

Motorhome Trip of a Lifetime: From Düsseldorf to Beijing

Interesting Figures & Facts

- Travel dates: 18 April to 23 June 2017.
- 10 weeks, more than 13,000 km.
- From Düsseldorf to Beijing along the Silk Road.
- 39 travellers from Germany, France, Austria, and Switzerland; 21 motorhomes and one trailer.
- A total of nine countries: Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, China.
- Stops: Düsseldorf - Warsaw - Riga - Moscow - the Volga Delta - Kazakhstan - Uzbekistan and Khiva - Bukhara and Samarkand - Kyrgyzstan - China and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region - Taklamakan Desert - Xian and Beijing.
- Tour management: Kostya Abert from Mainz and selected international teams in the different countries.
- Kostya Abert will celebrate his 50th birthday during the trip. He has been travelling by motorhome since he was 18, and - as an enthusiastic caravanning pioneer - he has visited all continents in a motorhome. Since 2002, he has been working as a tour guide for SeaBridge Tours. Prior to that he worked as a lecturer at the University of Mainz (International Relations). He has travelled in China by motorhome every year since 2007 and is considered one of the foremost experts on the topic of caravanning in the 'Middle Kingdom'.
- The main focus of this trip is China, which the travellers will reach on 23 May. The caravanning scene in the most populated country of the world is ready to hit the road. The infrastructure is being continuously improved, and many campgrounds are currently either being planned or already under construction. Foreign campers will find travelling in China generally safe in all regions and seasons. The supply situation has improved greatly in



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comparison to previous years.

- Liu Xing, a Chinese citizen, is a member of the travelling group. She worked as an au pair girl for the Abert family and is already a very experienced caravanner.
- The group is expected to arrive in Beijing on 23. June, just in time for the “All in CARAVANING” trade fair. The members of the group are considered caravanning pioneers and will be guests of honour.
- The idea for this dream trip was born at All in Caravanning 2016. In the past years, several caravan drivers have undertaken the exciting road trip from China to CARAVAN SALON in Düsseldorf. Now a return visit is in order to connect the two caravan trade fairs, CARAVAN SALON and All in CARAVANING.
- The return trip will take the group from Beijing to Düsseldorf via Mongolia, Siberia, the Russian heartland, Warsaw and Berlin. This trip of approximately 10,000 km takes seven weeks and crosses nine countries.
- Participants who do not wish to drive home may ship their units from Shanghai. 3-4 travelling couples will make use of this option.

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