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Xinjiang Mysterious Adventure - 9 Days

Many unique cultural heritages and natural landscapes along the Silk Road are collected in this trip. The Heavenly Lake in Urumqi, the Jiaohe Ruins in Turpan, Old Town in Kashgar, the Grand Mosque and the Kizil Grottoes in Kucha are definitely worth your visit in Xinjiang.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Urumqi	airport - hotel transfer in Urumqi
2	Day 2 Urumqi - Kashgar (by air)	airport transfer in Urumqi, airport - hotel transfer in Kashgar breakfast, lunch **Heavenly Lake, Erdaoqiao Bazaar** The Heavenly Lake is surrounded by the vastness of mountains and alpine meadows with an elevation of 2000 meters above sea level. If time permits, visit the Erdaoqiao Bazaar, which is believed to be the largest outdoor market in Xinjiang.
3	Day 3 Kashgar	breakfast, lunch **Karakuli Lake** The Karakuli Lake is a must- go place in Kashgar. Drive through the Karakurum Highway to have a good sight of the beautiful snow-capped mountains and the lake.

4	Day 4 Kashgar - Kucha (by overnight train)	train station transfer in Kashgar breakfast, lunch **Sunday Bazaar, Id Kah Mosque , Old Town of Kashgar, Afaq Khoja Mausoleum** 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. 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. Kashgar Old Town, located in Xinjiang, China, is a historic and cultural gem that dates back over 2,000 years. Known as one of the best-preserved traditional Islamic cities in the world, Kashgar Old Town is a captivating destination for travelers seeking to immerse themselves in ancient Silk Road history and experience a unique blend of Uyghur culture. 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. Later, transfer to the train station and take an overnight train (soft sleeper) to Kucha.
5	Day 5 Kucha	train station - hotel transfer in Kucha no meal Arrive at Kucha in the early morning, meet the guide and transfer to the hotel. Today, enjoy a free day to discover mysterious Kucha on your own.
6	Day 6 Kucha - Turpan (by overnight train)	train station transfer in Kucha breakfast, lunch **Kizil Thousand Buddha Caves, Grand Kucha Mosque , Ruins of Subashi Ancient City** The Kizil Thousand Buddha Caves is one of the best preserved caves in Xinjiang. It was built around 3rd century AD, and left about 265 caves today. The Grand Kucha Mosque is the second largest Mosque in Xinjiang and has a capacity of 3,000 worshipers. Explore the Ruin of Subashi Ancient City, where you can indentify the street layout many years ago and see some of the 20-feet hight walls standing still. Transfer to the train station and take a overnight train (soft sleeper) to Turpan.

7	Day 7 Turpan	train Station- Hotel transfer in Turpan. breakfast, lunch Jiaohe Ruins , Karez System 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.
8	Day 8 Turpan	breakfast, lunch Gaochang Ancient Ruins, Astana Tombs , Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves, Emin Minaret The Gaochang Ancient Ruins used to be the capital of ancient kingdom Gaochang, which is also the biggest ruins in Xinjiang. 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. The Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves has 77 caves and inside each cave is a rural of the Buddha painted on the ceiling along with hundreds of Buddhist sculptures and figures. Emin Minaret, also known as Sugong Tower, is one of the most famous Islamic constructions and the only Islamic tower in China.
9	Day 9 Turpan	hotel - train station transfer in Turpan breakfast

Tour Includes :

-- Private tour guide
-- Private air-conditioned coach
-- Land transfers between airport or railway station and hotel
-- Entrance tickets as listed
-- Chinese Lunch and dinner as listed
-- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
-- Domestic flight with tax and train tickets (soft sleeper) as listed
-- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

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-- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
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