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This Kashgar trekking tour balances a hiking to Mount Muztagh Ata and exploration of the Uyghur culture in Kashgar city. Gain an awe-inspiring experience when you see the pure blue Karakul Lake and hike through its' vast grasslands.

Type

Private

Duration

8 days

Theme

Trekking & Biking

Trip code

XJT-08

Price

From £ 891 per person

Itinerary

This Kashgar Trekking tour offers a great opportunity to discover the sacred Muztagh Ata, the second highest mountains on the northern Tibetan Plateau. A hike to the Muztagh Ata base camp will put you on the door where the majestic peaks are just in front of you. All the camping equipment is offered to ensure your safety and make you comfortable even in the high altitude. Mixed in with a cultural visit to the Uyghur highlights in Kashgar city.

Day 01 :

Arrive Kashgar



Kashgar, a border city located in the westernmost of China, is the first destination of your 8 days trekking tour. It is one of the best places to explore the culture of Uyghurs and discover the elapsed civilizations in Xinjiang. Besides, Kashgar is also renowned for its natural beauty, which mixes with the majestic mountains, gorgeous lakes and vast grasslands.

Upon your arrival at the airport, your local guide will meet and assist you to the hotel. The rest of the day is on your own. We highly recommend you to roam this city and explore its unique charm.

Day 02 :

Kashgar City Tour

This day focuses on discovery the Uyghur culture in Kashgar city. The first one is the **Abakh Khoja Tomb**, which houses the coffins of five generations of the Apak Khoja family. This place is renowned for its outstanding designs, which presents a unique style of the Islamic architectures. Pay special attention to the minarets in the tomb that are decorated beautifully while visiting here.

Next with a walk around the Sunday Market in search of some really good bargains. It is an ancient market attracts merchants from all over Xinjiang plus many nearby countries such as Pakistan and Kirghizstan. The market is jammed with many small shops for selling numerous commodities, traditional scarves, leathers, clothes, and knick-knacks.

In the afternoon, spend some time to roam the old Kashgar city before you head to the **Kah Mosque**, which is the largest and busiest mosque in China. At midday on every Friday over 10,000 Muslims will gather here to pray and study the Koran. In the evening, return to your hotel for retire.

Day 03 :

Day Tour to Karakul Lake



Enjoy a scenic drive to the Karakul Lake after having breakfast. Along the way there will be many stops for you to capture the breathtaking scenery of Kunlun Mountain Range. First stop at the Opal Village where you can take a short break and explore village life of local Uyghurs. The next stop is the Oytagh Red Mountain, where you will see a valley is surrounded by a beautiful backdrop of multi colored mountains topped by snow capped peaks.

Next, you will ascend to reach the Mount Muztagata, also called as "the Father of Glaciers". See the beautiful **Karakul Lake** lying at the foot of these magnificent snow mountains, resembling an enchanting lady. Walk on the grassland with roaming flocks and herds along the shore of the lake. Smell the fresh air mixed with the soil and flowers fragrant. The lake changes its color at different time of the day. With the sunrise, the lake changes its color from purple to golden red and then to pink, presenting a magical sight. Visit a local Kyrgyz family to learn about their custom and culture. This evening you will stay in a local Kyrgyz Yurt.

Day 04 :
Trek to Idara Village



After breakfast, your guide will introduce you to some camel handlers and help you pack the luggage onto camels. Next, spend about 4 hours to trek ascend from the Karakul Lake to **Idara Village**. Do not forget to capture the breathtaking scenery which mixed with vast grasslands and majestic mountains along the way.

As you arrive at the Idara Village in the early afternoon, explore the unspoiled lifestyle in this small village and taste some of their traditional food. Then stay in a local family house for the evening.

Day 05 :

Trek to Muztagh Ata Base Camp - Muztagh Ata Sightseeing - Trek to Qaltumak

The highlight is coming today as you will have a chance to get close to the **Mount Muztagh Ata**, known as the father of glacier. After having breakfast, pack up all gears and continue trekking along the Jambulak Glaciers to the base camp of Mount Muztagh Ata. The trip takes about 5 hours, you will trek up from 3,800 m. (12,467 ft.) altitude to 4,500 m. (14,764 ft.). The surrounding glacier landscapes will blow your mind and make you completely immerse yourself into the nature.

Upon your arrival at the base camp, your guide will help you find a smooth area to capture the spectacular scenery of Muztagh Ata. Keep your camera ready to take photos around. In the late afternoon, trek downhill to reach **Qaltumak** for the evening. This place is also called as the summer village of Kyrgyz nomads.

Day 06 :

Trek Back to Idare Village - Drive to Tashkorgan



After breakfast, say farewell to Mount Muztagh Ata as you will trek back to Idare Village. Upon your arrival at the village, drive to the next destination, Tashkorgan to continue your trekking trip in Xinjiang. The drive takes about 2 hours, as you arrive at Tashkorgan, get settled into a local hotel for the night.

Day 07 :

Tashkorgan Sightseeing

In the morning, drive to the **Stone Fort** to explore the past civilizations left along the ancient Silk Road. This ruin was built on the high mound with stone and earth, presenting a unique appearance. Today you still can recognize the remaining city wall, which can be as high as 6 m. (20 ft.). According to the history records, some historic treasures of Tang Dynasty such as the Sanskrit Manuscripts, pottery, Silk fabrics were unearthed here as a sign of its past glory.

Afterwards, hike through the boundless **Tashkorgan Grassland**. Take many photos of the splendid scenery of the surrounding Mount Pamir and Muztagata. Then drive back to Kashgar along the Karakoram Highway in the late afternoon.

Day 08 :

Departure from Kashgar



After breakfast, be assisted to the airport and ready for the departure. Wish you have a pleasant journey home. If you have any requirements on this tour, please let us know and we can adjust it to meet all your needs.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

Optional personal camel or horse riding fees.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

Necessary oxygen and medicine for the acute high altitude sickness.

Where possible 3 star hotels will always be provided, if the city or town does not have then the local guest house or monastery guest house will be provided (i.e. tent / dormitory bed, no private bathroom etc.)

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.

Camping gears for the trekking including tent, mattress and sleeping bags. (Optional)

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 domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.

All necessary animals for portage of luggage. with their caretakers (i.e. Camels, Horses or Yaks.

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

All meals during the trekking. Food will vary a combination of packaged with cooked dinners by your guide.

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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