

14 Days Beijing, Xi'an, Dunhuang, Turpan, Kashgar, and Shanghai Tour

Trip overview

Embark on an extraordinary 14-day expedition that spans the entire width of the Middle Kingdom. This journey is a masterclass in contrasts—taking you from the iconic **Great Wall in Beijing** to the bustling **Bund in Shanghai**, with a deep, immersive dive into the heart of the **Ancient Silk Road**.

Your adventure begins in the imperial capitals of **Beijing and Xian**, where the Forbidden City and the Terracotta Army stand as guardians of China's dynastic past. From there, you will fly west into the desert landscapes of **Dunhuang**, home to the mesmerizing Mogao Caves, and follow the ancient trade routes to **Turpan's** flaming mountains and the vibrant, exotic bazaars of **Kashgar**. This isn't just a trip; it's a portal into a world of singing sand dunes, grape trellises, and the spiritual crossroads of the East and West.

- **Durations:** 14 Days
- **Destinations:** Beijing - Xian - Dunhuang - Turpan - Urumqi - Kashgar - Shanghai
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/14-days-beijing-xian-dunhuang-turpan-kashgar-shanghai-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing Arrival

On arrival into Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK) or Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX), you will be met by your dedicated tour guide outside the baggage claim area. On the way to your pre-booked inner city hotel, your guide will point out the highlights and history of Beijing. Spend the rest of the day exploring this incredible city.

Accommodation: Hotel in Beijing

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 2: Beijing Day Tour: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace

After breakfast today explore Beijing with your guide who will collect you from the hotel. Visit the world's largest city square, **Tian'anmen Square**. Make your way across the road to the magnificent **Forbidden City**, a culturally historic landmark in China, which was the former residence of Chinese royalty and courtiers for five centuries. After the Forbidden City tour, exploration continues with a visit to the **Summer Palace**. Appreciate the beautiful gardens and imagine the lifestyle of royalty and courtiers who enjoyed this summer resort during imperial times. A stopover at Beijing's stadium and pool, the **Bird's Nest** and **Water Cube**.

Accommodation: Hotel in Beijing

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 3: Beijing Day Tour: Mutianyu Great Wall, Confucius Temple, Imperial College Museum, Wudaoying Hutong

It will be an exciting day today. In the early morning, guide will pick you up from your hotel lobby and you'll enjoy the drive to explore the **Mutianyu Great Wall**, a less frequented part of China's 1,400-year-old iconic landmark, located approximately 70 kilometres from Beijing. Take a pleasant and comfortable round-trip cable car transfer over the picturesque scenery, then walk the wall to take in the Ming dynasty guard towers and sensational views. On return to the city in the afternoon, exploration continues with a visit to the **Confucius Temple** and **Imperial College Museum**. Stroll through **Wudaoying Hutong** and experience local life as you wander through quaint shops, enjoy a coffee, and gain an insider's view of a real Beijing community.

Accommodation: Hotel in Beijing

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 4: Beijing to Xi'an: Temple of Heaven

Start today with a visit to the remarkable **Temple of Heaven**, where emperors from the Ming and Qing Dynasties performed ceremonies and rituals to pray for good harvests and blessings for the country. Transfer to the Beijing West Railway Station and be checked in by your guide to travel by high speed rail train to Xi'an. Approximately a five hour trip, travelling at 300 kilometres per hour, you can relax and absorb the diverse landscape along the way. On arrival at the Xi'an North Station, your local tour guide will meet and escort you to your inner city hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel in Beijing

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 5: Xi'an Day Tour (Day1)

Pick up from your hotel in Xi'an in the morning. First visit the **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum**, one of the four largest museums in China (the other three largest museums are the Forbidden City Museum, Shanghai Museum and Henan Provincial Museum). There you will get a better understanding of the Shannxi culture and the development of Chinese civilization.

Then you will continue to visit **Big Goose Pagoda**, one of the city's most distinctive and outstanding landmarks. It was first built in 589 A.D and added to the World Heritage List on June 22, 2014, together with other sites along the ancient Silk Road.

After lunch, you will move to **Bell Tower** and ascend to get a panoramic view of Xi'an City. In ancient China, each city had a bell tower that sounded at dawn and a drum tower at dusk every day.

Then, let's move to the **Muslim Quarter** to see the busiest part of this city where you can try some local snacks and buy some souvenirs.

After that, you will be taken to have a **dumpling dinner** before the **Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show**. You will be there appreciating the prosperous Tang Dynasty via this magnificent show. Finally, drive back to the hotel in Xi'an.

