



UNCOVERING NORTHERN XINJIANG

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painting*

If you are looking for adventure with a difference to feast your eyes on the snow-capped Russian mountain range up north in the Altay region bordering Mongolia, Kazakhstan & Russia and to the south of the Tianshan mountain to devour the picturesque of landform to wide grassland, from deserts to snow-capped mountains, from lakes to rivers, from modern city to ancient city, from birch forests to wooden houses villages etc.....all these with surprises that may unfold along less predictable journey, then, this is the place.....An amazing hidden paradise for all nature lovers, travellers and avid photographers

More to discover especially in September ...The Charms of Northern Xinjiang in autumn

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HEMU Village



The Kanas Lake



Waicaitan, Burqin



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(picture taken by our local guide, Sept 2019)

DAY 01 (20 SEP) KUALA LUMPUR – URUMQI (MOB)

Depart KLIA for our uncovering Northern Xinjiang trip for Urumqi via Almaty.
Overnight in Urumqi – local 4* hotel near to the airport.

DAY 02 (21 SEP) URUMQI – BURQIN (B/L/D)

After a late breakfast, we shall drive to **Burqin**, the gate-way to Jiadengyu- Lake Kanas-Hemu. Today will be a long journey, filled with incredible mountain landscapes, deserts, oil fields etc. Burqin is situated at the confluence of the Irtysh and its right tributary, the Burqin River. Most of the county is within the Burqin River basin, which reaches into the Altai Mountains on Xinjiang's border with Mongolia and Russia.
Lunch and dinner will be a local restaurant.
Overnight in Burqin – local good 4* hotel

DAY 02 22September (B/L/D) Burqin – JIADENGYU – Lake Kanas

After breakfast, take a scenic drive to Jiadengyu – the gate-way to **Lake Kanas**. Check into our Quasi 5* local resort and enjoy our lunch at a local restaurant.
Thereafter, we shall begin to explore the **Lake Kanas**. Take the Green bus into the park lake to enjoy the lake-side and the water. (optional to take a boat ride BUT we do not suggest as walking along the lake –side will give you a better exploration of the mysterious lake of Kanas.
Thereafter, take the shuttle bus to uphill to the Fish Viewing Pavilion to have a good top view of the lake over the setting sun.
In the late evening, return to Jiadengyu, for our dinner and overnight.
Hotel Jiadengyu 5* Quasi



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DAY 03 23 September (B/L/D) Lake Kanas

Today, after breakfast, we shall enjoy a full day “uncovering” the hidden beauty of **Lake Kanas**. This tour itinerary is arranged in a way, we will have enough time to take a walking tour with our local guide from one section to another.

Firstly, we shall board the green bus to enter into the park to firstly shoot the pride of the morning sunlight onto the Immortal bay/ crescent bay etc.

Thereafter, **take a board walk an exclusive amazing excursion** along the river for the beautiful view of the 3 bays.

In the late evening, return to Jiadengyu, dinner and overnight

Hotel Jiadengyu 5* Quasi



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Next Stop: Hemu Village

Located near Kanas Lake in Burqin County, **Hemu Village** boasts a picturesque natural landscape. Many might have already heard of the serene beauty of Kanas Lake, but here in Hemu Village, the green grassland, boundless forest and misty snowcapped mountains welcome you to a hidden Chinese fairyland.

The locals have kept their simple and ancient lifestyle and many still make a living by animal husbandry. Their residential area is characterized by wooden houses scattered across the village. The roof is generally nailed with wood and each door opens to the east.

We shall pack our 3D/2N clothes into a smaller bag tonight for our next “uncovering” the charms of Northern Xinjiang.

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DAY 04 24 September (B/L/D) Lake Kanas - HEMU Village

Lake Kanas – drive to HEMU Village

Today, we shall take the green bus to Hemu Village. Enjoy this mountainous scenic journey to Hemu Village. It has been said, *“the beauty of Hemu Village not only lies within the village itself but also the road journey to this hidden gem”, nestled in between forest & Snow-capped mountains.*

Enjoy a simple local lunch at our host for 2 night at one of the wooden cottages.

Walk with the guide to the Genghis Khan ‘s podium to overlook the whole village, You may also walk into the birch woods, walk along the river to take numerous picture till sun-set and return to our host’s for our dinner.

