

# Journey into Northern Xinjiang

Explore Kashgar & Hotan

**8-DAY Budget Tour**



Heavenly Lake of Tianshan · S21 Desert Highway · Kanas · Hemu Village ·  
 Five-Colored Beach · World Ghost City · Sayram Lake · Dushanzi Grand Canyon ·  
 Outdoor Afternoon Tea

## Itinerary Highlights

- ★ Stay in high-quality, carefully selected hotels throughout the trip, including 1 night upgraded to a Ctrip 4-diamond hotel and one night in a cozy Hemu-style wooden cabin.
- ★ Enjoy a prairie-style photoshoot with drone aerial shots – includes traditional ethnic costumes and photo opportunities with adorable lambs.
- ★ Savor a relaxing afternoon tea in Hemu, offering a peaceful break along the journey.
- ★ Take a direct loop tour around Sayram Lake without switching to shuttle buses.
- ★ Onboard refreshments include mineral water, Xinjiang yogurt, seasonal fruits, wet wipes, and assorted local snacks at any time.
- ★ Taste Hemu's signature clay-pot hotpot and enjoy unlimited pours of bold and refreshing Wusu Beer.
- ★ Travel comfortably with a licensed business tour vehicle, with an experienced driver-guide offering attentive service for a safe and worry-free trip.

2-person group

**HK\$ 5,094**  
per person

| Day | Itinerary  | Breakfast | Lunch         | Dinner        | Accommodation   |
|-----|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|---|
| 1   | Departure ~ Urumqi (Airport Pickup)  | -         | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | Hailuo Hotel, Hongbang Hotel, Jingang International Hotel, Jinting Hotel or other equivalent standard 4-star hotels                 |
| 2   | Urumqi ~ Heavenly Lake of Tianshan ~ S21 Desert Highway ~ Fuhai / Beitun                   | In hotel  | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | Changjing Hotel, Yindu Hotel, Jiahe Hotel, Tuncheng Hotel, Yunding Hotel or other equivalent standard 4-star hotels                 |
| 3   | Fuhai / Beitun ~ Kanas Scenic Area ~ Jiadengyu / Hailiutan                                 | In hotel  | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | 10th Division Reception Center, Huguang Grand Hotel, Huayun Grand Hotel, GreenTree Hotel or other equivalent standard 4-star hotels |
| 4   | Jiadengyu / Hailiutan ~ Hemu Scenic Area ~ Leisurely Afternoon Tea + Local Clay-Pot Hotpot | In hotel  | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | Hemu Oasis Xiyu Villa, Yuyuan Hotel, Hemu Country Inn, Wusong Hotel or other equivalent standard 4-star hotels                      |
| 5   | Hemu ~ Five-Colored Beach ~ World Ghost City ~ Urho / Karamay                              | In hotel  | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | Thank U Hotel, Daqin Hotel, Jie Jia Hotel, Huayou Hotel, Jinde Hotel, Yilan Garden Hotel or other equivalent standard 4-star hotels |
| 6   | Urho / Karamay ~ Sayram Lake Direct Loop Tour ~ Jinghe / Bole                              | In hotel  | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | Shouyue Hotel, Yuxin Hotel, Lan'ou Hotel, Sunshine Hotel, Donggang Hotel or other equivalent standard 4-star hotels                 |
| 7   | Jinghe / Bole ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~ Urumqi / Changji                                   | In hotel  | Self-arranged | Self-arranged | Dongquan Hotel, Jiahang Hotel, Jingu Hotel, Campanile Airport Hotel or other equivalent 4-diamond hotels                            |
| 8   | Urumqi ~ Warm Home (Airport Drop-off)  | In hotel  | -             | -             | Have a pleasant journey!  |



[Comfortable Ride] Small group of 2-6 people, flexible stops along the way for a relaxing and carefree journey.

[Curated Routes] Carefully planned by experienced travel consultants to recommend the most cost-effective and rewarding itineraries.

[Travel with Confidence] All trips include licensed driver-guides and properly registered tourist vehicles.

[Worry-Free Travel] 24/7 concierge-style support to assist with any travel issues.

[Fairness for Solo Travelers] No single supplement fee for solo travelers willing to share a room.

## Registration Notice

Due to limited luggage space in the vehicle trunk: Each traveler may bring 1 piece of 28" luggage;  
 If two people travel together, they may share 1 piece of 30" luggage + 1 small bag.

