

The Silk Road

FROM XI'AN TO XINJIANG



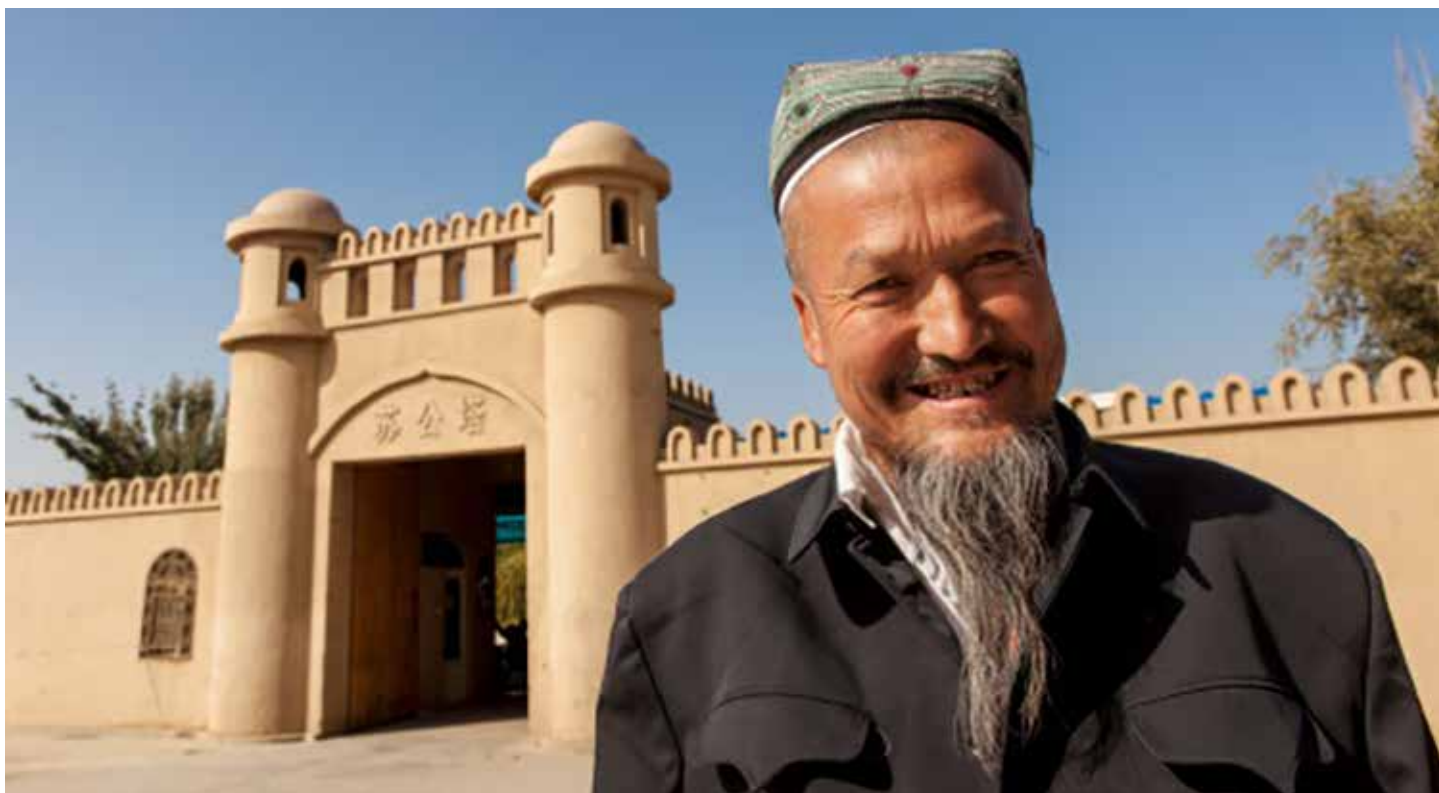
TRIP DATES

September 11-28, 2026

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For 2,000 years, the Silk Road was the principal artery for caravans traveling between China and Europe laden with textiles, spices, gold—and ideas, philosophies, and religions. On this adventure with veteran Trip Leader Roger Williams, we follow the footsteps of Marco Polo from ancient Xi'an, cradle of Chinese history, to fabled Kashgar in China's wild west, a vital hub when silk caravans passed this way a millennium ago. Our route embraces noted historical sites including Xi'an, home of the celebrated Terra Cotta Warriors; Dunhuang, where we explore the cliff-bound Mogao Grottoes, a priceless repository of Chinese Buddhist cave art long lost in the desert; Turpan, close to the ancient city of Gaocheng and the Bezeklik Caves, with their strikingly painted mural art; and the legendary Kashgar Sunday market. As we explore, we encounter a range of peoples, from Tibetan Buddhists to Uighur traders, and learn how their cultures and traditions are deeply tied to this mountain and desert realm. There's no other journey in the world quite like this adventure on the storied road across the Far East.

