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Urumqi
Kanas Lake Trekking
Hemu
Urumqi

Explore the natural beauty of Kanas Lake with your own eyes. This Xinjiang trekking tour starts with a visit to Hemu Village, to fully explore the ethnic cultures of this peaceful village. Endless scenery awaits as you hike to Kanas Lake.

Type
Private
Duration
10 days
Theme
Natural scenery, Photography, Trekking & Biking
Trip code
XJT-07
Price
From A\$ 3,436 per person

Itinerary

This Xinjiang trekking tour will amaze you with its distinct ethnic culture as well as numerous fantastic natural landscapes. Your journey starts with a trek to the Hemu Village, one of the six most beautiful villages in China. Walk around and soak in the peaceful lifestyle and ethnic cultures of the locals. Added with an awe-inspiring hike to the picturesque Kanas Lake. Enjoy the unique beauty that can only be found in Northern Xinjiang.

Day 01 :
Arrive at Urumqi



Your Kanas Lake trekking tour starts in Urumqi, the capital city of Xinjiang, the largest province in western China, renowned for the Uyghur culture and the ancient Silk Road. Over the next 10 days, you will hike deep into Northern Xinjiang to explore the mysterious Kanas Lake, the unspoiled Hemu Village, and many more attractions.

Upon arrival, a local driver will pick you up and transfer you to your hotel in Urumqi. The rest of the day is left free for you to explore Urumqi (you might want to visit the Grand Bazaar Urumqi) or adjust to the jet lag. Note that the clock time in Urumqi, Xinjiang, is the same as Beijing Time, but the sunset here occurs 2 hours later compared to mainland China.

Day 02 :

Flight to Kanas Lake - Drive to Jiadengyu

In the morning, you will be transferred to Urumqi airport for the flight to Kanas. The airport near Kanas Lake is 50 km away from the lake itself. Upon arrival, your local trekking guide will pick you up and transfer you to a hotel in Jiadengyu, the entrance town to Kanas Lake. After settling down, the guide will help you review all the equipment and share the schedule for the following days' trekking.

Day 03 :

Trek to Delta, 20km/6-7 hours trekking



Start trekking to Hemu Village this morning, passing through meadows and woods. Your destination today is the **Delta Campsite**, which is about 20 km (12 mi.) from Jiadengyu. You will see a pine forest covering the surrounding mountains along both banks of the Buerjin River. The confluence of the Kanas and Hemu rivers will be the campsite.

The hike today takes about 6 to 7 hours. Upon arrival at the Delta Campsite, find a smooth meadow in the woods near the river and the horse path. Set up camp here as it is a safe and suitable place for the evening.

Day 04 :

Trek to Hemu Village, 15km, 4-5 hours trekking

Continue trekking for about 4 to 5 hours, and you will reach **Hemu Village**. First, hike northward for 5 km (3.1 mi) along the west bank of the Hemu River. Then, after passing through a birch forest and crossing the Hemu Bridge, you will truly arrive in Hemu.

Ranked by China National Geography as one of the six most beautiful villages in China, Hemu Village is a peaceful settlement of the Tuwa people. Upon your arrival, take a walk around to explore the unique cultures of the locals. Do not forget to use your camera to capture the breathtaking scenery around the village. Stay overnight at local guest house or hotel.

Day 05 :

Hemu Village One Day Tour



Today serves as a break from your trekking tour, as you will stay in the peaceful Hemu Village to explore its unique beauty. Rise early and embark on a **one-hour trek up** the wooden steps leading to the grassland on the hill opposite the village, where a breathtaking sunrise awaits. The panoramic view from this vantage point is simply majestic, showcasing the entire village with its wooden houses, birch trees, and a vibrant green river winding through the landscape. You also have the option of a short horse riding experience on the grassland (additional fee required and pay it locally).

Continue your exploration in Hemu Village and take this opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture by **visiting a Tuwa family**, experiencing their way of life, and learning about their rich traditions. Spend the night at a hotel in Hemu Village.