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Heavenly Lake of Tianshan

## Day 1

### Depart ✈ Urumqi

Upon arrival in Urumqi, transfer to the hotel. If time permits, you may explore the city at your leisure.

#### Recommended Free Activities

##### Recommendation 1: Urumqi Grand Bazaar

Taste delicious local Xinjiang snacks. This famous bazaar is filled with the charm of old town bazaars and ethnic culture.

##### Recommendation 2: Hongshan Park

One of the most iconic parks in central Urumqi. Climb to the top for a panoramic view of the city and enjoy sunset photography.

##### Recommendation 3: Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Museum

Reservation required 1-3 days in advance. It serves as a window into the historical and cultural heritage of Xinjiang, China, with a collection of 64,952 artifacts – truly a representative symbol of Xinjiang.

#### Friendly Reminder !

- The UV levels in most parts of Xinjiang are relatively strong, so please prepare sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and other protective items.
- Hotel conditions in Xinjiang are generally not as refined as those in first-tier cities in mainland China – please be mentally prepared before the trip.
- Hotel check-in in Xinjiang usually begins at 2:00 PM on the day of arrival. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage at the front desk and explore on your own.

## Day 2

### Urumqi ~ Heavenly Lake of Tianshan ~ S21 Desert Highway ~ Fuhai / Beitun



Drive  
approx. 7.5 hours /  
Around 520 km

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| 08:00-09:00 | Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. The driver will pick up guests from their hotels in order, based on the time arranged the night before.   |
| 09:30-18:00 | <p>We begin today's journey by departing Urumqi and heading to the legendary Heavenly Lake of Tianshan. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, this scenic lake is steeped in mythology and cultural history. Enjoy the cool breeze and rich biodiversity as you explore its tranquil beauty.</p> <p>After the visit, we travel north along the S21 Desert Highway, Xinjiang's first desert expressway. This route connects the Tianshan and Altai Mountains, crossing the vast Gurbantunggut Desert. Along the way, enjoy the ever-changing desert landscape, with golden sand dunes and vividly colored Yardang formations creating a dramatic and unforgettable visual experience.</p> |
| 20:30-21:30 | Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.   |

#### Friendly Reminder !

- As morning pickups are scattered across multiple hotels, the process may take longer. We kindly ask all guests to be ready at the scheduled time.
- Please fasten your seatbelt after boarding. Today's journey will be relatively long, so we recommend bringing some snacks and drinking water for personal comfort.
- The tour vehicle is equipped with GPS speed monitoring. For safety, the maximum continuous driving time is 4 hours, followed by a mandatory 20-minute rest stop. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Urumqi City



S21 Desert Highway



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Moon Bay, Kanas

## Day 3

Burqin ~ Kanas ~ Jiadengyu / Hailiutan



Drive  
approx. 6 hours /  
Around 280 km

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| 08:30-09:00 | Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.   |
| 09:30-17:00 | After leaving the hotel, we journey to the divine garden of Kanas, home to China's deepest moraine-dammed lake. The lake's color shifts in different seasons and lighting, ranging across stunning shades of blue. Surrounded by lush forests, Kanas features three iconic bays – Fairy Bay, Moon Bay, and Wolong (Crouching Dragon) Bay – each with its own unique charm. Fairy Bay is often wrapped in morning mist, creating a dreamlike atmosphere. When viewed against the light, the lake surface sparkles like scattered pearls, earning it the name "Pearl Beach." Moon Bay, shaped like a crescent moon, holds two shoals resembling footprints, known as the Footprints of the Immortals. Wolong Bay is named for its central island, which resembles a dragon coiled in water. |
| 18:00-20:00 | Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.   |

### Friendly Reminder !

- Please fasten your seatbelt after boarding. The route includes winding mountain roads – if prone to motion sickness, bring patches in advance.
- Most scenic areas require walking, so proper footwear is advised. Kanas has big temperature swings, and rain or snow may cause slippery paths – bring non-slip shoes and warm clothes.
- Accommodation in the scenic area is limited. Few cabins operate in winter, but we'll arrange comfortable twin rooms with heating and hot water.
- Due to the remote location, food is costly and may not suit everyone. Bringing personal snacks and water is recommended.