Accommodation: Hotel in Xi'an

Meals: Hotel Breakfast, Lunch and dumpling dinner

Day 6: Xi'an Day Tour (Day2)

In the morning, you will be picked up to the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**. After a one-hour drive, you will arrive at the museum. It is suggested that you get a guide to share the history of all items in the museum with you when you are visiting Pit 1, Pit 2, Pit 3, as well as the exhibition of all chariots and horses.

Then drive back to downtown Xi'an and have an a la carte lunch at a local restaurant to enjoy Chinese food. After lunch, you will be driven to the **Ancient City Wall** in Xi'an. Most tourists will choose to cycle on the wall to enjoy the beautiful views. It is said to be the most complete city wall that has survived in China.

Accommodation: Hotel in Xi'an

Meals: Hotel Breakfast

Day 7: Xi'an to Dunhuang, Dunhuang tour

In the morning, take the flight from Xi'an to Dunhuang. Upon arrival in Dunhuang, you will be met and transferred to **Min Sha Hill** and **the Crescent Moon Pool**.

Accommodation: Hotel in Dunhuang

Meals: Hotel Breakfast

Day 8: Dunhuang Tour, Dunhuang to Turpan by High-Speed Train

Today, pay a visit to the famed **Mogao Grottoes** or **Mogao Caves**, known as the Caves of the Thousand Buddhas. It has been listed as the World Cultural Heritage Site by the UNESCO, comprising the largest, the most endowed, and the longest used treasure house of Buddhist art in the world.

In the afternoon, move to catch your train to **Turpan**. Upon arrival at Turpan North Railway Station, you will be picked up by your local tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel in Turpan

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 9: Turpan Tour, Drive to Urumqi

Upon arrival in Turpan in the morning, you will visit the **Karez Well** - the amazing ancient underground irrigation system, the ruins of **Gao Chang City** and **Jiao He City**.

Then, drive about 3.5 hours to Urumqi in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Hotel in Urumqi

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 10: Urumqi to Kashgar

In the early morning, take a flight to **Kashgar**, a city that used to be the epicenter of the regional trade and cultural exchange of ancient Silk Road for more than two millennia. Upon arrival, you will be picked up by your local tour guide and transferred to discover the best that Kashgar can offer, including **Abakh Hoja Tomb**, **Id Kah Mosque**, and **Kashgar Old Town**.

Accommodation: Hotel in Kashgar

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 11: Kashgar Tour, Kashgar to Urumqi

After breakfast, pay a visit to the famous **Kashgar Bazaar**. It is huge, busy, crowded, colorful, and chaotic. If you are in Kashgar on a Sunday, you will experience the **Livestock Market**. You will see numerous sheep, camels, horses, cows and donkeys for trade there.

After that, take the flight to Urumqi.

Accommodation: Hotel in Urumqi

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 12: Urumqi to Shanghai

In the morning, you will be transferred to airport for flight to **Shanghai**. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 13: Shanghai Day Tour

First, drive to **People's Square** which is located in the center of Shanghai. It covers an area of about 140,000 square meters with the new **Municipal Government Mansion** lying in the center of the northern part. You will be arranged to visit the Shanghai Museum, which is located to the south of People's Square. It has eleven galleries and three exhibition halls that display many ancient Chinese art and cultural relics from the Old Stone Age to modern times.

Then you will walk to **Nanjing Road** to see the vitality of Shanghai. It is the earliest commercial street in Shanghai and one of the most popular places for tourists to shop and buy souvenirs for their friends. Next, you will walk to **the Bund**, one of the most renowned architectural symbols of Shanghai. As a historical district that sits on the banks of the Huangpu River, it says hi to everyone who comes to Shanghai.

Let's move to Shanghai **Yu Yuan Garden** to witness the crown jewel of Shanghai's Old City. It is designed during the Ming Dynasty, stretching out over 5 acres in the center of Shanghai. You will find peace inside the garden because of the lush greenery and ponds.

After lunch, you will be driven to Lujiazui, the most prosperous part of Shanghai. This place teems with skyscrapers like the Oriental Pearl Tower, Jin Mao Building, and Bank of China Tower. And your guide will take you to take the elevator to get to the 88-storey Observation Deck of **Jinmao Tower** to have a min-blowing view of the Huangpu River.

Then, drive you back to your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel in Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Day 14: Shanghai Departure

Your private tour guide will meet you at your hotel in Shanghai and transfer you to airports or railway stations to get to your next station.

Accommodation: /

Meals: Breakfast in hotel

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge

- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
 - 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
 - Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate
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