

## Silk Road Expedition Tour - 6 Days

Starting in Lanzhou and ending in Dunhuang, this trip offers days filled with amazing landscapes and cultural heritage sites along the Silk Road. Marvel at the magnificence of the Danxia National Geological Park in Zhangye, explore the Jiayuguan Pass of the Great Wall and admire the Mogao Grottoes. This is the tour for those wanting to really get to the heart of the Silk Road.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Lanzhou	 airport - hotel transfer in Lanzhou
2	Day 2 Lanzhou - Zhangye (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Lanzhou, train station transfer in Zhangye  breakfast, lunch  <b>Zhangye Danxia Landform Geological Park</b> Take a 1.5-hour car ride to the Zhangye Danxia Landform Geological Park. You will admire the Danxia Landform, which is perfectly combined with multi-colored mountains, valleys, hills, and cliffs. Gazing out at the vast area of such landform, you will be marveled by the craftsmanship of Mother Nature.
3	Day 3 Zhangye - Jiayuguan (by automobile)	 private transfer from Zhangye to Jiayuguan  breakfast, lunch  <b>Giant Buddha Temple, Wooden Pagoda Temple, Wei-Jin Tombs</b> The Giant Buddha Temple is the largest architectural relic in Gansu Province of the Western Xia (1038-1227) period. The Wooden Pagoda Temple was firstly built by Emperor Suiwen of the Sui Dynasty (581-618). Although destroyed and rebuilt several times, the Wooden Pagoda still is a magnificent architecture with its distinct and traditional features. Wei-Jin Tombs is a large tomb group with some 1400 tombs built in Wei and Jin Period (AD220-419), famous for its vivid murals and special layouts.
4	Day 4 Jiayuguan - Dunhuang (by automobile)	 private transfer from Jiayuguan to Dunhuang  breakfast, lunch  <b>Jiayuguan Pass, First Beacon Tower of the Great Wall</b> The Jiayuguan Pass, the western end of the Great Wall, is known as the most strategic point along the ancient Silk Road. Take a visit to the First Beacon Tower of the Great Wall. The beacon tower was an important part of the defense system in Jiayuguan Pass.

5	Day 5 Dunhuang	 breakfast,lunch  <b>Mogao Grottoes , Crescent Moon Lake &amp; Singing Sand Dunes</b> The Mogao Grottoes (UNESCO) is one of the world's most important sites of ancient Buddhist Culture. The treasure house contains hundreds of sandstone caves holding more than 2,000 statues and 45,000 brilliantly bright paintings of Buddha and Chinese mythological figures. The Crescent Moon Lake & Singing Sand Dunes are famous attractions in Dunhuang. From a distance make sure to listen carefully for the whistling tunes among the sand dunes. If you are feeling adventurous, take an optional camel ride (on your own expense).
6	Day 6 Dunhuang	 hotel - airport transfer in Dunhuang  breakfast  <b>Dunhuang Museum</b> Dunhuang Museum exhibits thousands of cultural relics excavated from Dunhuang and its surrounding areas. It provides visitors a greater understanding of the history and culture of The Silk Road. Service ends.

## Tour Includes :

- Private English-speaking tour guide
- Private air-conditioned coach or car
- Bullet train ticket from Lanzhou to Zhangye
- Land transfers between airport and hotel
- Entrance tickets as listed
- Lunch as listed
- Hotel accommodations with breakfast
- Service charge & government taxes

## Tour Excludes :

- Any flight ticket
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, fax fee, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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