## Day 4

Jiadengyu ~ Hemu



Drive  
approx. 1 hour /  
Around 80km

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| 08:30-09:00 | Breakfast at hotel, then hotel pickup according to pre-set group schedule.  |
| 09:30-18:00 | Today, we head to Hemu, home to the Tuva people, where traditional wooden homes and a nomadic lifestyle give the village its rustic charm. Walking along the wooden boardwalk, you'll see grasslands, snow-capped mountains, cabins, streams, and grazing animals – a peaceful, picture-perfect setting. A highlight is the wooden suspension bridge over the Hemu River, a popular photo spot. The Hemu sunrise is not to be missed. Check the sunrise time and hike to Ha Deng Viewing Platform, where the morning mist, rising sun, and rows of log cabins with chimney smoke create a stunning, tranquil scene. |
| 18:00-20:00 | Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.   |

### Friendly Reminder !

- The scenic area is remote with limited access and high logistics costs. Food may be expensive and not suit all tastes – bringing snacks and water is recommended.
- Many parts of the area require walking, and temperature differences between day and night are significant. Wear comfortable shoes and bring warm clothing.
- Accommodation is limited, especially in winter, as few cabins operate. We will do our best to arrange decent twin rooms with electric heating and 24-hour hot water.



Kanas

Hemu Village



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World Ghost City

## Day 5

Hemu ~ Five-Colored Beach (Wucaitan) ~  
World Ghost City ~ Urho / Karamay



Drive  
approx. 6 hours /  
Around 470 km

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| 08:30-09:00 | Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.  |
| 09:30-13:00 | Today, we visit Five-Colored Beach (Wucaitan) – a surreal landscape where light and scenery blend. One side is oasis, the other colorful hills. The Irtysh River divides the terrain, creating distinct views on each bank. At sunset, the land glows in shades of red, orange, yellow, purple, and white – truly a place where “one river, two worlds” comes to life. |
| 15:30-18:00 | We then continue to our next stop – the World Ghost City. This area features unique Yardang landforms, sculpted over time by wind erosion. The formations take on various shapes – some resemble castles, animals, or even human figures. These surreal landscapes are the result of nature’s power and the passage of time.   |
| 18:00-20:00 | Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.  |

### Friendly Reminder !

- Please follow all scenic area regulations by staying strictly on the wooden boardwalks. Do not trample or climb off-path in order to help protect the fragile and precious landscape features.
- Today’s driving distance will be relatively long, so please remember to fasten your seatbelt at all times, and consider bringing your own water, snacks, and light entertainment for the journey.
- Xinjiang’s climate is generally dry and the UV rays are particularly strong – please take sun protection seriously and prepare sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat.

## Day 6

Urho / Karamay ~ Sayram Lake ~ Jinghe / Bole



Drive  
approx. 6 hours /  
Around 570 km

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| 08:30-09:00 | Breakfast at hotel, then hotel pickup according to pre-set group schedule.   |
| 09:30-18:00 | Today, we depart the hotel and head toward the pristine Sayram Lake, often called the last teardrop of the Atlantic. Its waters shimmer in hues of green and blue, forming a vivid, dreamlike palette. At the final touch of the Atlantic’s warmth, this lake becomes a mysterious and tranquil haven. In Mongolian, it’s known as Sayram Jor – “lake on the mountain ridge” or “shining sapphire.” In Kazakh, it means “beautiful blessing.” The lake is steeped in poetry and local romance. Its beauty is unforgettable: snow-capped peaks, clear waters, and flocks of swans evoke a sense of serenity unique to this sacred highland lake. Formed 70 million years ago during the Himalayan orogeny, the landscape was shaped by tectonic collision and uplift – creating a breathtaking fusion of mountains and water. |
| 19:00-20:00 | Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.  |

### Friendly Reminder !

- Please fasten your seatbelt. The road around Sayram Lake includes winding mountain sections and occasional bumps – if you’re prone to motion sickness, it’s recommended to take medication in advance.
- The scenic area requires a fair amount of walking, so we recommend wearing non-slip, comfortable footwear. After rain or during early mornings when temperatures drop, there may be icy patches – please watch your step.
- Sayram Lake is not a natural habitat for swans. Most swan sightings occur in areas such as Kele Yongzhu – thank you for your understanding. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Five-Colored Beach



