



# URUMQI

## TRAVEL MAP (HAND ILLUSTRATED)



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## Urumqi Overview

Urumqi is a key city on the ancient Silk Road and a center of Eastern and Western cultural exchange. Combining Chinese, Indian, and Islamic cultures, the city presents a dazzling unique charm.

The city has a continental arid climate with relatively short spring and autumn, and longer winter and summer, and big temperature differences between day and night.

It is farther away from the ocean than any other big city in the world. The scenery here is magnificent and mysterious with a full range of snow-capped mountains, glaciers, pine forests, grasslands, the Gobi desert, lakes and so on.

Urumqi is a key city on the new North Road of the ancient Silk Road. This is an open, passionate, forthright and progressive city. A dozen ethnic groups have thrived here, blending with each other and creating brilliant cultures.

Website: www.urumqitour.gov.cn

Area & Population	Administrative Divisions
13,788 square kilometers. By the end of 2012, the permanent population was 3.35 million.	Urumqi comprises 7 municipal districts and 1 county, and the City Hall is located in Shuimogou District.



## Heaven Lake of Tianshan

Heaven Lake of Tianshan Scenic Spot, surrounded by mountains, is centered at the lake with a picturesque landscape. Featuring mountain lakes, spruce forests and a snow-capped mountain landscape, this spot is a renowned summer resort in China.

**Bogda Peak**  
Bogda Peak is 5,445 meters above sea level. It's not very high, but climbing it is by no means easy. It is very steep with exposed rocks standing like walls at the top. The center is perennially snow-covered. Below the peak, there are glaciers and steep valleys, making the summit very difficult to access to.



## Nanshan Scenic Spot

The Nanshan Scenic Spot is the scenery belt of the southern suburb of Urumqi and is part of the northern foot of the Tianshan Mountains. It features ice and snow landscapes, lush trees and grass, peculiar rocks, favourable climate, alpine pastoral scenery and rich ethnic customs.

**East Poplar Ditch**  
The East Poplar Ditch is crowded with steep peaks and towering old trees. The shimmering mountain villas hidden among the greens add a touch of amazing artistic beauty to the region. It is also known as "the First Village in the Tianshan Mountains."

**Juhua Terrace**  
Juhua Terrace is a slanting alluvial fan surface with a meandering stream below. To its north, the land is dense with pine trees, and to its south is lush green grass. The sunlight casts clouds' shadows on the green grass, adding unique character to this scenic spot.



## Nanshan Scenic Spot

**Tianshan Grand Canyon**  
The red brown mountains of the Tianshan Grand Canyon rise high into the sky like clusters of burning flames in the sunlight. Looking up at the high mountains from the bottom of the valley, you feel as if the steep ridges may fall down at any time. Very dazzling.

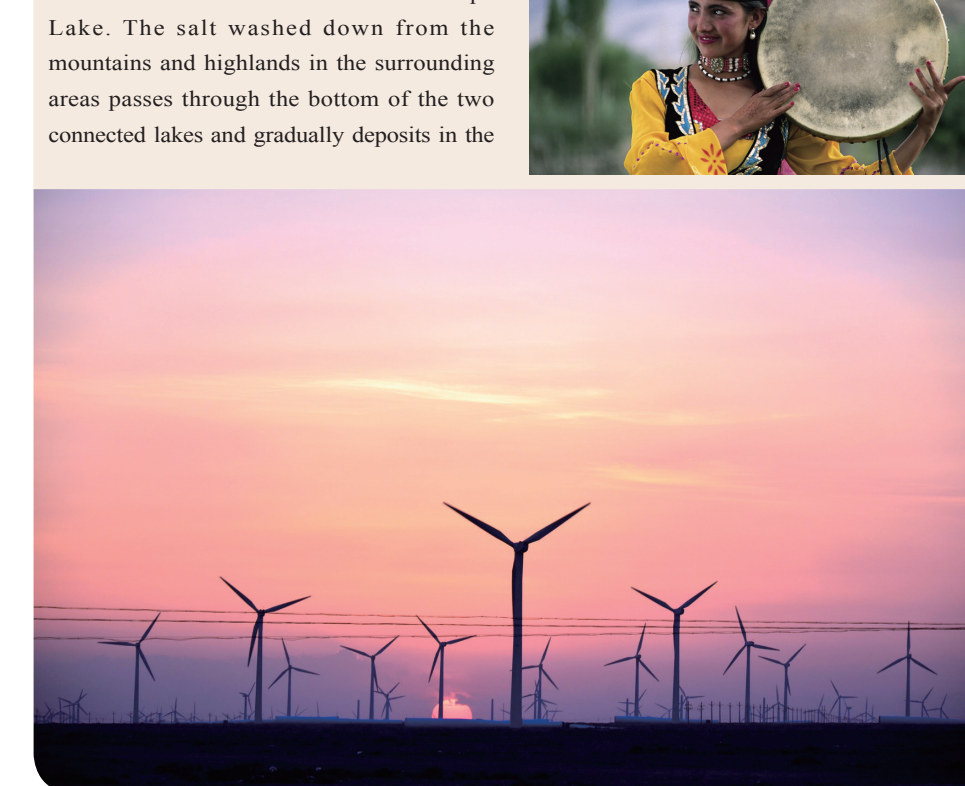
**Miaor Gully**  
Miaor Gully is a land with idealistic beauty, blue sky and white clouds, green mountains and clear water along with pastoral



