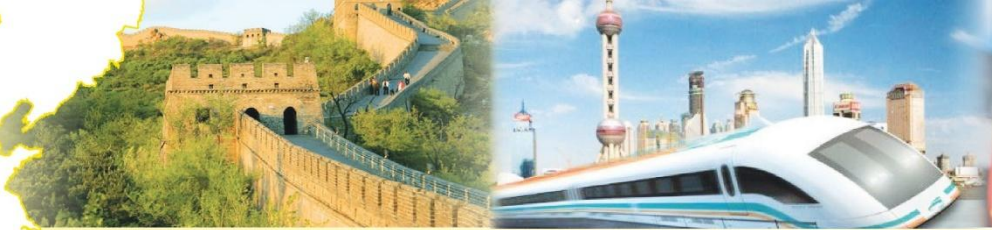


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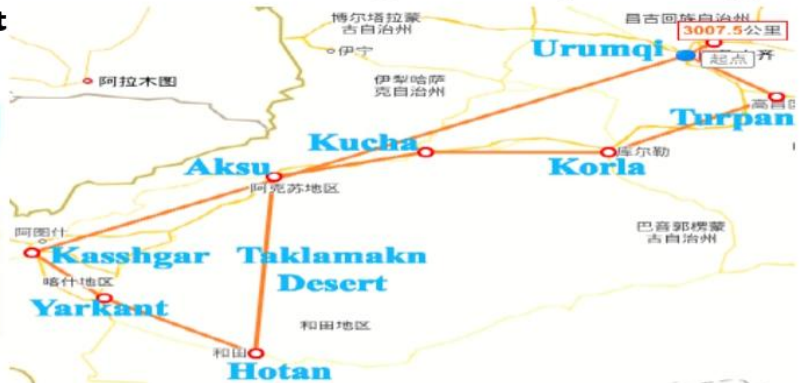
Tiram Populus Euphratica Forest

one of the few trees which can live in the desert thanks to their strong vitality.



Crossing Taklamakan Desert

Cross uninhabited areas covered by shifting sand dunes, making it the longest such highway in the world.



Taklamakan Desert

Crossing the mysterious desert as the ideal Southern Xinjiang travel experience. During the time on the highway, you'll appreciate the unique desert and oasis scenery and in the midst of the desert, spot Populus Euphratica Forest thriving in extreme environment challenges.

Karakul Lake

At an altitude of 3,600 m, it is the highest lake of the Pamir plateau. Surrounded by mountains which remain snow-covered throughout the year. Famous for its scenery and the clarity of its reflection in the water, whose color ranges from a dark green to azure and light blue.



Wenshu Grand Canyon of the Tianshan

The canyon is famous for its magnificent red rock formations, unique geological shapes, and majestic scenery, earning it the reputation as one of the most beautiful Danxia landforms in Xinjiang.

Kuqa Kizil Caves

It is the earliest Buddhist art treasure trove in China, even one century earlier than the famous Mogao Grottoes. And the largest of the ancient Buddhist cave sites in Xinjiang, carved into the cliff stretching from east to west for a length of 2 km.

Korla Bosten Lake

As the "Oriental Hawaii of Xinjiang" because of its unique lush scenery surrounded by the harsh Gobi Desert, it is the largest lake in Xinjiang and one of the largest inland freshwater lakes in China. **<Incl Boat Ride>**

Day	Bkfst	Lunch	Dinner	City	URCS12
	12Days (11Bkfst, 10Lunch & 9 Dinner)				4* Hotel or Similar Class
1	-	✱	✱	Urumqi	Local 5★ Universal Int'l Hotel
2	Hotel	✓	Fish Flavor	Korla	4★ Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
3	Hotel	✓	Roasted Lamb	Kuqa	4★ Kuqa Hotel
4	Hotel	✓	✓	Alra	4★ Wanda Meihua Hotel
5	Hotel	✓	Hand Pilaf	Hotan	4★ Hexi Hotel
6	Hotel	✓	Roasted Pigeon	Kashar	2N 4★ Wanda Yuehua Hotel
7	Hotel	✓	Noodle Flavor		
8	Hotel	✓	x	Aksu	4★ Howard Johnson Hotel
9	Hotel	✓	Big Plate Chicken	Kuqa	4★ Kuqa Hotel
10	Hotel	✓	Fish with Tofu	Korla	4★ Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
11	Hotel	✓	Roasted Whole Lamb	Urumqi	Local 5★ Universal Int'l Hotel
12	Hotel	✱	✱		

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- Tour sequence and flight schedule subj to local agent and airlines' final arrangement
 - Please note that only rollaway bed will be provided in most China hotels for Triple sharing room
 - Your understanding on the limited conditions of some restaurants & hotels in Xinjiang and the long coach rides between attractions, it is appreciated.
 - In the event of unforeseen circumstances like the bad weather, the local guide concerned possesses full discretion to change the tour sequence or cancel some itineraries.
 - In the event of discrepancy between the Chinese and English tour itineraries, please refer to the former for accuracy
 - Tipping for local guide & driver total is **RMB40/day/pp** Adult & Child same
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1 Singapore ✈ Urumqi

+ Depart from Changi Airport to **Urumqi**, it is the gateway to the Silk Road starting from the northwest China.

