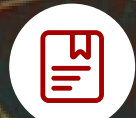






# Dunhuang

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## Brief

Dunhuang is a shining pearl on the Silk Road. The Mogao Grottoes murals have been telling Buddhist legends for thousands of years. The Crescent Moon Spring and the sand and water coexist in Mingsha Mountain. The Yadan landform is like a magical castle. Strolling in the Shazhou Night Market, you can smell the aroma of donkey meat and roasted lamb, and there are a variety of special handicrafts. The camel bells are melodious and the Qiang flute is graceful. Here you can see the majestic beauty of the desert smoke and the profound cultural heritage accumulated over thousands of years, waiting for you to explore the mysterious and charming Western customs.

## Why Go Here

- Buddhist cave art treasures
- The wonder of sand spring symbiosis
- The majestic Yadan landform
- The Relics of the Silk Road Pass

## Basic info

Time zone: CST (UTC+8)

Area code: +86/0937

Postal code: 736200

Language: Mandarin

Currency: RMB, called "Yuan", "Jiao", "Mao",

10 Jiao = 1 Yuan

Plug:  

Voltage: 220V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Currency conversion:

RMB: ¥

US dollars: 1 USD = 7.2559 RMB

1 RMB = 0.1378 USD



**Police: 110**

**Medical Care: 120**

**Traffic Accident: 122**

**Fire Emergency: 119**

## Sights

### Mogao Grottoes 莫高窟



Mogao Grottoes, also known as the Thousand Buddha Caves, is a must-visit place in Dunhuang. You can watch a film at the exhibition center first, and then appreciate the cave mural art. The Buddha statues in the caves are in various shapes, and the replica caves at the foot of Sanwei Mountain add to the fun of the tour.

## Address

About 13.6 kilometers from Sun Hot Spring Hotel, Provincial Road 314, Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City, Gansu Province 甘肃省酒泉市敦煌市314省道太阳温泉酒店约13.6公里处



**Recommended play time: 4 hours**

### Opening Hours

All year round 07:30-18:00

### Transportation

- Please go to the opposite side of the Silk Road Yiyuan Hotel and take bus No. 12. The fare is 8 yuan and the journey takes 30 minutes.

The departure time in summer is 08:00-18:00; the departure time in winter is 08:30-17:30, and there is a bus every 30 minutes. The starting station is Dunhuang Hotel, at the intersection of Mingshan South Road and Xiyu Road; you can also take it at the East Gate of Shazhou Market (Silk Road Hotel).

### Travel Season

- ◎ Dunhuang has a temperate continental climate; May to October is the peak tourist season, so tourists are advised to avoid traveling during peak hours.

### ② Shazhou Night Market 沙洲夜市



Located on Yangguan East Road, Shazhou Night Market is a popular check-in spot. It gathers Silk Road delicacies, displays special handicrafts, and has distinct local characteristics and rich folk customs. The stalls are orderly and the lights are bright. Visitors can enjoy delicious food, buy good things, and feel the charm of Dunhuang.

### Address

No. 1 Xinjian Road, Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City, Gansu Province

甘肃省酒泉市敦煌市新建路1号

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

16:00-03:00 the next day (January 1-December 31, Monday-Sunday)

### ③ Dunhuang Museum 敦煌博物馆



Located in the south of Dunhuang, the Dunhuang Museum focuses on the Silk Road and Mogao Grottoes culture. Its exterior resembles the Great Wall of the Han Dynasty, and its interior resembles a group of grottoes. The main theme exhibition is "A City Where Chinese and Western Cultures Meet". The exhibits include Mogao Grottoes art and Silk Road culture. Although there is no fixed explanation, it is still worth a visit to help you visit Dunhuang.



## Address

No. 1390, Mingshan North Road, Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City 酒泉市敦煌市鸣山北路1390号

**Recommended play time: 2 hours**

## Opening Hours

May 1st - September 30th Tuesday-Sunday  
9:00-18:30 (no admission after 17:30);

October 1st - April 30th of the following year  
Tuesday-Sunday 9:00-18:00 (no admission after 17:00); closed on Mondays.

## Transportation

- Walking: Dunhuang Museum is located on the bustling Yangguan East Road in the city, so you can choose to walk.
- Taxi: Take a taxi in the city.

## Travel Season

- ☉ Suitable for all seasons.

### ④ Mingsha Mountain and Crescent Lake 鸣沙山月牙泉



Mingsha Mountain and Crescent Moon Lake are located in the south of Dunhuang City. The sand hills and springs coexist, which is a "desert wonder" and a business card of Dunhuang. You can climb the sand hills to overlook the Crescent Moon Lake and enjoy the sunset in the desert. The Crescent Moon Lake is called the "Eye of the Desert" because of its unique terrain and is not buried by sand.