## Dabancheng

**Salt Lake City**  
The main body of the Salt Lake City is the floating park, which is a place for indoor recreation. Its rational scientific design is based on Asian and European eco-baths. The park includes magical floats, rock salt spa, black mud healthcare, eco-dining, ethnic songs and dances and other activities.

**Windmill World**  
Starting from Urumqi and going southbound along No. 312 National Highway and Turpan-Urumqi Freeway, you'll see rows of spinning windmills. More than 200 wind turbines constitute this scenery, known as the "Windmill World."



## Silk Roads Ice and Snow Festival

The Xinjiang Silk Road Ice and Snow Festival perfectly infuses folk customs and ice and snow landscapes together. The festival offers a series of activities, such as tours of the Tianshan Mountains, self-driving tours, an ice sculpture exhibition, hot springs, winter swimming and so on. Very lively.

**Skiing**  
Urumqi has many ski resorts of various sizes. Apart from the exciting skiing, you can also have fun in snowmobiling, sleigh riding, and the ice sculpture exhibition.

**Ice Climbing**  
The huge waterfalls freeze in winter, forming the majestic ice tower and white icicles. During winter, the West Poplar Ditch turns into a main venue for ice climbing, resembling a road leading to Heaven.



## Silk Road International Ski Resort

As one of the three largest ski resorts in China, the Silk Road International Ski Resort can accommodate 10,000 people skiing at the same time. The resort also has the Flying Saucer Fun Park, the Snowboard Park, a power delta-wing membership experience ski base and international snow outfit brand stores.

**Xuelian Mountain Ski Resort**  
This is the largest lighted ski resort in Xinjiang, and offers diverse activities such as snowboarding, snow tubing, snowfield karting, hot air ballooning, outdoor tennis, etc.

**Baiyun Ski Resort**  
This place has two natural ski fields and three large passenger ski-lifts. The newly built 1,500-meter-high cable car can directly reach the virgin forest. There are two high ski tracks with a staggering 35 degrees' gradient, known as the "first track in Xinjiang."



## Ethnic Customs

**Shaanxi Grand Mosque**  
The Shaanxi Grand Mosque is the largest mosque in Urumqi City. It faces the east and is a courtyard-style building. The roof's green glazed tiles dazzling in the sun highlight the mosque.

