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Southern Xinjiang Adventure Trail - 10 Days

Explore a 10-day journey from Urumqi to Korla, Kuqa, Aksu, Kashgar, and Turpan, unveiling a blend of historical, cultural, and natural marvels. Witness the beauty of the Southern Pasture and interact with a Kazak family. Traverse stunning gorges filled with historical artifacts and natural beauty. Marvel at the Keziliya Grand Canyon's unique red mountains. Discover Kuqa's cultural and Buddhist significance. Explore Kashgar's historic landmarks and vibrant old town. Conclude your trip in Turpan, visiting the Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves and the Karez Irrigation system.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Urumqi	airport-hotel transfer in Urumqi **Urumqi International Grand Bazaar** Urumqi's International Grand Bazaar is a lively market showcasing Uyghur culture. Visitors can explore colorful stalls selling traditional crafts, spices, and textiles, sample local delicacies, and shop for unique souvenirs. It's a must-visit for an authentic Xinjiang experience.
2	Day 2 Urumqi	breakfast, lunch Today visit the Southern Pasture and take a visit to a local Kazak family. **Southern Pasture** Southern Pasture in Urumqi, Xinjiang, is a popular tourist spot at the foot of the Tianshan Mountains. Visitors can enjoy stunning natural beauty throughout the seasons, cultural performances, and activities like horseback riding. It's a great place for a relaxing getaway.

3	Day 3 Urumqi - Korla (by automobile)	private transfer from Urumqi to Korla breakfast, lunch Today take 6 hour's drive to Korla. Once an important stop on the ancient Silk Road, Korla is now the transportation hub connecting the north and south of Xinjiang. On the road, you will see wind power station, Dasaka town, Bosten Lake. **Dasaka town wind power station , Bosten Lake** On the way from Urumqi to Korla, along the southern route, lies the Daban City Wind Farm. Hundreds of wind turbines stand tall and spin gracefully on both sides of the road leading to the Silk Road town of Daban City. Against the backdrop of the majestic Bogda Peak, amidst the vast wilderness, they create a spectacular windmill world that contrasts with the blue sky and white clouds. This is the largest wind energy base in China - the Daban City Wind Farm in Xinjiang. Bosten Lake Scenic Area in Xinjiang, China, is known for its stunning beauty and tranquility. Visitors can enjoy boat rides on the freshwater lake, surrounded by mountains and greenery. The area is rich in wildlife and offers opportunities for birdwatching and hiking. Experience the peaceful retreat and nomadic lifestyle of the local Kazakh people in this picturesque destination.
4	Day 4 Korla - Kuqa (by automobile)	private transfer from Korla to Kuqa breakfast, lunch Today, visit the Keziliya Grand Canyon and the Iron Gate Pass in Kuqa. **Keziliya Grand Canyon** Tianshan Grand Canyon, also known as Keziliya Grand Canyon, is a natural wonder located 48 kilometers from Urumqi City. It features lakes, canyons, grasslands, snowy mountains, and an ancient spruce forest. Visitors can experience nomadic life, enjoy activities like boating and hiking, and explore scenic spots such as Tianshui Lake, Green Dragon Bay, and Swan Lake.
5	Day 5 Kuqa - Aksu (by automobile)	private transfer from Kuqa to Aksu breakfast, lunch **Subashi Temple, Kuqa Museum, Kizil Thousand Buddha Caves** Subash Buddhist Temple Ruins, also known as Jiasi Daban Monastery, are located 20 kilometers northeast of Kuqa City in Aksu Prefecture, Xinjiang, China. Dating back to the Wei and Jin Dynasties, this site includes a Buddhist pagoda surrounded by temples, caves, halls, and monks' quarters. Well-preserved and split by a river, the ruins are mainly concentrated in the West Temple area. The Kuqa Museum has collection of over 600 artifacts, including unearthed relics, cave murals, and folk artifacts, as documented in the Chinese Museum Yearbook. 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.

6	Day 6 Aksu - Kashgar (by automobile)	private transfer from Aksu to Kashgar breakfast, lunch Today you will reach Kashgar after 6 hours' drive (around 468 km). On the road, you will have chances to stop for a break and take photos. After arriving in the late afternoon, check into the hotel and then enjoy the leisure time by yourself.
7	Day 7 Kashgar	breakfast, lunch **Old Town of Kashgar, Kashgar Handicraft Street, Fragrant Concubine Garden, Kashgar Han Bazaar** 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. Kashgar Handicraft Street in Xinjiang, China, is a bustling marketplace in the historic Kashgar Old Town. Here, visitors can explore a variety of handmade goods such as carpets, textiles, hats, jewelry, and pottery. Watch skilled artisans at work and immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of the Uyghur people. This colorful street offers a unique shopping experience and a glimpse into traditional Uyghur craftsmanship. The Fragrant Concubine's Tomb, located in Kashgar, Xinjiang, is a historical site associated with the legendary story of a Uyghur princess. Visitors can explore the tomb and learn about the fascinating tale of love and tragedy behind it. The site offers a glimpse into the rich history and cultural heritage of the region, making it a must-visit for history enthusiasts and those interested in folklore. Kashgar Grand Bazaar in Xinjiang, China, is a historic market with rich cultural offerings. It's a great place to explore local crafts and traditions. If you love diverse cultures, don't miss this charming spot!
8	Day 8 Kashgar - Urumqi (by air) - Turpan (by automobile)	hotel-airport transfer in Kashgar, private transfer from Urumqi airport to Turpan breakfast Explore the city on your own this morning. In the afternoon, be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Urumqi. Upon arrival, your tour guide in Urumqi will pick you up and transfer you to Turpan (about 2.5 hours driving). This desert oasis, also known as the Fire Island, will show you its historical heritage and unique natural landscape.
9	Day 9 Turpan	breakfast, lunch **Karez System, Bazelik Thousand Buddha Caves, Gaochang Ancient Ruins** 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. 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. The Gaochang Ancient Ruins used to be the capital of ancient kingdom Gaochang, which is also the biggest ruins in Xinjiang.

10	Day 10 Turpan - Urumqi (by automobile)	private transfer from Turpan to Urumqi airport breakfast

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-- Private air-conditioned car or coach
-- Land transfers between airport or train station and hotel
-- First entrance tickets as listed
-- Chinese lunch as listed
-- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
-- Domestic flight ticket with tax as listed
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