## Address

Mingshan Road, Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City  
酒泉市敦煌市鸣山路

**Recommended play time: 5 hours**

## Opening Hours

January 1st - November 23rd 05:00-20:30;  
November 24th - December 31st 07:30-18:00

## Transportation

- Public transportation: Take bus No. 3 in downtown Dunhuang and get to the gate of the scenic spot at the terminal.

## ☉ Travel Season

This is a typical extremely arid continental climate with frequent winds and sandstorms. Due to its special environment, it is recommended to choose May to October as the best time to travel.

### ⑤ Yangguan Scenic Area 阳关景区





Yangguan Scenic Area is located 70 kilometers southwest of Dunhuang. It is a 4A-level scenic area consisting of multiple landscapes. There are rich historical relics here, and the core Yangguan Museum has many cultural relics and new exhibitions. The scenic area has special activities and research courses. It is a well-known cultural tourism destination and multiple education bases.

### Address

West of Nanhu Township, Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City, Gansu Province 甘肃省酒泉市敦煌市南湖乡西侧

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

08:00-21:00 (April 1st to October 31st,

Monday to Sunday)

08:30-19:30 (November 1st to March 31st of the following year, Monday to Sunday)

### Transportation

- Bus: Take the bus to Nanhu Township from Dunhuang Bus Station. Get off at Yangguan Crossroads and walk for 30 minutes.

### Travel Season

- ☉ Due to the large temperature changes in the Yangguan area, May to October each year is the best time to travel.



Yumen Pass was built in the Eastern Han Dynasty and was named after the beautiful jade that was imported into it. It was once prosperous but later became a ruin. Literary works made it famous and now it is sold as a joint ticket with the Han Great Wall. Although it

has lost its former grandeur, it is still worth reminiscing about the past. The Hala Lake wetland in the north of the city can also be seen.

### Address

On the Gobi Desert, 80 kilometers northwest of Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City 酒泉市敦煌市城西北80公里戈壁滩上

**Recommended play time: 2 hours**

### Opening Hours

All year round 07:30-18:00

### Transportation

- Yumen Pass is on the way from Dunhuang to the Devil City Scenic Area (Dunhuang West Line). It is recommended to drive or charter a car.

### Travel Season

- ☉ This is a typical extremely arid continental climate with frequent winds and sandstorms. Due to its special environment, it is recommended to choose May to October as the best time to travel.



## ⑦ Han Dynasty Great Wall Ruins 汉代长城遗址



The Han Great Wall Ruins were first built during the reign of Emperor Wu of the Han Dynasty. Starting from Wanyaodun in Dunhuang in the west, there are multiple routes and it is more than 1,000 kilometers long in Gansu. It is an important military defense system of the Han Dynasty and it still stands tall after weathering storms. It is one of the best-preserved Han Great Walls.

### Address

Small square plate at the Yumenguan site in Dunhuang, Jiuquan City, Gansu Province  
甘肃省酒泉市敦煌市玉门关遗址小方盘侧

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

08:00-18:00; Last admission: 18:00 (Monday to Sunday, January 1st to December 31st)

### Transportation

- It is a tour of Dunhuang West Line. Chartering a car for the West Line costs about 450-550 yuan per day.

## ⑧ Yardang Geopark 雅丹地质公园



Yadan National Geopark is also known as Yadan Devil City because the magnets on the ground make the compass ineffective. The Yadan landforms in the park are fantastic and spectacular. It is a good place for photography in the evening. Under the night sky, the strong wind howls like a beast, so it is named "Devil City".

### Address

Provincial Highway 303, Dunhuang City, Jiuquan City 酒泉市敦煌市303省道

**Recommended play time: 3 hours**

### Opening Hours

08:00-16:30 all year round

### Transportation

- It is nearly 100 kilometers from Dunhuang to Yumen Pass, and it takes about 1 hour to drive there. From Yumen Pass, head west along the ancient Shule River Valley.

### Tips

- ⦿ Most of the Yadan landforms are located in the Gobi Desert. It is very easy to get lost walking in the huge Yadan group, and the climate conditions are harsh. It is cold in winter and hot in summer, with strong winds and sand. You need to bring your own sunglasses, parasols, food, enough water and clothes.



