

Discover Northern Xinjiang

An Unforgettable Ili Adventure

7-DAY Budget Tour



Heavenly Lake of Tianshan · Dushanzi Grand Canyon · Sayram Lake · Liuxing Street · Qiayi Forest Park · Nalati · S101 Danxia Highway · Outdoor afternoon tea

Itinerary Highlights

- ★ Stay in premium, carefully selected hotels throughout the trip, with 2 nights upgraded to Ctrip Four-Diamond-rated accommodations.
- ★ 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 – more flexibility and freedom.
- ★ 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\$ 4,093
per person

Day	Itinerary	Break-fast	Lunch	Dinner	Accommodation
1	Departure ~Urumqi (Airport Pickup)	-	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Hailuo Hotel, Hongbang Hotel, Jingang International Hotel, Jinting Hotel, or equivalent standard 4-star hotels
2	Urumqi ~ Heavenly Lake of Tianshan ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~ Kuytun	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Tianyue Business Hotel, Lanbowan Hotel, Rouran Hotel, Jinyuan Hotel or equivalent standard 4-star hotels
3	Kuytun ~ Sayram Lake (Direct Loop Tour) ~ Lakeside Afternoon Tea ~ Dopamine Liuxing Street ~ Yining	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Central Asia International Hotel, Haixu Hotel, Haitai International Hotel, Meijing Hotel or other hotels of equivalent 4-diamond level
4	Yining ~ Qiayi Forest Park ~ Nalati Town / Xinyuan	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Sanhegui Hotel, Guluan Hotel, Meitu Hotel, Wenming Hotel or equivalent standard 4-star hotels
5	Nalati Town ~ Nalati Sky Grassland ~ Bole / Shuanghe	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Sunshine Hotel, Donggang Hotel, Binjiang Peninsula Hotel or equivalent standard 4-star hotels
6	Bole ~ S101 Danxia Highway ~ Kensiware Reservoir ~ Urumqi / Changji	In hotel	Self-arranged	Self-arranged	Dongquan Hotel, Jiahang Hotel, Jingu Hotel, Campanile Airport Hotel or other hotels of equivalent 4-diamond level
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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Dushanzi Grand Canyon

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 ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~ Kuytun



Drive approx. 6.5 hours / Around 430 km

08:00-09:00	Breakfast at hotel, then hotel pickup according to pre-set group schedule.
09:30-15:00	Today, we depart from Urumqi and head to the scenic Heavenly Lake of Tianshan. Rich in legends and cultural heritage, this alpine lake nestled among snowy peaks offers a refreshing journey. Enjoy the cool breeze and capture nature's surprises along the way.
15:30-19:00	After exploring the mythical beauty of the Heavenly Lake, we continue to another natural masterpiece – Dushanzi Grand Canyon. The longer drive offers time to rest and enjoy meals along the way. Upon arrival, you'll encounter a real-life "Wild West" landscape, where ancient glaciers have carved out dramatic, awe-inspiring terrain.
20:00-20:30	Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.

Friendly Reminder !

- Morning hotel pickups are scattered and may take longer. Please be ready at the designated time.
- Remember to fasten your seatbelt upon boarding. Today's journey is relatively long, so we recommend bringing snacks and drinking water.
- The tour vehicle is equipped with GPS speed monitoring. For safety, the driver may drive a maximum of 4 hours continuously, followed by a mandatory 20-minute rest stop. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

