The Silk Road:

NESTORIAN AND MANICHAEAN REMAINS with Dr Ken Parry

From 2nd to 18th April 2007

The tour will visit the sites and remains associated with the history of Nestorian Christianity and Manicheism in China. These two Western religions are recorded in the Tang and Mongol Periods, and although there are no Nestorians in China today, there is evidence for the survival of Manicheism. We will begin the tour in Fujian in South China, travel north to the ancient capital of Xian, and then east to the edges of the Taklamakan Desert. There we will see the famous Dunhuang caves and the ruins of ancient Silk Road cities at Turpan. In this remote area of spectacular scenery there were once flourishing communities of Nestorian Christians and Manicheans.

Tour Leader: Dr Ken Parry, is Senior Research Officer in the Department of Ancient History at Macquarie University, Sydney, and has considerable experience as a tour leader in China.

ITINERARY – SUMMARY

DAY 1: Hong Kong /Xiamen FLIGHT
Transfer from Xiamen to Quanzhou. (Dinner)

DAY 2: Quanzhou
Maritime Museum/City Museum. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 3: Quanzhou
Manichaean Shrine/Lighthouse Pagoda. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 4: Quanzhou/Xiamen COACH
Kaiyuan Buddhist Temple/Mosque. Coach to Xiamen. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 5: Xiamen/Xian FLIGHT
Xian University Museum. Fly to Xian. Xian Dumpling Banquet. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 6: Xian
City Tour/Stone Stele Museum. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 7: Xian, Terracotta Warriors. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 8: Xian
Monastery of the Cross outside Xian. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 9: Xian/Lanzhou FLIGHT
Fly to Lanzhou. Visit Gansu Museum. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 10: Lanzhou/Dunhuang FLIGHT
Mogao Grottoes. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 11: Dunhuang
Mogao Grottoes/Dunhuang Institute. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 12: Dunhuang/Turpan OVERNIGHT TRAIN
Transfer to the station for train to Turpan. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 13: Arrive Turpan
Gaochang/Jiaohe Ancient City Ruins. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 14: Turpan.
City Museum/One Thousand Buddha Caves at Bazaklik. (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

DAY 15: Turpan/Urumqi COACH
 coaching to Urumqi, Urumqi Museum. (Breakfast/Lunch)

DAY 16: Urumqi/Beijing FLIGHT
Fly to Beijing. Transfer to the hotel on arrival. (Breakfast/Dinner)

DAY 17: Depart Beijing. Own arrangement (Breakfast)

HOTELS
Quanzhou – Zayton Hotel
Xian – Howard Johnson
Lanzhou – Sunshine Plaza
Dunhuang – Dunhuang Hotel-VIP Wing
Turpan – Oasis Hotel
Urumqi – Haitok Hotel
Beijing – Beijing Hotel

Xiamen – International House at Xiamen University

COST

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NOTE: All costings subject to currency fluctuations.

INCLUSIONS

FLIGHTS: Hong Kong/Xiamen; Xiamen/Xian; Xian/Lanzhou; Lanzhou/Dunhuang; Urumqi/Beijing with taxes Charges

ACCOMMODATION: 17 nights twin share accommodation at 5 star and some are well appointed hotels with ABF daily.

TRANSFERS: All transfers as indicated in the itinerary.

TOURS: Entrance fees as stated in the itinerary.

GUIDE: A deluxe private coach with an English-speaking guide. A national escort with the group through the whole trip in China.

MEALS: Chinese lunch and dinner as stated in the itinerary.

EXCLUSIONS

- On day 17 transfer Beijing Hotel to the airport in Beijing.
- China Visa fee.
- Travel Insurance.
- Personal expenses.
- Anything not mentioned above.

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