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Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1 5.20 Tuesday	<p>Arrive in Xi'an</p> <p>CZ 306 19MAY AKLCAN 2125 #0525 CZ 3201 20MAY CANXIY 0705 0945</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Check in the hotel for a break after lunch  Light city activities, Muslim market, Drum & Bell Tower 	Xi'an (500 masl - metres above sea level)
Day 2 5.21 Wednesday	<p>Activities in Xi'an</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Terracotta Warriors OR Xi'an Incident Memorial Hall and Museum  Big Wild Goose Pagoda  Light view and fountain show in the Datang Never Night City 	Xi'an (500masl)
Day 3 5.22 Thursday	<p>Xi'an---Zhangye(Bullet train: 11:08-17:35)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Whole day train trip 	Zhangye (1500masl)
Day 4 5.23 Friday	<p>Zhangye---Yongchang(Coach: 2.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Liqian ancient town: a key city and military base along the silk road, famous as a settlement for Roman soldiers in west Han dynasty-1800 years ago  Ming Great Wall 	Yongchang (1900masl)
Day 5 5.24 Saturday	<p>Yongchang---Shandan(Coach: 2hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Bailie School <p>Rewi Alley Memorial Hall</p>	Shandan (1500masl)
Day 6 5.25 Sunday	<p>Shandan---Jiayuguan(Coach: 3.5hrs)</p> <p>Zhangye Danxia National Geological Park, situated in the north of Qilian mountains, 40 km from east Zhangye city</p>	Jiayuguan (1400masl)
Day 7 5.26 Monday	<p>Activities in Jiayuguan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Jiayuguan pass, the last section built by the Ming Dynasty at the western end of the Great Wall  Great Wall Museum  Weijin Tombs, famous for lifelike and succinct wall paintings covering a wide range of subjects including politics, economics, culture, military affairs, folk 	Jiayuguan (1400masl)

	customs, and science and technology during the Wei and Jin periods (4AD)	
Day 8 5.27 Tuesday	<p>Jiayuguan---Dunhuang(Coach:4.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Echoing Sand Mountain, where you can ride the camels for 40mins to experience the beautiful desert scenery ✚ Shazhou Night Markets dotted with special commodities and souvenirs 	Dunhuang (1100masl)
Day 9 5.28 Wednesday	<p>Activities in Dunhuang(Coach:4hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Yumen Pass of the Great Wall ✚ Great Wall of the Han Dynasty, River Storage City ✚ Dunhuang Museum 	Dunhuang (1100masl)
Day 10 5.29 Thursday	<p>Dunhuang---Liuyuan(Coach:2hrs)---Turpan (Train: 16:32-19:58)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Mogao Grottos: the Holy Center of Buddhism Culture and Art-UNESCO 	Turpan (800masl)
Day 11 5.30 Friday	<p>Activities in Turpan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Thousand Buddha Cave ✚ Tuyu Ditch ✚ Karez Well irrigation system 	Turpan (800masl)
Day 12 5.31 Saturday	<p>Turpan---Kashgar(Overnight train: 15:50-07:28+1, TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Late check out ✚ Jiaohe Ruins ✚ Sugong Pagoda(Emin Minaret) 	On the train
Day 13 6.1 Sunday	<p>Arriving around 7:30 am, activities in Kashgar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Enjoy local breakfast ✚ Sunday Bazaar: the covered bazaar and the outdoor animal Bazaar ✚ Kashgar Museum ✚ Afaq khoja mausoleum ✚ Early check in the hotel for a good rest 	Kashgar (1300masl)
Day 14 6.2 Monday	<p>Activities in Kashgar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Old Town ✚ Gaotai Residence relics ✚ Al Digar Mosque ✚ Zhiren Street ✚ Relaxing in the old teahouse 	Kashgar (1300masl)
Day 15	Kashgar---Torugart---Tash Rabat---Naryn(Coach: 8.5hrs)	Naryn,

