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GOLDEN EAGLE SILK ROAD EXPRESS: VOYAGE TO THE ROOF OF THE WORLD (TOUR CODE: 14941)

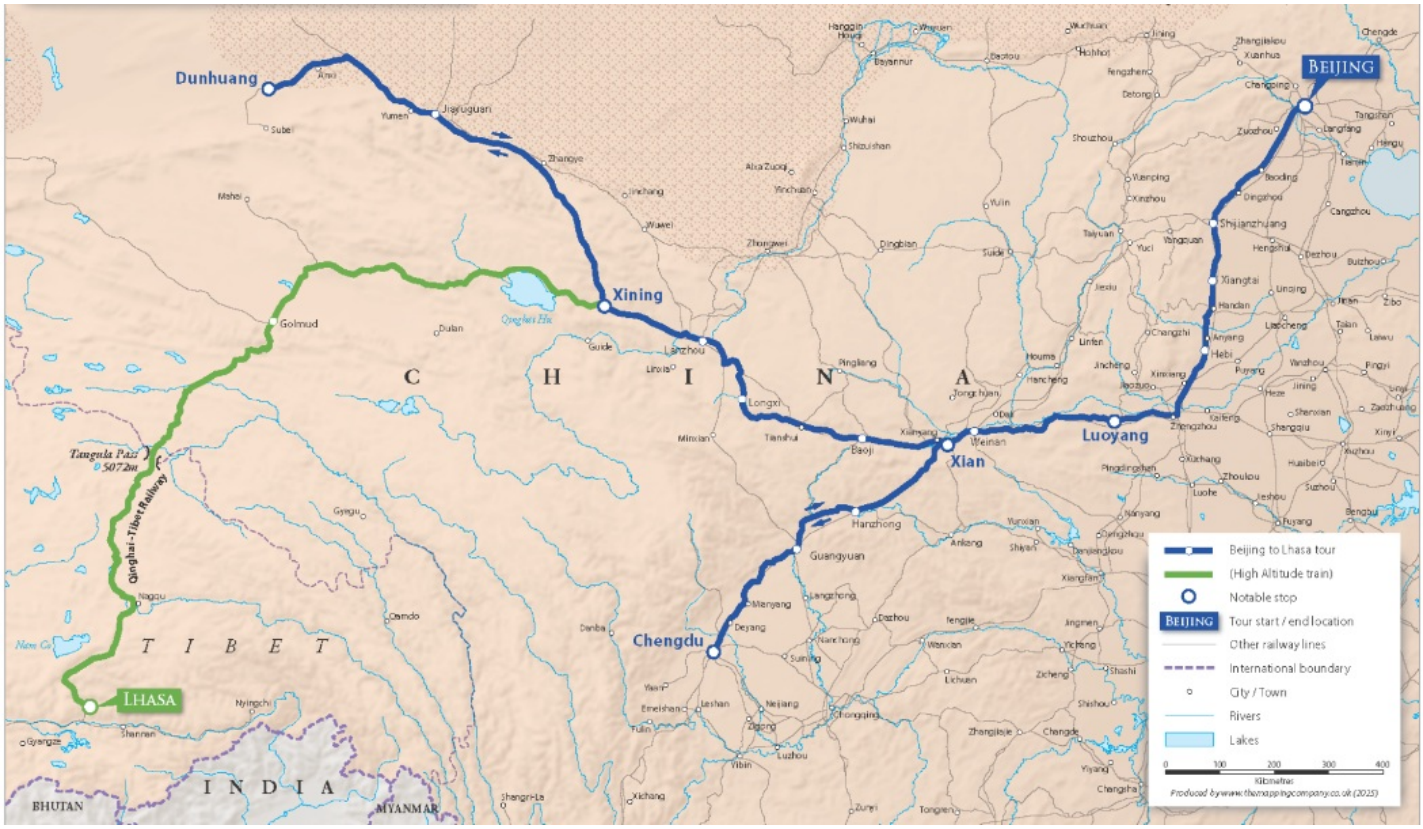
STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Beijing to Lhasa	06 Apr 27 & 19 Sep 28	Luxury Cultural Rail	Rail Holiday Packages

Experience a 13-day adventure through China and Tibet aboard the luxurious Golden Eagle Silk Road Express. Explore iconic cities like Urumqi, Kashgar and Dunhuang, immersing in the rich culture and stunning landscapes of this legendary region.

