

# Grande Holiday

## Silk Road Adventure (15-Day)

Touring cities: Kashgar, Urumqi, Turpan, Dunchang, Jiayuguan, Beijing & Shanghai

TRAVEL DATES (2008): Jun 23 – Jul 7 & Sep 24 – Oct 8

PRICE: \$3,088 + TAX

SINGLE SUPP: \$ 500

AB: American Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner | SD: Special Dinner

### Day 1 Honolulu – Beijing

Depart for Beijing, China's capital and an ancient city of great splendor.

### Day 2 Beijing

Arrive at Beijing Capital Int'l Airport. A Grande Holiday rep. will greet and escort us to our hotel

### Day 3 Beijing – Urumqi– Khotan (AB, L, D)

Take a flight to Urumqi in the morning, the capital city of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Then fly to Khotan, the largest oasis at the south of Taklamakan desert; also a very important and flourished Buddhist town in ancient times.

### Day 4 Urumqi – Khotan (AB, L, D)

After breakfast, visit *Malikawat Ancient City*, an ancient city of Yutian Kingdom. Potsherds, ancient coins and other items have been excavated from there since 1977. Continue our tour in Khotan by visiting *Yutgan Ruins*, a city that used to be the capital of the ancient Yutian Kingdom. The city is famous for its jade, carpet and silk. Proceed to the local Silk-Weaving Carpet Factory and Jade-Carving Workshop.

### Day 5 Khotan– Kashgar (AB, L, D)

After breakfast, take a 9-hr drive to Kashgar – “the Pearl on the Ancient Silk Road”. Following a lunch stop at Yarkend, visit a local souvenir store in Yinggisar.

### Day 6 Kashgar (AB, L, D)

City tour will take you to “*Abakh Hoja Tomb*”, the most magnificent tomb in Kashgar, filled with history and symbolism, and the *Kashgar Grand Bazaar*. It extends along the banks of the Turman River in the suburbs of Kashgar City. Stop by the old town.

### Day 7 Kashgar – Urumqi (AB, L, D)

Visit the *Id Kah Mosque*, a grand Islamic structure and also the largest mosque in China. Then, call on a *Uygur family*. Stroll along “*Handicraft Street*” and observe local craftsmen making the wares of daily life for the local farmers and shepherds. After dinner, fly back to Urumqi.

### Day 8 Urumqi (AB, L, D)

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the beautiful *Tianchi Lake* (Heavenly Lake).

Then visit *Xinjiang Museum*, an exhibiting area of 7,800 square meters.

### Day 9 Urumqi – Turpan (AB, L, D)

Take a coach to Turpan (200 km, 3 hours), a city of residents from different ethnic backgrounds. Visit *Jiao He Ruins* and the amazing 2,000-year-old *Karez Irrigation System* which brought water from melting snow on the mountains to this parched city. Follow on to the *Sugong Tower* (Turpan Tower). During dinner time, enjoy *roast lamb*, and a *Uygur folk singing and dancing performance*.

**Day 10**                      **Turpan – Urumqi**    **(AB, L, D)**  
Continue sightseeing in Turpan by visiting *Ancient of Gaochang* (donkey cart included) and the *Flaming Mountain*, which is vividly captured in the famous classic novel Journey to the West.

Drive back to Urumqi.

**Day 11**                      **Urumqi – Dunhuang**    **(AB, L, D)**  
After breakfast, fly to Dunhuang. Today's sightseeing features the world famous *Mogao Grottoes*, which are China's oldest monumental Buddhist grottoes and renowned for their cultural, architectural, and art treasures accumulated over 1600 years. Visit *Singing Sand Dunes and Crescent Moon Spring* for an indulgence in the desert and oasis experience simultaneously.

**Day 12**                      **Dunhuang – Jiayuguan**    **(AB, L, D)**  
In the morning, drive to the Jiayuguan. Visit *Jiayuguan Pass the Great Wall*, where you can experience the Great Wall that was built mostly during the Ming Dynasty. The Great Wall starts from Shanhaiguan Pass in the east to Jiayuguan Pass in the west, traversing provinces of Liaoning, Hebei, Beijing, Tianjin, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia, Shaanxi and Gansu. Take an *evening train* from Jiayuguan to Lanzhou and enjoy the *first class soft sleeper*. We'll get to refresh with a hotel shower before boarding the train.

**Day 13**                      **Lanzhou – Shanghai**    **(AB, L, D)**  
Arrive in Lanzhou in the morning for breakfast and an invigorating shower. Sightseeing continues to the Yellow River, one of the two most famous rivers in China (the other is Yangtze River). Visit *Shuimo (Water Mill)*. Enjoy special Beef Noodle before boarding a flight for Shanghai.

**Day 14**                      **Shanghai**    **(AB)**  
Go to *Bund* on the waterfront, which is lined with colonial buildings. Gaze across the river at the skylines of the New Shanghai for a glimpse into China's future. Free at leisure in the afternoon.

**Day 15**                      **Shanghai – Honolulu**    **(AB)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight home, taking with you silky memories of your trip.

### **Tour Fee Includes:**

1. International and domestic air, deluxe hotel or local best accommodation, transportation, meals, admission fees, and English-speaking tour guide service.
2. Refer to "General Condition of Grande Holiday"
3. For single cabin on the cruise ship, please add another \$500 to the single supplement.
4. We reserve the right to modify the itinerary so as to ensure a smooth operation.
5. Please call for details.

**\*\*\* Prices are subject to change without notice. This is due to unforeseen circumstances like fuel prices increase, lower exchange rate and others. \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Seasonal surcharge may apply for June, July, August, and December \*\*\***