## Eating

Dunhuang cuisine is the crystallization of the thousand-year-old Silk Road heritage and the charm of food from all over the world. Here you can find donkey meat yellow noodles, which are known as the "China Gold Medal Tourist Snack". The yellow noodles are as thin as dragon whiskers, chewy and refreshing, paired with soft and tasty donkey meat, and topped with rich marinade, which is unforgettable. Huyang stewed cake is full of Northwest style. The mutton is fresh and fragrant. The hand-rolled pancakes are spread on the mutton and stewed together. The pancakes absorb the fragrance of the mutton soup and are soft and tasty. Paoer oil cake originated from the Tang Dynasty court. It has a golden appearance, covered with small bubbles, crispy skin, and sweet and soft filling. There are also many delicacies such as mutton noodle soup, stuffed skin, and jiangshui noodles. Each one can make you feel the unique charm of Dunhuang.

### ◆ Donkey Meat Yellow Noodles 驴肉黄面

It is known as "the best in China" and is made of donkey meat and hand-pulled yellow noodles. The yellow noodles are as thin as dragon whiskers, chewy and refreshing, the donkey meat is soft and tasty, and then poured with a rich marinade, the taste is rich and unforgettable.



### ◆ Sheep Stewed Pancake 胡羊焖饼

It is one of the ten famous folk delicacies in Dunhuang, and originated from the Hu people. The "bing" is more like a wide noodle slice. After being soaked in the mutton soup, it is very tasty and blends with the mutton, and tastes delicious.



### ◆ Mutton Noodle Soup 羊肉粉汤

The local high-quality mutton is used as the raw material. After a long time of stewing, the soup is rich and tender. Add bone soup, coriander, chili and other seasonings, and eat it with the most northwest-style steamed buns. It is spicy and refreshing.





### ◆ Hand-Pulled Lamb 手抓羊肉

The selected high-quality local Tan sheep in Dunhuang are tender and free of mutton smell. After simple cooking, seasonings such as pepper and ginger slices are added to preserve the original flavor of the mutton to the greatest extent. The cooked mutton is white with a hint of red, and the aroma of the meat is overflowing as the heat rises. Diners can eat directly with their hands, feeling the primitive and heroic way of eating, dipped in pepper salt or mashed garlic vinegar sauce, the entrance is soft, tender and smooth, and the fresh fragrance spreads on the tip of the tongue, showing the ruggedness and passion of the Dunhuang desert.



### ◆ Stuffed Leather 酿皮子

Dunhuang Nianpizi, a unique interpretation of the flavor of the Silk Road. Made from wheat flour or buckwheat noodles, the steamed Nianpizi is as thin as a cicada's wing, flexible and chewy. Paired with refreshing side dishes such as cucumber shreds and bean sprouts, topped with secret seasonings such as vinegar, mashed garlic, and chili oil, it is sour and spicy and appetizing. It is smooth and chewy when eaten, and the rich aroma of the sauce is intertwined with the original flavor of the ingredients. It is a common summer delicacy in the streets and alleys of Dunhuang, and it also carries the tongue memory of the fireworks of the northwest.



### ◆ Paoer Oil Cake 泡儿油糕

Paoer oil cake carries the rich heritage of the Silk Road food culture. It is made of high-quality flour that is boiled in boiling water, skillfully kneaded with lard, wrapped with sweet fillings such as red bean paste and rose, and then fried at a precise oil temperature. The oil cake is golden in color after it comes out of the pot, and the surface is covered with dense pearl bubbles, like blooming golden flowers. Take a bite, the crispy skin melts instantly, the inside is soft and sweet, and the rich taste of the filling spreads in the mouth, sweet but not greasy, with rich taste layers, it is a traditional delicacy that is endless.





### ◆ Apricot Peel Water 杏皮水

Dunhuang apricot peel water is made from Li Guang apricots, a specialty of Dunhuang. After drying and pitting, it is simmered for several hours with hawthorn, rock sugar, wolfberry, etc. The amber liquid is concentrated with the mellow fruity aroma and sweet and sour taste of apricots, mixed with the refreshing sweetness of hawthorn. When you drink it, the sour and sweet taste is intertwined, and the fruity aroma is overflowing. It can not only instantly dispel the heat and bring a refreshing coolness to the heart and spleen, but also has the effect of moistening the lungs, promoting fluid production, and relieving greasiness.



## Notes

### Hospital

#### ● Lanzhou University First Hospital

##### 兰州大学第一医院

Address: No. 1 Donggang West Road, Chengguan District, Lanzhou

Tel: 0931 - 8625200

Website: <https://www.lzu.edu.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

#### ● Lanzhou University Second Hospital

##### 兰州大学第二医院

Address: No. 82 Cuiyingmen, Chengguan District, Lanzhou

Tel: : 0931 - 8942262

Website: <http://www.lzdyyy.com/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

#### ● Gansu Provincial People's Hospital

##### 甘肃省人民医院

Address: No. 204, Donggang West Road, Chengguan District, Lanzhou City, Gansu Province

Tel: 0931 - 96109

Website: <http://www.gsyy.cn/>

Opening hours: 24 hours

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