Highlights

- Cross Tanggula Pass, the Qinghai–Tibet Railway's highest point at 16,640 feet
- Explore UNESCO listed gems - including the Mogao Caves, Longmen Grottoes and Shaolin Temple
- See the Terracotta Warriors – over 6,000 life-sized soldiers, horses and chariots underground
- Visit the legendary Great Wall at Badaling, one of mankind's greatest architectural triumphs

Embark on a 13-day adventure through China and Tibet aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express. From Beijing's Forbidden City and the Great Wall to Xi'an's Terracotta Warriors and Luoyang's ancient grottoes, explore cultural treasures and spiritual landmarks. Enjoy panda encounters in Chengdu, marvel at Dunhuang's Mogao Caves, and ride the Qinghai-Tibet Railway to Lhasa. With private cabins, gourmet dining, and expert-guided tours, this journey blends comfort with unforgettable discovery.



INCLUSIONS

- 5-star pre and post-tour accommodation
- Private en-suite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express train
- Freshly prepared meals on board
- Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from standard bar list
- Cabin attendant service including evening turndown
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Experienced Tour Management team
- Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board
- Expertly guided off-train excursions
- Luggage porterage throughout the journey
- All gratuities

ITINERARY

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing where you will be met and transferred to the five-star Four Seasons hotel.

This evening, you will enjoy a Welcome Dinner, giving you the opportunity to connect with your fellow travellers and cheers to the journey ahead.

Dinner


BEIJING

Day 2

Beijing

Today, step into history with a visit to the legendary Great Wall at Badaling, one of mankind's greatest architectural triumphs. Wander along this beautifully restored section, taking in the breathtaking vistas of the rugged hills and countryside that stretch to the horizon. Returning to Beijing in the afternoon, enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore the city's rich tapestry of culture at your own pace.

This evening, gather for a special dining experience: a traditional Peking Duck feast at one of Beijing's most celebrated restaurants, offering an authentic taste of the capital's proud culinary traditions.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Day 3

Beijing & Journey aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

Today, immerse yourself in the splendour of imperial Beijing with a full-day exploration of its most iconic ancient landmarks: the vast expanse of Tiananmen Square, the timeless majesty of the Forbidden City, and the tranquil beauty of the Summer

Palace, with its ornate pavilions and lakeside gardens. Alternatively, choose to uncover the dynamic energy of modern Beijing, visiting architectural masterpieces such as the Olympic Village, the striking CCTV Tower, and the world-class National Museum. This evening, step aboard the luxurious Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, where a special welcome dinner sets the tone for the remarkable journey ahead.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4 Luoyang Xi'an

Awaken in the heart of China's ancient cradle as the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express arrives into Luoyang, a city with over 4,000 years of history and once the capital of 13 dynasties. Step into a world where time seems to stand still, surrounded by the delicate scent of blooming peonies—Luoyang's proud emblem—and the distant chime of temple bells. Your journey begins at the awe-inspiring Longmen Grottoes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where more than 100,000 Buddhist statues and 60 stupas are masterfully carved into the limestone cliffs along the Yi River.

Later, continue to the legendary Shaolin Temple, nestled at the foot of Mount Song, the spiritual birthplace of both Zen Buddhism and Kung Fu. Wander through historic courtyards where monks still train, their graceful martial arts performances breathing life into centuries of tradition. Back in Luoyang's charming old town, sample local specialities such as the famous water banquet dumplings, a delicious reflection of the city's Silk Road heritage.

As evening falls, arrive in the ancient city of Xi'an, where a Tang Dynasty-style banquet of traditional cuisine, music, and dance awaits—an unforgettable celebration of the region's rich cultural legacy.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



LONGMEN GROTTOES

Day **5**

Xi'an

Step into the pages of history as you explore Xi’an’s ancient city walls, one of the oldest, largest, and best-preserved defensive structures in the world. Stroll along the ramparts where imperial guards once stood watch, and take in panoramic views of the old town, a captivating blend of ancient tradition and modern life.

