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Zhangye

Jiayuguan

Enjoy a hike through the surreal beauty of the Zhangye Danxia Landform and then camp in the the Badain Jaran Desert Oasis! An adventure with a mix of hiking, camping and sightseeing, this 5 day China Silk Road Tour could be perfect for you!

Type

Private

Duration

5 days

Trip code

SRA-03

Price

From A\$ 952 per person

Itinerary

As one of the most breathtakingly surreal sights China has to offer, the Zhangye Danxia Landform is a must see. With layers upon layers of bright, multi colored rock, this incredible natural formation is a sought after destination for tourists and locals alike. You'll also tour the Badain Jaran desert, which is home to a plethora of beautiful lakes, as well as some of the tallest sand dunes in the world!

Day 01 :

Arrive in Zhangye - Visit Zhangye Danxia Landform



You'll arrive in Zhangye, either by train or by flight. In the afternoon, you'll visit the stunningly beautiful Zhangye Danxia Landform, for some hiking. The day ends with an awe-inspiring sunset over the multi-colored rocks of the landform often cited as the most beautiful in all of China.

Day 02 :

Drive to Visit Badain Jaran Desert



Today you'll drive into the gorgeous Badain Jaran desert, where you'll be able to hike and drive through the dunes. The Badain Jaran Desert, which covers parts of Gansu and Inner Mongolia, is the third-largest desert in China, with an area of 49,000 square kilometers. The name Badain Jaran is of Mongolian origin, and it means "mysterious lakes". There are more than 100 lakes in this part of the desert – all spring-fed, some salt water, some freshwater. After exploring the desert, you'll have dinner at your campsite and stay overnight in your tent.

Day 03 :

Another Morning in the Badain Jaran Desert - Drive Back to Zhangye

You'll head out to the highest sand dune in the Badain Jaran Desert and climb to the top of Bilutu Peak, the third-tallest dune in the world. From there you'll enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding desert and the mysterious lakes. After your hike, you'll have lunch by the serenity of a pristine desert lake. Afterward, you'll head back to stay overnight in a Zhangye hotel.

Day 04 :

Drive to Jiayuguan - Visit Jiayuguan Pass & Overhanging Great Wall

In the morning you'll visit the Giant Buddha Temple in Zhangye, where you'll witness some of the most intriguing ancient artwork on the China Silk Road, including the Giant Buddha itself, lying inside the temple at 34.5 meters (about 113 feet) long and 7.5 meters (about 25 feet) wide., and then drive to Jiayuguan, which takes about 2.5 hours. From there you'll visit Jiayuguan Pass- the first pass at the west end of the Great Wall of China and a key point on the China Silk Road, this defense station is still complete with ramparts, turrets and eaves. You'll also see the Overhanging Great Wall if time permits. Called the Xuanbi Great Wall in Chinese, this is a place with one of the most spectacular views along the Great Wall, and a lesson in the tactical ingenuity of ancient Chinese builders. You'll stay overnight in Jiayuguan.

Day 05 :

Departure from Jiayuguan



This is where we say goodbye. You'll be transported and on your way back home with memories to last a lifetime!.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Domestic travel accident insurance.

Meals allowance for your guide and driver.

3 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

Hotel accommodation is based on double occupancy (two persons sharing 1 standard twin room with private bathroom)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

All vehicles are provided with air-conditioning (A/C).

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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