



Landmark #8

Nyia 尼雅遗址 China



Nyia is an archeological site bearing witness to the past splendor of a major **Silk Road** commercial center located in **Miran**, an oasis in the **Taklamakan Desert** (China). This place used to be a crossroads of cultures – so much so that such diverse remains as frescoed **Buddhist stupas** and the **Xiahoe Tomb Complex** can be found here. Here lie the **mummies** of 30 Europoid individuals with reddish hair and green eyes who lived more than 4,000 years ago and spoke a now extinct Indo-European language, **Tocharian**. White-skinned people are also featured in some frescoes covering the walls of the nearby **Kizil Caves**.

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