After lunch at a local restaurant, the highlight of your day unfolds with a visit to the world-renowned Terracotta Warriors. Discovered by farmers in 1974, this vast subterranean army—over 6,000 intricately detailed life-sized soldiers, horses, and chariots—was created to protect China’s first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, in the afterlife. Wander through the vast excavation pits and marvel at the individuality of each warrior, from the folds of their armour to the expressions on their faces. This extraordinary archaeological site is a powerful testament to the ambition, artistry, and military might of ancient China and is widely regarded as one of the greatest discoveries of the 20th century.

After a day filled with awe and inspiration, return to the comfort of the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, reflecting on the grandeur and mystery of Xi’an’s rich imperial past.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, XI AN

Day 6 Chengdu

As the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express glides into Chengdu, the vibrant heart of Sichuan. After a sumptuous breakfast onboard, begin the day with a leisurely exploration of Kuanzhai Alley—a beautifully preserved network of Qing Dynasty lanes where traditional teahouses, artisan boutiques, and historic courtyards reveal the city's enduring charm.

Later, gather at the Sichuan Opera Theatre, exclusively reserved for our group, where the magical world of traditional opera unfolds before us. In an intimate and atmospheric setting, performers in radiant silk costumes captivate with the ancient art of bian lian—the dramatic, lightning-fast face-changing technique that leaves audiences spellbound. Amidst fiery displays, haunting melodies, and graceful choreography, the spirit of Sichuan's rich artistic heritage is brought vividly to life, making for an unforgettable afternoon of cultural immersion.

As the afternoon draws to a close, transfer to the Waldorf Astoria Chengdu (or similar) for a one-night stay—an elegant retreat offering refined comfort in one of China's most compelling and culture-rich cities.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7 Chengdu & Onboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

The day begins with a visit to the world-renowned Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Set among tranquil bamboo forests, this sanctuary offers a heartwarming encounter with China's most beloved national treasure. Watching these gentle giants play, eat, and interact provides a rare and uplifting insight into one of the country's most celebrated conservation triumphs.

Afterwards, return to the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express for lunch as the train resumes its journey. The afternoon is yours to unwind at leisure. Perhaps indulge in a perfectly crafted cocktail while soaking up the ever-changing landscapes from the dramatic 270-degree panoramic Observation Car—a serene and stylish setting from which to watch the world unfold.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Xining

With a relaxing morning on board the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, gliding through the dramatic landscapes of the Qinghai Plateau, recline in your private cabin or enjoy the panoramic views from the observation carriage, as the train approaches Xining, the capital of Qinghai Province, anticipation builds for an unforgettable half-day exploration of its cultural and culinary highlights.

As you step off the train, you'll first head to Kumbum Monastery. One of China's most sacred sites, this architectural marvel captivates with its golden rooftops, intricate thangka paintings, and vibrant prayer halls. Your expert guide unveils the monastery's spiritual legacy, offering exclusive access to quieter corners for a meditative moment. Savour a bespoke refreshment of Tibetan herbal tea and delicate butter cookies in a tranquil courtyard, soaking in the serene ambiance.

Following your visit, choose to delve into Qinghai's heritage at the Provincial Museum, home to fascinating exhibits spanning ancient Silk Road artefacts and Tibetan culture, or explore the vibrant Shui Jing Xiang Market – an aromatic, colourful celebration of local life. Later this afternoon, return to the comfort of the train, where your luxurious journey continues.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 9

Dunhuang

Today, discover one of the Silk Road's most awe-inspiring cultural treasures: the UNESCO-listed Mogao Caves. Set dramatically against the cliffs of the Gobi Desert, this labyrinthine complex – often referred to as the 'Caves of a Thousand Buddhas' – houses over 1,000 years of Buddhist devotion. Inside, nearly 500 richly adorned grottoes, vivid murals and painted sculptures chronicle spiritual tales and cultural exchange from the 4th to the 14th centuries, forming one of the world's most remarkable collections of ancient art.

