



China Travel, Customised · AI-Generated Itinerary

Silk Road — Xi'an · Dunhuang · Turpan · Kashgar

Xi'an → Dunhuang → Turpan → Kashgar

Generated **Oct 7, 2026** Duration **9 days** Stops **4**

At a glance

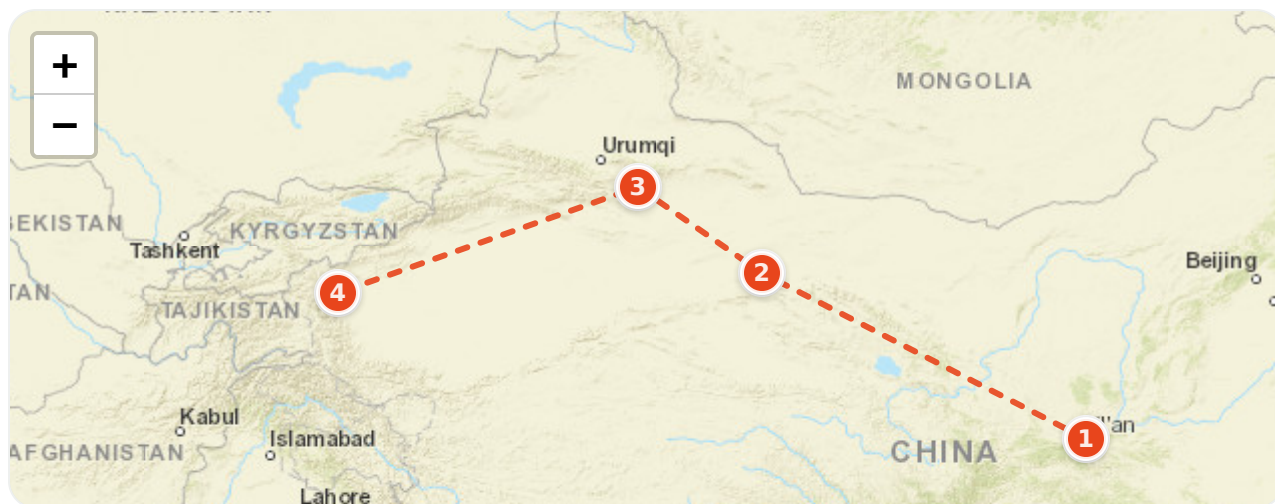
Xi'an

Dunhuang

Turpan

Kashgar

Route map



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Day-by-day itinerary

A suggested hourly plan — times are flexible and your trip designer fine-tunes every detail to your pace, opening hours and weather.

DAY 1

Xi'an

Arrival & first look



- 09:00** Arrive in Xi'an. Your private driver meets you and transfers you to the hotel (about 45–90 min from the airport).
- 11:00** Early check-in, drop your bags and freshen up.
- 12:30** Welcome lunch — a regional set-menu lunch at a local favourite.
- 14:30** Gentle orientation: a guided stroll through Xi'an old quarter with short photo stops.
- 17:00** Return to the hotel to rest. Activate your eSIM and set up Alipay / WeChat Pay with your card.
- 19:00** Dinner at a recommended local restaurant — a celebrated local restaurant (your guide's pick).
- 20:30** Easy evening: a night view or free time. Your guide briefs you for tomorrow.

Overnight in Xi'an.

DAILY REMINDERS • APPLIES EVERY DAY

- ☐ Carry your passport (plus a visa copy) — hotels and sites may check ID.
- ☐ Confirm the next day's driver pickup time with your guide each evening.
- ☐ Keep both cash and a topped-up mobile-payment app (Alipay / WeChat Pay).
- ☐ Charge your phone and power bank before heading out.
- ☐ Download the offline map for the day's area.
- ☐ Pre-book timed-entry tickets and wear comfortable walking shoes.

**DAY
2**

Xi'an

Full-day exploration

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| 07:30 | Breakfast at the hotel. |
| 08:30 | Depart with your guide for this morning's highlights. |
| 09:15 | A city-highlights drive with photo stops at panoramic viewpoints. |
| 11:15 | Visit a top museum or gallery with a local guide. |
| 12:30 | Lunch — a regional set-menu lunch at a local favourite. |
| 14:00 | A food crawl through a local market with tastings. |
| 16:00 | Free time for last-minute shopping. |
| 17:30 | Return to the hotel to freshen up; free time. |
| 19:00 | Dinner — a celebrated local restaurant (your guide's pick). |
| 20:30 | A riverside night cruise. |
| 22:00 | Back to the hotel. Overnight in Xi'an. |

**DAY
3**

Xi'an

On the road to Dunhuang

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| 07:30 | Breakfast at the hotel and pack. |
| 09:00 | Free morning for a last stroll or souvenir shopping in Xi'an. |
| 11:00 | Check out; private transfer to the station / airport for the intercity leg to Dunhuang. |
| 13:00 | Arrive Dunhuang; check in or drop your bags at the hotel. |
| 14:30 | Afternoon orientation of Dunhuang with your guide — A botanical garden or park and a relaxed boat ride.. |
| 18:30 | Dinner in Dunhuang — a celebrated local restaurant (your guide's pick). |
| 20:30 | Free evening. Overnight in Dunhuang. |

DAY
4

Dunhuang

Settle in & explore



- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel.
- 08:30** Depart with your guide for this morning's highlights.
- 09:15** Guided hike along Dunhuang's signature trail with viewpoint photo stops.
- 11:15** Picnic breakfast at a scenic clearing.
- 12:30** Lunch — a farmhouse lunch with regional dishes.
- 14:00** Boat ride or viewpoint-hopping across the valley (weather permitting).
- 16:00** Golden-hour walk to a nearby viewpoint.
- 17:30** Return to the hotel to freshen up; free time.
- 19:00** Dinner — a warming highland stew with seasonal vegetables.
- 20:30** Stargazing and an early night.
- 22:00** Back to the hotel. Overnight in Dunhuang.

