



CHINA

CHINA & THE SILK ROAD

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Han Dynasty Suite, with a separate living room

11 m²

Superior cabin, twin beds or a large double

270°

panoramic window in the Observation Car

2

restaurant cars, one Western and one Chinese

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1. Ancient China by Private Train: Beijing to Urumqi · 12 days
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3. Voyage to the Roof of the World: Beijing to Lhasa · 13 days

ON BOARD

Cabins and suites



SUITE

Han Dynasty Suite

22.2 m² · large double bed

- Separate living room with double sofa, dressing table and dining table
- 5.2 m² bathroom with bathtub, shower and double sinks
- Complimentary minibar, champagne on boarding and laundry service
- Private car-and-guide options in many destinations
- Room upgrades at the hotels featured in the itinerary

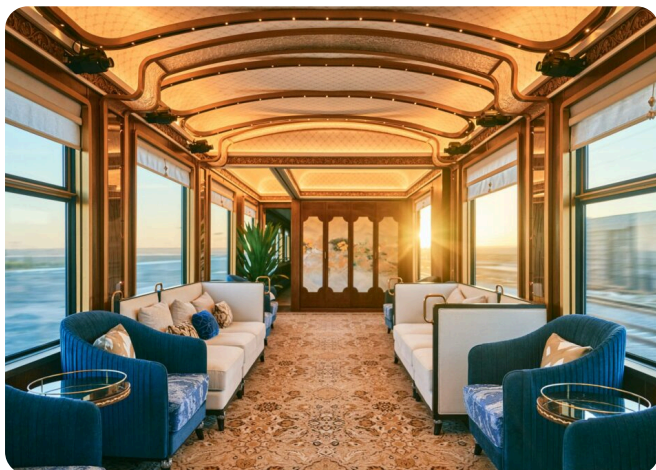
CABIN

Superior Cabin

11 m² · twin beds or large double

- Two single sofas by day, made up as twin beds or a double at night
- 2.5 m² en-suite bathroom with smart toilet and power shower
- Built-in minibar and fridge, safe and full-length wardrobe
- Air-conditioning, heating and humidifier
- Complimentary drinks from the bar car's standard list

Every cabin has its own bathroom, with fresh towels and linens every third day or daily on request, and tea, coffee and mineral water available at all times.



Bar Car & Observation Car

The Bar Car is the train's social hub, entered through curved double doors inspired by the chariots of the Han Dynasty. A grand piano sets the mood for the evening, antique silverware and rare objects decorate the room, and cocktails and fine wines flow while guests swap stories of the day.

For quieter moments, the Observation Car wraps a 270-degree panoramic window, described as the largest train window in China, around the passing scenery. Carved wood and soft lighting recall ancient Chang'an and a map of the old Silk Road, and partitions can create a private reception room for four.

Two restaurant cars

The train has two restaurant cars. The Western-style car offers silver-service dining by liveried staff and can be set for banquet-style meals, while the Chinese-style car has intimate booth seating and focuses on fine local dishes.

Menus combine Western classics with the regional flavours of the Silk Road, using fresh ingredients bought from local markets along the way. The team caters for all dietary requirements, and in-cabin dining is available on request.





JOURNEY 1 OF 3 · GOLDEN EAGLE SILK ROAD EXPRESS

Ancient China by Private Train: Beijing to Urumqi

12 days 11 nights Beijing to Urumqi

From the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors to the desert oases of Dunhuang, Hotan, Kashgar and Turpan, westward along China's Silk Road.

After two nights at the Four Seasons in Beijing, the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express carries you west for eight nights: to Xi'an, across the Gobi to Dunhuang's Mogao Caves, over the Qinghai plateau to Golmud and into Xinjiang for Hotan, Kashgar and Turpan. The journey ends with a night in Urumqi.

Route · Beijing → Xi'an → Dunhuang → Golmud → Hotan → Kashgar → Turpan → Urumqi

- The Great Wall at Badaling and a Peking Duck dinner
- The Terracotta Army and a Tang Dynasty dinner with music and dance in Xi'an
- The Mogao Caves and a camel trek to Crescent Lake in Dunhuang
- The Atlas silk and carpet workshop in Hotan
- Yotkan Ancient City by night
- The Apak Khoja Tomb and Gaotai folk houses in Kashgar
- The ruined cities of Gaochang and Jiaohe and the Karez wells of Turpan

Day by day

Day 1 **Arrive in Beijing** · Night: Beijing

You are met on arrival and taken to the Four Seasons Hotel Beijing for two nights. In the evening fellow travellers gather for a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2 **The Great Wall** · Night: Beijing

In the morning walk a beautifully restored section of the Great Wall at Badaling, with sweeping views over the hills. The afternoon is free to explore Beijing, and in the evening you dine at a celebrated Peking Duck restaurant where the duck is carved at your table.