Accompanied by an expert guide, you will step into a selection of the most exquisite chambers to see the legendary artistry that has withstood the sands of time. The experience is made even more special with an exclusive live performance by local folk musicians and dancers, their graceful movements and soulful melodies adding further memories to the visit.

Following a leisurely lunch, the afternoon's adventure continues with a camel ride across the sweeping dunes of the Gobi. As you ride along the very paths once travelled by Silk Road merchants, the golden sands unfold towards your final destination: Crescent Lake. The enchanting desert oasis, nestled like a jewel beneath towering dunes, has miraculously endured for millennia. Its pristine waters reflect the afternoon sun, offering a moment of quiet awe in the heat of the desert – a perfect conclusion to a day steeped in history, legend, and enduring beauty.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


DUNHUANG

Day 9

Qinghai - Tibet Railway

After a final gourmet breakfast aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, your journey continues aboard the legendary Qinghai–Tibet Railway—the highest railway in the world. A marvel of modern engineering and stretching over 1,900 kilometres from Xining to Lhasa, this iconic route offers a rare opportunity to glide through some of the most remote and dramatic landscapes on earth. Settle into your comfortable seat and watch as the scenery shifts from the edge of the Tibetan Plateau to sweeping grasslands and shimmering salt lakes, all framed by distant snow-capped peaks.

Alternatively, guests may opt for a direct flight to Lhasa, allowing extra time to relax and begin acclimatising in the mystical capital of Tibet.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


TIBET

Day 10

Tanggula Mountain Pass & Lhasa

Today, you'll traverse the Tanggula Mountain Pass, the highest point of the Qinghai–Tibet Railway at an astonishing 16,640

feet above sea level, where panoramic vistas of the Himalayan Mountain range and untouched valleys unfold beyond your window. After lunch on board, you'll arrive in Lhasa, Tibet's mystical and awe-inspiring capital, and check in to the luxurious St. Regis Lhasa Resort for a 2 night stay.

This afternoon, choose to delve into Tibet's spiritual heart with an optional guided tour. Begin at the Jokhang Temple, a 13th-century sacred sanctuary that stands as the spiritual nucleus of Tibetan Buddhism. Here, the scent of incense fills the air, with murmured prayers echo off ancient stones from pilgrims who have travelled far and wide. Afterwards, soak up the vibrant rhythms of Barkhor Market, Lhasa's oldest market, where stalls overflow with traditional crafts, prayer beads, and colourful thangka paintings.

Alternatively, take time at leisure to absorb the serene and soulful essence of Lhasa at your own pace.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



LHASA

Day 12 Lhasa

Begin your full day of discovery in Lhasa with a visit to the serene Norbulingka, the Dalai Lama's Summer Palace. Established in the 1740s as a retreat from the summer heat, this "Jewel Garden" enchants with its meticulously landscaped grounds, lotus-filled ponds, and a sense of stillness that contrasts beautifully with the city's liveliness. Strolling through this peaceful oasis offers a moment of reflection amid Tibetan heritage and artistry.

For lunch, savour authentic Tibetan cuisine, richly flavoured with local herbs and accompanied by the hauntingly beautiful sounds of traditional folk music—an experience that deepens your immersion into the culture and spirit of the region.

This afternoon, ascend to the majestic Potala Palace, an awe-inspiring 17th-century architectural masterpiece that once served as the winter residence of the Dalai Lama. Rising 300 meters above the valley floor, its towering red and white façade dominates the Lhasa skyline. Inside, labyrinthine corridors lead to ornate chapels, golden stupas, and sacred relics —each step a journey through centuries of spiritual and political history.

As evening falls, gather for a farewell dinner, raising a glass to the unforgettable moments, cultural treasures, and newfound friendships that have marked this extraordinary journey.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


LHASA

Day 13 Lhasa

Your journey concludes with private transfers to Lhasa Airport, as you bid farewell to the enchanting landscapes and ancient cultures that have defined this exclusive adventure.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Golden Eagle Silk Road Express

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

LIFE ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE SILK ROAD EXPRESS

Step into a world of opulence aboard the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express, where every detail of your accommodation has been crafted to offer the ultimate in luxury. Choose from two elegantly designed cabin classes: the Superior Cabin, configurable as a twin or large-size bed, or the Han Dynasty Suite, where lavish comfort takes centre stage.

