

## Ohio State University NCTA 16 day China Silk Road Study Tour (June - July, 2005)

### Proposed Itinerary

Day 01 Columbus/Ohio → Beijing, China

Take a deluxe flight to Beijing, cross the International Date Line.

Day 02 Beijing

Arrive Beijing in late afternoon or late evening. Met by our tour guide at the airport, then you will be transferred to the hotel. [Dinner will be arranged if flight arrive before 7:00pm] *Hotel in Beijing: Kingwing Spring Hotel (5 star)/ [www.kingwing.com.cn](http://www.kingwing.com.cn)*

Day 03 Beijing

Breakfast at hotel restaurant. Pick up at hotel lobby in the morning for one day city tour in Beijing. Sightseeing the **Tian-An-Men Square**, **Forbidden City** and then tour to the **Wang-Fu-Jing Business Area** In the afternoon visit **Temple of Heaven** and **Shopping Tour in Beijing: Silk and Carpet Factory**. Peking Roast Duck Dinner in the evening.

Day 04 Beijing

Continue tour in Beijing. Highlight today is to visit the astonishing **Great Wall**. Visit the **Cloisonné Factory** and last stop of today's tour will be sightseeing the **Ming Tombs through Sacred Path**.

Day 05 Beijing → Xi'An

Take a flight to Xi'An, the city where eleven dynasties in the history once took as the capital. Upon arrival, met by our tour guide and visit the **Banpo Neolithic Museum**, and then tour to the **Ancient City Walls** and the **Bell Tower**. Sightseeing the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**. Dumpling Banquet Dinner in the evening. *Hotel in Xi'An: Tangcheng Hotel (4 star)*

Day 06 Xi'An

Sightseeing the **Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses**, which is recognized by UNESCO as the eighth wonder of the world. After lunch visit the **Huqing Pool**. **Shopping tour in Xi'An: Terra Cotta Factory or Store**. **Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show** in the evening after dinner.

Day 07 Xi'An → Lanzhou

Take flight to Lanzhou. Upon arrival, check into hotel and tour the **Bingling Buddhist Grottoes**. Local Noodle Cuisine Dinner in the evening can be arranged at no extra charge. *Hotel in Lanzhou: Lanzhou Legend Hotel (4 star)/ [www.lanzhoulegendhotel.com](http://www.lanzhoulegendhotel.com)*

## Day 08 Lanzhou 🏰 Jiayuguan

One day tour in Lanzhou, visiting Gansu Province Museum, Five Spring Mountain, White Pagoda Mountain and Iron Bridge. **Lanzhou Shopping Tour: (not sure what yet)** Take an overnight soft-sleep train to Jiayuguan in the evening.

## Day 09 Jiayuguan 🚗 Dunhuang

Arrival at Jiayuguan in the morning, will be met by our tour guide, sightseeing the **Jiayuguan Fort** and **Overhanging Great Wall**. Take a coach to Dunhuang [ 7-8 hrs ] after lunch in the afternoon. Arriving Dunhuang in the evening. Hotel in Dunhuang: *Dunhuang Grand Sun Hotel (4 star)*

## Day 10 Dunhuang 🏰 Turpan

One day tour to the **Singing Sand Mountains**, **Crescent Moon Lake** and the **Mogao Grottoes Cave**. **Dunhuang Shopping Tour: (not sure what)**. Take an overnight soft-sleep train to Turpan via Liuyuan in the evening.

## Day 11

Arriving Turpan in the morning. Met by our tour guide and then start one day tour in Turpan. Sightseeing the **Gaochang and Jiaohe Ancient Cities**, the **Flaming Mountain**, **Astana Ancient Tombs**, **Imin Minenat & Keraz System** etc. **Shopping Tour in Turpan: (not sure what)** *Hotel in Turpan: The SilkRoad Turpan Oasis Hotel (3 star, best in local)*

## Day 12 Turpan 🚗 Urumqi ➔ Kashgar

Take a coach from Turpan to Urumqi [ [around 120 mile, 3 hrs drive](#) ] and then take a flight to Kashgar, the most west point of China. *Hotel in Kashgar: Barony Hotel Kashgar (3 star, best at local)/* [www.baronyhotels.com](http://www.baronyhotels.com)

## Day 13 Kashgar ➔ Urumqi

One day tour in Kashgar, sightseeing **the Bazaar**, the **Id Kah Mosque** and the **Abakh Khoja Tomb**. Take a flight back to Urumqi in the evening. *Hotel in Urumqi: Xinjiang Grand Hotel ( Holiday Inn Xinjiang, 4 star )*

## Day 14 Urumqi

Visiting a **local school** [need reconfirmation], and then to the **Tianshan Mountain**, **Heavenly Lake**. **Tour to Nanshan Grass Land (visit local farmer's house)** in the afternoon. **Shopping Tour in Urumqi: (not sure what)**

## Day 15 Urumqi ➔ Shanghai

Take flight to Shanghai in the morning. Upon arrival, tour to **Yuyuan Garden** and lunch there. Visiting the **Oriental Pearl Tower**, and the **Bund**. Watch the Acrobatic Show in the evening. *Shopping Tour in Shanghai: (not sure what). Hotel in Shanghai: Holiday Inn Downtown (Great Wall Wing, 4 star)*

Day 16 Shanghai → Columbus/Ohio

After breakfast, transferring to airport and take flight home.