

# The Eastern Silk Road and Early Ceramics from the Yellow River

## Provisional Itinerary 8th – 26th May 2010

DATE	ACTIVITY	HOTEL CITY
8 May	20:25hr Depart London Heathrow Air China	
9 May	13.40 Arrive BEIJING (1) Liulichang	Beijing
10 May	Visit the Forbidden City Late afternoon flight to XIAN (3)	Xian
11 May	XIAN - Drive via Fuping to Yaozhou Museum & kiln site, Chenlu & potters workshops	Xian
12 May	XIAN - Provincial Museum, Mosque & Moslem quarter & Forest of Terracotta Army	Xian
13 May	on way via Ruicheng to visit Yong le Gong Temple in-route to YUNCHENG (1)	Yuncheng
14 May	Visit roof-tile factory in Hejin, making tri-coloured tiles for the palaces & nine dragon walls, using glazes & black water reduction. Visit Xiaolanze village along the Yellow River, making folk pottery since the Song Dynasty. (Houzhou yao & Jiexu yao) Drive to PINGYAO (2) Stay in traditional courtyard hotel	Pingyao
15 May	PINGYAO – A Ming Dynasty walled city (featured in Raise the Red Lantern) A UNESCO Heritage site. Visit Shuang Lin Temple & Qikou an old town located on the banks of the Yellow River	Pingyao
16 May	Drive to TAIYUAN (2) Visit Museum of Song ceramics & antique	Taiyuan
17 May	Visit Cizhou workshop, continuing the tradition of carving from black glaze to porcelain body & print makers	Taiyuan
18 May	Drive to DATONG (2)	Datong
19 May	Visit Yungang Caves, Nine Dragon Wall & an outer section of the Great Wall.	Datong
20 May	Drive to Hunyuan Hanging Monastery clinging precariously on sheer cliffs above Jinlong Canyon. Near here lies an inner section of the Great Wall – both predate the section nearer Beijing Depart by K177 overnight train to Yinchuan	Overnight Train
21 May	Arrive in YINCHUAN (2) Ningxia Province Hotel in old city if possible Baiyan Hot (Yanfu Temple) crossing the Great Wall and across the border into the desert of Inner Mongolia. Visit Ningxia Provincial Museum housed in the old Chengtian Temple & West Pagoda also North Pagoda (Haibao Ta)	Yinchuan
22 May	YINCHUAN – visit Helan Shan – these mountains form a natural barrier against the desert winds & invaders alike. Visit historic pass village of Gunzhongkou the twin Pagodas of Baisikou & beyond at Suyu Kou, in the rock strewn gorge rock carvings thought to date back 10,000 years & the Western Xia Tombs.	Yinchuan
23 May	On-route to ZHONGWEI (1) Visit 108 Dagobas (Yibailingba Ta) near Qingtongxia (may need to take a ferry across the river) landscape varies from desert sand dunes, the Yellow River and lush farm fields Suggest stay in Touristy! SHAPO TOU (1) (Shapo Shanzhuang – courtyard guesthouse by river - not sure about facilities	Zhongwei
24 May	Drive to LANZHOU (1) if we stay in Friendship Hotel walk across road to museum.	Lanzhou
25 May	Visit Gansu Provincial Museum with its fabulous Neolithic painted pottery & home to the flying horse late afternoon flight to BEIJING (1)	Beijing
26 May	Depart Air China V937 11.45 to arrive London 15.05 same day	Home

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