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15 - 27 MAY 2027 (13D12N) QINGHAI GANSU LOOP 青海甘肃环行

Trip Cost Per Pax Rm6000 (Minimum 12pax) **EXCLUDES FLIGHTS**

China Southern Airline KUL XNN return (Trip.com Rm2553 - 24Oct2026)

KUL XNN 0805 1940 (Transit CAN 4h15)

XNN KUL 1110 2150 (Transit CAN 3h10)

Note - Flight Schedules are tentative, to be confirmed and advised once trip is confirmed.

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PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE FLIGHT UNTIL WE ADVISE.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

ALTITUDE- Qinghai's average elevation exceeds 3,000m asl. Because you are traveling on the northeastern edge of the Tibetan Plateau, altitude sickness can be a significant health risk. The air is thinner and solar radiation is extremely intense. We have 2 days to acclimatize in Xining and Tongren before going to Qinghai Lake. Go slow, stay hydrated and ensure protection from UV.



Chaka Salt Lake 茶卡盐湖

[Qinghai Gansu China](#) offers stunning natural landscapes with rich cultural heritage. For centuries Qinghai Gansu was the vital corridor between China and Central Asia, facilitating trade and cultural diffusion along the Silk Road. Highlights of this trip includes

- ☐ Qinghai's jewels of Qinghai Lake, Chaka Salt Lake and Qarhan Salt Lake. It offers spectacular landscapes with diverse flora and fauna.
- ☐ Xining, the provincial capital blends Tibetan, Hui Muslim and Han Chinese cultures with stunning Tibetan monasteries like Ta'er or Kumbum Monastery and grand Dongguan Mosque.
- ☐ UNESCO sites of Kanbula National Park, Mogao Cave and Zhangye Danxia landforms, the historic Jiayuguan Great Wall offers a re-live of ancient Silk Road history.

[Day 1 KUL - Xining](#) 西宁

Early morning depart from KUL via China Southern Airlines 0805, transit in Guangzhou for 4h15. Connect to Xining arriving 740PM. Transfer to hotel. ON Xining (ON = Overnight)

[Day 2 Xining - Tongren](#) 同仁

Morning depart Xining to **Kanbula National Park** 坎 布拉国家森林公园. Kanbula National Park was listed as a Global Geopark by UNESCO. Take a bus and boat trip into the park and walk up to the mountains with beautiful forest views and Danxia landscape. Afternoon, we bus to the world Thangka art town, 世界唐卡艺术小镇 “吾屯村” Wutun village in Tongren. Along the way, we visit **Xiagiong Temple** 夏琼寺monastery which is built on high cliff, offers a good view of Yellow River. This monastery is a significant place to the Gelugpa school of Tibetan Buddhism, where Master Zongkapa studied. ON Tongren

Note: Regong Art, including Regong Thangka, was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2009. It is one of the most precious traditional Tibetan folk arts, famous for its delicate painting, bright colours and profound religious and cultural connotations.

Day 3 Tongren - Qinghai Lake (280km 3.5hr) 青海湖

Morning we visit **Rongwu Monastery** 热贡隆务寺, a massive Tibetan Buddhist monastery famous for its Regong Thangka, a form of Tibetan art. Then, we visit **Gomar Castle** 郭麻日古城, one of the best-preserved ancient castles in Qinghai which has more than 300 years of history. Afternoon, we continue to Qinghai Lake. ON Qinghai Lake



Gomar Castle / Xiaqiong Temple

Day 4 Qinghai Lake - Chaka (150km 2.5hr) 茶卡盐湖

Morning visit to **Qinghai Lake**, the largest Salt Lake in Qinghai province. It is also China's largest inland salt lake and is a significant feature of Qinghai Tibetan plateau. The lake area is so vast, attracting many migratory birds and a breeding ground for many species. Every summer, the lake is full of golden rapeseed flowers, it is simply spectacular. Afternoon, we bus 186km to Chaka. We proceed to **Chaka Salt Lake**, famous for its crystal-blue water and reflective lake bed, popularly known as "Mirror of the Sky". In Chaka Salt Lake scenic area, you can see about a dozen huge salt sculptures of important historical or mythical figures like Genghis Khan. ON CHAKA 茶卡

Day 5 Chaka - Geermu (Golmud) (476km 5hr) 格尔木

Early morning we depart Chaka to Geermu, a long journey of 5-6 hours over 476km. **Qarhan Salt Lake** 察尔汗盐湖 is in the middle of the Qaidam Basin, spanning Golmud City and Dulan County in Qinghai Province. It spans a total area of 5,856 square km with a salt layer thickness of about 2-20 meters and an altitude of 2,670m. Qarhan Salt Lake is like an emerald with the green colour. The crystal water, amazing salt flowers and salt bridge are the highlights and not to be missed, a truly spectacular natural salt landscapes and photographic magic. ON GEERMU

