

Enchanting Northern Xinjiang

Springtime Apricot Blossoms in Ili 7-DAY Budget Tour



Tianshan Tianchi · S101 Danxia Highway · Sayram Lake · Six Star Street · Nalati Grassland · Tuergen Apricot Blossom Valley · Daxi Valley · Fushou Mountain · Dushanzi Grand Canyon · Rooftop Afternoon Tea

Itinerary Highlights

- ★ Stay in carefully selected quality hotels, with 2 nights upgraded to 4-star accommodations.
- ★ Enjoy a prairie-style photoshoot with drone aerial shots – includes traditional ethnic costumes and photo opportunities with adorable lambs.
- ★ Enjoy elegant wooden cabin afternoon tea, unwind along the way.
- ★ Direct access to Sayram Lake's loop trail without changing regional vehicles – enjoy more flexibility.
- ★ Onboard refreshments include mineral water, Xinjiang yogurt, seasonal fruits, wet wipes, and assorted local snacks at any time.
- ★ Taste the iconic handcrafted "Gulandamu" ice cream on Liuxing Street.
- ★ A licensed tour vehicle is arranged for the entire journey, with an experienced driver-guide offering attentive service for a safe and worry-free trip.

2-person group

HK\$ **3,730**
per person

Day	Itinerary	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Accommodation
1	Departure ~ Urumqi (Airport Pickup)	-	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Haixuan Hotel, Hongbang Hotel, Jinhong Int'l Hotel, Jinting Hotel, or equivalent standard hotels
2	Urumqi ~ Heavenly Lake of Tianshan ~ S101 Danxia Highway ~ Fukang	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Tianyue Business Hotel, Runbinwan Hotel, Ranran Hotel, Jinyuan Hotel, or equivalent standard 4-star hotels
3	Fukang ~ Sayram Lake Loop Drive ~ Duoba Ancient Lane ~ Yining	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Zhongyuan International Hotel, Haiyuan Hotel, Haitai International Hotel, Meiju Hotel, or equivalent 4-star hotels
4	Yining ~ Nalati Sky Corridor, Tuergen Apricot Valley ~ Xinyuan / Nalati Town	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Hongyuan Garden Hotel, Junyuan Hotel, Yiran Hotel, Sanhe Garden Hotel, Gulun Hotel, Wenhua Hotel, or equivalent 4-star hotels
5	Xinyuan / Nalati Town ~ Daxigou, Fushoushan ~ Bohu / Jinghe	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Sunshine Hotel, Beihai Hotel, Yanzhou Peninsula Hotel, Shouyi Hotel, Tianxin Hotel, Lanou Hotel, or equivalent 4-star hotels
6	Bohu / Jinghe ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~ Urumqi / Changji	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Dongquan Hotel, Jiasheng Hotel, Jinhong Hotel, Kangcheng Airport Hotel, or equivalent 4-star hotels
7	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 !

- Ultraviolet rays are strong in many parts of Xinjiang. Please prepare sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and related items.
- Hotel accommodation conditions in Xinjiang are generally lower than those in first-tier cities in mainland China. Please make necessary psychological preparation before departure.
- Hotel check-in time in Xinjiang is generally after 14:00. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage at the front desk and explore on your own.

Day 2

Urumqi ~ Heavenly Lake ~ S101 Danxia Highway ~ Qitai



Drive approx. 7 hours / Around 460 km

08:00-09:00	Breakfast at hotel, then hotel pickup according to pre-set group schedule.
09:30-20:00	Begin journey: drive to the renowned Heavenly Lake (Tianshan Scenic Area). Surrounded by alpine forests and snow-capped peaks, the area is home to mystical legends and the famous "Tianshan Celestial Lake". Continue to S101 Danxia Highway—a stunning drive along the colorful rock formations and cliffs, likened to nature's masterpiece. Along the way, you may encounter wild animals. A great day for photography!
20:00-20:30	Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.

Friendly Reminder !

- Hotel pick-up locations are scattered, so travel time may be longer. Please be ready at the designated time and location.
- Please fasten your seatbelt upon boarding. Today's journey will be long – we recommend bringing snacks and drinking water for comfort.
- All tour vehicles have GPS speed monitoring. By regulation, drivers can drive up to 4 hours and must rest 20 minutes after. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring safety.