Itinerary

This is one of our special Limited Edition trips, offered only every two to five years. This document was the 19-day itinerary we last ran in 2024, but please note that we are finalizing edits to turn this itinerary into a 18-day trip in September 2026. Please contact us for further information or to be notified with the updated itinerary is complete.

DAY 1 XI'AN (1,329')

Arrive in Xi'an, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Xi'an, the cradle of Chinese history, is an ancient Silk Road metropolis that has witnessed the rise and fall of 14 imperial dynasties over two millennia. It was the gateway to the west and the starting point of the Silk Road. During the Tang Dynasty (618-907), Xi'an was thought to be the largest city in the world, linked to many central Asian regions and Europe via the Silk Road. In the evening, we gather for a trip orientation and Welcome Dinner. Overnight at Hyatt Regency Xi'an...D

DAY 2 XI'AN / TERRA COTTA WARRIORS

Today we visit the famed site of Xi'an's Terra Cotta Warriors, built by Qin Shihuang, the first emperor of unified China. The site was discovered by accident in 1974 by a group of farmers digging for a new well, and was one of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries of all time. Qin Shihuang's astounding army of 8,000 life-sized terra cotta warriors and their steeds was buried underground in full regalia and arranged in battle formation. Each warrior's face is unique, and some warriors were created to resemble members of China's ethnic minorities, indicating the emperor's status as the first conqueror of China. After lunch, we take a leisurely stroll through the city's Muslim Quarter for a glimpse into the local way of life, which derives as much from the ancient cultures of Central Asia as from China. For over 1,300 years, Muslims have been an integral part of the colorful daily life of Xi'an. We also visit the Great Mosque, noted for its remarkable architecture and history. In the evening we enjoy dinner at a time-honored dumpling restaurant and learn from the chef how to make these delicious treats. Overnight at Hyatt Regency Xi'an...BLD

DAY 3 XI'AN / SHAANXI HISTORY MUSEUM / WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Through its well organized and fascinating world-class exhibits, Shaanxi History Museum displays the rich historical and cultural heritage of the region. As we visit the museum, we'll learn about the ancient Chinese civilization and appreciate some of the museum's very rare treasures. We'll also have special access to the underground Tang Dynasty Murals, where an English-speaking expert will offer interesting and insightful views that will bring these ancient paintings alive. After lunch, we visit Xi'an's towering Wild Goose Pagoda. A masterpiece of the Tang Dynasty Buddhist architecture, Wild Goose Pagoda was built in the 7th century AD by Emperor Gao Zong to honor the work of the Buddhist monk Xuan Zang, who traveled to India in disguise to find and translate the original Sanskrit Buddhist texts. Today this quaint pagoda is often taken as the symbol of historic Xi'an. We return to the hotel in the late afternoon...BLD



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 18 days
Arrive: Xi'an, China
Depart: Kashgar, China
Lodging: 17 nights hotels
Meals: All meals included except 1 dinner (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity: Cultural Adventures
Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Cultural exploration and walking tours, some overland travel

HIGHLIGHTS

- Xi'an's Terra Cotta Warriors with private museum guide, the Mogao Grottoes of Dunhuang, the bazaars of Kashgar, including the legendary Sunday Market
- The Silk Road oasis of Turpan, the dramatic Tien Shan Grand Canyon
- Uighur home visit, lunch at the vineyard of a local family in Tuyugou



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DAY 4 LUOYANG / LONGMEN GROTTOES

We take a high-speed bullet train to Luoyang (about 1.5 hours, first class seats). Here we visit the Longmen Grottoes, a World Heritage Site that's considered a masterpiece of both Buddhist art and Chinese calligraphy. Most of the caves

were built by the royal families of Northern Wei Dynasty (386-557) and Tang Dynasty (618-907). Boarding a high-speed bullet train, we return to Xi'an in the early evening. Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight at Hyatt Regency Xi'an...BL



