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BY PRIVATE TRAIN**

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GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS

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Ancient China by Private Train

2026 DEPARTURES



Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of ancient China, where history, culture, and natural beauty converge on an extraordinary route aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express. This exclusive voyage traverses a captivating landscape of imperial capitals, desert oases, and ancient cities, transporting guests through Beijing, Xi'an, Dunhuang, Hotan, Kashgar, and beyond. Along the way, you'll encounter the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors, walk the revered Great Wall, and explore the majestic Mogao Caves—a UNESCO World Heritage Site adorned with exquisite Buddhist art.

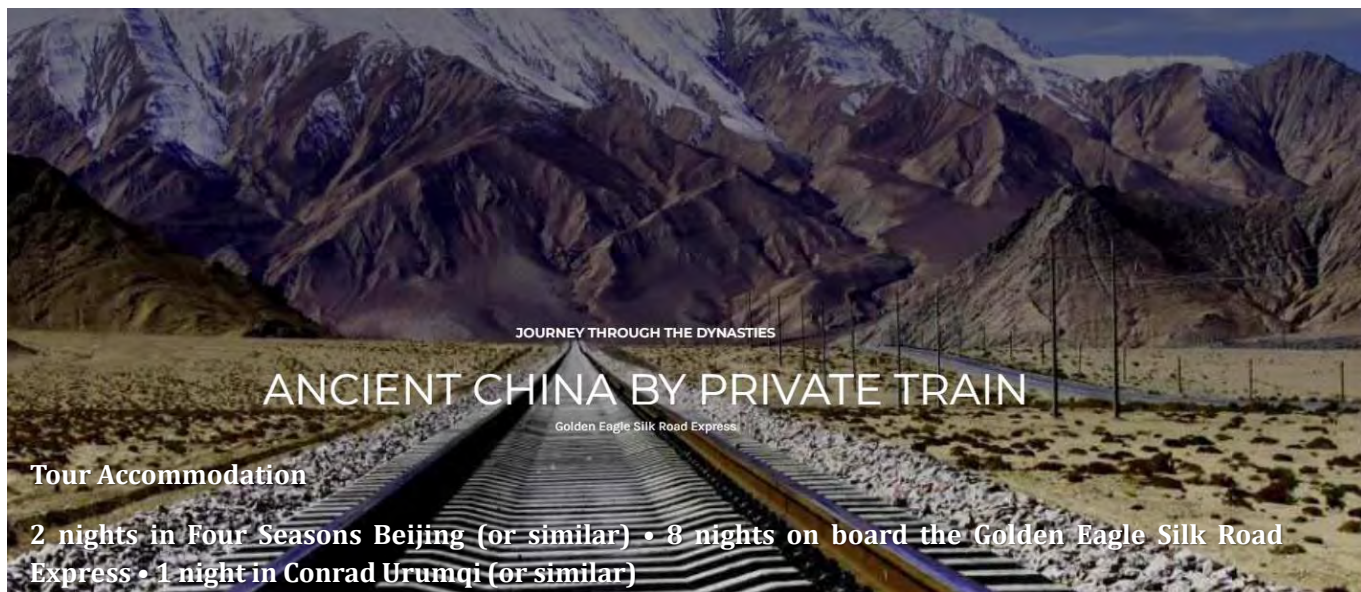
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Tour Accommodation

2 nights in Four Seasons Beijing (or similar) • 8 nights on board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express • 1 night in Conrad Urumqi (or similar)



DAY 1 BEIJING

Upon arrival in Beijing, guests will be warmly welcomed and transferred in luxury to the prestigious Four Seasons Hotel Beijing, where a two-night stay awaits in the epitome of five-star comfort. That evening, join fellow travellers for an exclusive welcome reception and dinner, setting the tone for an exceptional journey through China.

DAY 2 BEIJING

Our adventure begins with a morning visit to the Great Wall at Badaling, one of the most iconic symbols of ancient China. Here, guests can walk along a beautifully restored section, soaking in the breathtaking views and imagining the historical figures who once guarded this marvel. In the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to explore Beijing's lively mix of ancient traditions and modern vibrancy.

That evening, we gather for a sophisticated dining experience at a celebrated Peking Duck restaurant. This Beijing speciality, cherished for centuries, is expertly prepared and carved at your table, offering a delectable insight into Chinese culinary mastery.





DAY 3 BEIJING

Today, a comprehensive tour of Beijing's historic heart reveals the grandeur of China's ancient dynasties. Explore the Forbidden City, the sprawling imperial palace where emperors ruled for nearly 500 years. Stroll through Tiananmen Square, a place of great historical significance, before discovering the Summer Palace, a serene retreat adorned with beautiful gardens, temples, and lakes.

Alternatively, delve into Beijing's modern allure with a tour of contemporary landmarks: marvel at the architectural feats of the Olympic Village and the iconic "Bird's Nest" Stadium, glimpse the striking design of the CCTV Tower, and explore the National Museum for a modern-day perspective on China's cultural evolution.

In the evening, we board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, our luxurious home for the next leg of the journey. Settle into your elegant cabin before enjoying a welcoming dinner in the dining car, as we begin our journey westward in true comfort.

DAY 4 XI'AN

In Xi'an, we explore the ancient city walls and the historic Great Mosque, one of China's oldest and largest mosques, blending Islamic and Chinese architectural styles. Later, we visit the awe-inspiring Terracotta Army – a life-sized army of soldiers, chariots, and horses, buried with China's First Emperor to protect him in the afterlife. This UNESCO site, often hailed as the Eighth Wonder of the World, offers a mesmerising insight into ancient Chinese beliefs and artistry.

