

CHINA

China, the most populous country in the world, a very diverse in culture and nature as well. In stretching from its southern borders in the Himalayas to the deserts of Mongolia in the north, and from the East China Sea through the Yangzi River Valley plains, to the Tibetan Plateau in the western mainland, China covers an area of 9,596,960 square kilometres.



China also encompasses over 5000 islands, not to mention the disputed territories such as the Spratlys and the Paracels. The nation comprises five autonomous regions and twenty-two provinces, as well as Hong Kong, which is now titled a 'Special Administrative Region'. The seat of government, Beijing, is a large city of 11 million people, and like all of China's urban metropolises, life here contrasts immensely with that of the peasant farmers in rural areas. Due to its size, China's climate is obviously very diverse, ranging from an unbearable 48°C in the northwest during Summer to an equally unbearable -40°C in the far north in winter.

The official language in China is Mandarin, as spoken in Beijing, but there are also many different dialects to listen for.

SILK ROUTE OF CHINA(12DAYS) LAND COST: US\$



Silk Route or Silk Road was the ancient trade route through various regions of the Asian continent that connected China with Asia Minor and the Mediterranean. It has been in existence for centuries, and was the main trading route between Europe and the Far East. The trade on the Silk route was a significant factor in the development of the great civilizations. This tour will lead you along the Chinese portion of the Silk Route and you will enjoy the diverse nature of the surroundings and the people.