DAY 5 XI'AN / LANZHOU (5,000')

This morning, we'll visit the great archaeological discoveries at Hanyangling Mausoleum. Built at the base of the imperial mausoleum of Emperor Jing and Empress Wang (Western Han Dynasty, 206 BC-24 AD), this underground museum showcases a large collection of exquisite cultural relics excavated from the site, especially the beautifully-painted pottery sculptures of dancers, servants, civilians, and farm

animals. In the afternoon, we transfer to the Xi'an train station and take a bullet train to Lanzhou, the provincial capital of Gansu. Situated between the vast Tibetan and Loess plateaus, and bordering six other provinces and autonomous regions, Gansu province offers a distinctive glimpse into Silk Road history and ancient Buddhist history and practices. Overnight at Crowne Plaza Lanzhou...BLD

DAY 6 LANZHOU / XIAHE (9,186')

This morning we visit the Gansu Provincial Museum, which features ancient treasures excavated along the Silk Road including the delicate brick mural "Postman" and the mysterious Galloping Horse. We then drive to Xiahe, with a lunch stop at Linxia, a Muslim town dubbed "the little Mecca of China." We'll appreciate the intricately-carved brick walls at the nearby Da Gong Bei (Grand Gombai, or Grand Mausoleum), an Islamic complex surrounded the mausoleum of Qi Jingyi (1656-1719). Afterwards, we continue our journey and reach Xiahe (9,186'), located in Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Xiahe Labrang Aviation Hotel...BLD

Driving Details: 155 miles, 4 hours

DAY 7 XIAHE / LABRANG MONASTERY

Nestled at the foot of Phoenix Mountain, Labrang Monastery is the religious center of the Amdo Tibetan area, and the largest Buddhist monastic university in the entire Tibetan area. We'll join the local people walking the pilgrimage route around the monastery, explore the vast monastery complex, and visit the Tibetan medicine college and the sutra-debating courtyard. In the afternoon, we visit the monastery's sutra-printing house and try our hand at ancient woodblock printing. The remainder of the day is free to wander around the bustling Xiahe market. In the evening, we enjoy dinner at a Tibetan restaurant

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as local musicians join us with their beautiful singing and dancing performance. Overnight at Xiahe Labrang Aviation Hotel...BLD

DAY 8 XIAHE / LANZHOU

We return to Lanzhou, stopping along the way to take a speedboat to Binglingsi Caves (also known as Bingling Temple). Apart from the fascinating Buddhist statues and ancient murals set within a peaceful valley, Binglingsi Caves is characterized by its picturesque surroundings of jagged mountain cliffs overlooking the meandering Yellow River. The remainder of the day is free to take a stroll along the Yellow River, or visit a local market. Overnight at Crowne Plaza Lanzhou...BLD
Driving Details: 208 miles, 5.5 hours



DAY 9 LANZHOU / DUNHUANG (3,747')

We transfer to the airport this morning and fly to Dunhuang, a former terminus of the Silk Road set on the edge of the Takla Makan Desert. For Silk Road traders and the missionary monks of Buddhism traveling east to west, Dunhuang was the first major oasis. In the late afternoon, we'll visit magical Crescent Moon Lake and enjoy a camel ride at the lovely Mingsha Sand Dunes, a chance to watch a beautiful sunset over the desert. Overnight at Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel...BLD

DAY 10 DUNHUANG / MOGAO GROTTOES

We head out to the remote Mogao Grottoes (also known as "the Caves of a Thousand Buddhas"), located on the western cliffs of the Singing Sands Mountains. These 492 grottoes, a World Heritage Site, honeycomb a giant cliff face and house murals, Buddhist paintings, and statues. Artifacts discovered at Dunhuang span from the Northern and Western Wei to Northern Zhou and Tang dynasties, and include what is believed to be one of the oldest printed books in the world, dating back to 868 AD. During our visit, we will have special access to Cave 45 with its clay figures, and Cave 158, which houses a 45-foot-long Sleeping Buddha. We return to our hotel in Dunhuang for dinner and overnight...BLD

