

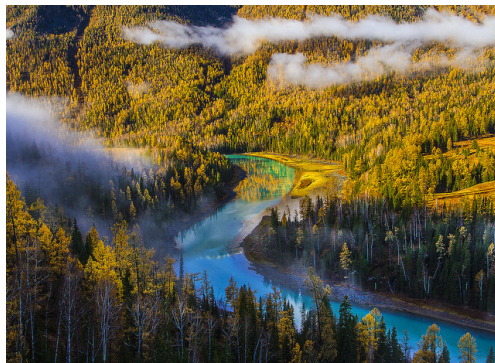
12D11N In-Depth Northern Xinjiang

Urumqi/Kokotkay/Kanas/Hemu/Burqin/Kuitun/Yining/Natali/Xinyuan/Jinghe

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ASA Exclusive Highlights:

- 2N stay at the core attractions **Kanas and Hemu**, **36 hours of in-depth**
- Entering the Karasengar Earthquake Fault Zone
- Entering the "World of Oil Painting" ~ **Colorful Beach**
- Known as the "Pure Land of Humanity" ~ **Kanas Scenic Area**
- The reputation of "China's No. 1 Village" ~ **Hemu Village**
- The second largest desert in China ~ **Gurbantungut Desert**
- "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" location shooting spot ~ **Devil City**
- The last tear of the Atlantic ~ **Sayram Lake**
- Wander the **Turgen Apricot Valley + Nalati Sky Grassland**
- Visit the 1st of the "Nine Cities in Yili" - **Huiyuan Ancient City**
- The Overlooking the **Dushanzi Grand Canyon**
- Visit the "Mt Heavenly & Heavenly Lake", which is like a hanging mirror in the sky and a vast divine pool.
- The world's largest bazaar - **Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar**
- No shopping stops
- ★ 35-seater coach 2+1 luxury seat
- ★ 100% of Meals Special delicacies: Cold water Fish Feast, Tuva Family Feast, Big Plate Chicken, Noodles Mixed with Strips, Special Naan Meat, Hemu Earth Hot pot, Jiu hao Courtyard Auspicious Banquet
- ★ Gift: Customized souvenirs



Day 1 : Singapore ✈ **Shanghai 1010/1535hrs** ✈ **Urumqi 1830/2355hrs**

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Urumqi** via Shanghai.

Day 2 : Urumqi/Kokotkay (B/L/D)

This morning, drive to **Koktokay**. Passing through Fuyun County, we cross the Junggar Basin, the second largest basin in Xinjiang, pass by the Karamaili Ungulate Nature Reserve, and the edge of the Gurbantünggüt Desert, where we can appreciate the strange scene of the Gobi and yellow sand adjacent to each other. After lunch, drive to the **Koktokay National Geopark (including shuttle bus)** to visit the iconic attraction of the Altay Mountains - Amirsala Peak, also known as the Divine Bell Mountain. Walk up to the observation deck and overlook the beautiful scenery of Koktokay.

Day 3 : Koktokay/Kanas (B/L/D)

This morning, drive to **Burqin** to visit the unique and gorgeous scenery, the first beach in the world - **Colorful Beach**, with Gobi on one side and oasis on the other side of the river bank. The morning glow and the afterglow of the setting sun make it dazzling. Head to **Kanas**.

Day 4 : Kanas/Hemu (B/L/D)

Drive to "Oriental Switzerland" **Kanas Lake (including shuttle bus)**. Entering Kanas Scenic Area, enjoy the mysterious and quiet Wolong Bay, Shenxian Bay, Moon Bay, Yaze Lake and other beautiful scenery on the way. After arriving at the lake area, stroll along the lakeside, appreciate the green slopes, ink forests, colorful flowers and butterflies, the lake and mountains, and feel the pleasant scenery of Kanas Lake. Thereafter, continue to **Hemu Village (including shuttle bus + sightseeing bus)**. Kanas, located in Burqin County, Xinjiang, is the concentrated living place of the Tuva people. It is one of the only three remaining Tuva villages (Hemu Village, Kanas Village and Baihaba Village).

