



Red Thread Tours & Services

Day 0 - U.S.A.

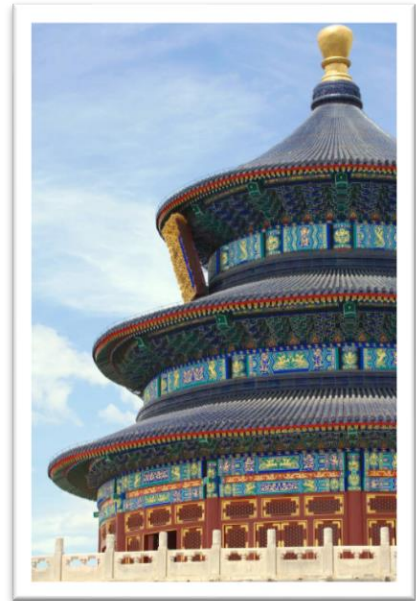
- Depart from U.S.A. to Beijing, China

Day 1 - Beijing

- Arrive in Beijing, meet RTTS representative and take a private van to Four Points Sheraton Hotel (5-star hotel)
- Social hour to get acquainted with fellow travelers

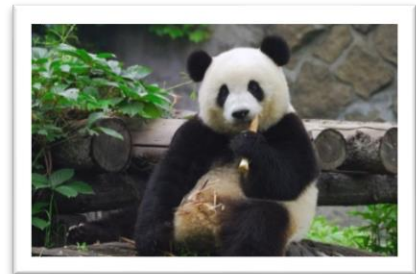
Day 2 – Beijing (B /L)

- Western and Chinese buffet breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Summer Palace
- Lunch
- Shopping and free time around hotel (rest from jet-lag)
- Dinner on your own



Day 3 - Beijing (B/L/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Temple of Heaven to interact with the local people
- Lunch
- Tour Panda Garden at the Beijing Zoo
- Roast Peking Duck dinner



Day 4 – Beijing /Kashgar (B/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out
- Take flight to Kashgar, lunch on airplane
- Upon arrival, check into Jinjiang International Hotel (5-star hotel)
- Short walking tour through old city of Kashgar
- Uyghur style dinner

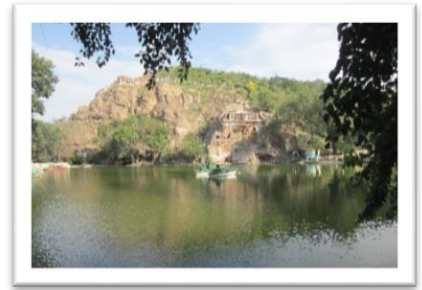
Day 5 – Kashgar (B/L/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Id Kah Mosque, the largest mosque in China (built 1442)
- Lunch
- Tour the local Uighur Bazaar, the famous Dabazha Market
- Dinner



Day 6 – Kashgar/Urumqi (B/D)

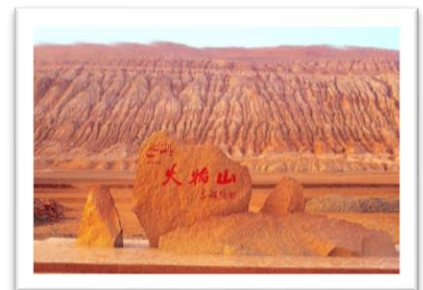
- Breakfast at the hotel then check out
- Take flight to Urumqi, lunch on airplane
- Upon arrival, check into Grand Mercure Hotel (5-star hotel)
- Visit the Autonomous Region Museum displaying artifacts relating to the 13 Chinese ethnic minorities
- Tour Hongshan Park to enjoy the panoramic view of Urumqi
- Dinner

**Day 7 – Urumqi (B/L)**

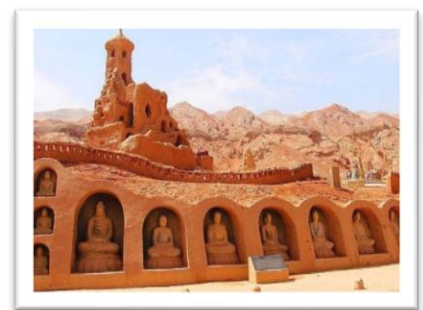
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Take a private van to the Lake of Heaven (Tian Chi)
- Boat ride on the glacier lake lying 5800 ft. high on the slope of Tian Shan
- Lunch
- Visit with group of Kazakh families
- Dinner on your own

**Day 8 – Urumqi / Turpan (B/L/D)**

- Breakfast at the hotel. Check out & take a private van across Tian Shan pass from the north to the south
- Arrive in Turpan, check into Jinjiang Ducheng Hotel (5-Star hotel)
- Visit the ancient Jiaohe Ruins, established as a stronghold to defend border lands during the Han Dynasty
- Tour the Karez Wells, one of China's greatest public works projects
- Dinner

**Day 9 - Turpan (B/L/D)**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour Flaming Mountains and view the hills that appear to be on fire at noon
- Lunch
- Visit the ancient city of Gaochang, once the most important and wealthy center of the Silk Road
- Explore the Astana Ancient Graves, burial site of the imperial ancestors of the ancient city Gaochang
- Stroll around the Grape Valley known for the world's sweetest seedless white grapes
- Dinner



Day 10 - Turpan / Dunhuang (B/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out
- Take bullet train to Liuyuan, lunch on the train
- Upon arrival take a private van to Dunhuang
- Arrive in Dunhuang, check into check into Dunhuang Resort (4-star hotel)
- Visit Crescent Moon lake, despite the shifting sands, the spring remains full during times of drought. Explore the impressive sand scenery (sands “hum” when person slides)
- Option for camel rides
- Dinner

**Day 11 – Dunhuang (B/L/D)**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Mogao Caves, the Bright Pearl on the Silk Road, a complex of 492 grottoes built since 366AD
- Lunch then drive to Yumenguan or Jade-Gate Pass
- Climbing to the top of the pass, see the relics of the Great Wall and beacon towers scattered sparsely in the desert
- Dinner
- Visit local night market downtown

**Day 12 –Dunhuang / Jiayuguan (B/L/D)**

- Breakfast at hotel then checkout & take a private van to JiaYuGuan
- Arrive in Jiayuguan, check into Plaza Holiday Hotel (4-star hotel)
- Lunch
- Visit the Great Wall Museum offering a comprehensive & systematic history of the Great Wall
- Tour the last fortress of the Great Wall, built by the Ming Dynasty in 1372
- Explore the Overhanging Great Wall that connected the Jia Yu Guan Fortress
- Dinner



Day 13 – Jiayuguan / Shanghai (B/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour the Wei Jin Tombs, the brick laid tombs are the largest underground gallery in the world
- Take flight to Shanghai, lunch on plane
- Arrive in Shanghai. Check into Jinjiang Tower Hotel (5-star hotel)
- Dinner

**Day 14 – Shanghai (B/D)**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit silk showroom and free time for shopping in the Old City and God's Temple area
- Lunch on your own
- Visit Shanghai Center, the skyscraper is 2nd highest building in the world at over 2000 feet
- Farewell dinner

Day 15 – Shanghai (B)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out for the airport
- Depart for the USA

**Notes:**

- *(B/L/D) = (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)
- *Itinerary may undergo modifications as transportation schedules are updated for 2019.*