Urumqi City



S101 Danxia Highway



Nalati Sky Grassland

Day 3**Sayram Lake ~ Liu Xing Street ~ Yining**
Drive
 approx. 6.5 hours /
 Around 455 km

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:30-16:00	Today, we depart for the crystal-clear Sayram Lake, known as “the last teardrop of the Atlantic.” In Mongolian, it’s called “Sailimu Lake,” meaning “Lake on the Mountain Ridge,” and also conveys the image of a “shining sapphire.” In Kazakh, it means “beautiful blessing.” Locals describe it poetically and romantically. Around 70 million years ago, during the Himalayas’ orogeny, tectonic collisions formed this magnificent landscape of half mountain, half lake. After millions of years of waiting, it now awaits your visit – Sayram Lake!
16:30-18:00	Then we head to the popular check-in spot Liu Xing Street, where you can enjoy the famous handmade orchid milk cake and stroll freely through streets filled with cultural charm and local architecture.
18:00-20:00	Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.

Friendly Reminder !

- Please fasten your seatbelt. If prone to motion sickness, prepare motion sickness patches in advance.
- Some scenic spots require walking. Wear comfortable, non-slip shoes. Roads may freeze during rain or temperature drops.
- Tianchi swan sightings are mostly in the Korla Swan Lake area, not Tianchi Lake.

Day 4**Yining ~ Nalati Sky Grassland ~ Tuyugou Apricot Valley ~ Xinyuan / Nalati Town**
Drive
 approx. 7 hours /
 Around 400 km

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:30-18:00	We begin our journey to the magical Nalati Sky Grassland, part of the Nalati Scenic Area and one of the world's four largest alpine meadows. Located on the northern slope of the Nalati Mountains, it sits atop an ancient floodplain and features alpine grasslands, river valleys, and forests. Later, we head to the breathtaking Tuyugou Apricot Blossom Valley, where spring has just arrived in Yili. Apricot blossoms burst into bloom after the rain, covering the hills in pink and white – like stepping into a fairyland.
18:30-19:30	Enjoy dinner on your own, then check into the hotel.

Friendly Reminder !

- UV rays are strong – please apply sun protection.
- Prepare warm clothing for large temperature differences between morning and night.
- Do not pick flowers or litter during blossom season – protect the natural environment.



Sayram Lake



Luxing Street, Yining City



Dushanzi Grand Canyon

Day 5

Xinyuan / Nalati Town ~ Daxi Valley Fushou Mountain
~ Bole / Jinghe



Drive
approx. 8 hours /
Around 580 km

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:00-18:00	<p>Today we head to a hidden gem – Zhonghua Fushou Mountain in Daxi Valley, Ili. This eco-tourism destination blends natural beauty, culture, wellness, and leisure.</p> <p>The area features pine forests, alpine meadows, wildflowers, ancient temples, and rich biodiversity – a peaceful retreat where nature and humanity coexist. Recognized as a national AAAA-rated scenic area, it has been a sacred Taoist site since 1221 AD and remains one of Xinjiang's important spiritual centers.</p> <p>It is also the native habitat of Asian wild cherry plums and home to over 60 species of wild fruit trees, including wild apples and apricots. Known as “China's Cherry Plum Valley,” it offers stunning views year-round.</p>
18:30-20:00	Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.

Friendly Reminder !

- Early spring weather can be quite changeable. It is recommended to bring rain gear when going out.
- Please fasten your seatbelt when boarding. As today's journey is relatively long, we suggest bringing some snacks and drinking water.
- It can be quite windy in the mountains, so it's advisable to bring warm clothing to avoid getting cold.

Day 6

Bole ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~ Urho ~ Changji



Drive
approx. 7 hours /
Around 490 km

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:30-19:00	<p>Today, we head to the Dushanzi Grand Canyon, a spectacular natural landscape carved by time. Located in Dushanzi District, Karamay, Xinjiang, it lies about 28 km south of the city and is accessible by road.</p> <p>The canyon floor is 100–400 meters wide, with a rim spanning 800–1,000 meters. The elevation difference reaches 200 meters, at an altitude of about 1,070 meters.</p> <p>The river cuts through the terrain, forming dramatic cliffs and ridges. On both sides are terraced desert grasslands with shrubs and conifers. The Sartu River flows through from the northeast, shaping the canyon over time into a unique desert landform. From the rim, layered rock formations and rugged terrain create a stunning geological view.</p>
19:30-21:00	Dinner on your own. Afterwards, proceed to check in at the hotel.

Friendly Reminder !

- There are no safety railings near cliff areas – please maintain a safe distance from the edge when taking photos, and watch your footing.
- The route includes winding mountain roads – please prepare motion sickness medicine in advance and always fasten your seatbelt.
- Today's journey is relatively long – we recommend preparing some snacks and drinking water.

Day 7

Urumqi ✈ Designated Airport

Zhonghua Fushou Mountain

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.

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.