<p>6.3 Tuesday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The guide will meet you at the border and transfer to Naryn. It is situated right in the gorge. The high mountains, picturesque passes, and nomadic way of life make Kyrgyzstan an irresistible travel destination. On the way you will drive to see Tash Rabat caravanserai. Views of this mountain road are absolutely breathtaking. You will drive over mountain pass at an elevation of 3000 meters. This day offers a great chance to experience the variety of mountains which make Kyrgyzstan so popular. On the route it will be possible to meet real nomadic families. Night is at the hotel. 	<p>Kyrgyzstan (2000masl)</p>
<p>Day 16 6.4 Wednesday</p>	<p>Naryn---Kochkor---Burana---Bishkek(Coach:6.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Kochkor village. The road will go along amazing gorge and you will drive today over mountain pass that is 3000 meters high. In Kochkor village you will spend some time with a family that will show you the way our national felt carpets are produced. ✚ A small handicraft museum ✚ Burana Tower (an 11th century minaret) and an open air museum of Balbals (stone warriors). ✚ the capital of Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek city, little time for city tour 	<p>Bishkek (900masl)</p>
<p>Day 17 6.5 Thursday</p>	<p>Bishkek – Osh(Flight:1h)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Suleiman Mountain. Suleiman Too (Solomon’s Mountain) is situated in the city center and it is considered a place of pilgrimage for local Muslims, because according to the legend, biblical prophet Solomon (Suleiman, in the Koran) was buried at the foot of it. Night is at the hotel. 	<p>Osh (890masl)</p>
<p>Day 18 6.6 Friday</p>	<p>Osh---Fergana – Kokand(Coach: 5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Asian bazar(if time permits) ✚ Transfer to Uzbekistan border, and arrive in Fergana ✚ On the way visit private pottery workshop in town ✚ Khudayar Khan Palace, historical monument of architecture that perfectly mixed all kinds of traditional arts and crafts ✚ Modari Khan Mausoleum, built for the mother of ruler of Kokand Umarkhan, and Norbutabi Madrasah, the greatest spiritual school in Kokand in the 19th century 	<p>Kokand, Uzbekistan (450masl)</p>

<p>Day 19 6.7 Saturday</p>	<p>Kokland--- Tashkent(Coach or train: 4.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Independence square which is the main square of the country, erected as a symbol of victory over fascism in World War II ✚ The local Broadway, a walking street between independence square and Amir Timur square. ✚ Take a ride in famous Tashkent metro, among the most beautiful subways in the world. First line was opened in 1977. ✚ Old city: Chorsu Bazaar, Kukaldash Madrasah and Hast Imam complex with several madrasahs, mosques and mausoleum. The highlight of its exhibits is the Othman Quran which is the world's oldest Quran copy dating back to 8th c. Quran belonged to Othman Ibn Affan, the Third Caliph (of the four righteous Caliphs who succeeded the prophet Muhammad). Othman was killed by non-muslims in 8th century. His blood spread over the Quran that you still can see on its pages. 	<p>Tashkent (450masl)</p>
<p>Day 20 6.8 Sunday</p>	<p>Tashkent --- Samarkand (Coach or train: 4.5hrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Activities in Samarkand including: Ulughbek Observatory, built in 15th century by Ulughbek, one of the most famous Samarkand rulers and scientists. Working in observatory, Ulughbek created in 1437 the “Zidji Guragoni” catalog, which had information about 1018 celestial bodies. Unfortunately, he was killed by order of his own son. ✚ Local Broadway, surrounded by souvenir shops, teahouses, sweets and workshops. ✚ National bazaar Siab, oriental bazaar, where it is easy to find Uzbek traditional handmade products and local sweets ✚ The carpet factory 	<p>Samarkand (700masl)</p>
<p>Day 21 6.9 Monday</p>	<p>Activities in Samarkand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Registan square ✚ Shakhi-Zindeh ✚ Mausoleum Guri Emir ✚ Bibi Khanum Mosque ✚ Registan Square, a complex of three fascinating Madrasahs dating back to 15-17th centuries ✚ Architectural complex of Shakhi-Zindeh: a big collection of mausoleums dating back to 11th-15 	<p>Samarkand (700masl)</p>

	<p>centuries being a part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p> <p> Bibi Khanum Mosque, built in honor of favorite Tamerlane's wife, after his successful campaign in India</p>	
<p>Day 22 6.10 Tuesday</p>	<p>Free activities to explore markets and have an easy day before journey home.</p>	<p>Samarkand (700masl)</p>
<p>Day 23 6.11 Wednesday</p>	<p>Departure, fly Emirates (to be confirmed)</p> <p>1. EK 2407 L 11JUN SKDDXB 0405 0630</p> <p>2. EK 448 L 11JUN DXBAKL 1005 #0950</p>	