

# SILK ROAD DISCOVERY

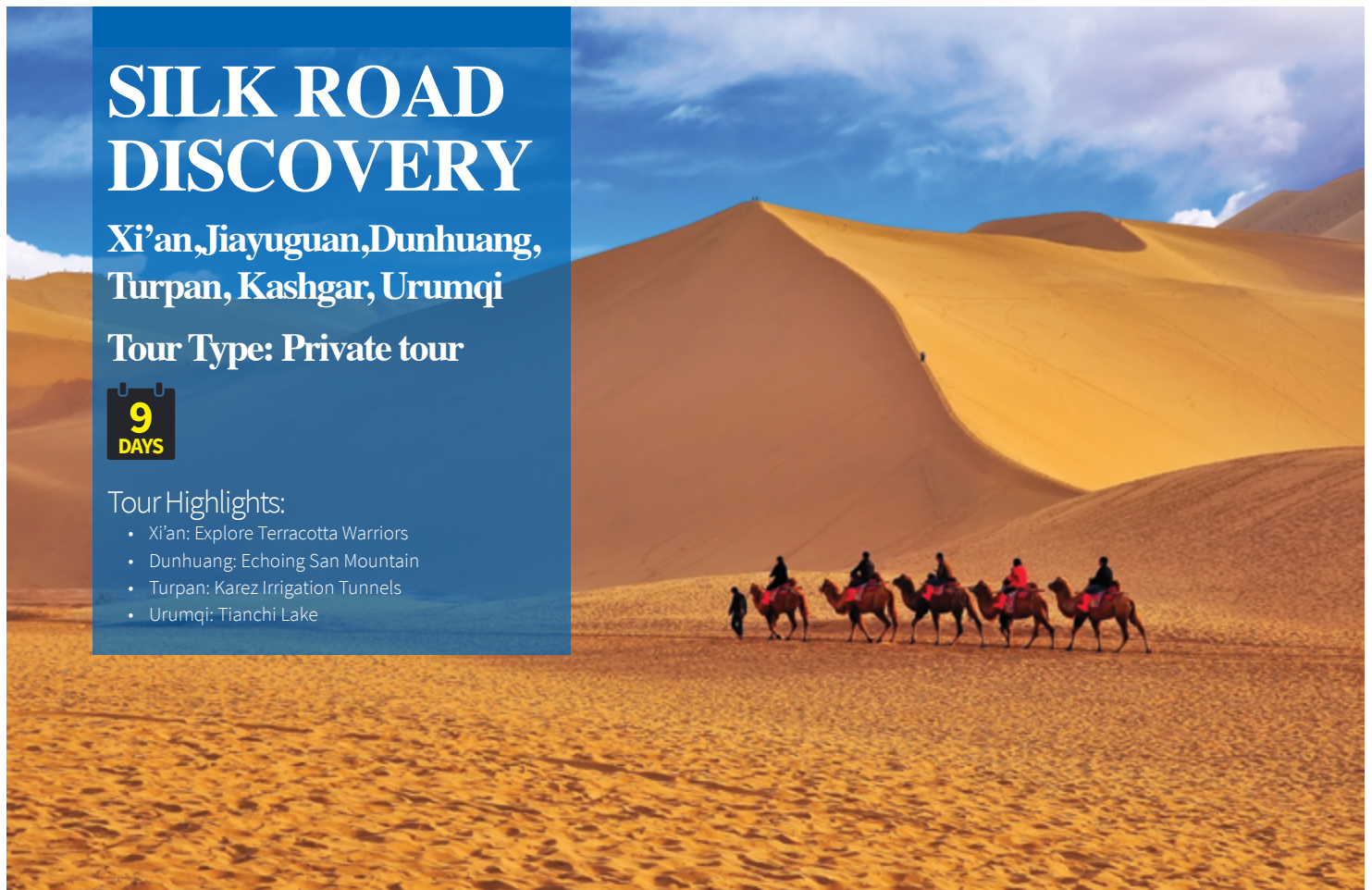
Xi'an, Jiayuguan, Dunhuang, Turpan, Kashgar, Urumqi

Tour Type: Private tour

9  
DAYS

## Tour Highlights:

- Xi'an: Explore Terracotta Warriors
- Dunhuang: Echoing San Mountain
- Turpan: Karez Irrigation Tunnels
- Urumqi: Tianchi Lake



### DAY 01 Arrival Xi'an (D)

You will be greeted by your CTS guide at the Xi'an airport. If time permits, visit the Shaanxi History Museum. Today you will sample the Xi'an dumpling dinner. Afterwards, you will see the traditional Tang Dynasty Show.