Urumqi ~ The Longest Tunnel in the Mt Tianshan

2 ~ (est 5hrs) Korla ~ Iron Gate Pass ~ Boat Ride on Bosten Lake

+ **Iron Gate Pass** connects the Yanqi Basin and the Tarim Basin in central Xinjiang, was of historical strategic significance because it formed a vulnerable bottle-neck on the Silk Road. A military checkpoint was established at the pass during the Tang Dynasty.

+ **Bosten Lake** the largest inland freshwater lake in China, It glows in the desert and comes from the snowmelt at top of Tianshan. Take a cruise and enjoy the natural pictures - neighboring to hills and water with water birds, flourishing weeds, mingled sand

3 Korla ~ Tarim Populus Euphratica Forest Park ~ (est 6hrs) Kuqa

+ **Tarim Populus Euphratica Forest** the oldest poplar trees in the world, "living fossils" that date back to the Tertiary period. They have physiological characteristics that make them very hardy, enabling them to withstand both chilling winters and broiling summers, aridity, waterlogging and high saline-alkali concentrations. <Subj to weather conditions>

4 Kuqa ~ Wensu Grand Canyon ~ (est 5hrs) Alai

+ **Wensu Grand Canyon** is located in Wensu County, Aksu Prefecture, Xinjiang, China. It is a renowned natural scenic area that integrates Danxia landforms, canyon landscapes, and natural ecosystems. The canyon is famous for its magnificent red rock formations, unique geological shapes, and majestic canyon scenery, and is praised as one of the most beautiful Danxia landforms in Xinjiang.

Alai ~ Taklamakan Desert ~ Populus Euphratica Forest ~ King of Walnut Trees ~ Yulong Kashgar River ~ (est 6hrs) Hotan Night Market

+ Traverse the second **Taklamakan Desert** with sightseeing of the desert poplar forests along the way,

+ **King of Walnut Trees** a flourishing walnut tree over 20 meters high, which bears 5000-6000 walnuts every year. According to determination, it is about 570 years old

+ **Yulong Kashgar River** the ancient famous Baiyu River, it has been carrying a huge amount of pebbles down the snowy mountains for thousands of years. It is rich in white jade, jade and mo

+ **Hotan Night Market** The night market covers an area of approximately 4,600 square meters and stretches about 272 meters in length. It is a vibrant night market district that integrates dining, local delicacies, culture, and entertainment.

6 Hotan ~ (est 6hrs) Kashgar ~ Id Kah Mosque

+ **Id Kah Mosque** As the biggest mosque in China, it is a group of old Islamic constructions with strong ethnic style and religious features

Kashgar ~ Gez Canyon ~ pass by Bulungkol Lake

7 ~ (est 5hrs) Karakul Lake-Muztagh Ata ~ (est 5hrs) Kashgar

+ En tour enjoy a grand view with **Gez Canyon** and **Bulungkol Lake**

+ The crystal clear blue **Karakul Lake** at the foot of **Muztagh Ata** a majestic, snowy mountain that exceeds 2,4000 feet in elevation. It means "black sea" in the local language. Muztagata peak and the around scores of glaciers are clearly reflected in it. Enjoy the breathtaking scene!

8 Kashgar ~ Afaq Khoja Mausoleum ~ Kashgar Old City ~ (est 6.5hrs) Aksu

+ **Kashgar Old City** is located downtown Kashgar, the unique maze city in China. Over two hundred narrow alleys crisscross each other. Most of the buildings here are in a combined Islamic and Uyghur style. It gives a feeling of being in the Middle East. The houses in the core area make it one of the world's large adobe complexes. No end to mud walls and colorful doors here.

+ **Afaq Khoja Mausoleum** the famous concubine of Emperor Qianlong of Qing Dynasty, named Xiangfei was buried in this mausoleum with other 72 persons in all of five generation of the Hoja family.

9 Aksu ~ Kizil Caves ~ (est 4hrs) Kuqa

+ **Kizil Caves** was found to have an earlier history than the Dunhuang Grotto. The singing and dancing pictures, as well as the flying images in the murals were all elegantly sculpted with lively images, especially the pictures of attractive nude women.

10 Kuqa ~ Kuqa Big Nang City (Own Expenses) ~ Heston Old Street ~ (est 4 hrs) Korla

+ **Heston Old Street** long history and rich ethnic culture of Kuqa. The buildings and alleyways here retain a distinct Western Xinjiang style, with traditional residences, colorful carved wooden doors, and ethnic decorations visible everywhere.

11 Korla ~ (est 8hrs) Urumqi ~ Grand Bazaar

+ **Grand Bazaar** it is the biggest market in the city. Throughout the bazaars you will find some stalls that sell everything while others specialize and sell local produce, arts and crafts, knives, timber...

12 Urumqi ✈ Singapore

+ Farewell to **Urumqi** transfer to the airport for Flight back to Singapore with sweet memories of Hong Thai Travel

Wish you enjoy your holiday with Hong Thai Travel!

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1) Kuqa Big Nang City (Incl Music & Dance);

2) Buffet Steamboat



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