DAY
5

Dunhuang

On the road to Turpan

- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel and pack.
- 09:00** Free morning for a last stroll or souvenir shopping in Dunhuang.
- 11:00** Check out; private transfer to the station / airport for the intercity leg to Turpan.
- 13:00** Arrive Turpan; check in or drop your bags at the hotel.

- 14:30** Afternoon orientation of Turpan with your guide — Visit a nearby village or secondary sight at a relaxed pace..
- 18:30** Dinner in Turpan — a warming highland stew with seasonal vegetables.
- 20:30** Free evening. Overnight in Turpan.

DAY 6

Turpan Settle in & explore



- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel.
- 08:30** Depart with your guide for this morning's highlights.
- 09:15** A walking tour of Turpan's centre and landmarks.
- 11:15** A café break in a lively neighbourhood.
- 12:30** Lunch — a local lunch spot recommended by your guide.
- 14:00** Free time for shopping and strolling.
- 16:00** A relaxed afternoon activity of your choice.
- 17:30** Return to the hotel to freshen up; free time.
- 19:00** Dinner — a regional dinner.
- 20:30** Free evening to relax at the hotel.
- 22:00** Back to the hotel. Overnight in Turpan.

DAY 7

Turpan On the road to Kashgar

- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel and pack.

- 09:00** Free morning for a last stroll or souvenir shopping in Turpan.
- 11:00** Check out; private transfer to the station / airport for the intercity leg to Kashgar.
- 13:00** Arrive Kashgar; check in or drop your bags at the hotel.
- 14:30** Afternoon orientation of Kashgar with your guide — A guided visit to a second attraction..
- 18:30** Dinner in Kashgar — a regional dinner.
- 20:30** Free evening. Overnight in Kashgar.

DAY 8

Kashgar Settle in & explore



- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel.
- 08:30** Depart with your guide for this morning's highlights.
- 09:15** A walking tour of Kashgar's centre and landmarks.
- 11:15** A café break in a lively neighbourhood.
- 12:30** Lunch — a local lunch spot recommended by your guide.
- 14:00** Free time for shopping and strolling.
- 16:00** A relaxed afternoon activity of your choice.
- 17:30** Return to the hotel to freshen up; free time.
- 19:00** Dinner — a regional dinner.
- 20:30** Free evening to relax at the hotel.
- 22:00** Back to the hotel. Overnight in Kashgar.

DAY
9

Kashgar

Final morning & departure

- 07:30** Breakfast at the hotel and pack.
- 09:00** Final stroll or last souvenir shopping near the hotel.
- 11:00** Check out and settle any incidentals.
- 12:00** Private transfer to the airport / station; your guide assists with check-in.
- End of services. Safe travels — thank you for travelling with WingPhoenix!

Getting around

Leg	Distance	Recommended	Approx. time
Xi'an → Dunhuang	1417 km	Domestic flight	2.5–3.5 h incl. airport
Dunhuang → Turpan	553 km	High-speed rail	3.3 h by train
Turpan → Kashgar	1168 km	Domestic flight	2.5–3.5 h incl. airport

Times are door-to-door estimates; your trip designer confirms exact schedules and private transfers.

Before you go

- ☐ Passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date.
- ☐ Link your international card to Alipay and WeChat Pay, and test a small payment.
- ☐ Buy travel insurance that covers your planned activities.
- ☐ Save your hotel addresses in Chinese to show taxi drivers.
- ☐ Check your visa / visa-free days on our China visa-free checker before you fly.
- ☐ Install your China eSIM before departure and confirm it activates on landing.
- ☐ Download offline maps and a translation app (with camera translate).
- ☐ Keep WingPhoenix WhatsApp +86 180 3801 6100 for 24/7 on-trip support.

Packing list

Documents	Passport (+2 copies), visa / visa-free proof, printed itinerary, insurance card, ID photos.	Tech	Phone, charger, power bank (≤ 100 Wh), universal adapter, earphones, eSIM QR code.
Clothing	Comfortable walking shoes, weather layers, sun hat, light rain jacket, modest wear for temples.	Health	Personal medication, motion-sickness tablets, hand sanitiser, plasters, any prescriptions.
Money	A card enabled for Alipay / WeChat Pay, plus some cash for small vendors.	Misc	Reusable bottle, day-pack, tissues, wet wipes, snacks, zip bags.

What's included

Included	Trip design · English-speaking guide · Private transfers	Add-ons	Hotel booking · eSIM data · Ticket booking
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Practical information

- Visa: verify your visa-free days on our [China visa-free checker](#) before you fly.
- Best seasons: April-May and September-October are most comfortable; avoid the National Day holiday (Oct 1-7).
- Payments & data: set up Alipay / WeChat Pay before arrival and get a [China eSIM](#).
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