Day 06 :

Trek to Black Lake Campsite, 20KM/7-8hours trekking



Today is a challenging day as you will hike to the campsite by **Black Lake**, which is 20 km (12 mi) away from Hemu Village. After leaving the village, hike northwest to reach the valley, then spend about 5 hours navigating your way and finally ascend to 2,350 m (7,710 ft) high Daban, the highest point of this Kanas trekking tour.

Descending from Daban, you will see **Black Lake** located in the valley at the foot of the mountain. Upon your arrival, your local guide will help you set up camp beside the lake. Afterwards, you will enjoy a picnic dinner or have food with local nomad family (pay it locally) under your guide assistance. Please make sure to keep warm while sleeping, as it gets cooler at night than during the day.

Day 07 :

Trek to Kanas Lake, 22Km/7-8 hour trekking



The highlight is coming today as you will reach the spectacular **Kanas Lake**. After trekking westward from Black Lake, you will see a majestic ridge standing at a height of 2,200 m (7,218 ft.). Climb over this ridge and hike another 5 km (3 mi) to reach Kanas Village, where you will stop for a rest.

Afterwards, leave the village and trek along the river valley. A magnificent view of Kanas Lake will greet you after you pass through a dense pine forest. The rest of the day is for you to capture the enchanting scenery of Kanas. This evening, you will stay at a local hotel in Kanas Nature Reserve.

Day 08 :

Kanas Lake Sightseeing - Guan Yu Tai

Today, we suggest taking the shuttle bus to visit **Guan Yu Tai (Fish Watching Pavilion)**, the highest point within the reserve that offers a stunning panoramic view of the entire lake. Kanas Lake is renowned for its ever-changing colors, which transform from deep green to sky blue, gray, and white throughout the day. As you ascend to higher vantage points, you'll be treated to a captivating display of vibrant hues. This evening, you will stay at a local hotel in Kanas Nature Reserve.

Day 09 :

Another Day in Kanas Lake

You'll have another day to further enjoy the beauty of the Kanas Lake Nature Reserve. Today, we recommend you walk and enjoy the beauty of Kanas Lake in **Lying Dragon Bay, Immortal Bay, and Moon Bay**. These bays are the most well-known and beautiful spots in the area. Late afternoon return to Jiadengyu for overnight.

Day 10 :

Flight to Urumqi - Departure from Urumqi



In the morning, drive to Kanas airport (about a 1-1.5 hour drive) for the flight back to Urumqi, concluding your travel service with WindhorseTour. If you wish to continue your journey, we are experts in tailor-made trips and are ready to assist you in extending your stay in China.

Inclusions

Tour notes:

All of our tours can be customized to suite your requirements, interests and budget. It is our specialty! Please feel free to contact us.

Optional personal camel or horse riding fees.

Please note prices are based in CNY.

General inclusions:

2 bottles of mineral water provided daily.

All required government taxes and fees.

Please contact one of our Tour Advisors to get a custom quotation made to your requirements.

Where possible 3 star hotels will always be provided, if the city or town does not have then the local guest house or monastery guest house will be provided (i.e. tent / dormitory bed, no private bathroom etc.)

Your selection of 3, 4 or 5 Stars hotel (shared twin room, private bathroom and daily breakfast)

The hotel accommodation is based on two persons sharing one standard twin room with private facilities in all relevant locations. If a single client requests a twin room alone, the single room supplement will be charged.

Camping gears for the trekking including tent, mattress and sleeping bags. (Optional)

All entrance tickets as noted in the tour's itinerary.

Guide fluent in English, Chinese or Japanese that is certified by the state tourism build and from the local community. (If your native language is not listed please let us know, we are certain we can assist your needs.)

Airport and/or train station pick-up and drop-off.

All domestic flight and train tickets. Economy-class for flights and soft sleeper / seat for train tickets.

All necessary animals for portage of luggage. with their caretakers (i.e. Camels, Horses or Yaks).

Transportation will be provided via a comfortable and clean car, minivan or tourist bus depending upon the groups size.

All meals during the trekking. Food will vary a combination of packaged with cooked dinners by your guide.

General exclusions:

Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, internet access, fax, telephone calls etc.

Tips for your guide and driver.

Optional Attractions that are not specified in the itinerary.

Flight and/or railway ticket(s) to the first city of the tour and departure from the last city of the tour.

Meals not specified in the itinerary.

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