Day 3 **Beijing & boarding** · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

Tour the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Summer Palace, or choose modern Beijing instead, with the Olympic Village, the Bird's Nest Stadium, the CCTV Tower and the National Museum. In the evening you board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express for a welcome dinner as the train heads west.

Day 4	Xi'an · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Explore Xi'an's ancient city walls and the Great Mosque, which blends Islamic and Chinese architecture. Then visit the Terracotta Army, the life-sized soldiers, chariots and horses buried with China's first emperor. In the evening enjoy an authentic Tang Dynasty dinner with traditional music and dance.
Day 5	On board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express A day of leisure as the train crosses the Chinese landscape. Watch the scenery through the Observation Car's floor-to-ceiling windows, or relax in the Bar Lounge Car with fine wines and spirits.
Day 6	Dunhuang · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Explore the Mogao Caves, the 'Caves of a Thousand Buddhas', whose murals and statues have drawn pilgrims for centuries, with music from local folk artists. After lunch a camel trek leads across the dunes to Crescent Lake, an oasis that has endured millennia of desert winds.
Day 7	Golmud · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express A lecture on the history of the Silk Road is held at the Hilton Qinghai-Golmud. You can then choose between the surreal salt flats of Chaerhan Salt Lake and a guided tour of the city before rejoining the train.
Day 8	Hotan · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express After a leisurely morning on board, visit Hotan's Atlas silk and carpet workshop to watch master artisans at work. In the evening tour Yotkan Ancient City, once the heart of the Buddhist Kingdom of Khotan.
Day 9	Kashgar · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Discover Kashgar, a crossroads of cultures, starting at the Apak Khoja Tomb, the holiest Muslim site in Xinjiang. Wander the Old Town and the Gaotai folk houses, then enjoy a Uyghur lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the train.
Day 10	Turpan · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Explore the ancient city of Gaochang, once a vital Silk Road trading hub. After lunch see the Karez irrigation system, which has watered this arid region for centuries, and the Jiaohe Ruins, a city carved from rock. In the evening a farewell dinner is served on board.
Day 11	Turpan & Urumqi · Night: Urumqi After a restful morning on board, you leave the train in Urumqi, the cosmopolitan capital of Xinjiang, for an overnight stay.
Day 12	Depart Urumqi On the final morning you are transferred to Urumqi's international airport for your onward journey.

What is included

- Two nights at the Four Seasons Beijing
- Eight nights on board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express
- One hotel night in Urumqi
- Cabin attendant service including evening turndown, and an experienced tour management team
- Doctor and medical facilities on board
- Arrival and departure transfers and luggage portage throughout
- All gratuities, on and off the train
- 11 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 11 dinners, on board and in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks from the standard bar list
- Immersive excursions with expert tour managers and local guides

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JOURNEY 2 OF 3 · GOLDEN EAGLE SILK ROAD EXPRESS

Imperial China: Xi'an to Hong Kong

12 days 11 nights Xi'an to Hong Kong

Terracotta warriors, the Great Wall, Shanghai's skyline, Jingdezhen porcelain, the Yangtze, Chengdu's pandas and Guilin's peaks on the way to Hong Kong.

Beginning with a night at the Ritz-Carlton in Xi'an, this journey spends nine nights aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, visiting Luoyang, Beijing, Shanghai, Jingdezhen, Yichang, Chengdu and Guilin. It ends with a night and a farewell dinner in Hong Kong.

Route · Xi'an → Luoyang → Beijing → Shanghai → Jingdezhen → Yichang → Chengdu → Guilin → Shenzhen

- The Terracotta Warriors and a Tang Dynasty themed welcome dinner in Xi'an
- The Longmen Grottoes and the Shaolin Temple
- The Great Wall at Badaling and a Peking Duck lunch
- Afternoon tea high in the Shanghai Tower and an evening yacht cruise on the Huangpu
- A hands-on porcelain workshop with master potters in Jingdezhen
- A private boat trip past the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze
- Giant pandas and a private Sichuan opera performance in Chengdu
- A private Lijiang River cruise and cormorant fishing at Yangshuo

Day by day

Day 1 **Arrive in Xi'an** · Night: Xi'an

You are met on arrival and taken to the five-star Ritz-Carlton for one night. In the evening you join fellow travellers for a welcome reception and a Tang Dynasty themed dinner.

