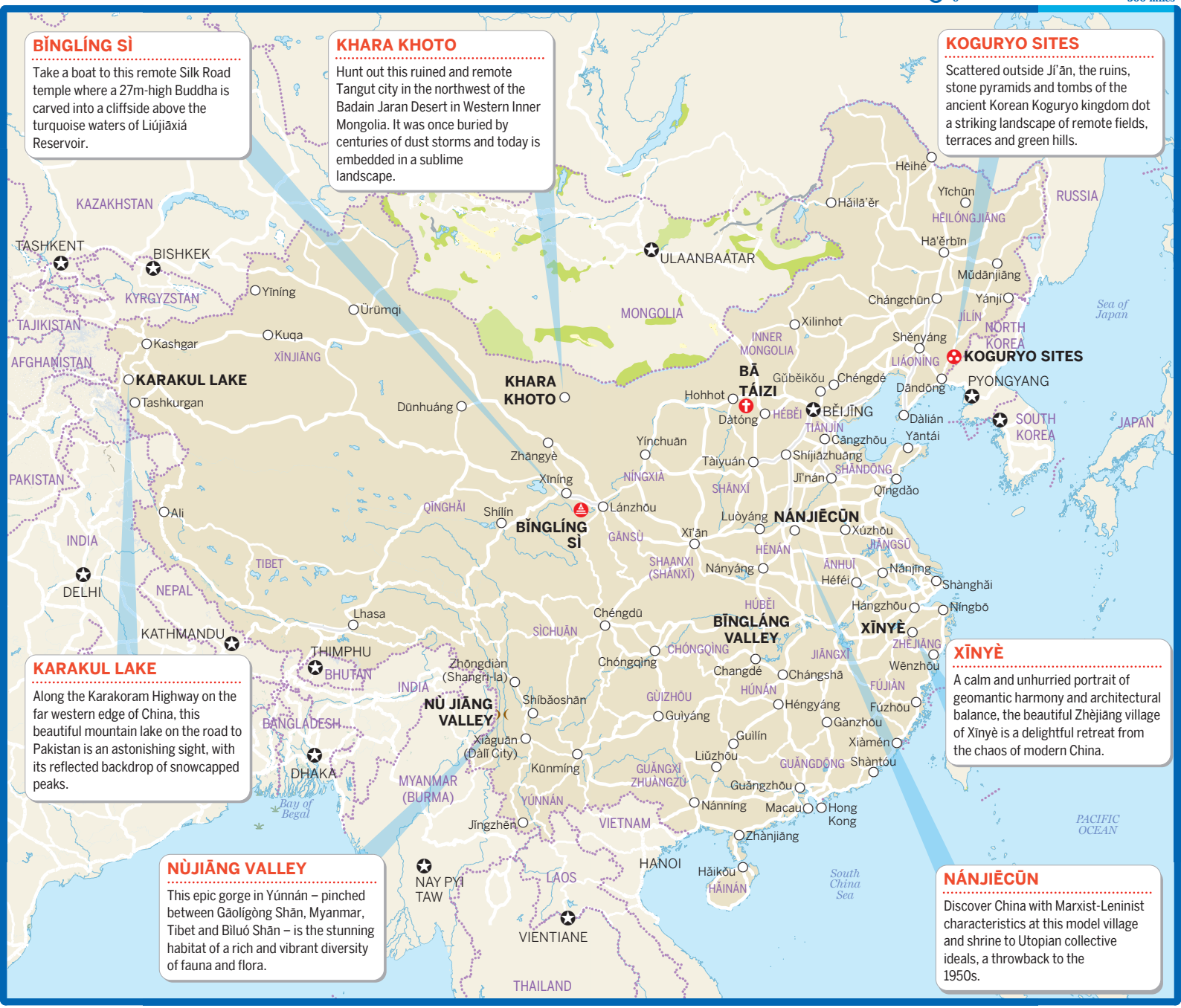

BĪNGLÍNG SÌ

Take a boat to this remote Silk Road temple where a 27m-high Buddha is carved into a cliffside above the turquoise waters of Liújiāxiá Reservoir.

KHARA KHOTO

Hunt out this ruined and remote Tangut city in the northwest of the Badain Jaran Desert in Western Inner Mongolia. It was once buried by centuries of dust storms and today is embedded in a sublime landscape.

KOGURYO SITES

Scattered outside Jí'ān, the ruins, stone pyramids and tombs of the ancient Korean Koguryo kingdom dot a striking landscape of remote fields, terraces and green hills.

KARAKUL LAKE

Along the Karakoram Highway on the far western edge of China, this beautiful mountain lake on the road to Pakistan is an astonishing sight, with its reflected backdrop of snowcapped peaks.

XĪNYÈ

A calm and unhurried portrait of geomantic harmony and architectural balance, the beautiful Zhèjiāng village of Xīnyè is a delightful retreat from the chaos of modern China.

NÙJIĀNG VALLEY

This epic gorge in Yúnnán – pinched between Gāolígòng Shān, Myanmar, Tibet and Biluó Shān – is the stunning habitat of a rich and vibrant diversity of fauna and flora.

NÁNJIĒCŪN

Discover China with Marxist-Leninist characteristics at this model village and shrine to Utopian collective ideals, a throwback to the 1950s.