Sayram Lake





Dushanzi Grand Canyon

## Day 7

**Jinghe / Bole ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~  
Urumqi / Changji**



Drive  
approx. 6 hours /  
Around 485 km

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| 08:30-09:00 | Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.   |
| 09:30-19:00 | <p>Today, we travel to the awe-inspiring Dushanzi Grand Canyon, located 28 km south of Dushanzi District in Karamay, Xinjiang. This natural wonder was carved by the Kuitun River as it flowed from the Tianshan Mountains, cutting into the sloping plains to form dramatic canyon landscapes.</p> <p>The canyon floor spans 100–400 meters, with a rim width of 800–1,000 meters and a vertical drop of up to 200 meters. At 1,070 meters above sea level, it features layered terraces — up to nine levels — covered in desert steppe vegetation. From the rim, you'll see steep cliffs and winding streams forming a classic canyon view.</p> |
| 19:30-21:00 | Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.   |

### Friendly Reminder !

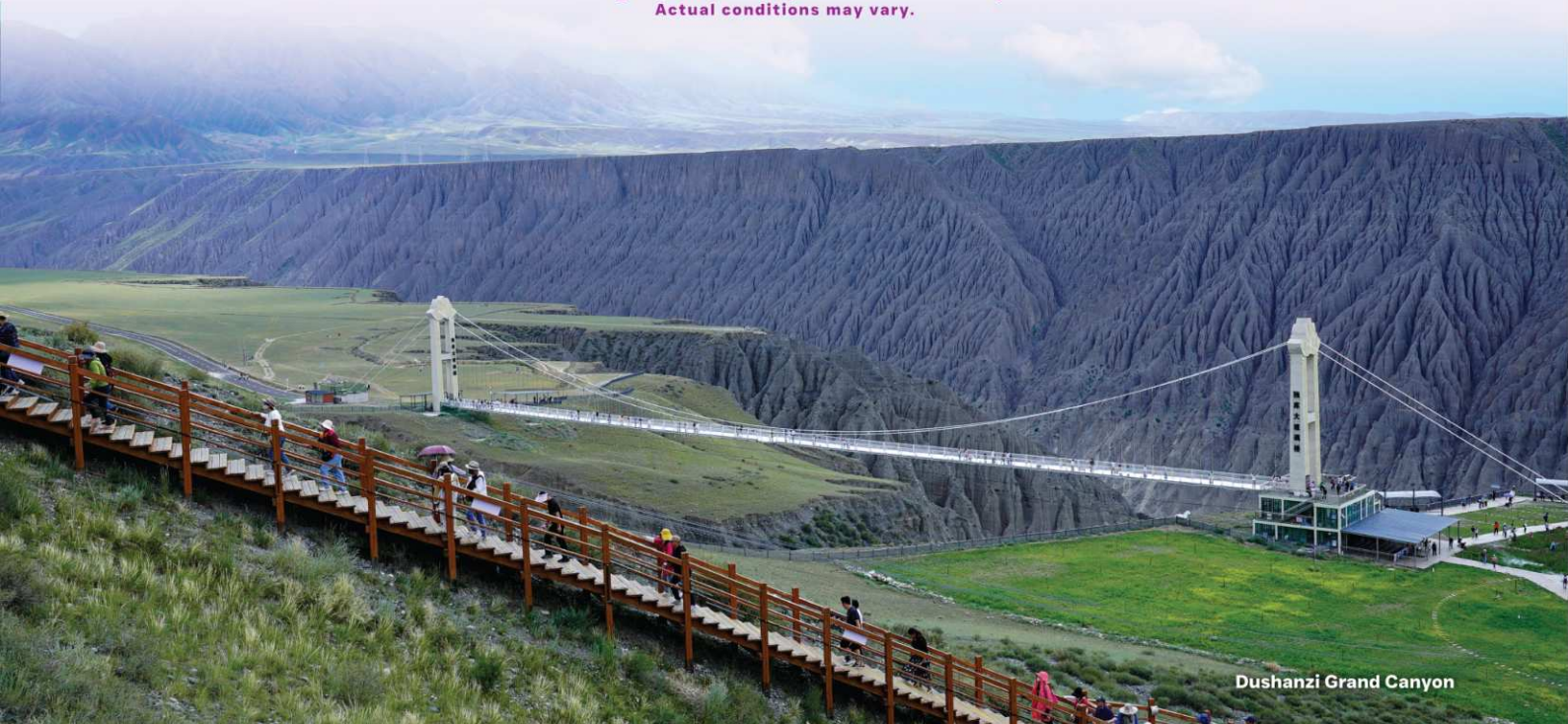
- Grassland weather can be unpredictable — remember to bring warm clothing and rain gear, as sudden changes in temperature or rainfall are quite common.
- UV rays are strong in the grasslands, so proper sun protection is essential — be sure to use sunscreen, wear a hat, and bring sunglasses.
- Temperatures vary greatly between day and night — keep warm, especially in the mornings and evenings, when the sudden chill can catch travelers off guard.