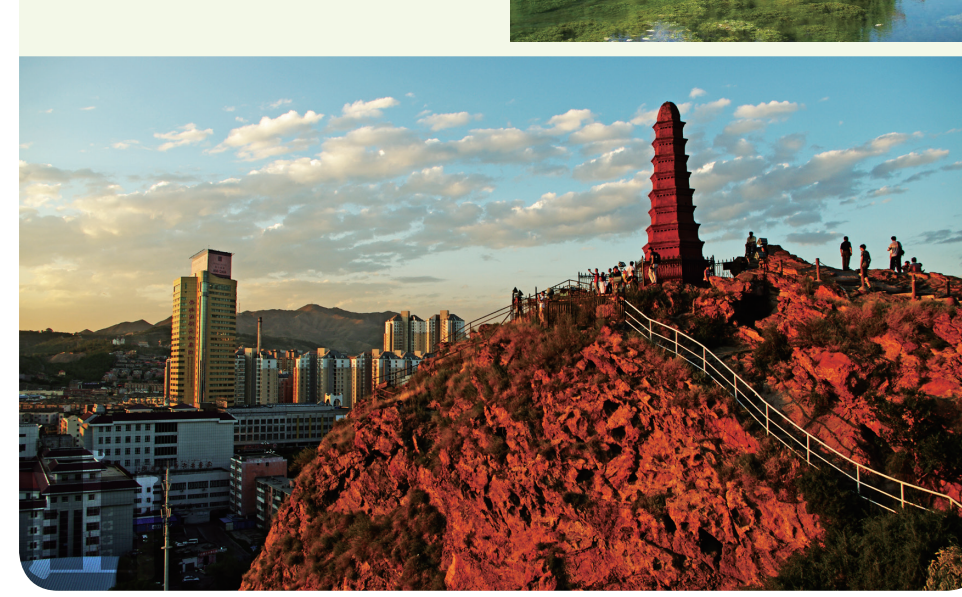
**Xinjiang Folk Custom Street (Xinjiang Min Jie)**  
The main body of this street is designed in typical Islamic architectural style. The Xinjiang Min Street Folk Custom Museum integrates history, culture, and customs together. There is the Xinjiang Miniature



## Landscape

**Red Mountain Park**  
The Red Mountain is a fold-fault mountain standing in the downtown area. The Urumqi River down the hill runs through the city from north to south. At sunrise and sunset, the cliffs glow with red sparkles. Truly fantastic. The Red Mountain Park on the mountain top is very beautiful, too.

**Shuimogou Park**  
The Shuimogou Scenic Area is a bizarre earthquake fault canyon zone up to 1,000 meters long, characterized by mountains and hot springs with beautiful views. This place is full of tall ancient trees, and is a bathing paradise.  
Website: www.shuimogoupark.com



## Other Attractions

**Geographical Center of Asian Continent**  
The Geographical Center of Asian Continent refers to the central point of the Asian Continent, the point which is most distant from the mainland coastline. The center is in Urumqi and is also the center of the Asian continent.

**China Colored-Cotton Science and Technology Park**  
Here is an ecological park of 200 mu, a green belt of 264,302 square meters (80,000



## Recommended Tourist Itineraries

- Xinjiang Charms**  
Route: International Grand Bazaar-Shaanxi Grand Mosque - Kumbum Monastery -Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Museum  
Sight: Home to the Uighur people, Urumqi is rich in ethnic customs. The biggest bazaar in the world, the International Grand Bazaar has all kinds of ethnic handicrafts, located near numerous mosques.
- Heaven Lake of Tianshan**  
Route: Big Heaven Lake - West Small Heaven Lake - Three-stone Supporting Heaven  
Sight: The Heaven Lake of Tianshan Scenic Spot, surrounded by mountains, is centered at the lake with a picturesque landscape. Featuring mountain lakes, spruce forests and a snow-capped mountain landscape, this spot is a renowned summer resort in China.
- Nanshan (South Mountain)**  
Route: West Poplar Ditch -East Poplar Ditch -Juhua Terrace -Zhaobi Mountain - Tianshan Grand Canyon- Shuixi Ditch  
Sight: Nanshan Scenic Spot is part of the northern



