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# Terracotta Warriors & Real-Life Game of Thrones: Xi'an–Xinjiang Winter Epic

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The awe-inspiring Terracotta Army of the Qin Empire

The “Everlasting Regret” live show — a Tang-dynasty epic under the stars

Hanfu experience in the immersive “Chang’an Twelve Hours” district

The vibrant, illuminated nightscape of the Great Tang Everbright City

Kuerdening — the real-life Northern Realm of “Game of Thrones

The world’s only place with swans, rime frost, and rising mist together

The blue-ice and methane-bubble wonders of Sayram Lake & Yuhu Lake

Magnificent winter scenes of galloping snow-horses across the plains

Drone-shot cinematic portraits: you + your horse on endless snowfields

Snow-mountain skiing by day, steaming open-air hot springs by night

D1

## Arrive in Xi'an

Walking in **Hanfu through *Chang’an Twelve Hours*** feels like traveling back to the Tang Dynasty, where the artistic spirit of that era can be encountered at every corner. Afterwards, take a stroll along ***Datang Everbright City***, China’s first large-scale landscape pedestrian street, which presents Tang Dynasty culture in a panoramic way. Here, you can experience the grandeur of the Tang Dynasty in the vivid interplay between modernity and antiquity.



Live: Xi'an



Hanfu experience



## D2

### Daci'en Temple - Big Wild Goose Pagoda Square - Datang Furong Garden - SEG International Shopping Center

Visit **Daci'en Temple** and the iconic **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, built by Tang monk Xuanzang to preserve scriptures from India—the largest surviving Tang brick pagoda. Stroll through **Big Wild Goose Pagoda Square**, with its grand relief wall, Xuanzang's bronze statue, and the hourly bell echoing across the city. Explore **Tang Paradise**, China's first royal garden-style cultural theme park, offering a panoramic journey back to the Tang Dynasty. End the day at **SEG International Shopping Center**, where modern wonders await: Asia's longest indoor escalator and the world's largest indoor waterfall with 70,000 koi.



Live: Xi'an



## D3

### Terracotta Warriors and Horses - Terracotta Warriors and Horses DIY-Huaqing Palace-Song of Long Hatred

Visit the **Terracotta Warriors Museum**, hailed as the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” where the vast clay army built for Qin Shi Huang's mausoleum was unearthed in 1974; under expert guidance, you can also make mini terracotta warriors with Lishan clay using Qin-style molds to create your own “modern Qin warrior.” In the afternoon, explore **Huaqing Palace**, strolling through the Jiuqu Corridor and admiring the Tang-era palace layout set against Lishan, evoking the poetic charm of hot springs and imperial romance. In the evening, enjoy the spectacular outdoor dance drama **Song of Everlasting Regret**, where 300 performers, water-screen projections, and aerial stunts bring to life the legendary love story of Emperor Xuanzong and Lady Yang under the starry sky of Lishan.



Live: Xi'an



Terracotta Warriors and Horses DIY



D4

### Xi'an-Yining

After arriving in Yining by plane, take a short rest before visiting the **Lin Zexu Memorial Hall**. Here you can learn about the life and achievements of Lin Zexu, a key figure in modern Chinese history. The memorial hall opens at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m.; no appointment is required, but visitors must register with their ID card on site. Please note that it is closed every Monday.



Live: Yining



D5

### Yining - Sailimu Lake (around the lake) - Yining [284 kilometers]

After breakfast, drive north through the **Guozigou Canyon** and across the **Taleqida Plateau** to reach **Sailimu Lake**. Enter the scenic area from the east gate and travel counterclockwise around the lake, where in winter you can admire blue ice along the shore and discover unique “**ice bubbles**” sealed beneath the frozen surface. As the lake freezes from December, strong winds create spectacular “**ice waves**” or piles of broken ice that shimmer like silver dragon scales. Beneath the ice, methane bubbles form striking shapes—circles, ellipses, triangles—sometimes embedded like persimmons or grapes, sometimes rising like ice mushrooms on the surface, strange yet beautiful. After exploring this



fantasy world of ice and snow, enjoy a **UTV ride** before returning by bus to Yining for hotel check-in.



Live: Yining



Sailimu Lake Ring Lake Ice Bubble Blue Ice UTV Assault Vehicle



D6

**Yining – Swan Spring – Yuhu Lake – Zhaosu Wanghu Manor [244 km]**

In the morning, rise early at **Swan Spring** to watch the sunrise, then drive to **Zhaosu Yuhu Lake**, a hidden gem where the frozen winter surface reveals stunning ice bubbles beneath the ice, passing through the vast Zhaosu Snow Field along the way. With luck, you may witness the rare “**Tenma Snow Walk**,” an irregular winter spectacle. After the excursion, stay at **Zhaosu Wanghu Manor**, nestled in the Xiaobedie Tourist Resort of Kachagar Town at 1,756 meters above sea level. Surrounded by ecological wilderness and a serene, luxurious setting, it is a beloved retreat for Yili locals, offering tranquility, relaxation, and comfort.



