



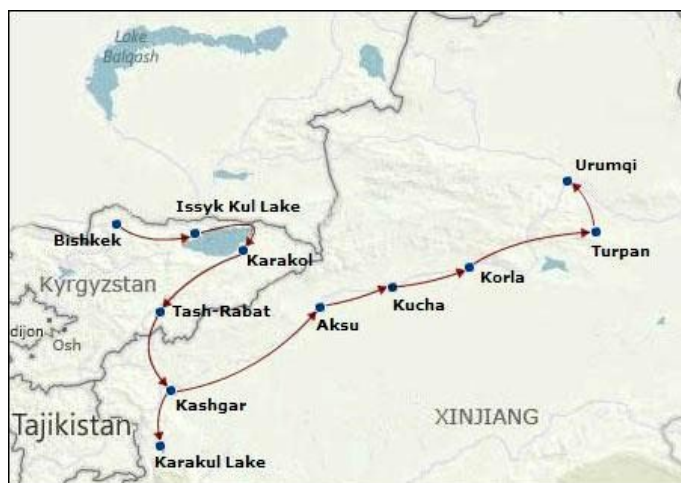
## Kyrgyzstan & Xinjiang Tour 2015

Commencing the tour from the paradise of the mountain lovers-Kyrgyzstan and enter the Chinese Central Asia-Xinjiang via numerous Caravan-Sarays along the ancient Silk Road as Issyk kul Lake, Karakol, Tash-Rabat and following the middle Tianshan oasis cities as Kashgar, Aksu, Kucha, Korla and Turpan. Trip ends at capital city of Xinjiang-Urumqi. Departures are available from Monday on 26<sup>th</sup> May to 06<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 .

### 2015 DEPARTURES

	START	END
May	11	24
May	25	June 07
June	08	21
June	22	July 05
July	06	19
July	20	August 02
August	03	16
August	17	30
September	07	20
September	14	27
October	12	25

Route map:



### Day01: Arrive Bishkek

Arrive Bishkek by land OR by flight, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. met by Kyrgyz guide and driver, transfer to hotel for overnight.



### Day02: Bishkek-Issyk Kul Lake

Drive to Issyk kul Lake with enroute visit to Burana Tower. Afternoon visit the Petroglyphs at Cholponata village and have a leisurely walk along the beach.

### Day03: Issyk Kul-Karakol

Late morning drive to Karakol town (90minutes), Visit to Dun'gan mosque, Orthodox Church and Przewalski's Museum.

### Day04: Karakol-Tash Rabat

Drive to Tash-Rabat with en route visit to Jetty Oguz valley, overnight at Yurt.

### Day05: Tash Rabat-Kashgar

Drive to Kyrgyzstan-China border Turgart pass to enter China, met by Chinese guide and driver, continue drive to oasis city of Kashgar.

### Day06: Kashgar-Karakul Lake-Kashgar

Trip to Karakul Lake along the Karakorum Highway (KKH). The lake itself just a destination, but the landscape and scenery along the road is so picturesque that 200kms paved good road takes as much as 4 hours with endless photo stops on the road, early afternoon drive back to Kashgar.



**Day07: Kashgar**

We will be in the downtown of this Silk Road city today including visit to Sunday Market Livestock section, Apakh Khoja Mausoleum, Old Town of Kashgar, Eidkah Mosque which was built in 1442 and its surrounding handcraft streets.

**Day08: Kashgar-Aksu**

Morning free at Kashgar, early lunch and drive along the middle Silk Road to Aksu.

**Day09: Aksu-Kucha**

Drive further to north east direction to explore the Kizil Buddhist Grottoes in the Muzart River gully in Baycheng, drive to Kucha via Yardang (Yadan) land formation and salt water gully.

**Day10: Kucha-Korla**

Morning visit to Subash Buddhist Ruins and downtown of Kucha, afternoon drive via express highway to Oil City Korla.

**Day11: Korla-Turpan**

Drive over the Tianshan mountains to Turpan basin, Turpan is the hottest, lowest and driest city in China, it was called fireland in ancient time.

**Day12: Turpan**

Morning visit to Jiaohe Ancient City which was listed under UNESCO, Karez underground irrigation channels and Emin Minaret, afternoon free time to explore downtown of Turpan.

**Day13: Turpan-Urumqi**

Drive along the Flaming Mountain valley to visit to Bezaklik Thousand Buddhist Caves, Astana Graveyard and Tuyuq village, lunch at local farmer Kurban Kasim's courtyard under the grape trellis, afternoon drive back to Urumqi, farewell dinner tonight.

**Day14: Urumqi depart**

Transfer to airport for departure flight.

(You can either have a extension tour to Beijing via Dunhuang and Xian)

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**2015 other itineraries:**

- Silk Road Kashgar to Xian 16 days
- Silk Road Classic: Xian to Tashkent 19 days
- Wild West of China 20 days
- Journey to the west 20 days
- Textile arts of China 22 days
- Travel to China's Gobi Desert 15 Days
- Xinjiang Tour 15 days

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