In the evening, delight in an authentic Tang Dynasty dinner, where the ambiance is enhanced by a captivating performance of traditional music and dance, evoking the grandeur of ancient Xi'an.



**DAY 5 ON BOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE
SILK ROAD EXPRESS**

Today is a day of leisure as we traverse the Chinese landscape aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express. Take in the panoramic scenery from the Observation Car's floor-to-ceiling windows, the largest of any train in China, or unwind in the Bar Lounge Car with a selection of fine wines and spirits.



DAY 6 DUNHUANG

Arriving in Dunhuang, we explore the Mogao Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its ancient Buddhist art. This "Cave of a Thousand Buddhas" is a spiritual oasis that has inspired pilgrims and artists for centuries, adorned with vibrant murals and statues that date back over a thousand years. Local folk artists serenade us with music, adding an atmospheric touch to our journey through this sacred complex.

After a delightful lunch, we embark on a camel trek along the Silk Road to the enchanting Crescent Lake, an oasis nestled among towering dunes. This tranquil crescent-shaped lake has endured millennia of desert winds and remains a cherished symbol of resilience and beauty.



DAY 7 GOLMUD

Our day in Golmud includes an enlightening lecture at the Hilton Qinghai-Golmud on the Silk Road's history, highlighting its role as a bridge between East and West. Guests may choose to explore the Chaerhan Salt Lake, a surreal landscape of salt flats and mineral deposits, or enjoy a guided tour through Golmud's vibrant city streets, before we re-board the train.

DAY 8 HOTAN

Enjoy a leisurely morning on board before an exclusive visit to Hotan's Atlas Silk and Carpet Workshop. Here, witness master artisans create intricate silk fabrics and carpets using time-honoured techniques passed down through generations. In the evening, we step back in time with a tour of Yotkan Ancient City. Once the heart of the Buddhist Kingdom of Khotan, this ancient city flourished along the Silk Road, its temples and cultural centres revealing Hotan's rich legacy as a nexus of trade and spirituality.





DAY 9 KASHGAR

Today, we delve into Kashgar, a city that has long been a melting pot of cultures, religions, and architecture. Begin with a visit to the Apak Khoja Tomb, a stunningly adorned mausoleum considered the holiest Muslim site in Xinjiang. Wander through the Old Town, where narrow alleys and traditional homes provide a glimpse into local life, and explore the Gaotai folk houses, an area steeped in history and tradition.

A delightful lunch in a local restaurant introduces us to the diverse flavours of Uyghur cuisine before we return to the train to continue our journey.

DAY 10 TURPAN

Arriving in Turpan, we explore the Ancient City of Gaochang, an ancient Silk Road outpost that once served as a vital trading hub. After lunch, we marvel at the Karez irrigation system, an engineering marvel that has provided water to this arid region for centuries. We then visit Jiaohe Ruins, an ancient city carved from rock, whose unique architecture reflects the ingenuity of its former inhabitants.

In the evening, join us for a farewell dinner aboard the train as we bid farewell to the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express.



DAY 11 TURPAN & URUMQI

After a restful morning on board, join a captivating lecture exploring the legacies of the Silk Road. Following a leisurely lunch on board, we disembark in Urumqi, where we'll enjoy an overnight stay. This city is the cosmopolitan capital of Xinjiang, home to numerous ethnic groups and brimming with the vibrant energy of East meets West.

DAY 12 URUMQI

On your final morning, our team will assist with transfers to Urumqi's international airport for your onward journey. Leaving with memories of China's treasures and the unforgettable sights of the Silk Road, we hope your journey has been as extraordinary as the history of the lands you have traversed.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy signature Golden Eagle experiences throughout this extraordinary voyage. Expertly curated excursions are accompanied by relaxing afternoons onboard your private, five-star hotel on rails.

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- ❖ Learn the ancient tradition of hand-weaving exquisite silk and carpets at the Atlas Silk and Carpet Workshop.
- ❖ Delight in an authentic Tang Dynasty dinner, where the ambiance is enhanced by a captivating performance of traditional music and dance, evoking the grandeur of ancient Xi’an.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Accommodation

- ✓ Quality pre and post-tour accommodation in Beijing and Urumqi
- ✓ 2 nights in Four Seasons Beijing
- ✓ 8 nights on board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express
- ✓ 1 hotel night in Urumqi

Dining

- ✓ Freshly prepared meals on board, using the finest local ingredients
- ✓ Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- ✓ Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from Standard Bar list
- ✓ 11 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 11 Dinners

Service

- ✓ Cabin attendant service including evening turndown
- ✓ Experienced Tour Management team
- ✓ Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✓ All gratuities – on and off the train
- ✓ Luggage portage throughout the journey

Excursions

- ✓ Enjoy immersive excursions throughout this exclusive voyage
- ✓ Benefit from the insight of our expert tour managers and specially selected, local tour guides
- ✓ Experience authentic encounters with local cultures and identities through our curated itineraries

DATES & PRICES

All prices are per person



GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS

USD (\$)	Superior Class		Han Dynasty Suite	
2026	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)
Sep 21 – Oct 02	18,500	30,900	On Request	On Request
Deposit	\$ 3,200		\$ 6,200	

Remarks:

- Prices quoted are based on **US Dollar (USD)**; payment in Ringgit Malaysia subject to prevailing currency exchange rate upon booking.
- Prices quoted are based on minimum of 01 adult travelling
- Peak season or special event surcharge & block out date are subject to change without prior notice.
- A non-refundable deposit is required upon booking request. Full payment once booking confirmed.
- Cancellation : Non-Refundable
- Prices are subject to change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of reservation.
- We reserved the right to alter, amend, delete or to add to the conditions or withdraw the package at any time without prior notice.
- Other terms and conditions apply.