Live: Zhaosu



Swan Spring Sunrise Jade Lake Pegasus Snow Wanghu Manor



D7

## Wanghu Manor - Turks - Karato Sea - Kurdernin Town [220 km]

Departing from Wanghu Manor, take a car to **Turks County after breakfast**, and then take a niche secret road - **X765 County Road**, down the Turks River, through the **Karato Sea**, this is also a place to visit **ice bubbles**, with few people and beautiful scenery. Stay in Kurdernin for the evening



Live: Kurdning Town



Karato Sea X765



D8

## Kurdening Town - Kurdening Scenic Area - Xinyuan [102 km]

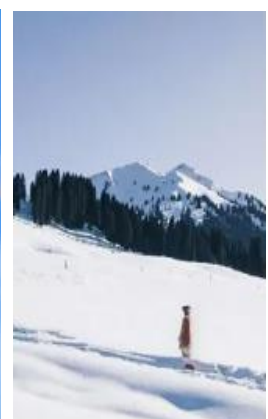
Today we set off from Kurdning Town to visit **Kurdning Scenic Area**. Enjoy the scenery of the canyon, **Linhai Snow Field**. After riding a horse here, using **drone shooting** one person and one horse blockbuster, and having fun in the snow, we stayed in Xinyuan for the night.



Live: Xinyuan



Kurdning Scenic Area Horseback riding (drone follow-up).





D9

### Xinyuan, Sky Grassland, Skiing, Snow Hot Springs, Nalati [109 km]

This morning, depart from Xinyuan by car to visit the **Nalati Scenic Area**. In Hainsai Village, covering 340 hectares, enjoy skiing amid spectacular snow scenery with excellent facilities and diverse winter activities, perfect for both enthusiasts and families. Afterwards, explore the famous **Sky Grassland**, and end the day with relaxation in the **Snow Hot Spring**, where the soothing warmth melts away fatigue and offers a luxurious wellness experience in the heart of winter.



Live: Nalati



Skiing, sky grasslands, snow hot springs



D10

### Nalati - Altui Palace Bazaar - Kazanqi / Liuxing Street - Yining [272 km]

From Narati, continue to the Altui **Palace Bazaar** in Yuqun Weng Hui Township, Yining County, a famous Xinjiang market where Asia's largest live animal trade takes place, with cattle and sheep dealers gathering from across the region. After experiencing the vibrant ethnic customs, visit either **Kazanqi**, known as a "Residential Museum" showcasing traditional folk life, or **Liuxing Street**, a cultural attraction featuring scenic streets, handicraft workshops, and retail shops in a harmonious setting. In the evening, check into the Yining Hotel to conclude the day.



Live: Yining



Al-Tui Palace Bazaar Kazanqi/Six Star Street



**D11**

### **DAY11 Yining - Urumqi**

- After breakfast, we will fly to Urumqi. Upon arrival, we will visit the Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar. And we will have a local cuisine at night.



Hotel: In Urumqi



Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar



**D12**

### **Urumqi returned**

After breakfast, we conclude this amazing trip and return home



Note: The itinerary is for reference only, please refer to the actual itinerary.



## **Fees included**

**1. Accommodation:** 3 nights in Xi'an 4 diamond hotel, 3 nights in Yining 5 diamond hotel, 1 night in Zhaosu characteristic homestay, 1 night in Kurdning 4 diamond hotel, 1 night in Xinyuan 5 diamond hotel, 1 night in Nalati characteristic homestay and 1 night in Urumqi

**2. Meals:** Xinjiang section includes 9 breakfasts and 1 special local dinner, Xi'an section includes 3 breakfasts, 3 noons and 3 nights.

**3. Car:** 5/7/15/19-seater car (depending on the number of people).

**4. Tickets:** Twelve Hours of Chang'an, Tang Dynasty Never Sleeps City, Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Sailimu Lake, Swan Spring, Zhaosu Jade Lake, Tianma Snow Walking, Nalati Sky Grassland, Kurdening, Nalati Skiing, Kurdernin Horseback Riding, Sailimu Lake UTV Assault Vehicle, Nalati Hot Springs

5. Guide service fee and food and accommodation subsidy

6. Pick up and drop off once at the airport

7. Travel agency liability insurance, accident insurance

## **Fees are not included**

1. Large transportation to Xi'an and Urumqi on the return journey

2. The Xinjiang section includes only breakfasts and one special local dinner; all other meals are excluded

3. Other personal expenses other than those that have included tickets and shuttle trains

4. Single room difference description: Single applicants will arrange same-sex shared rooms, and the shared room type is a standard two-person/triple room

5. Tax stamp: This price does not include an invoice, if you need to issue an invoice, please pay a separate tax point