DAY 11 YULIN CAVES

Today we'll discover more wonderful Buddhist art at the Yulin Caves. Excavated on both cliffs along the Yulin River, these caves are considered the sister caves of the Mogao Caves. There are 43 preserved caves, and most of the Buddhist sculptures and mural paintings are works fashioned between the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368). At Cave 25, the vivid mural paintings are considered a rare treasure and a masterpiece from the mid-Tang dynasty. In Caves 2 and 3, two murals depicting the monk Xuan Zang's journey for Buddhist



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scriptures were painted during the Western Xia Dynasty (1038-1227), 300 years earlier than the Ming Dynasty novel “Journey to the West”. In Cave 3, the mural “Thousand Hands Avalokitesvara” offers valuable information to study the social life and agricultural technique of the Western Xia Dynasty. The 25-meter Maitreya Buddha stature at Cave 6 and the lifelike sculptures of the Eighteen Arhats at Cave 11 are also worth a visit. Return to Dunhuang in the late afternoon and overnight at the Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel...BLD
Driving Details: 235 miles, 4 hours (total)

DAY 12 DUNHUANG / TURPAN / JIAOHE (1,132')

The morning is free to relax, but if we're up for it, we can visit Dunhuang Museum, with its priceless documents and written sutras from Cave 17 of the Mogao Caves, and other valuable relics excavated from the area, including the rare Kylin brick. Later, we drive to Liuyuan South Railway Station and board a bullet train to Turpan (about 3.5 hours, first class seats), an oasis in the Takla Makan Desert. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel to check in. Before dinner, we'll watch the sunset at the nearby Jiaohe Ruins, the remains of a nearly 2,000-year-old fortress set atop a steep cliff. Dinner at a nearby local restaurant. Overnight at Shuangcheng Hotel...BLD
Driving Details: 87 miles, 2 hours (to the train station)

DAY 13 BEZEKLIK CAVES / TUYUGOU VILLAGE / GAOCHANG

Turpan was a center of Buddhism until the 8th century, when Islam came to this part of western China. East of Turpan at the foot of the Flaming Mountains lies the Bezeklik Caves, a cliffside complex of more than 75 rock-cut caves containing remarkable Buddhist murals dating from the 5th to 9th centuries. We also visit Tuyugou, one of the few authentic villages that

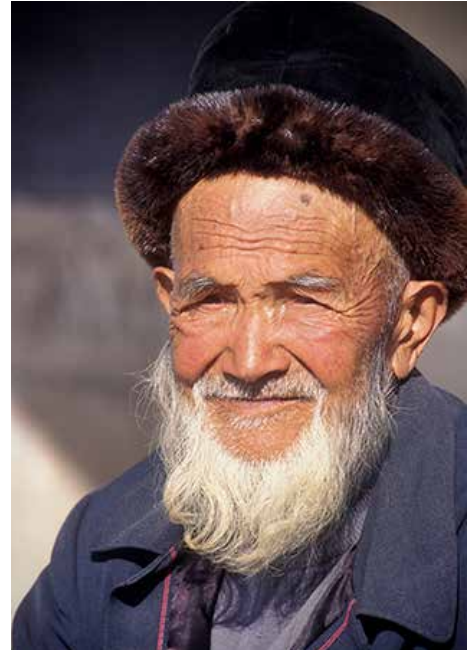


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maintains its old Buddhist traditions despite its conversion to Islam, and we'll have lunch at the vineyard of a local family here. We next explore Mazar, a peaceful village where old Uyghur traditions are well kept. Here we'll head to the nearby mountainside and discover a group of ancient Buddhist caves with frescoes. Nearby is the ancient city of Gaocheng ("King's City"). Once a garrison town and later the capital of the Uighur people, Gaocheng was laid out in the first century BC and abandoned in the 15th century. The royal dead of Gaocheng's Tang Dynasty period (AD 618-907) were buried at the Astana Tombs nearby. We'll explore the vast site and fragments of the ancient city walls that were built over 2,000 years ago. Return to Turpan, with time to walk around the old town before dinner. Overnight at Shuangcheng Hotel...BLD

