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BY PRIVATE TRAIN**

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GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS
VOYAGES OF A LIFETIME BY PRIVATE TRAIN™

Ancient China by Private Train

2027 DEPARTURES



Embark on an unforgettable journey across the heart of China, where ancient history, vibrant culture and striking landscapes unfold along an extraordinary rail route aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express. Travelling from Urumqi to Beijing, this remarkable journey reveals a succession of historic cities, desert oases and legendary landmarks that once lay along the great trading routes connecting East and West. Along the way, explore the atmospheric ruins of ancient settlements, witness remarkable feats of historic engineering and discover the cultural treasures of Xi'an, including the awe-inspiring Terracotta Army.

URUMQI – TURPAN – KASHGAR – HOTAN – GOLMUD – DUNHUANG – XI'AN – BEIJING

JOURNEY THROUGH THE DYNASTIES

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Golden Eagle Silk Road Express



DAY 1 URUMQI

Upon arrival in Urumqi, guests will be warmly welcomed and transferred in luxury to the Conrad Urumqi, where a one-night stay awaits. This city is the cosmopolitan capital of Xinjiang, home to numerous ethnic groups and brimming with the vibrant energy of East meets West.

That evening, join fellow travellers for an exclusive welcome reception and dinner, setting the tone for an exceptional journey along the Silk Road.

DAY 2 TURPAN

After a restful morning in Urumqi, we board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, our luxurious home for the next leg of the journey. Settle into your elegant cabin and take time to familiarise yourself with life on board before joining fellow travellers in the dining car for a welcoming lunch. As the train begins its journey eastwards across the vast landscapes of western China, relax and enjoy the comfort and attentive service that defines life aboard our private train as we make our way towards our first stop, Turpan.





DAY 3 TURPAN

We begin by exploring the Ancient City of Gaochang, once a thriving Silk Road outpost and an important hub for merchants travelling between East and West. Walking among its atmospheric ruins offers a fascinating glimpse into a city that flourished for centuries along the ancient trade routes.

After lunch, we visit the remarkable Karez irrigation system, an ingenious network of underground channels that has brought life-sustaining water to this arid region for centuries and remains one of the great engineering achievements of the ancient world.

Later, we continue to the Jiaohe Ruins, the remains of a dramatic ancient city carved from a natural plateau of rock. Its distinctive layout and well-preserved streets, temples and dwellings reflect the remarkable ingenuity of the communities who once lived here.

DAY 4 KASHGAR (KASHI)

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 eastward journey.



DAY 5 HOTAN

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.

Enjoy also 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.



DAY 6 GOLMUD

Our day in Golmud begins with an enlightening lecture at the Hilton Qinghai-Golmud, offering insight into the rich history of the Silk Road and its enduring role as a bridge between East and West.

Guests may then choose between two contrasting experiences: a visit to the remarkable Chaerhan Salt Lake, where vast salt flats and striking mineral formations create a surreal and otherworldly landscape, or a guided exploration of Golmud's lively city streets, providing a glimpse into everyday life in this remote desert city.

Later, we return to the train and re-board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express to continue our journey.



DAY 7 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 8 ONBOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE SILK ROAD EXPRESS & XI'AN

Today is a day of leisure as we traverse the ever-changing landscapes of China 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 car with a selection of fine wines and spirits as the countryside glides by.

Later this evening we arrive into Xi'an, one of China's most historic cities. Tonight, delight in an authentic Tang Dynasty dinner, where the elegant setting is enhanced by a captivating performance of traditional music and dance, evoking the splendour and cultural richness of ancient Xi'an.





DAY 9 XI'AN

In Xi'an, we explore the impressive ancient city walls before visiting the historic Great Mosque of Xi'an, one of the oldest and largest mosques in China. Uniquely blending traditional Chinese architectural elements with Islamic design, it reflects centuries of cultural exchange along the historic trade routes.

Later, we visit the awe-inspiring Terracotta Army – a vast collection of life-sized soldiers, chariots and horses created to guard the tomb of Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife. Often described as the "Eighth Wonder of the World," this remarkable archaeological discovery offers a fascinating insight into the beliefs, craftsmanship and ambition of ancient China.

In the evening, join us for a farewell dinner aboard the train, celebrating the unforgettable experiences and friendships formed along the journey.

DAY 10 BEIJING

Upon arrival in China's capital, we enjoy a comprehensive tour of Beijing's historic heart, revealing the grandeur of the country's imperial past. Explore the magnificent Forbidden City, the vast palace complex from which Chinese emperors ruled for almost 500 years. We then stroll across the immense Tiananmen Square, a site of immense historical significance, before continuing to the tranquil Summer Palace, a serene retreat of lakes, temples and landscaped gardens once favoured by the imperial court.

Alternatively, guests may choose to discover Beijing's modern side with a tour of its contemporary architectural landmarks. Marvel at the impressive structures of the Olympic Village, including the iconic Beijing National Stadium, glimpse the striking headquarters of China Central Television, and explore the National Museum of China for a modern perspective on the country's rich cultural evolution.

After touring, guests will be transferred in comfort to the prestigious Four Seasons Hotel Beijing, where a two-night stay awaits.



DAY 11 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 12 BEIJING

On your final morning, our team will assist with transfers to Beijing'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.



RAILWAY SCHEDULING & ITINERARY FLEXIBILITY NOTICE

Please note that all railway schedules in China are determined solely by the Chinese railway bureau. As a result, we do not have control over the exact timings allocated to our journeys, which may occasionally include early morning or late night departures or arrivals. This can necessitate adjustments to the published itinerary, such as changes to visiting hours, routing, or the inclusion of activities. While we will always strive to deliver the planned experience, certain elements may need to be amended, substituted, or omitted based on the final timetable. Rest assured, our team is committed to providing the highest possible guest experience and will communicate any updates as soon as official schedules are confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Visit the Apak Khoja Tomb, a stunningly adorned mausoleum considered the holiest Muslim site in Xinjiang.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.



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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 portorage 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

USD (\$)	Superior Class		Han Dynasty Suite	
	TWIN or Double (\$)	SINGLE (\$)	TWIN (\$)	SINGLE (\$)
2027 (Urumqi – Beijing)				
Mar 29 – Apr 09	25,000	41,800	On Request	On Request
Sep 11 – Sep 22	25,000	41,800	On Request	On Request
Deposit	30%		30%	

Remarks:

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