Overnight HEMU Village Wooden Cottage of Oasis Resort

Hemu Village is definitely a paradise for shutterbugs. Both sunrises and sunsets offer a wonderful chance for stunning photos. When the night approaches, the sky adorned with numerous stars creates a mysterious and mesmerizing view. You can simply lie down on the ground, gaze at the stars and empty your mind.



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DAY 05 25 September (B/L/D) HEMU Village

Early morning, get ready to view the village over the sunrise by walking up to the viewing platform.

After a late breakfast cum early lunch, another guided walking tour along the stunning wooden Trail to explore in depth of this charming wooden village.

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Pictures taken by our local guide, Sept 2019 while walking along the stunning wooden trail to explore in depth of the charming wooden village of HEMU.

The itinerary is specially arranged in such a way, we will spend 2 nights in Hemu village to enable us to have one full day to “uncover” the off of the beaten paths of HEMU, of which many tours might not afford to do so due to the limit time they have.

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DAY 06 26 September (B/L/-) Hemu Village – Buerjin – Colour Beach Hill (Waichaitan)

Early morning, on your own this time to explore the sunrise watching over the village again.

Check out after breakfast.

Hemu – Buerjin : taking the green bus to yet another scenic drive back to the station to meet back our coach driver for our forward journey.

Drive back to Buerjin town.

After lunch, spend some time shopping at the **local bazaar (Chonghuer Village)** near to the rest stop where you can find many interest local products.

Drive to visit the **multi-colour beach till sunset.**

In the late evening, the guide will walk you to the night food streets where you will have own selection of your menu for your dinner at your own expenses. This night market is famous for its' BQQ cold water fish.

Overnight Buerjin Good 4* hotel, walking distance to the night market

DAY 07 27 September (B/L/D) BUERJIN - Keketuohai

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Today, we shall drive to Keketuohai town.

Visit the **Kekesuli Swamp Lake**, a park etc along the way.

KeKeSuLi, shaping from reeds and rich aquatic botany. Every summer and fall, thousands of wild ducks, grey cranes and red wild geese gather here to multiply and live. Seagulls, fish also come here enjoying themselves, becoming a pretty rigion view full of rivers and lakes.

Overnight in Keketuohai local 4* hotel or the best available in this tiny town where allows foreigners to overnight.



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DAY 08 28 September (B/L/D) Keketuohai Geopark

After breakfast, we shall take a green bus to enter the Keketuohai Geopark.

Whole day to explore the park and enjoy the river, the mountains and most of all the Fall colours and the running stream.

Streams and valleys cross here, such as ShuiMoGou, Golden Triangle, Waterfall Valleys and Wild Grape Valleys. Here is full of flowery and mountains, water, trees, stones and people.

Late afternoon, drive to Fuyun to over night (good 4*)

DAY 09 29Sept (B/L/D) Fuyun - Heavenly Lake

After breakfast, we shall drive towards the eastern part of Xinjiang by crossing Gurbantunggut Desert, the second largest desert in China.

The Gurbantunggut Desert occupies a large portion of the Junggar Basin. The desert is approximately 50,000 sq km (19,000 sq mi), and located around 300 to 600 meters above sea level. It is China's second largest desert, after the Taklimakan. The Gurbantunggut Desert also contains the furthest point from any ocean bordering Eurasia.

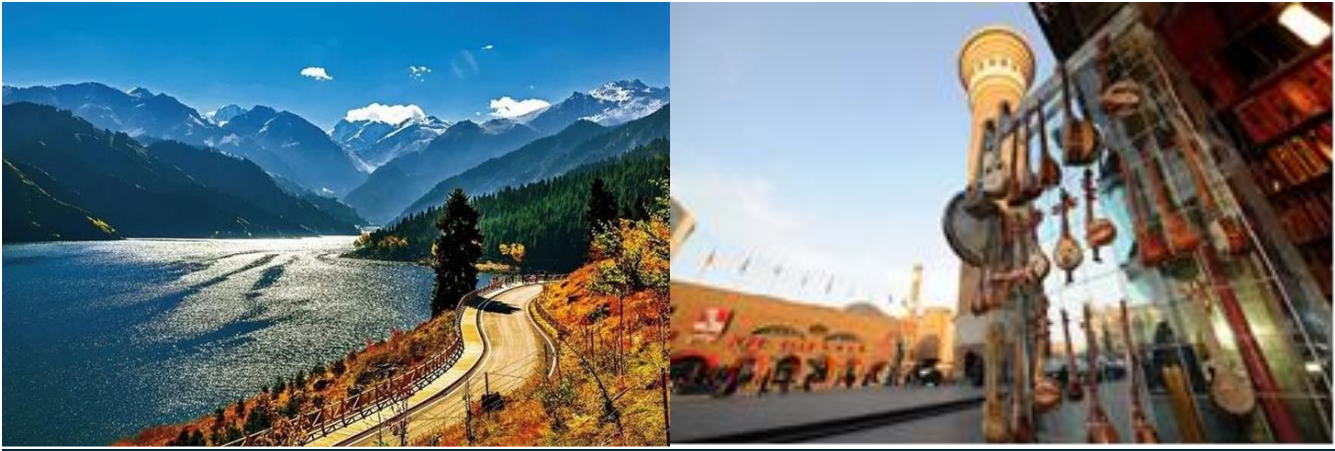
Today, we shall have a relaxing evening at our hot spring resort in Fukang City, near to the Heavenly Lake entrance.

