

China's only Orient Express Train joins with Singapore Airline Annual Great Promotions

ASA Holidays Unprecedentedly Presents *Double Deluxe Silk Road Itinerary*



12D Authentic China Orient Express Silk Road

Urumqi-Turpan-Dunhuang-Jiayuguan-Tianshui-Xi'an-Luoyang-Beijing (OESB2)



Orient Express Western Style Deluxe Special Train
Most Luxurious & Most Stylish
Enjoy Good Sightseeing Of Ancient Silk Road Tour
Beijing To & Fro Singapore Airlines most luxurious Aircraft
Only Four luxurious Special Trains claimed to be %Orient Express+
We are the ONLY One, No other competitors



Special Departure: 19 Jun 2016

Tour Highlights:

- ◆ **Urumqi**: the farthest city from the ocean
- ◆ **Turpan**: known as the "Golden City" or "City of Fruits"
- ◆ **Dunhuang**: **Mogao Grottoes** – the world's greatest art gallery
- ◆ **Jiayuguan (Jiayu Pass)**: the most western end of the Great Wall
- ◆ **Tianshui** – the birthplace of Fuxi, the earliest Chinese ancestor, **Majjishan Grottoes** - is top four grottoes in China
- ◆ **Xi'an** – One of the four Great Ancient Capital Cities
- ◆ **Luoyang** – Longmen Grottoes is regarded as one of the three most famous treasure houses of stone inscriptions
- ◆ **Beijing**: **Summer Palace**, the largest and most well-preserved Royal Park in China.

Special Arrangement

1. Special Privacy Deluxe Cabin: Guests only wait at the platform for the special train to arrive to go for sightseeing.
2. There are porters to help you carrying luggage to aboard and alight from beginning to terminal, convenient for you not to worry about your luggage, you just have to carry the handy belongings and happily enjoy the whole journey relaxedly.
3. The temperature of China Orient Express is generally 72 degree centigrade in winter spring time and it will be fully air-conditioned when guests aboard the train during spring time. You will feel comfortable like return home after you have completed your tour.
4. The essential mechanical accessories of Orient Express are made by Mercedes Benz in Germany, definitely steady and safe.
5. Guests will enjoy **5** sweet nights in Orient Express and the balance of **6** nights will lodge in local luxury or distinctive hotels.
< Twin Cosy Package Cabin > One cabin for 2 persons and 2 flatbeds.
< Quarter Package Cabin > One cabin for 4 persons, 2 upper beds and 2 lower beds.
6. There is bar facility in the Orient Express. You may savour the fragrant and strong on-the-spot ground Starbucks Coffee either playing chess with your friends or thoroughly enjoy with Karaoke.
7. There are world first class shower cabins of new facilities equipped in Orient Express, totally 9 packages, outside every package with makeup area, relax area and there is shower inside with cold or hot water supply.
8. National class chefs will be on the spot to cook special sumptuous cuisines to whet your appetite. Guests will enjoy different flavours of every regular meal scrupulously cooked to let them have a chance to savour the sort of Chinese dishes from different areas. There will be complimentary of red wine, beer, beverage and fruits after each regular meal.

Tour Cost: \$ _____ + Estimated Taxes: \$ _____ + Visa Fees: \$ _____ + Travel Insurance: \$ _____

All costs and taxes are correct at time of quotation and are subject to change without prior notice. **Total: \$** _____

9. Pianist will play melodious music while you are in the Train bar appreciating beautiful scenery along the way as well as listening to the pleasant and sweet music on the spot.
10. Onboard Doctors and medical facilities. To give you peace of mind our tours are accompanied by a doctor who travels with us for the entire journey; so you can rest assured that medical assistance is always available.
11. Famous Dunhuang specialist will be specially invited to narrate about <<Dunhuang Culture and Murals>> for you to be more knowledgeable about Silk Road Culture.
12. Fresh and sumptuous fruits will be free offer to your privacy cabin. You can leisurely and carefree sit in your luxury privacy cabin to enjoy the dainty fresh fruits of Tibet and Middle Asia as well as appreciate the most primeval scenery of Silk Road along the journey.
13. There are only 4 Luxury Special Rails to be qualified and claimed "Orient Express Trains" in the world. Those who aboard the Orient Express will get a unique "Boarding Certificate" personally signed by the captain for your memorabilia forever.