Each cabin blends the ornate design of the Orient with the grandeur of a by-gone era, providing an exquisite home as you embark on a luxury adventure along the ancient Silk Road. Continue below to discover more about the refined elegance awaiting you onboard.

SUPERIOR CABIN

The Superior cabin on the *Golden Eagle* Silk Road Express offers an elegant retreat, blending comfort and style across 11sqm of thoughtfully designed space. By day, relax in two single sofas, perfect for unwinding as you take in the scenery. By night, the cabin transforms into your choice of twin single beds or a large double bed for restful slumber.

Every detail has been curated for your comfort, with features including a Dyson hairdryer, smart toilet, minibar, full-length wardrobe and a cosy sofa chair. A 2.5 sqm en-suite bathroom completes the experience, offering modern luxury within a setting of timeless design.

- Sleeps 1 or 2 with either 2 Single Beds (190cm x 75cm) or 1 Large Double Bed (190cm L x 170 cm W)
- Cabin Size (535cm L x 205cm W) (11sqm)
- Bathroom Size (2.5sqm)

- Wardrobe (80 cm x 70 cm x 202cm)
- Single Sofa Chair
- Remote controlled air-conditioning, heating and humidifier
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Private en-suite bathroom with smart TOTO toilet and full power shower.
- Bathrobes, slippers, Dyson hairdryer and toiletries provided (included Aesop and Bvlgari hair and body care products)
- Personal safe
- Built in mini bar and fridge
- Towels and linens changed every third day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin available at all times
- Complimentary drinks from the Bar Lounge Car included (excluding Premium Wine List)
- Laundry service available at an additional charge

Room Upgrades

Han Dynasty Suite

The Han Dynasty Suite on the Golden Eagle Silk Road Express is the epitome of luxury travel, offering an expansive 22.2 sqm cabin designed to provide the ultimate in comfort and elegance. Featuring a large double bed and a double sofa, this suite invites you to unwind in your own private sanctuary as you journey through the heart of the ancient Silk Road.

With a separate living room, a dressing table and a dining table for in-cabin dining, every detail has been thoughtfully crafted to ensure a truly indulgent experience. The 5.2 sqm en-suite bathroom features a bathtub, shower, and double sinks, combining modern convenience with timeless opulence. Premium amenities, including a Dyson hairdryer, smart toilet, minibar, and full-length wardrobe, ensure your every need is met as you travel in unparalleled style.

Exemplary service starts with a complimentary bottle of *Dom Perignon* champagne when you board the train to toast the start of your wonderful adventure.

A note for Han Dynasty Suite guests:

A private guide and chauffeured car service is included in many of the destinations that will be visited on your journey, however, in locations where there are a limited number of experienced and qualified tour guides available, you may be offered a shared car service among Han Dynasty Suite guests. Han Dynasty Suite guests will also benefit from laundry service and room upgrades to the next available category at the hotels which are featured in the itinerary.

- Sleeps 2 in a large double bed (190cm L x 170 cm W)
- Separate living room (475 cm x 205 cm) with double sofa
- Remote controlled air-conditioning, heating and humidifier
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Dressing table, dining Table and personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom (5.2 sqm) with smart TOTO toilet, deluxe bathtub and double sink
- Bathrobes, slippers, Dyson hairdryer provided
- Luxury toiletries and amenities provided, including Hermès, Aesop and Bvlgari
- Complimentary built in minibar and fridge
- Wardrobe
- Towels and linens changed every third day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water available at all times
- In-cabin dining available on request
- Complimentary drinks from the Bar Lounge Car included (excluding Premium Wine List)
- Private car and guide options in selected cities for off-train excursion programme
- Laundry service included



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

2027 departure:

- 06 Apr - 18 Apr, 2027
- 19 Sep - 01 Oct, 2027

2028 departure:

- 05 Apr - 17 Apr, 2028
- 19 Sep - 01 Oct, 2028