Day 2 **Xi'an & the Terracotta Warriors** · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

Walk the ramparts of Xi'an's ancient city walls and visit the Great Mosque in the winding lanes of the Muslim Quarter. After lunch at a local restaurant, explore the Terracotta Warriors, thousands of life-sized soldiers, horses and chariots made to guard the first emperor. You then board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express for a grand welcome dinner.

Day 3	Luoyang · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Wake in Luoyang, capital of thirteen dynasties, and visit the Longmen Grottoes, where more than 100,000 Buddhist statues are carved into the cliffs above the Yi River. Continue to the Shaolin Temple at the foot of Mount Song, birthplace of Zen Buddhism and Kung Fu, where monks still train. Back in the old town, taste local water banquet dumplings before dinner on board.
Day 4	Beijing · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Walk a restored section of the Great Wall at Badaling, then enjoy a Peking Duck lunch at a celebrated restaurant. In the afternoon explore Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, or choose modern Beijing with the Olympic Village, the CCTV Tower and the National Museum. A relaxed dinner is served on board.
Day 5	Shanghai · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express After a leisurely morning and lunch on board, ride up the Shanghai Tower, China's tallest skyscraper, for afternoon tea on the 120th floor. As evening falls, a private yacht cruises the Huangpu River past the Bund and the lights of Pudong, with dinner and fine wines on board.
Day 6	Jingdezhen · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express In China's porcelain capital, visit the Chinese Ceramic Museum with its Song celadons and Ming vases. At the Ancient Kilns and Folk Customs Expo Area, where dragon kilns still burn, you shape, carve and paint your own piece alongside master potters.
Day 7	Yichang & the Yangtze · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express A chartered boat carries you along the Yangtze from the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric power station, to the Gezhouba Dam. Lunch on board features freshly caught Yangtze fish and Sichuan-inspired dishes, enjoyed from the deck or the air-conditioned lounge.
Day 8	Chengdu · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express After breakfast on board, visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding among its bamboo groves. Later the Sichuan Opera Theatre is reserved for your group, where performers in silk costumes demonstrate bian lian, the lightning-fast art of face-changing.
Day 9	On board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express A day to relax on board. Take in the views from the Observation Car, with the largest train window in China, or unwind in the lounge with wines, cocktails and the resident pianist.
Day 10	Guilin & Yangshuo · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express A privately chartered cruise follows the Lijiang River from Guilin to Yangshuo, past quiet villages and dramatic peaks. At sunset you board a fishing boat to watch the age-old tradition of cormorant fishing, then rejoin the train for a farewell dinner as it departs for Hong Kong.
Day 11	Hong Kong · Night: Hong Kong The train arrives in Shenzhen, and you continue to Hong Kong. The afternoon is free to browse Central's boutiques and heritage streets, admire the skyline from the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront or relax at the hotel. In the evening the group gathers for a farewell dinner at the hotel.
Day 12	Depart Hong Kong Enjoy a leisurely morning before your private transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

What is included

- Five-star pre- and post-tour hotel accommodation
- Private en-suite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express
- Cabin attendant service including evening turndown, and an experienced tour management team
- Doctor and medical facilities on board
- Arrival and departure transfers and luggage portage throughout
- All gratuities, on and off the train
- Freshly prepared meals on board and dining experiences in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Expertly guided off-train excursions, with choice-of-touring options

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JOURNEY 3 OF 3 · GOLDEN EAGLE SILK ROAD EXPRESS

Voyage to the Roof of the World: Beijing to Lhasa

13 days 12 nights Beijing to Lhasa

From Beijing's imperial treasures through Luoyang, Xi'an, Chengdu, Xining and Dunhuang, then over the Tanggula Pass by rail to Lhasa.

Two nights in Beijing lead to a week aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, broken by a night in Chengdu, with the Longmen Grottoes, the Terracotta Warriors, pandas, Kumbum Monastery and the Mogao Caves along the way. The journey ends on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, the highest in the world, and two nights in Lhasa.