Overnight in Heavenly Lake (Fukang City – Wujiang Hot spring Hotel



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DAY 10 30Sept (B/L/D) Heavenly Lake - Depart Urumqi

After late breakfast, spend the whole morning at the Heavenly Lake
(including green bus & entrance fee / excluding boat ride or cable car – optional on your own)

At the site, there is a beautiful hiking trail going round the lake. We shall walk along the trail to appreciate the lake's beauty from different angles.

After lunch we shall drive back to Urumqi (2 hours)

Visit the international Grand Bazaar until dinner time. Well, even if you have nothing to buy, it is quite interesting here, a stroll through the Urumqi Grand Bazaar gives you the impression that you're walking through an historic landmark.

After a good dinner, transfer to the airport for flight departure at 0200 (01Oct)

DAY 11 01Oct (B/-/-) Depart Urumqi – Almaty

We shall have a transit in Almaty. Hotel accommodation & airport-hotel transfer will be arranged by our airlines (Air Astana) upon arriving Almaty airport,, giving us an opportunity to take a look at Almaty City at a glance. Optional for a city tour until transfer time to the airport in the evening.

DAY 12 02Oct (MOB) Arriving Kuala Lumpur

Expected to arrive Kuala Lumpur on 02Oct @ 1000am

The flow of the itinerary may be subjected to change according to local conditions at the time of visit, re-schedule of flight timing, road conditions, weather, government restriction and etc.

Being less developed area, Xinjiang may not deliver the same standard of dining, accommodation and public transportation as one expects in bigger cities but the drive of the journey of the whole trip is the charms of the tour and not to mention the destination itself is far beyond your expectation of this charming gem of China. The Charms of Northern Xinjiang in autumn only happens every mid of September to end of September each year. If you miss this one, you will have to wait for another year.

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COSTING : min 16 pax / Max 24 pax

12 Days / 10 nights	MYR TWIN SHARING per person	MYR SINGLE Sharing per person
a) Ground Arrangement	6,970.00	9,470.00 (Single sup 2500)
b) Air Ticket International & taxes, surcharges subj to change	2,700.00	2,700.00
Total per person	9,670.00	12,170.00

Additional Cost	Per person
China Visa Single Entry Normal Application	MYR 130.00
Travel Insurance 13 days Area 1	MYR 86.00

Ground Arrangement including

- 1) 10 nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
(special arrangement for 2 nights at Lake Kanas, 2 nights in Hemu Village, 1 night in a newly opened Hot Spring Hotel near to Lake Heavenly Lake, and with transit hotel in Almaty, giving you an opportunity to visit Almaty in a glance.)
- 2) Full Board (Day 01 – Day 10) including local special meals
- 3) Good & experience English Speaking local guide in China
- 4) All transfer, entrance, green buses fess as mentioned in the itinerary
- 5) Tipping to local guide & driver
- 6) 02 bottled drinking water during the tour in China
- 7) Non-Shopping stops

Excluded :

- i) Any items not mentioned in the itinerary.
- ii) Tipping to hotel staff like bellboy & for personal services.
- iii) Camera / Video fee if any .

**based on USD exchange rate 1USD=4.20MYR / CNY exchange rate 1CNY=0.60MYR. The rate maybe subject to change accordingly.*

Payment

- i) 1st Payment : MYR3,000.00 per person upon booking
- ii) Balance of payment : by mid of July 2020

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