Hotel Arrangement

Hotel arrangement: Elaborate guest of the hotel, all in the downtown area with sumptuous breakfast

1. Local Delicacies :

(1) Authentic **Beijing Quanjude Peking Duck**

(2) Market value of up to 500 yuan per person "**Xian Tang tasting Palace Le Palace banquet**", and enjoy the Tang Palace dance show, better than most teams only selected at the Shaanxi Opera watch Tang dynasty music and dance and dumpling banquet.

(3) The local-style meal: Palm of Dunhuang Snow Camel, Jiayuguan Flame leg of Lamb, Xinjiang Roasted Whole Lamb; Turpan Big Chicken Plate.

3. Entertainment show:

(1) **Xian Tang tasting Palace Le Palace** : Tang music and dance not only inherit the songs and dance of the preceding dynasties but also assimilate the new and exotic cultures that came along the Silk Road. The Tang Dynasty was distinguished as the most progressive and prosperous era in the history of China and its music and dance symbolize the splendor and the glory of the Chinese civilization. Traditional Chinese folk dances originate from sacrificial rituals, where rhythmic movements and prayers combined to appease the gods and progressed with the development of Chinese culture. Combined with authentic Tang musical instruments - bells, drums and zithers - the show is a cultural experience that is both extravagant and entertaining.

(2) The special arrangements in Turpan enjoy the song and dance performances.

4. Coach Arrangement: All use of air conditioning seater coach makes your trip even more distinguished and comfortable.

5. Guide: Chinese tour guide in the wonderful explanation and Chinese professional full service national guide on the Orient Express.

6. Specially selected wonderful attractions, covers the essence of Silk Road

7. The intimate arrangement: Terracotta warriors & horses Museum, Jiayuguan Tower, Tianshan Tianchi, Yueua (Crescent) Spring - Four segment battery vehicle access.

Day 1 (19 Jun) Singapore → Beijing → Urumqi (Meal on board)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your SQ flight to **Beijing**. Upon arrival, transfer to domestic flight to **Urumqi**, the capital of the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, the farthest city from the ocean.

Accommodation: Urumqi Mirage Hotel or similar

Day 2 (20 Jun) Urumqi (B/L/D)

● **Tianchi Lake (Heavenly Lake) and Mt Tianshan** ● Take a **cruise** to enjoy the lake's amazing scenery. Aboard the cruise, we can also view the snow-capped summit of Bogda Peak, which forms a captivating contrast to the jade-green lake waters

● **Museum of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region** (Closed on Monday)

● **International Bazaar**, symbolizes the boom of Sinkiang's commerce and tourism. It is the landscape architecture as well as landmark architecture.

● At night, you will attend a party where you can sample Xinjiang's widely known roast lamb.

Accommodation: Urumqi Mirage Hotel or similar

Day 3 (21 Jun) Urumqi/Turpan/Dunhuang (B/L/D)

- **Karez irrigation system.** It is said that the Karez irrigation system, the Great Wall of China and the Jinghang Grand Canal are the engineering miracles of ancient China.
- **Xinjiang Hetian Jade**
- **Flaming Mountain**, immortalized in the classic story *Journey to the West*
- **Jiaohe Ancient City.** Also known as Yaer City, it is located 10km from Turpan, so named because it lies where two rivers meet. It is also said to be a Han Period Cheshi structure.
- **20:30hrs** we will onboard the *✪Orient Express✪Charter Luxury Overnight Train to Dunhuang.*

Day 4 (22 Jun) Dunhuang (B/L/D)

- Specially arranged for you on the train institute of Dunhuang experts and professors explain in detail for you.
- **11:30hrs** arrived in **Dunhuang.**
- The world famous - **Mogao Grottoes**, designate as a world cultural heritage by UNESCO for its 1600 year accumulated cultural, architectural, and art treasures.
- Dunhuang Night market -- **Shazhou Night Market.** It is one of the best night market in China and famous for its tasty snacks, local specialties, and crafts etc. **Accommodation: Dunhuang Hotel or similar**

Day 5 (23 Jun) Dunhuang/Jiayuguan (B/L/D)