## Day 8

**Urumqi ➡ Designated Airport**

After breakfast, the journey through Northern Xinjiang comes to an end. The guide will arrange airport transfers based on your flight schedule.

— All images in the itinerary are for reference only. —  
Actual conditions may vary.



Dushanzi Grand Canyon



## Tour Group Guidelines and Responsibility Notice

### (1) Tour Inclusions

#### Included in the Fee

##### [Transportation]

·Based on a group of 15 or more. A professional tour bus (may be a shuttle) and a local driver are arranged.  
·Includes toll fees, fuel charges, driver accommodation, and other necessary travel costs.

##### [Accommodation]

·Arrangements are for local hotels; includes 4-star hotels (2 people per room; double or twin beds).  
·If a triple room is not available, an extra bed may be added; if the hotel cannot accommodate, an average cost adjustment will be arranged.  
·If there are any changes in accommodation due to availability, hotels of similar standard will be arranged (especially for remote areas, towns, or villages).  
·Room arrangements are based on double occupancy. Solo travelers will be paired with same-gender roommates if possible; if not, a single room surcharge applies.

##### [Attractions]

·Entrance fees for listed scenic spots and first-gate admission.  
·Includes the listed experiences and activities (e.g. sight-seeing transportation, ecological buses, electric cars, cruise boats, cultural shows, etc.). If unable to participate due to weather or force majeure, no refunds will be issued.

##### [Meals]

Includes specified meals.  
(Special note: Some hotels may not provide breakfast. In such cases, the itinerary may be adjusted accordingly or replaced with breakfast-to-go or dining vouchers.)

##### [Special Arrangements]

If specified in the itinerary, it will be carried out accordingly.  
(Special note: If canceled due to force majeure or insufficient group size, it will not be replaced and no compensation will be given.)

#### Not Included in the Fee

##### [Meals]

Any meals not listed. Meals during free time or en route are self-arranged and self-paid.

##### [Accommodation]

If a single room is required, a single supplement will be charged.

##### [Other]

Personal expenses, mini bar, laundry, room service, and all other fees not mentioned above are self-paid.

### (2) Important Notes

#### [Personal Identification]

Travelers must provide accurate and complete identification at the time of registration (many scenic areas require ID for entry). If a traveler is unable to join or complete the tour due to incorrect or incomplete documents or contact info, they must bear full responsibility. The travel agency is not liable.

#### [Seat Arrangement]

There are no fixed seats on group tours. Travelers in the same group will rotate seats daily (except for the driver's seat).

#### [Leaving the Group]

If a traveler chooses to leave the group or skip any part of the itinerary, it will be considered a personal decision. Unused portions are non-refundable.

#### [Discount Documents]

If you hold valid discount ID (e.g., student ID, senior card) that entitles you to ticket discounts, please inform the tour operator and purchase the tickets yourself. The travel agency will not refund any price difference. Policies depend on the scenic area.

#### [Children Policy]

Infants are not accepted on this tour.  
Children must register and pay as adults; they cannot share a hotel bed with a parent unless properly registered.  
Failure to do so may result in being denied entry to scenic spots or hotels.

#### [Room Sharing Policy]

If a solo traveler agrees to share a room with another same-gender participant, pairing will be arranged by the tour driver. If pairing fails upon arrival, the traveler must pay the single supplement on-site if no rooms are available.

#### [Additional Notes]

In the event of severe weather, traffic delays, or unexpected closures, the itinerary may be adjusted accordingly. Unused tickets or portions of the trip are non-refundable.

#### [Itinerary Changes]

The itinerary is subject to change based on local weather, road conditions, or actual operations.  
Time schedules shown are for reference only.

#### [Departure Notification]

Departure details will be notified by 10:00 PM the night before via SMS or phone. Please keep communication lines open. If no message is received by 10:00 PM, contact your agent or tour leader immediately.

#### [Safety Reminder]

Seat belts must be worn at all times during travel.  
Avoid distracting the driver. Seat belts must also be worn on shuttle buses within scenic areas. Safety is your own responsibility – your cooperation is appreciated.

#### [Hotel Reminder]

For hygiene and safety, please use the disposable slippers provided by the hotel to avoid slipping and injury.