DAY 14 TURPAN / KUQA / KIZIL THOUSAND BUDDHA CAVES

A morning flight brings us to Kuqa, also known as Kucha, once a major hub on the ancient Silk Road, as well as the capital to the ancient Quci Kingdom. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit Kizil Thousand Buddha Caves, one of the earliest and most important Buddhist cave complexes in China, predating the more famous Mogao Caves in Dunhuang. Many of the murals and artifacts from the caves were removed by foreign archaeologists in the early twentieth century and are now housed in museums around the world. During the visit, we will explore some of the most famous caves including Cave 38, known for its well-preserved murals depicting musicians and dancers, and Cave 17, which features a large statue of Buddha. Upon our return to Kuqa, we explore the charming Kucha Old Town with its well-preserved traditional Uyghur architecture, and the bustling Kucha Bazaar, where locals gather to sell fresh produce, spices, handicrafts, and traditional Uyghur goods. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and afterwards, watch a local music and dance performance complete with elaborate costumes, traditional instruments, and storytelling through dance. It will offer a glimpse into the rich cultural history of the Silk Road. Overnight at Kuqa Tianyuan International Hotel...BLD
Driving details 44 miles, 1 hour (Kuqa to Kyzil Caves)



DAY 15 KUQA / TIEN SHAN GRAND CANYON

This morning we head to the mysterious Tien Shan Grand Canyon, part of the Tien Shan mountain range, renowned for its dramatic red sandstone formations, narrow gorges, and awe-inspiring landscapes. The canyon is oriented north to south, with the end slightly curved to the east, a total length of more than three miles. It has been eroded by wind and rain and washed away by mountain torrents for hundreds of millions of years—a rare and stunning natural scenic wonder of China. After lunch, we visit the Kizil Gaha Beacon Tower, one of the most well preserved ancient beacon towers in China. Built in the Han Dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE), it was used as a watchtower for military security facilities and as part of a network of beacon towers along the Silk Road.

Afterwards, we visit the Subash Buddhist Temple ruins, which include the remains of stupas, monasteries, and other religious structures. As an important site on the ancient Silk Road, the Subash ruins, with their architectural blend of Indian, Central Asian, and Chinese influences, are significant for studying

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the cultural exchanges along this important trade and cultural corridor. We return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight at Kuqa Tianyuan International Hotel... BLD

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Driving Details: 42 miles, 1 hour (Kuqa to Tien Shan Grand Canyon)

DAY 16 KUQA / KASHGAR (4,167')

Transfer to the airport for our morning flight to Kashgar, the largest oasis city in Chinese Central Asia. Great swathes of disparate groups from all across Asia once came to trade here, often arriving on camel caravans that stretched for miles. As the ancient Silk Road trade center, the energy and charm of Kashgar flourishes today as if two millenniums ago. Upon arrival, we visit Abakh Khoja Mausoleum (also known as the Mausoleum of Xiang Fei), a masterpiece of

Uyghur Islamic architecture. After lunch at a local restaurant, we tour Id Kah Mosque, built in 1442. It is currently the biggest mosque in China and the religious center of Xinjiang. We can also tour the nearby marketplace and visit a local workshop for handmade musical instruments. After exploring the city's mercantile culture and ancient Silk Road spirit, we return to our hotel to check in, and have the rest of the afternoon free at leisure and enjoy dinner at our hotel. Overnight at Nanjiang Global Harbor International Hotel...BLD

Kashgar: A desert oasis with an end-of-the-world feeling, Kashgar is located 600 miles southwest of Urumqi and 80 miles east of the Russian border. This famously isolated city of walled adobe compounds was the launching pad for many Tibet, Pamir, and Karakoram expeditions in the 18th and 19th centuries and was also a major center for the Great Game, the shadowy diplomatic jousting match between Britain and Russia for dominance over Central Asia. Although Kashgar is modernizing and the old city walls have been torn down, it still has an exotic atmosphere, with its population of Uighurs, Tajiks, Kirghiz, and Uzbek peoples. The bazaars are the focus of life in Kashgar, and are crowded with a variety of donkey carts and bicycles.

DAY 17 KASHGAR / SUNDAY MARKET

This morning we visit the legendary Kashgar Sunday Market, one of Asia's greatest gatherings of traders. It's a chance to roam amid the aromas of fresh-baked breads, cumin, pepper, and grilled lamb, and watch the spirited negotiations of traders haggling over everything from camels, sheep, silk, spices, and fruits to household goods. Traditional Uighur craftsmen—metalsmiths, blacksmiths, coppersmiths, cobblers, hat-makers, and woodworkers—make all kinds of goods by hand and supply the local farmers and shepherds with the wares of daily life. We'll also visit the Gaotai Ancient Homes, and learn the history of the centuries-old neighborhood of Kashgar Old Town. After lunch at a local restaurant, we explore the colorful market for all kinds of regional

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handicrafts (the International Trade Market of Central Asia, also commonly known as the Dongmen Grand Bazaar), as well as a nearby market for local fruits and melons that Xinjiang is famous for.

