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Solar Eclipse Expeditions and Cruises

2008 China Solar Eclipse Tour
Beijing—Lanzhou—Jiayuguan—Dunhuang—Hami—Karatoruk—
Turpan—Urumqi



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Day 00 25 July. In the air.

Day 01 26 July. Arrive in Beijing, meet the local guide and transfer to the Hotel. Free Day for sleeping or take optional city tour.

(Most flights arrive in the morning.) (D) Overnight in Beijing 4*

Day 02 27 July. In the morning take flight from Beijing to Lanzhou. Visit White Pagoda Hill and the Iron Bridge over the Yellow River (Zhongshan Bridge). In the evening take soft sleeper train to Jiayuguan. (B/L/D) Overnight on the train.

Day 03 28 July. Arrive in Jiayuguan, meet the local guide and visit Jiayuguan Fortress and the Great Wall. (B/L/D) Overnight in Jiayuguan 4*

Day 04 29 July. After breakfast drive to Dunhuang. Visit Crescent-Moon Spring and the Mingsha Sand Dune. (B/L/D) Overnight in Dunhuang 4*

Day 05 30 July. After breakfast visit Mogao Grottoes. Then we drive to Hami. (B/L/D) Overnight in Hami 3*

Day 06 31 July. Hami King Mausoleum (built 16th century with combination of Chinese Uighur architectural style building complex), visit Hami Museum. Lunch will be at local family , in the afternoon visit local Uighur kindergarten where kids show their presentation of singing and dancing, also visit Hami Uighur classic embroidery family. (B/L/D) Overnight in Hami 3*

Day 07 1 Aug. In the morning drive to Karatoruk county through the Tianshan mountain and enjoy its gorgeous scenery, drive pass ancient beacon tower ruin. Visit White Stone scenic area, dipping irrigation system, Natural salt lake ,Tang Dynasty military garrison camps ruins. About 1845 ready for the eclipse observation, and be on the site (it start 2005 to 2045). After the viewing drive back to hotel (B/L/D)

Day 08 2 Aug. Visit the Turpan depression which is 154m below sea level , second lowest place in the world after the Dead Sea in Jordan. Then we tour historical town in Xinjiang China, visit Bezeklik caves (4th century), Astana tombs and visit Grape Gorge. (B/L/D) Overnight in Turpan 3*

Day 09 3 Aug. In the morning visit ancient citadel of Jiaohe with history of over 2500 years, the city was built on a natural earth cliff , still up to now outline of the city well preserved , and protective archaeological site by the UNESCO. Visit Kariz under ground irrigation system (one of the three manmade ancient project of China), visit Emin minaret. In the afternoon drive to Urumqi. (B/L/D) Overnight in Urumqi 4*

Day 10 4 Aug. In the morning take flight to Beijing, then international flights home.

Tour Fare: \$ 2388 USD p/p Single room supplement: \$ 598 USD

Included in the tour price:

- 2 flights in the economic class with tax (Beijing/Lanzhou/Urumqi /Beijing)
- 4 Star hotels with buffet breakfasts, twin-bedded rooms with private shower and WC. (if there is no 4 star hotel, we will supplement the best local hotel)
- English speaking local guide.
- Daily meals (as detailed in the tour description)
- Admission charges where applicable as shown in the tour description
- Transportation in the program
- Service charges for baggage handling between airport and railway station
- Domestic travel insurance
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Not included in the tour price:

- International transportation and tax
- Trip Cancellation, accident, travel insurance
- Personal consumption of alcohol
- Visa fee
- Tips for guide, driver and porter
- \$400 per person deposit. 50% due by 1 March 2008, 50 % due by 1 May 2008. Deposit refundable less \$25 until February 1, 2008
- Pre-tour hotel stay- \$115 per room double occupancy, private transfers \$30 per person.
- Private soft sleeper train car. \$130 do, or \$195 solo occupancy

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