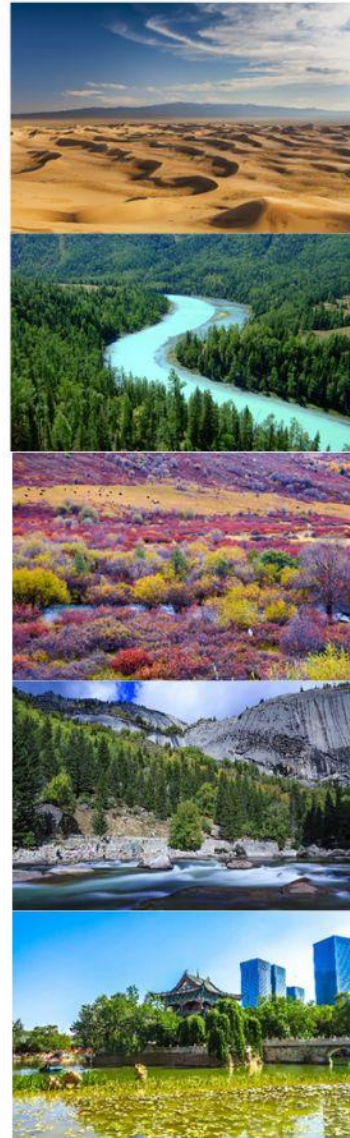


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INTRIGUING LANDSCAPES & TIMELESS BEAUTY IN XINJIANG



DAY ONE HONG KONG TO URUMQI

- CZ 604 departing 16:50 hrs, arriving 22:15 hrs. (China Southern) Mon, Thur, Fri, Sun. Met & transferred to hotel.

DAY TWO URUMQI - FUYUN

- **SILK ROAD TOUR** Drive along the National Highway 216 through the **Gurbantunggut Desert** and feel the charm of wildlife paradise, **Kalamaili Nature Reserve**. You might see wild donkeys and goats running through the **Gobi Desert**.

- **HUOSHAOSHAN MOUNTAIN** Passing by the mountain range, you will witness the vast expanse of a red sea. The rocks turned red due to the spontaneous combustion of the underlying coal seam, creating the impression that the mountain is still burning. Pull over to take some beautiful pictures here. Then, continue driving and enjoy the spectacular scenery along the way.

- Overnight Fuyun.



DAY THREE FUYUN - BURQIN

- **KEKETUOHAI NATIONAL GEOLOGICAL PARK** Featuring beautiful natural scenery such as valleys, rivers, peaks, forests, mines, and seismic belts, the park was listed as a UNESCO World Geopark in 2017. You also can visit the Tunnel of Mine No.3 which is the largest mine in the world and is a natural minerals museum.

- Be driven to Burqin. (approx. 3 – 4hour drive) and stay overnight.





DAY FOUR BURQIN - KANAS

→ **KANAS NATURE RESERVE** A must-see for visitors to Xinjiang. After about a 3 hour ride on the winding road, you will arrive at **Jiadengyu** for lunch, and then take the scenic shuttle bus to the legendary **Kanas Lake**. The natural beauty is unspoiled, and locals maintain a traditional lifestyle. The place has the moniker of “the oriental Switzerland” and “the pure land on Earth.” Stroll along the river to see the virgin forests as well as **Fairy Bay, Wolong Bay, Moon Bay, and Wild Duck Lake**, and take some nice photos.

→ After relaxing sightseeing, you will check into the hotel.

→ Overnight Kanas.



DAY FIVE KANAS LAKE

→ Today you will continue the Kanas Lake tour. As the seasons change, the lake bursts into different colors, changing from crystal blue, dark green to even grey. You can walk from one bay to another and take pictures at your leisure. Have a relaxing time immersing yourself in idyllic beauty and embrace nature.

→ After the tour, drive back to Jiadengyu and go to your hotel for a good rest.

→ Overnight in Kanas.





DAY SIX KANAS - HEMU

- Wake up early and see the sunrise at **Kanas Scenic Area, Hemu Village**. If weather permits, you can get up early to catch the stunning sunrise and then drive to **Hemu Village**. Hemu Village is one of the three settlements of Tuva people in China. We will enter the village on a shuttle bus. It's truly a paradise for photographers. The tranquil village, dense woods, and herds of cattle and sheep make for a picturesque landscape. You can freely walk around the village to experience the unique lifestyle of the local Tuva people who have lived here for centuries.