Day 6 Geermu - Dunhuang (534km 7.5hr) 敦煌

We depart early morning for another long journey of 7.5 hours to Dunhuang. En route, we visit **Western Thousand Buddha Caves** 西千佛洞 which beautifully carved right into the steep earth cliffs overlooking the Dang River. They are actually *older* than some of the caves at Mogao, with murals and statues dating back to the Northern Wei and Tang dynasties. ON Dunhuang

Day 7 Dunhuang 敦煌

Today we will visit the two highlights of Dunhuang, **Mogao Grottoes** and **Crescent Lake**. Dunhuang is known both at home and abroad for occupying the key of the crossroads of ancient Silk Road along the narrow Gansu Corridor. The monotonous desert landscape suddenly gives away to the green oasis with cultivated fields opposite the rolling sand dunes. The splendid Mogao Grottoes (UNESCO site) 莫高窟, a trove of Buddhist art in the high Gobi desert and the Crescent Lake 月牙泉. Crescent lake is located in an oasis surrounded by sand dunes of **Mingsha mountain** 鸣沙山. Crescent Lake is also known as the First Spring in the deserts because it has never dried out since its origin. ON Dunhuang

Day 8 Dunhuang - Jiayuguan (380km 5hr) 嘉峪关

Jiayuguan is in northwestern Gansu and middle of Hexi Corridor, between Zhangye and Dunhuang. The city was a crucial transportation hub on ancient "Silk Road" and the westernmost starting point of Ming Dynasty Great Wall. Beyond the vast, wild and desolated frontier landscape, the city is most known for Great Wall relics, including the **Jiayuguan Pass** (UNESCO site) 峪关城楼 or Jiayuguan Fort. If time permit, we will visit the **Overhanging Great Wall** 悬臂长城 which is about 18km away from the Fort. The walls were built on lofty cliffs with incredibly large gradients looking like an overhanging cantilever. Climbing up to higher gives an excellent view of the surrounding land and mountains. ON Jiayuguan



Mati Si Temple

Day 9 Jiayuguan - Zhangye (215km 3hr) 张掖

Morning we bus 215km 3hrs to **Zhangye Danxia** 张掖七彩丹霞 (UNESCO site) is a geological wonder in Gansu Province, China, famous for its "rainbow mountains" of colourful, layered rock formations. It is a national geopark known for its visually stunning landscape, which resulted from millions of years of red sandstone erosion and mineral deposits. After Danxia, we continue another one-hour journey to Zhangye. ON Zhangye

Day 10 Zhangye 张掖

Today we visit **MatiSi Temple** 马蹄寺石窟 The temple was built in the Jin Dynasty. Known for its charming landscape and cut between the cliffs, it is a good place to admire grottoes buildings, murals, Buddha statue and other ancient relics. It ranks of one of the top three Hexi Buddhism culture grottoes in China, due to its long history and important culture meanings. Then we drive to **Pingshanhu Grand Canyon** 平山湖大峡谷. It is one of the world's five canyons, equally famous as the Giant Canyon of the Colorado and the Great Rift Valley of the East Africa. ON Zhangye

Day 11 Zhangye - Xining 西宁

Morning, we catch High Speed **TRAIN** to Xining, 2hr. Settled in Xining hotel and visit the most prominent **Ta'er Temple** 塔尔寺 or (Kunbum Temple). It is one of the major monasteries of the Gelug School of Tibetan Buddhism in China. It's a popular tourist destination in Xining with its magnificent architecture, treasures and religious atmosphere. ON Xining

Day 12 Xining 西宁

We spend our final day free and easy in Xining. Exploring the local market and alleys, shops with local produces and **Dongguan Mosque** 东关清真大寺, the largest mosque in Qinghai. You may visit **Tibetan Cultural Museum** 藏文化博物馆 on your own free time. ON Xining

Day 13 Fly Home

Transfer to Xining airport. Flight 1105AM bound for Guangzhou, transit 3h10. Then connect to flight bound for Kuala Lumpur, arriving KLIA 2150.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Trip ground cost cover accommodation, chartered bus and one train journey as per itinerary. Accommodations in tourist class hotels.
2. Not covered are return Flight fare, Entrance fees, Meals and Tipping for local guide and driver. Intown taxi, bus, metro are not covered unless otherwise mentioned. Breakfast is included in all hotels.
3. Note entrance fees in China can be steep, approximately Rm1100 for numerous places we visit in this itinerary. Estimate meals between Rm60-80 per day, total Rm1000 for 12 days. Tipping estimates Rm200.
4. Non-refundable deposit of Rm2500 is payable to confirm booking.
5. Yongo reserves the right to adjust or impose additional surcharges on trip cost if there is a significant fluctuation in foreign exchange rates affecting hotels and ground handlers.

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