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Beautiful Xinjiang Experience Tour

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Tour Code: CET-LS06

Length: 8 days and 7 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: (Shanghai), Urumqi, Turpan, Aletai, (Shanghai)

Highlight Attractions: Heavenly Lake, Southern Pastures, Karez Irrigation System, Grape Valley, Kanasi Lake

Experience & Features: Kazak Yurt Visit, International Grand Bazaar

Located in the Northwestern China, Xinjiang Autonomous Region has exotic and amazing sceneries and unique customs and hospitable people. This tour brings you to visit the hottest destinations in Xinjiang, including Urumqi, Turpan and Aletai. You can experience the exotic and colorful mountains and the mysterious Kanas Lake. The Grape Valley in Turpan welcomes you with its abundant sweet fruits. If you are curious about mysterious Xinjiang, if you want to enjoy unique sceneries, please come to join us.

Itinerary

Day 1: Shanghai-Urumqi

We take a flight to Urumqi from Shanghai. Arrive in Urumqi, our guide (CET representative) will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in northwest China, is just like a piece of emerald embedded at the foot of the Tianshan Mountains.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals:

Day 2: Urumqi

After breakfast, we will drive to the [Heavenly Lake] that is 110 km (about 68.4miles) from Urumqi. It has an elevation of 1,980 meters (about 6,496feet) and an area of 4.9 square km (about 1,211acres), located at the

half way of the Begeda Peak of Tianshan Mountain. Heavenly Lake offers science lovers exploring opportunities due to the relic of the Quaternary Period Glacier and its surrounding geological relics. The water is very clear and the banks are covered with tall trees. The jade-green lake is an ideal place for excursions and rest for most of the year for the surrounded mountains. It not only provides an excellent skating rink in winter, but also, the beautiful lake is an ideal cool resort in summer. Boaters on the lake see the ever-changing silvery mountains soaring into the blue sky, the slopes highlighted with verdant pasture and flamboyant wild flowers.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 3: Urumqi-Turpan

Today we will drive about 2 hours to the beautiful **[South Mountain Pasture]** and visit the **[Kazak Yurt]**. Standing in the pastures, you can see the Kazaks herd sheep, cattle and horses like their ancestors in a landscape of snow-covered peaks and emerald-green grasslands. In the South Pasture area, you can see great mountain scenery, hike and ride horses, and experience some of the Kazakh way of life. You can visit one of the traditional yurts locating in the spruce forest where you will be welcomed by a generous host with fragrant milk tea, mare's milk, cheese and roasted lamb. If you are lucky enough, you will be able to observe the amazing horse-racing and traditional Kazak dancing.

Then we will take our van/bus to Turpan (2.5 hours). We will visit the **[Sugong Minaret]** and **[a Uygur family]** tasting their home made food and the grape. Sometimes they present Uygur dance and song show when we are hosted at those places.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 4: Urumqi-Turpan-Urumqi

This morning we will visit the **[Karez Well]** and the **[Jiaohe Ancient City]**, **[Gaochang Ancient City]** and the **[Tuyugou Valley]**. There we will have a close look at the over 5,000 kilometers (about 3107miles) underground water system, you will definitely agree that it has been called "the underground Great Wall", besides it includes functions as the natural air conditioner for the locals because they can sit in one while chatting or doing some chores. Next will be the visit to the twin ancient cities, Gaochang & Jiaohe. They will help you have a better understanding of the history once played here 1000 years ago, all which made the Turpan region the only place where four ancient civilizations once met and melt each other in the world. The last will be the Tuyugou Valley. A small Uighur valley has an array of historic sites spanning 3,000 years.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 5: Turpan-Urumqi

Today we take our van/bus back to the capital city Urumqi. Later in the afternoon, we will visit the [\[XinJiang Provincial Museum\]](#). The museum is a Must-see for every visitor to Urumqi. It demonstrates very clearly how important the region has been throughout history. There are houses tons of voluble historical relics unearthed along the Silk Road in this region, especially the Mummies Section. These mummies are not artificial attempts to extend the physical bodies of worthy people beyond death as found in Egypt but natural preservations resulting from the extremely arid conditions. And do some shopping in the International Grand Bazaar. The Grand Bazaar has drawn widespread praise, winning such awards as "New Top Ten Landscapes of Urumqi" and "Ten Top Buildings of Urumqi." You can bargain hunting for handicraft souvenirs such as rugs, carpets, Uygur-style hats, knitted sweaters, ethnic costumes, hand-made embroideries, jade carvings and everything arousing your interest.

Stay overnight in Aletai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 6: Urumqi-Kanas

This morning we take an early flight to Kanas Lake Airport. And we can enjoy spectacular views along the way, we will pass the golden mountain -- Altai Mountain, and see the silver water -- Erqis River, the only one river running into the Arctic Ocean in China. Then we will arrive at the [\[Kanas Lake\]](#) in the afternoon, which is only 150km (about 93miles) away from Burqin County. Kanas Lake is the most beautiful mountain lake that enjoys a reputation as "the Swiss scene in Asia". Its unparalleled scenery and mysterious legend attract many tourists. Embraced by snow-capped mountains, the Kanas Lake area is covered with dense forests and is the only region where animals and plants of South Siberia species can be found in China. We will enjoy a cruise on the lake. We can walk along the bank to feel its tranquility and indulge yourself in the beautiful scene. We will also pay a visit to a local Tuvan People residence that can only be found in this part of China.

Stay overnight at Kanas Lake Area.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 7: Kanas-Urumqi

This morning we will continue to explore more about this mysterious lake area and visit wooden houses there. Then we will drive to the airport for a flight to Urumqi. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 8: Urumqi-Shanghai

This morning we will take a flight to go back to Shanghai. Our service ends at the Shanghai airport.

Meals: (B)

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