- Overnight Hemu Village



DAY SEVEN HEMU – BURQIN - HEMU

- Wake up early in the morning see sunrise at Hemu Village. After that drive about 4 hours to the Multi-Coloured Bay in **Burqin**. The scale of the **Yadan landscape** is not very large, but it is quite a surreal spot, created by water and wind erosion. It is also called "Devil City" in that you will hear the sound just like the devil screaming when the strong wind goes through the desert. Sitting on the north bank of the rippling **Eerqisi River** and facing the lush greenery on the opposite bank, it will seem like an alien world. Because the rocks contain different kinds of mineral substances, they display different colors under during the day. The sunset, river, forest, and colourful bank make an incredible picture, a dizzying feast for the eyes. There is a suspension bridge at the far end, the whole scene as beautiful as an oil painting.

- Overnight Hemu Village





DAY EIGHT HEMU - KULTUN

→ After breakfast, driving for 5-6 hours to **Kultun** via the famous oil city, **Karamay**. You will arrive at the **Urho Ghost City** following the Gurbantunggut Desert. The Ghost City is also known as the “Wind City” because of the howling winds throughout the year. The eerie landform is the joint result of intermittent torrential scouring and strong wind erosion. You can tour the whole Ghost City on a shuttle bus. After visiting this eerie site, drive to Kuitun and check into a local hotel.

→ Overnight Kuitun,



DAY NINE KULTUN – SAYRAM LAKE- KULTUN

→ Today will start with the visit to **Sayram Lake**, another highlight of your trip to northern Xinjiang. The lake is the highest and largest alpine lake in Xinjiang with intoxicating scenery. It also has the nickname of the “Atlantic Ocean’s last teardrop” because it is the last place that the warm and humid air of the Atlantic Ocean reaches. The lake water is limpid and pure. You can stroll along the lake and enjoy the colourful wildflowers and rolling grassland.

→ On the way to Sayram Lake, you will have the opportunity to see the famous **Guozigou Bridge** which is the largest and most important bridge in Xinjiang. You will see many impressive S-shaped curves and admire the most beautiful valley in northern Xinjiang, **Guozigou Valley**.

→ Transfer back to Kuitun and overnight in Kuitun.





DAY TEN KULTUN - TURPAN

→ After breakfast, drive about 5.5 hours to **Turpan**, one of the important stops on the Silk Road. Along the way, you will have a glimpse of China's largest wind power station. A green oasis in the middle of the desert, blown by winds from all directions – this was the way how Turpan city appeared before the eyes of weary travellers over a period of two thousand years. It was not only an important commercial and cultural centre on the Great Silk Road, but also a strategic post on the ancient caravan route northern branch.

→ Arriving in Turpan, the first scenic site will be **Tuyugou Valley**. It is the oldest Uyghur village in Xinjiang and a nice place to soak up Buddhist and Islamic culture. Tuyugou is an ancient village with roughly 1700 years of history, till this day they still preserve and use ancient Uyghur customs and culture. This valley village is also a pilgrimage area for many Muslims, with the main destination being The Mazar, or the tomb of the first Uyghur Muslim. It's said that seven trips to Tuyugou is equal to one trip to Mecca.



→ Next, continue to explore the **Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves**. Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves has a history of over 1500 years. It reflects the glory of Gaochang Kingdom in ancient times in Turpan. As one of the largest grotto sites in Xinjiang, Bezeklik Caves is famous for the brightly coloured murals and is a treasure house of Buddhist culture and art. Among all the grottoes in Turpan, Bezeklik has the largest group of caves and the most abundant murals.

→ Overnight in Turpan





DAY ELEVEN TURPAN - URUMQI

- After breakfast, follow your guide to further explore the amazing Turpan.
- The first stop will be **Karez Well**, an underground irrigation system created by ancient Xinjiang people. This project can be called the source of life for the arid northwestern region. Then, continue your visit to **Grape Valley**, 11 kilometers northeast of Turpan. The valley is located in the **Flaming Mountain** and fed by melted snow water of Buyiluke river. It is famous for grapes. Later, move on to **Jiaohe Ruins**, the largest, oldest and best-preserved raw-soil building in the world with a history of more than 2,000 years. Wander around this ancient city, stepping back in time to trace the outline of long-gone civilizations.
- Thereafter, head back to **Urumqi**. Your guide wanders the Xinjiang International Bazaar, the largest bazaar in **Urumqi**. You will see manifold goods, such as fruits, clothes, crafts, and rugs in the bustling market. You can buy some souvenirs or local fare for your loved ones.



- Overnight in Urumqi

DAY TWELVE URUMQI – HONG KONG

- Transfer to airport for flight to Hong Kong by CZ 603 at 1020 hrs. Arriving 1525 hrs.



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