This evening, we gather for a festive Farewell Dinner in a private banquet room at the hotel. We'll enjoy one of the most famous Xinjiang dishes—a whole roasted lamb—and watch a traditional dancing and singing performance. Overnight at Nanjiang Global Harbor International Hotel...BLD

DAY 18 DEPART

Transfer to the airport for departure on homeward-bound flights...B



Pricing

TRIP COST

No prices set at this time. Contact us for information.

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CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of Roger Williams and local guides
- Arrival and departure transfers for those arriving on the scheduled arrival and departure dates
- Accommodations as indicated
- All meals included except 1 dinner
- Sightseeing activities as indicated
- Entrance fees to all sites listed in itinerary

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Internal airfare, international airfare, airport departure taxes, individual arrival or departure transfers, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, optional tipping or gratuities to the leader, hotels en route to and home from the trip, any additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by international airline schedule changes or other factors, pre-trip expenses of medical immunizations, visa fees, travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (laundry, telephone, internet, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 151 days prior to departure: No charge!

91-150 days prior to departure: \$600 per person

90 days or less: 100% of trip cost

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Please note: Insurance for emergency evacuation is required for this trip. Call for more details.

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Xi'an, China

Suggested Airport: Xi'an Xianyang International Airport (XIY)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 2:00 pm

Meeting Place: A complimentary transfer will be provided from the airport to the Xi'an hotel no matter when you arrive. Please note that check-in time is 2:00 pm.

DEPARTURE

Kashgar, China

Suggested Airport: Kashi Airport (KHG)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 18, anytime

A complimentary transfer will be provided from the Kashgar hotel to the Kashi Airport no matter when you depart. Please note that check-out time is 12:00 pm.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Asia.

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Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule so we can reserve your airport transfers. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Trip Leader

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ROGER WILLIAMS

Roger Williams has been one of our most versatile guides since 1986, and he shows no sign of stopping. He spent eight years studying Tibetan Buddhism, Buddhist iconography, Himalayan languages, and woodblock art in Nepal, and another two years studying Japanese woodblock art, Japanese language, and Shingon Shu, an esoteric sect of Japanese Buddhism in Japan. If it isn't the surplus of knowledge Roger brings when he leads a trip that makes him so unique, then it may be his awareness for cultural preservation that keep trip members so loyal to his new adventures. Each year, Roger works with WT to design new trips in fascinating areas. He has led in such far-flung locations as Iran, Pakistan, northern Afghanistan, Kamchatka, Burma, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Madagascar. When he's not leading, you can find Roger in Berkeley, California, where he is the director of Snow Lion Graphics/SLG Books, a publishing house specializing in Asian cultures. "There should be a rating higher than excellent for Roger," one trip member wrote after her journey with Roger. "His knowledge, energy, planning, and attentiveness are superlative."

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WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated Level 2, Easy to Moderate. While the trip is not expected to be physically strenuous, the long travel days and transportation conditions may be demanding. Accommodations are in good city hotels, and overland travel is in minivans and small buses, depending upon the size of the group. Road conditions can be very basic, and trip members should be prepared for a few long drives. Our expedition travels to areas that have experienced very little tourism. We believe that the most important requirements are a spirit of adventure and the understanding that you are visiting a remote and fascinating region. This is not designed as a hiking trip, but we do hope to have a few exploration walks of several hours during the journey.

On this trip, you will spend a couple of days at approximately 9,186 feet, but most elevations will be between 1,000-6,500 feet. Individuals vary widely in their physical response to higher altitudes. It is not uncommon to experience mild headaches or sleeplessness for a day or two when you first arrive at higher elevations. Most people gradually adjust within a few days.

WEATHER

Fall is a great time to travel along the Silk Road. The weather will likely be quite comfortable, with blue skies most days, but nights can be chilly. No matter what, at high altitude, the weather is unpredictable, and the effect of the wind-chill factor can create very cold conditions. Daytime temperatures range from 50-77°F in Xi'an to 42-80°F in Kashgar.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Asia Manager or email us at asia@wildernesstravel.com.

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REFERENCES

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