

# The Silk Road Tour

(14-day Tour from Sept 21 – Oct 04, 2009)

Xian, Urumqi, Kashgar, Karakul Lake, Urumqi, Turpan, Dunhuang, Shanghai,

Tour Code : DXB – EA 060912

**Sept 21 West Coast/ Seoul via OZ 203 / 1220 AM – 5:20 AM**

Your journey to China begins when you board today's flight to Seoul. Cross the international dateline. .

**Sep 22. Arrive Xian (B, D) via OZ 319 / 10: 30AM – 12:30 PM Sheraton Xian Hotel ( 2N)**

Arrive in Xian at 12: 30 PM and transfer to the deluxe Sheraton Hotel. The afternoon is to recuperate at your own disposal.

**Sep 23. Xian (AB/L/SD)**

A full day excursion to the world famous tomb of the Emperor Qin Shi Huang, guarded by the famous Terra-cotta Army, 7000 life-size clay statues, each individually crafted, complete with chariots and horses. Back to the city, you will visit the Bid Wild Goose Pagoda. Attend the *Tang Dynasty Show* after the local *Dumpling Dinner* tonight.

**Sep 24. Xian/Urumqi / Kashgar(AB/L/D)CZ 6940 / 1220P – 340P and CZ 6813 / 630P – 810 P Int'l Hotel ( 3N)**

In the morning, visit the Shanxi Provincial Museum. Fly to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, China's huge western province. We have to make the connecting flight in the airport destined to Kashgar.

Note :

*The tour guide will meet at the Entrance of the arrival and will help you to get your boarding pass for the flight from Urumqi to Kashgar. If the time is permitted, he will take you out for the dinner with a brief Sightseeing.)*

**Sept. 25. Kashgar – Karakul Lake – Kashger (AB/L/D)**

Drive 200 KM to Karakul Lake along China – Pakistan highway, enjoy the majestic Pamir plateau, encounter the local nomads called “ Krigiz “, admire the snow-capped mountain called “ Mutagh Ata” ( 7446 meters in altitude), and “ Konger Shan Mountain” ( 7719 M.), walk around the Karakul Lake ( 3800 M). Coach back to Kashgar.

( Warning :Its high altitude may prevent some of us from going. However, there are many interesting street to explore, such as Nuo Er Bei Xi Lu, An Jiang Kuo Qia Lane, An Jiang Re Xi Te Land, Ou Er Da Xi Ke Lu).

**Sept 26 Kashgar (AB/L/D)**

Kashgar is a fabled city embracing a rich mix of peoples and cultures, with Mosques and veiled women contributing to its Middle Eastern atmosphere.

This morning, begin your exploration with a tour to a school and a workshop where traditional carpets are made. You also tour in a donkey cart taxi the Old Town, a warren of twisting alleys and white-washed walls, and the Tomb of Abakh Khoja.

**Sep 27. Kashgar/Urumqi (AB/L/D) via CZ 6806 / 16: 15 – 17:55 Hoi Tak Hotel ( 1N )**

Sunday is how Kashgar lures world travelers to come for its world famous **Animal Market**.

You will be astonishing to witness the ancient trade fair in its original root which this tradition has been practicing so strongly.. It was almost like a medieval movie setting : dusty, crowded, cars

and carts with assorted animals coming and going by the sellers and buyers. We should also not miss Central Asia Biggest Bazaar.

Let's not forget the street – **Kumdarwaza Road**, where there are many stores displayed the folk arts and crafts, particularly I would recommend **Uighur Music Instrument Work Shop** owned by Mohammademin Ababakri, who is Master of fifth generation of music instruments.

In the evening, fly back to Urumqi. Stay at Hoi Tak Hotel .

**Sep 28. Urumqi/Turpan (AB/L/D) Huo Zhou Hotel ( 1 N )**

This morning we will take a short coach journey to the oasis town of Turpan, famous for its melons and vineyards. Here Marco Polo first encountered spaghetti, an idea he took home to Italy. In the afternoon, we will explore Grape Valley, Ancient Tomb Ground as well as Su Kong Tower.

**Sep 29. Turpan (AB/L/D) Y502( 09:52P – 8:26A next day) on Train ( soft-sleeper)**

Today's tour includes morning visits to the ruined city Gaochang, Bezeklik Caves whose walls are adorned with Buddhist frescoes and the legendary Flaming Mountains. In the afternoon, you wander through the streets of ruined city Jiaohe, inspect the 2000 year old karez water channels, a remarkable underground irrigation system and also see Emin Minaret, one of the finest buildings on the Silk Road. Take an overnight train to Dunhuang via Liuyuan.

**Sep 30. Dunhuang (AB/L/D) Dunhuang Hotel ( 2N )**

Dunhuang oasis was a strategic staging post on the Silk Road, and the end of the Great Wall. A leisurely day includes visits to Mingsha Mountain and Crescent Moon Lake set in an amphitheater of sand dunes. In the evening, you sample a local snack and a drink at the pavement cafes in the main street.

**Oct 01. Dunhuang (AB,L,D)**

Today's highlight is to tour the Mogao Caves, popularly known as the "Thousand Buddha Caves". An art gallery in the desert, the walls of the caves lined with Buddha frescoes and sculpted figures, said to be the finest examples of Buddha art in the world. Mixing India and Chinese styles, they are a remarkable record of Silk Road civilization.

**Oct 02. Dunhuang – Shanghai (AB / HD) via MU2151 / 1055A 345P Jianguo Hotel (2N)**

After hotel breakfast, transfer to Dunhuang airport destined to Shanghai with a 40 minutes lay-over in Xian. Upon arrival in PVG airport, meet with your hotel representative and transfer to the hotel.

**Oct 03 Shanghai (AB)**

**At leisure.**

**Oct 04. Shanghai/West Coast (AB) via OZ 362 / 12:05 PM departure**

Transfer to the airport at 12: 05 P.M. from our hotel destined to U.S.A.

**Air & Land Package: \$ 3399.00 /p.p.on double occupancy (10 or more people basis)**  
**\$ 3659.00 / p.p.on double occupancy (6-9 people basis)**  
**\$ 3999.00/ p.p.on double occupancy (2-5 people basis)**

**Single Supplement: \$638.00**

***The land tour packages include:***

1. Transportation between cities within China.
2. All China domestic tickets.
3. 4-star & 5-star deluxe hotel accommodations in each city,
4. Meals as specified on the tour itineraries. (**AB**=American breakfast, **L**=Chinese lunch, **D**=Chinese dinner)
5. Comprehensive guided sightseeing with English-speaking guides.
6. All admissions
7. Hotel taxes and service charge
8. All International and Domestic flights ( Out of LAX)

***Not included in the land packages:***

1. China visa fee ( \$ 165.00 p/p)
2. Travel insurance, tips and gratuities

*Remarks: The itinerary and price above are subject to change.*