Day 5 : Hemu/Burqin (B/L/D)

This morning, we take a scenic sightseeing bus to **Hemu Old Village**, where we could tour the beautiful scenery of Hemu Village one by one. Standing on the **observation deck**, you can overlook the entire Hemu Village, see the sunrise, snow peaks and trickling streams in the distance, and see Tuva people's homes up close. You also can **experience the fun of throwing meat** to feed the eagles and experience the unique lifestyle of the nomads. Continue to visit the **birch forest**. Walking through the birch forest, you feel like you are in a pure and flawless fairy tale world. Lastly, drive to the fairy tale city of **Burqin County**.

Day 6 : Burqin/Kuitun (B/L/D)

Head to visit shortlisted for the "Magical Northwest 100" - **Urho Devil City (with sightseeing train)**, a rare wind-eroded landform, also known as the Windy City, with strong winds all year round. The "Urho Devil City" where "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" was filmed. You can enjoy the strange Yadan landforms and overlook the Windy City, which looks like an ancient castle in the Middle Ages. Next, continue **Kuitun** City. Along the way, you can also enjoy the magnificent Gobi scenery.

Day 7 : Kuitun/Yining (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive to **Sayram Lake**, the last tear of the Atlantic Ocean (**including shuttle bus + boat ride**). Continue visit the picturesque "Valley of Ten Thousand Flowers", the chokepoint of Tianshan Mountains - **Guosai Scenic Area**. On the way to Yining City, you can view the majestic Guozigou Bridge from a distance. This is a famous canyon tunnel that leads to Sayram Lake in the north and the Ili River Valley in the south. Its pleasant scenery is known as "The No. 1 Scenery in Ili" and "A Wonderful Wonderland". Stroll at **Liuxing Street night market**.

Day 8 : Yining/Natali/Xinyuan (B/L/D)

This morning, drive to **Xinyuan County** and visit **Turgen Apricot Valley (including shuttle bus)**. This scenic spot is famous for its unique wild apricot forest landscape. It is known as the "Nalati Apricot Blossom Valley" and is one of the largest original wild apricot forests. Move on to **Nalati Prairie (include shuttle bus)**. The Nalati Grassland is one of the four largest grasslands in the world. Along the way, you can admire the Konais Forest, the continuous snow-capped mountains, and the mountains and fields are full of pine trees and wild flora.

Day 9 : Xinyuan/Jinghe (B/L/D)

Drive to **Huocheng County**. Visit the ancient city of Huiyuan, the first of the "Nine Cities in Ili". **Huiyuan Ancient City (including sightseeing tour bus)** was once the political, military, economic and cultural center of Xinjiang during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). Huiyuan was very prosperous at that time and was the largest city in Xinjiang. It was called "Little Beijing". The ancient city includes the Huiyuan Bell and Drum Tower, the most famous historical site "Ili General's Mansion", the Confucian Temple and other historical sites. Next, drive to **Jinghe County**. On the way, we pass the Guozigou Bridge, which is the first long-span highway steel truss cable-stayed bridge in China. Stay in Jinghe County.

Day 10 : Jinghe/Urumqi (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will drive back to **Urumqi**. Pass by the **Dushanzi Grand Canyon**, which is known as the "Duku Secret Land, a Billion-year Wonder". It was rated as one of the 100 most beautiful landscape shooting spots in Xinjiang by "China National Geographic". The wrinkles on the valley wall are as breathtaking as carvings with knives and axes.

Day 11 : Urumqi (B/L/D)

This morning, visit **Tianshan Tianchi Scenic Area (Mt Heavenly and Heavenly Lake)**, known as the Pearl of the Tianshan Mountains (**shuttle bus included**). Tianshan Tianchi is an alpine lake formed by ancient glaciers and debris flows blocking river channels. The melted snow water from the surrounding snow peaks gathers here and becomes an endless source of water for Tianchi. Next, to the world's largest Grand Bazaar - **Xinjiang International Bazaar**, which is the "Window of Xinjiang", "Window of Central Asia" and "Window of the World".

Day 12 : Urumqi ✈️ Shanghai 0905/1350hrs ✈️ Singapore 1630/2155hrs (B)

After breakfast, say goodbye to Urumqi and take a flight back to Singapore via Shanghai. We wish you a pleasant and unforgettable trip to Northern Xinjiang with ASA Holiday. Thank you for your support.

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