves the right to modify the itinerary if necessary subject to the local real conditions.

Detailed Start Date (Local Date in China):

Month	Sun. Arrival	Month	Sun. Arrival
2013. 03.	24, 31	2013. 09.	08, 15, 22, 29
2013. 04.	14, 21	2013. 10.	06, 13, 20, 27
2013. 05.	19	2013. 11.	03, 10
2013. 06.	02, 16, 30	2013. 12.	tour unavailable
2013. 07.	07, 21	2014. 01.	tour unavailable
2013. 08.	18	2014. 02.	tour unavailable

D04, WED, Liuyuan-Dunhuang BUS B, L, D

After arriving at Liuyuan Railway Station, go to Dunhuang downtown. After breakfast, visit 【Mogao Grottoes】 , the largest, best preserved and richest treasure house of Buddhist art in the world. Despite years of erosion, the murals are still brightly colored, with clear lines. In 1987, UNESCO placed the Mogao Grottoes under the protection of the world cultural heritage list. After lunch, visit【Mingsha Mountain】and 【Crescent Moon Lake】 . Since time immemorial, the scenic spot is famous across the whole world for its “Coexistence of mountain and spring, sand and water” . It gets the name for its crescent-like shape. Therefore, it really lives up to its name of “First Desert Spring under Heaven” . You will have an extraordinary experience on camel in beautiful desert.

D05, THU, Dunhuang- Jiayu Pass-Lanzhou BUS+TRAIN B, L, D

After breakfast, go to Jiayu Pass which is the west starting point of the existing Great Wall. Visit 【Jiayu Pass City Tower】 , the first pass at the west end of the Great Wall of China. It is not only the western end of the Great Wall of the Ming Dynasty, but also the vital passage of the famous Silk Road. And to this day, the Jiayu Pass City Fort is still a well-preserved symbol of a rich history. Visit 【the Great Wall Museum】 which is a special museum centered on the theme of the Great Wall to demonstrate its history and current status. Then go to visit 【Cantilever Great Wall】 , it looks like the Great Wall hanging in the mountain. Continue to visit the luminous wine glass store. After dinner, transfer to the railway station for your overnight train to Lanzhou.

D06, FRI, Lanzhou Departure B, L

Upon arriving in Lanzhou in the morning, visit 【Waterwheel Garden】 after breakfast. In the garden, two huge waterwheels with striking appearances stand uprightly on the south bank of the Yellow River. A visit to the Waterwheel Garden will provide an insight into the irrigation tools of ancient times. Then visit 【Mother Sculpture of the Yellow River】 , the sculpture stands for the Yellow River makes Chinese more stronger and healthier. Visit 【Zhongshan Bridge】 , it is the symbol of Lanzhou city and the first bridge over the Yellow River. After lunch, transfer to the airport (please book the flight that takes off after 4:00 p.m.).

Tour Arrangements will be subject to local real conditions!

Wish You a Happy Journey!



Heavenly Lake Scenic Spot in Tianshan Mountain



Jiayu Pass, Gansu