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11D10N Mysteries of Southern Xinjiang (LCN11X)

Kashgar/Tashkurgan/Shache/Hotan/Aksu/Kuqa/Kuerle/Urumqi

Tour Highlight

- Three-row seat VIP coach
- The rich local cultural experience of the Kashgar Old City Opening Ceremony
- The poetic and picturesque White Sand Lake
- Explore the vast **Taklamakan Desert**, China's largest desert
- The stunning Bandir Blue Lake, with deep blue waters surrounded by towering mountains
- Tour **Tianshan Tianchi Lake**, also known as the "Jade Lake," nestled in the Tianshan Mountains.
- The world's largest Grand Bazaar International Grand Bazaar

Specialty Meal

✓ Roast Whole Lamb ✓ Shache-style Cuisine ✓ Hotan-style Cuisine ✓ Kucha Lamb Ribs

✓ Bohu Fish ✓ Buffet Hotpot

Day 1 KUALA LUMPUR-KASHGAR (MOB)

H: Kashgar Hampton by Hilton or SML

Assemble at Kuala Lumpur International Airport and board the flight to Kashgar. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and rest.

Day 2 KASHGAR (B/L/D)

H: Kashgar Hampton by Hilton or SML

After breakfast, witness the **opening ceremony of Kashgar Old City**, featuring lively singing and dancing. Explore its maze-like alleys with Islamic and Uyghur-style architecture. **Visit a centuries-old teahouse** (**popular for photos, tea included**) and savor the ancient Silk Road tea culture. End with the **Tomb of Fragrant Concubine**, showcasing unique Uyghur architecture and rich cultural heritage.

Day 3 KASHGAR-TAXKORGAN (B/L/D)

H: Taxkorgan Wanda Moments Hotel or SML

After breakfast, drive to **Baisha Lake**, a shallow lake formed by melted snow. On clear days, the lake's azure waters beautifully reflect the sky. Next, visit **Karakul Lake**, also known as the Black Sea, a stunning alpine glacial lake nestled beneath the majestic Muztagh Ata Peak. This picturesque location offers breathtaking views of the lake and mountains. Here, you can also catch a distant view of **Muztagh Ata**, known as the "Father of Glaciers," with its steep slopes and broad massif.

Day 4 TASHKURGAN-KASHGAR (B/L/D)

H: Kashgar Hampton by Hilton or SML

After breakfast, head to Tashkurgan, located at the westernmost point of China, and visit the Khunjerab Border. Explore the pristine world of the Pamir Plateau, visit the **Golden Grasslands and Stone Fortress** (shuttle bus included). Here, the towering Muztagh Ata Peak stays in constant view, surrounded by endless snow-capped mountains. Next, journey along the **Panlong Ancient Road**, famed for its 608 winding curves, including many dramatic 180-degree switchbacks. Visit **Bandir Blue Lake**, celebrated as one of the bluest lakes on the Pamir Plateau. Fed by glacial meltwater, the lake's deep, pure blue contrasts strikingly with the surrounding gray-white rocks, creating a stark, icy beauty.

Day 5 KASHGAR-SHACHE (B/L/D)

H: Shache Renjoy Hotel or SML

After breakfast, visit the **Makit Dolan Tribe**, a treasure trove of traditional Uyghur culture and art, often referred to as a natural museum. Immerse yourself in Dolan culture and the unique beauty of the desert landscape. Then, head to the **old town of Shache**, where you can admire ancient architecture, savor authentic local cuisine, and stroll through streets steeped in history, echoing with rich cultural heritage.



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Day 6 SHACHE-HOTAN (B/L/D)

H: Hotan Hilton Happiness Inn or SML After breakfast, visit the starting point of the Xiniiang-Tibet Highway at its 0-kilometer mark, connecting two provinces and three regions. Explore the ancient city of Yotkan (including a night performance), which features functional zones such as the royal castle, food street, folk culture street, workshop street, bar street, jade district, and unique guesthouses. With its foundation in folk culture and historical relics, the ancient city vividly showcases the charm of the thousand-year-old Yutian civilization.

Day 7 HOTAN-AKSU (B/L/D)

H: Aksu Hilton Garden Hotel or SML

After breakfast, journey through the Taklamakan Desert, China's largest and one of the world's most famous deserts. Nestled between the Tianshan Mountains, Kunlun Mountains, Altun Mountains, and Pamir Plateau, it offers breathtaking scenery. Along the way, you will also have the chance to see desert poplar trees (Populus euphratica), known as the "Hero Tree of the Desert" for their remarkable resilience and ability to thrive in arid conditions.

Day 8 AKSU-KUQA (B/L/D)

H: Kuga Wanhua Intl Hotel or SML

After breakfast, visit the Wensu Grand Canyon (shuttle bus included), a stunning Danxia landform and the largest rock salt karst geological site in China, said to be part of Xuanzang's route during his journey to the West. Then, proceed to the Kucha Royal Palace, built by Han Chinese craftsmen sent by Emperor Qianlong to honor the local Uyghur leader Otkur for his assistance in quelling the Khoja Rebellion.

Day 9 KUQA-KORLA(B/L/D)

H: Korla Furunde Wanda Jin Hotel or SML

After breakfast, visit Populus Euphratica Forest Park (include shuttle bus and train), a scenic area within a typical desert ecosystem, home to one of the largest poplar forests in the world. Tarim Poplar Forest Park combines the natural beauty of the Tarim River, poplar trees, and desert landscapes, creating a unique destination. Ride a sightseeing vehicle into the forest to experience the oasis scenery amidst the desert and admire the stunning interplay of forest and sand.

Day 10 KORLA-URUMQI (B/L/D)

H: Urumqi Universal Intl Hotel or SML

After breakfast, take a high-speed train to Urumqi. Upon arrival, visit Tianchi Lake (including environmental shuttle, boat tour and electric vehicle). Known for its picturesque natural scenery, Tianchi Lake is surrounded by the majestic Tianshan Mountains, with clear waters and stunning views, earning it the nickname "Heavenly Paradise.". Then, head to the International Grand Bazaar, the largest of its kind in the world, an ideal place to explore diverse cultures and experience exotic flavors.

Note: VIP luggage transport service is specially arranged: Guests do not need to carry large luggage on the high-speed train. Large items will be transported from the Dunhuang hotel to the Turpan hotel one day in advance.

Day 11 URUMQI-KUALA LUMPUR (B/MOB)

Gather at Urumqi Airport and take the flight back to Kuala Lumpur.

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