### DAY 02 Xi'an (B/L)

Morning tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Included are the Circle Vision Movie and Bronze Chariot. On the way to the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. The craftsman in the factory, with professional knowledge, have made the replica of terra-cotta warriors and horses that popularly accepted as souvenirs and gifts by both Chinese and foreign visitors. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit to the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

### DAY 03 Xi'an/ Jiayuguan (B/L)

Morning transfer to the airport for flight to Jiayuguan. Historically a small township engaged in local trading, catering to the needs of the military garrisons stationed at the fort n 1372. Visit Jiayuguan Pass built during the Ming dynasty to protect the last frontier of the Chinese empire.

### DAY 04 Jiayuguan/Dunhuang (B/L)

Take a morning drive to Dunhuang. Upon arrival in Dunhuang, move to visit Echoing Sand Mountain which offers superb picture-look desert scenery. Crescent Moon Lake, though been lying among these sand dunes for thousands of years, it still gurgles clear.

### DAY 05 Dunhuang/Turpan (B/L)

Tour the Mogao Grottoes, the World's richest treasure trove of Buddhist manuscripts and art. It begun in 386AD and added to over the next 9 centuries, the

grottoes total over 45,000 square meters and boast over 2,000 murals and sculptures. Transfer to the train station in Liuyan and catch bullet train across the desert to Turpan (about 4hours). Dinner will be on your own arrangement.

### DAY 06 Turpan (B/L)

Today's sightseeing features Jiaohe, the ancient walled capital of the Uighurs, which flourished between the 7th and 14th centuries. Visit the amazing 2,000-year-old Karez Irrigation Tunnels, which brought water from melting snow on the mountains to this parched city. You'll also visit Suliman's Minaret and have a photo stop at the Flaming Mountains.

### DAY 07 Turpan /Urumqi/Kashgar (B/L)

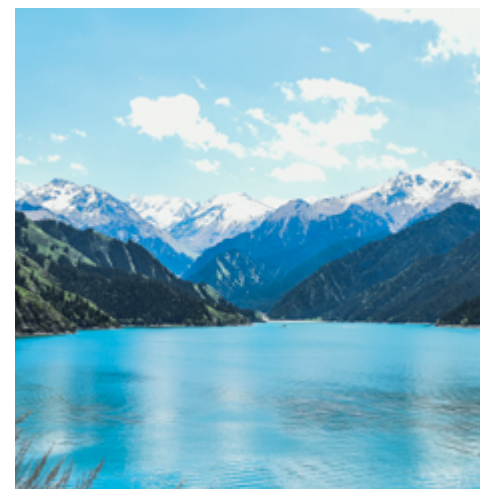
Board a coach transferred to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, China's huge western province. Upon arrival in Urumqi, take a city tour, which gives you a glimpse of the major sights of this northwestern city. Populated by Han, Uyghur people and thirteen ethnic minorities, Urumqi is quite different from the usual Chinese street scene. Here you can see nomadic Kazakhs, a Middle Eastern bazaar, a jade-carving center and more. Then transferred to the airport, fly from Urumqi to Kashgar, a key hub on the ancient Silk Road. Upon arrival in Kashgar, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

### DAY 08 Kashgar/Urumqi (B/L)

After breakfast, head directly to the Great Bazaar, alive with storybook scenes: thousands of merchants haggling for camels, carpets and other native goods; imams on donkeys and veiled women in their back robes. After wandering the Great Bazaar, you will visit Id Kah Emin Mosque, one of the largest in China, and the Tomb of the Fragrant Lady. Fly from Kashgar back to Urumqi. Upon arrival in Urumqi, you will be transferred to the hotel.

### DAY 09 Urumqi/Departure (B/L)

After breakfast, visit Tianchi Lake (Lake of Heaven), nestled in the Tianshan Mountain range. Take a boat ride and enjoy breath-taking views of a crystal clear lake. Transfer to the airport after visit.



### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$5,645

\*Price does not apply at Chinese Public Holidays, local important festivals & trade fair.

### Inclusions

- Xi'an-Jiayuguan, Urumqi-Kashgar-Urumqi flight, economy class
- Liuyuan- Turpan high speed train, second class
- 8 nights superior hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (CNY50-80 per person per day suggested).