

Taklamakan Desert Camel Riding and Camping Tour - 8 Days

This unique tour takes in many historical wonders in Kashgar and Turpan, which are iconic destinations along the Silk Road. Meanwhile, exploring the Taklamakan Desert by camel riding and camping will bring you a once-in-a life-time experience.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Kashgar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport-hotel transfer in KashgarKashgar is an oasis city located in the westernmost of China. Travelling in Kashgar, you will experience a colorful ethnic variety.breakfast, lunch<i>Sunday Bazaar, Id Kah Mosque, Old Town of Kashgar, Afaq Khoja Mausoleum</i> The Sunday Bazaar is the largest outdoor market in mid-Asia. The traditional bazaar was originally held on Sunday, but it is divided into two sections now. One is livestock district that opens only on Sunday and the other is ordinary district opens every day, and is especially busy on Sunday.
2	Day 2 Kashgar	<p>The Id Kah Mosque is reputed to be the largest mosque in China. It highlights a group of old Islamic constructions with strong ethnic style and religious features.</p> <p>The Old Town of Kashgar is full of historical buildings of ethnical characters and its every street can tell the story of the past.</p> <p>The Afaq Khoja Mausoleum is perhaps the finest example of Islamic architecture in Xinjiang, encompassing a larger complex that includes a functioning mosque and madrasa, the coffins of five generations of the family. The Mausoleum is also known as the Fragrant Concubine's Tomb, as it is the burial place of one of Afaq Khoja's descendants, Iparhan, who is believed to be the legendary Fragrant Concubine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">private transfer from Kashgar to Makit Countybreakfast, lunch, dinnerToday, take a car ride from Kashgar to Makit County, and head to the Taklamakan Desert area. <p>Enjoy a camel riding trip (6 hours) with breathtaking desert scenery.</p>
3	Day 3 Kashgar - Taklamakan Desert (by automobile) - Camel Riding and Camping	<p>Sunset promises stunning photo opportunities amidst the spectacular dunes, before you settle down for a night camping under the star.</p> <p>Overnight camping in the desert</p> <p>Tips for camel riding:</p> <p>The weather is so dry and windy that you'd be better wear long pants and long socks to protect your skin. Of course, what the most important is to master the riding skills after the coaches' explanation.</p>
4	Day 4 – Day 5 Camel Riding and Camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch, dinnerCamel ride: 6 hours per day <p>Overnight camping in the desert</p>
5	Day 6 Taklamakan Desert - Kashgar (by automobile) - Urumqi (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">transfer from Taklamakan Desert to the airport in Kashgar, airport-hotel transfer in Urumqibreakfastprivate transfer from Urumqi to Turpanbreakfast, lunch<i>Gaochang Ancient Ruins, Astana Tombs, Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves, Emin Minaret</i> The Gaochang Ancient Ruins used to be the capital of ancient kingdom Gaochang, which is also the biggest ruins in Xinjiang.
6	Day 7 Urumqi – Turpan (by automobile)	<p>The Astana Tombs are known as the 'Underground Museum' and highly regarded by Chinese and foreign archaeologists and historians. More than 400 tombs have been excavated from there since 1950.</p> <p>The Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves has 77 caves and inside each cave is a mural of the Buddha painted on the ceiling along with hundreds of Buddhist sculptures and figures.</p> <p>Emin Minaret, also known as Sugong Tower, is one of the most famous Islamic constructions and the only Islamic tower in China.</p>
7	Day 8 Turpan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">train station transfer in Turpanbreakfast, lunch<i>Jiaohe Ruins, Karez System</i> The Jiaohe Ruins reveals traces of a prosperous ancient trading center and military base 600 years ago.

The Karez System (UNESCO), an underground irrigation system, is considered to be one of the three great ancient projects of China. Its main function is to deliver water from nearby snow capped mountains to Turpan and its agricultural fields.

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed (including camel riding and 3 nights' camping)
- Chinese lunch and dinner as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flights with taxes as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flights with taxes
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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