## Accommodations & Travel Services

Name	Star-rate	Add	Tel
Tianshan Hotel,Xinjiang	5	No.1341 Yangban Rd., Xianshi District, Urumqi	991-3806666
Miramar Hotel,Xinjiang	5	No.305 Xinhua N. Rd., Tianshan District, Urumqi	991-2937888
Hotel World Tak Hotel,Xinjiang	5	No.219 Jankang Rd., Tianshan District, Urumqi	991-2322828
Bayinhe Hotel,Xinjiang	5	No.76 Beijing S. Rd., Xianshi District, Urumqi	991-2330999
Urumqi Divang Hotel	4	No.333 Luyuan St., Urumqi	991-8899999
Orient Dynasty Hotel	4	No.17 Xinhua S. Rd., Tianshan District Urumqi	991-2335678
Xinjiang Hong Xin Hotel	4	No.239 Jieliang N. Rd., Urumqi	991-2301688
Golden Bay Holiday Hotel	4	No.999 Jiang N. Rd., Urumqi	991-2580025
Urumqi Silver Home Hotel	3	No.435 Karamay W. Rd., Urumqi	991-2570999

Name	Add	Tel
China Youth Travel Service	17 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Hongyuan Building No.233 Wenyi Rd., Urumqi	991-2818451
Xinjiang Western International Travel Service	24 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Hongyuan Building, No.233 Wenyi Rd., Urumqi	991-2536165
Xinjiang Lotus International Travel Service	No.532 Changjiang Rd., Urumqi	991-5813868



## Transportation

**By Air**  
Currently Urumqi has only one airport - Urumqi Diwopu International Airport. The airport has flights access to Korla, Kashgar, Hotan, Karamay, Altay and other cities in Xinjiang. The main domestic air lines can directly reach Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Dunhuang, Lanzhou, Xi'an, Harbin, Qingdao and other cities.

**By Train**  
The Urumqi Passenger Railway Station is currently the only one in the city. It has many regular trains to places within Xinjiang in addition to direct trains to Beijing, Jinan, Zhengzhou, Lanzhou, Shenyang and other places.

**By Road**  
Xinjiang's highway transportation system is fairly complete, radiating throughout the autonomous region centered in Urumqi. Bus Terminals include the Jungong Bus Terminal, the Nanjiao Bus Terminal, the Mingyuan Bus Terminal, the Beijiao Bus Terminal, and the Nianzigou Coach Station, where passengers can reach their destinations conveniently on slow, high-speed and sleeper buses.



## Dining

Meat is a staple food for people in Urumqi. There are varieties of such as meat mutton, sesame mutton, oil mutton and so on. Many famous stores can be found in North Park Street and the Xingfu Road Food Streets. The night markets in Wuyi Road and Youhao Road are also very famous.

**Roasted Whole Lamb**  
Roasted whole lamb is a traditional local meat dish of the ethnic minorities in Xinjiang, especially the Uygur people. It is the main course with the richest ethnic features and a traditional dish of the Xinjiang minority prepared to entertain dignitaries and guests.

**Saute Spicy Chicken with Potatoes**  
The main ingredients of Xinjiang saute spicy chicken with potatoes are chicken nuggets and chopped potato. The chicken tastes smooth and soft and mellow sweet, spicy and fragrant. It is one of Xinjiang's signature dishes. Xiaolizi Blood Station Chicken Store is among the best.



## Shopping

Local specialties in Urumqi include velvet antler, donkey-hide gelatin, deer blood wine, Ili Teju, and other wines, in addition to the most attractive variety of fresh fruits. There are also handmade crafts and Hotan jade carvings, carpets and so on.

**Xinjiang Carpet**  
Xinjiang carpet is known at home and abroad for its elegant appearance and bright colors. The carpet design's distinctive ethnic features and strong local characteristics are unique in the international carpet industry.

**International Grand Bazaar**  
Known as the first grand bazaar in the world,Urumqi International Bazaar exceeds the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul. Various ethnic goods are seen in the Bazaar Street, such as agate necklace, gemstone rings, craft knife, boots, tapestry etc.



## Entertainment

**Folk Songs and Dances**  
Xinjiang is known as the "land of songs and dances." Uygur, Kazakh, Tajik and other ethnic groups all have their own singing and dancing customs. Traditional localdance styles include Saiduyma, Duoliang Dance, Samar Dance, Xiadiyana, Nazilkum, "Bowls-on-Head Dance," Drum Dance and others.

**Horse Racing**  
Horse racing is usually held on grand festive occasions. Main events include hurdle racing, off-road racing, polo, horseback archery, cut and thrust sword, equestrian style dance and chariot racing.