- **Mingsha Hill and Yueya (Crescent Moon) Spring.** It is said that if we slide down Mingsha Hill sleep slopes, we can hear sounds made by the moving sand. If the weather is good, the sounds are likened to melodious orchestral music. Yueya (Crescent) Spring, which has crystal-clear spring water.
- **Dunhuang local products**
- **15:00hrs** we will onboard the *✪Orient Express✪Charter Luxury Train to Jiayuguan*
- **20:00hrs** arrived in **Jiayuguan** **Accommodation: Holiday Plaza Hotel Jiayuguan or similar**

Day 6 (24 Jun) Jiayuguan/Tianshui (B/L/D)

- **Jiayuguan (Jiayu Pass),** is the most western end of the Great Wall. Also known as *the First and Greatest Pass under Heaven* and it is the best preserved and most magnificent military building among the passes of the Great Wall.
- **Overhanging Great Wall.** It is about 7 miles away from Jiayu Pass. It's located on a ridge that is 45 degrees from vertical, hence the name Overhanging Great Wall.
- **Luminous Jade Cup;**
- At **20:30hrs**, we embark the *✪Orient Express✪Charter Luxury Overnight Train to Tianshui*

Day 7 (25 Jun) Tianshui/Xi'an (B/L/D)

- **11:30hrs** arrived in **Tianshui.**
- The **Maijishan Grottoes (Wheatstack Mountain).** Maijishan Grotto's history can be traced back 1,600 years ago. It is reputed as the *✪Oriental Sculptures Museum✪and ✪China Sculpture History Museum✪.*
- At **22:30hrs**, we embark the *✪Orient Express✪Charter Luxury Overnight Train to Xi'an.*

Day 8 (26 Jun) Xi'an (B/L/D)

- **07:00hrs** arrived in Xian, visit **Xian City Wall**, the existing city walls built in the Ming dynasty, and is the most complete ancient city wall China's existing architecture.
- The **Statue of start point of Silk Road** and the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda Square**
- The marvelous Tang Dynasty Dinner Show at **Tang Dynasty Palace** will be prepared for you. The various savory dishes together with the exciting show will be sure to give satisfaction to your appetite, your eyes and your mind. **Accommodation: Sheraton Xian North City Hotel or similar**

Day 9 (27 Jun) Xi'an (B/L/D)

- One of the eight wonders of the world, the **Terracotta Warriors' Museum**
- **Tang Paradise** not only claims to be the biggest cultural theme park in the northwest region of China but also the first royal-garden-like park to give a full display of the Tang Dynasty's culture.
- **Silk Craft**
- At **22:30hrs**, we embark the *✪Orient Express✪Charter Luxury Overnight Train to Luoyang.*

Day 10 (28 Jun) Luoyang (B/L/D)

- At **07:00hrs** arrived in **Luoyang**
- **Longmen Grottoes** is regarded as one of the three most famous treasure houses of stone inscriptions in China

- The Sui and Tang dynasties in Luoyang City axis on the complex known as the "seven days of building" best in either of the tall building's Hall . **Ming Tang (The Hall of Light)**
- At **22:00hrs**, we embark the **€Orient ExpressoCharter Luxury Overnight Train to Beijing.**

Day 11 (29 Jun) Beijing (B/Peking Roast Duck lunch/D)

- At **08:42hrs** arrived in **Beijing**
- **Summer Palace**, the largest and most well-preserved Royal Park in China.
- **Beijing Jingshan Park**, an imperial Garden during Ming and Qing Dynasties; The best place to have a panoramic view of Beijing and the Forbidden City
- **Tongrentang** ● Enjoy **Foot massage**
- Take an **exterior façade view** of the **Bird Nest** and **Water Cube.**

Accommodation: Riverside Hotel Beijing or similar

Day 12 (30 Jun) Beijing → Singapore (B)

After a pleasant breakfast, free at own leisure till the assemble time for the transfer to airport for the flight back to **Singapore.** We hope you had a memorable vacation with ASA Holiday and thank you for your support.

Group shopping point:

Beijing Tongrentang+Foot massage; Xi'an Silk craft; Luminous Jade Cup; Dunhuang Local Products; Xinjiang Hetian Jade

- Service Fee for local guide and driver : total USD150 per pax;
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