Route · Beijing → Luoyang → Xi'an → Chengdu → Xining → Dunhuang → Tanggula Pass → Lhasa

- The Great Wall at Badaling and a Peking Duck dinner
- The Longmen Grottoes and the Shaolin Temple, cradle of Kung Fu
- The Terracotta Warriors and a Tang Dynasty banquet in Xi'an
- Giant pandas and a private Sichuan opera performance in Chengdu
- Kumbum Monastery near Xining
- The Mogao Caves and a camel ride to Crescent Lake in Dunhuang
- Crossing the Tanggula Pass at 16,640 feet on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway
- The Potala Palace and Norbulingka in Lhasa

Day by day

- Day 1**

Arrive in Beijing · Night: Beijing

You are met on arrival and taken to the five-star Four Seasons. In the evening a welcome dinner gives you the chance to meet your fellow travellers.
- Day 2**

The Great Wall · Night: Beijing

Walk a restored section of the Great Wall at Badaling, with views over rugged hills to the horizon. The afternoon is free in Beijing, and in the evening you share a traditional Peking Duck feast at one of the city's most celebrated restaurants.
- Day 3**

Beijing & boarding · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

Spend the day among Beijing's imperial landmarks, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, or choose modern Beijing with the Olympic Village, the CCTV Tower and the National Museum. In the evening you board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express for a special welcome dinner.

Day 4	Luoyang & Xi'an · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Wake in Luoyang to visit the Longmen Grottoes, where more than 100,000 Buddhist statues line the cliffs of the Yi River, and the Shaolin Temple, birthplace of Zen Buddhism and Kung Fu. After tasting water banquet dumplings in the old town, you reach Xi'an in the evening for a Tang Dynasty-style banquet with music and dance.
Day 5	Xi'an · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Walk the ramparts of Xi'an's ancient city walls, then after lunch at a local restaurant visit the Terracotta Warriors, more than 6,000 life-sized soldiers, horses and chariots made to protect China's first emperor. You return to the train in the evening.
Day 6	Chengdu · Night: Chengdu After breakfast on board, stroll through Kuanzhai Alley, a preserved quarter of Qing Dynasty lanes, teahouses and courtyards. The Sichuan Opera Theatre is then reserved for your group for a performance of bian lian, the art of face-changing. In the late afternoon you check in to the Waldorf Astoria Chengdu, or similar, for one night.
Day 7	Chengdu's pandas · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding among its bamboo forests. You return to the train for lunch, and the afternoon is free to enjoy the scenery from the 270-degree Observation Car.
Day 8	Xining · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express After a relaxing morning crossing the Qinghai Plateau, arrive in Xining and visit Kumbum Monastery, with its golden roofs, thangka paintings and prayer halls, pausing for herbal tea and butter cookies in a quiet courtyard. Then choose between the Qinghai Provincial Museum and the lively Shui Jing Xiang Market before returning to the train.
Day 9	Dunhuang · Night: Aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express With an expert guide, step into some of the finest grottoes of the Mogao Caves, the 'Caves of a Thousand Buddhas', followed by a live performance by local folk musicians and dancers. After lunch a camel ride crosses the dunes of the Gobi to Crescent Lake, an oasis that has survived for millennia.
Day 10	The Qinghai-Tibet Railway After a final breakfast aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, you continue on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, the highest railway in the world, through grasslands and past salt lakes beneath snow-capped peaks. Guests who prefer can fly directly to Lhasa instead, allowing more time to acclimatise.
Day 11	Tanggula Pass & Lhasa · Night: Lhasa Cross the Tanggula Pass, the railway's highest point at 16,640 feet, with views of the mountains and untouched valleys. After lunch on board you arrive in Lhasa and check in to the St. Regis for two nights. In the afternoon you can join an optional tour of the Jokhang Temple and Barkhor Market, or take time at leisure.
Day 12	Lhasa · Night: Lhasa Visit Norbulingka, the Dalai Lama's summer palace, with its landscaped gardens and lotus ponds, then lunch on local cuisine with traditional folk music. In the afternoon climb to the Potala Palace, the great red-and-white former winter residence of the Dalai Lama. The evening ends with a farewell dinner.

Day 13

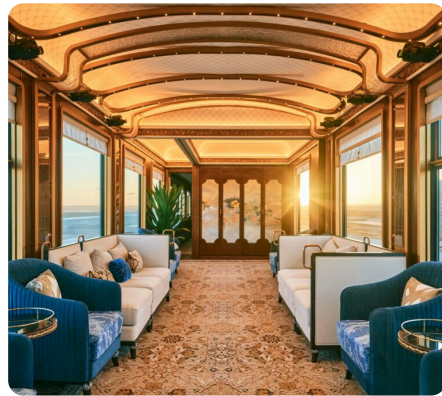
Depart Lhasa

You are transferred privately to Lhasa airport for your onward journey.

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BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

Reserve your cabin on the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

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