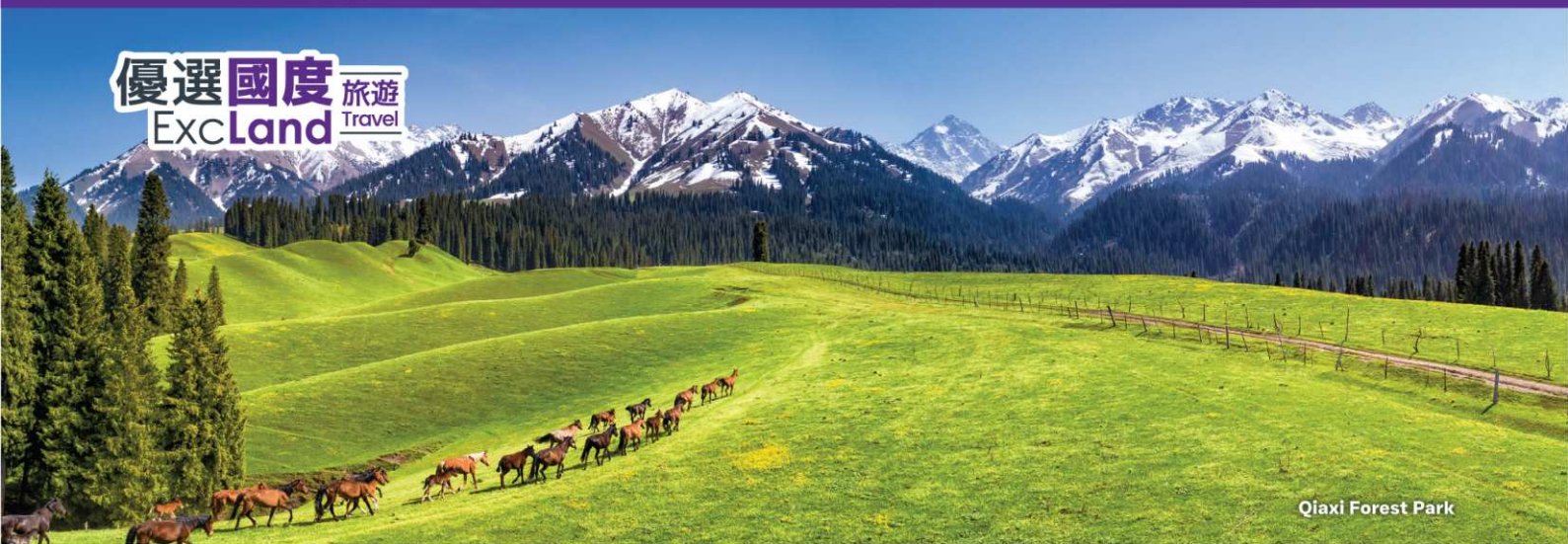


Urumqi City



Heavenly Lake of Tianshan

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Qiaxi Forest Park

Day 3

Kuytun ~ Sayram Lake ~ Liuxing Street ~ Yining



Drive
approx. 6 hours /
Around 460 km

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:30-16:00	Today, we depart the hotel and head to the stunning Sayram Lake, known as “the last teardrop of the Atlantic.” In Mongolian, it’s called Sayram Jor – “lake on the ridge” – and also nicknamed the “shining sapphire.” In Kazakh, it means “beautiful blessing.” Locals often describe it with romance and poetry. Formed 70 million years ago during the Himalayan orogeny, shifting land created a landscape of half mountains, half lake. Seventy million years of waiting – just to meet you, Sayram Lake.
16:30-18:00	We then head to the popular check-in spot Liuxing Street, where you can enjoy the delicious handcrafted Gulandamu ice cream, take in the local culture and unique architecture, and freely explore the streets filled with ethnic charm.
18:00-20:00	Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.

Friendly Reminder !

- Please fasten your seatbelt immediately upon boarding the vehicle for your safety! If anyone in your group is prone to motion sickness, please prepare motion sickness patches or medication in advance for added comfort and safety.
- For areas within the scenic spots that require walking or hiking, we recommend wearing comfortable, sturdy, and non-slip footwear. In rainy or colder conditions, the walking paths may become frosty, icy, or slippery and require extra caution.

Day 4

Yining ~ Qiaxi Forest Park ~ Nalati Town



Drive
approx. 7 hours /
Around 440 km

08:30-09:00	Breakfast at hotel, then hotel pickup according to pre-set group schedule.
09:30-16:00	Today, we journey to the peaceful and scenic Qiaxi Forest Park, located 78 km from the county center in the eastern mountains. The valley sits at 1,270-1,600 meters above sea level, spans 500-1,000 meters wide, and is traversed by the Qiaxi River. Surrounded by gentle hills and facing the Nalati peaks, it offers lush grasslands and a serene atmosphere. With its natural beauty and rich Kazakh culture – including music, cuisine, and horseback traditions – Qiaxi is both a cultural gem and a summer retreat. Highlights include the Entrance Waterfall, Swallow Bridge, Thirteen Siblings Trees, Shimen Willow Forest, and the King of Spruces. Traditional Kazakh yurts serve as reception points and can host up to 1,000 visitors per day.
18:30-19:30	Enjoy dinner on your own, then return to the hotel to check in.

Friendly Reminder !

- Temperature changes can be significant, so please bring warm and waterproof clothing.
- UV levels are strong – be sure to take proper sun protection measures.
- The tour vehicle is monitored by GPS speed control. For safety, the maximum continuous driving time is 4 hours, after which a 20-minute rest stop is required. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Sayram Lake



Liuxing Street, Yining City



S101 Danxia Highway

Day 5

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

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:30-18:00	Today, we visit the legendary Nalati Sky Grassland, part of one of the world's four major alpine meadows. Located on the northern slope of the Nalati Mountains, it consists of sky grassland, river valley grassland, and forest park. From June to September, the area bursts into greenery and wildflowers under a pleasant climate, with rivers, peaks, and forests forming a stunning natural landscape. In summer, herds migrate in, marking the grassland's golden season. Kazakh cultural events are often held, offering visitors a glimpse into nomadic traditions, from music and horseback riding to local customs and hospitality.
18:00-19:00	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 6

Bole ~ Dushanzi Grand Canyon ~ Urho ~ Changji



Drive
approx. 6 hours /
Around 580 km

08:30-09:00	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
09:30-18:00	Today, we travel along the historic S101 Danxia Highway, built in the 1960s across the Tianshan Mountains. This scenic route features dramatic Danxia landforms, steep cliffs, alpine meadows, and vast canyons – nature's raw power etched into the landscape. Stretching 301.6 km from Urumqi to Bayin River in Wusu, S101 is known as the "Tianshan Geographical Scenery Corridor." Along the way, you'll witness diverse terrains including yardangs, gobi deserts, canyons, and grasslands. The highway is part of the Asia-Heartland Scenic Route and is divided into four zones: Colorful Danxia, Pastoral Tianshan, Flower Fields, and Highland Meadows.
18:00-19:00	Dinner on your own. Afterwards, proceed to check in at the hotel.

Friendly Reminder !

- Morning hotel pickups are scattered and may take longer. Please be ready at the designated time.
- Remember to fasten your seatbelt upon boarding. Today's journey is relatively long, so we recommend bringing snacks and drinking water.
- The tour vehicle is equipped with GPS speed monitoring. For safety, the driver may drive a maximum of 4 hours continuously, followed by a mandatory 20-minute rest stop. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Day 7

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.



Nalati Sky Grassland

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.