

## **14 Days Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan**

Tour connected to Uzbek airways direct flights from Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta

### **Day 1, Fri: Tashkent**

Arrival Tashkent airport at 19:20. Out staff will meet you with “Orient Mice” signboard. Transfer for dinner. Dinner will be at Xinxiang style restaurant. Afterwards check in and overnight is at the hotel.

### **Day 2, Sat: Tashkent – Bukhara (flight 08:30-09:40)**

Morning flight to Bukhara. Arrival and city tour: At first you will visit the most ancient citadel in Bukhara dating back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century named Citadel Ark which served as a palace for several dynasties of Bukhara Empire. Then you will see Samanids mausoleum, a real masterpiece of architecture of 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> century. Then the tour continues to Chashma Ayub, meaning Job's well and Bolo-Hauz mosque, known also as the mosque of forty columns built in honor of Bukhara governor Abu-Fayud Khan. Then you have a chance to walk along the shopping domes and visit one of the most famous madrasahs of Bukhara called Nodir Divan Begi which is also a part of Lyabi House Ensemble, famous central sightseeing of Bukhara. The tour will end with visiting Poi Kalon complex, the unique sample of architectural art of Bukhara. It consists of three structures built in the 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> centuries: Kalon minaret, Kalon mosque and Mir Arab Madrasah. Dinner will be at national restaurant, following by dancing show program. Overnight.



### **Day 3, Sun: Bukhara**

Today you will have a sightseeing tour in the surrounding area of Bukhara. First you will visit Bahauddin Naqshbandi complex, located few kilometers from Bukhara. It is a memorial complex of famous Sufi Leader and Philosopher, one of the Muslim pilgrimage places for all people of Islamic world. Sheikh Bahauddin Nakshbandi was one of the spiritual masters of Amir Timur. Today complex consists of mosques of Kushbegi and Muzafarohana, courtyard with pool, madrasah, and burial vault of Bukhara rulers and Dakhma upon the tomb of Saint Bahauddin Nakshbandi. Then you will drive to see the countryside residence of Bukhara Emirs named Sitorai Mohi Hosa complex. The palace is the sample of combination of various architectural styles. Emir named the palace on behalf of his wife who died young “Star - like and moon- like Palace”. At last you will drive to Sumiton village to find Chor Bakr memorial complex, the town of the dead. Complex symbolizes the four sides of the earth and interprets that all people are equal. Construction of the complex began during the Samanids reign until the 16<sup>th</sup> century. After excursions you will return to city. Night is in a hotel.



#### **Day 4, Mon: Bukhara – Gijduvan – Samarkand**

After breakfast, we will start our way to Samarkand. We will stop over at Gijduvan village to visit famous private pottery workshop. Gijduvan ceramics school has its deep roots. The skills have been passed from father to son from generation to generation. Today Gijduvan is home for the sixth generation of potters from Narzullayevs family which glorified Gijduvan school ceramics all over the world. Gijduvan School of ceramics is distinguished by a geometric pattern. Green and blue colors prevail in decoration of products. On the way visit memorial complex of Al Bukhary. Al Bukhary was an Islamic scholar, who authored the hadith collection known as Sahih al-Bukhari, regarded by Sunni Muslims as one of the most authentic Hadith collections. Afterwards we continue driving to Samarkand. Dinner and overnight.



#### **Day 5, Tue: Samarkand**

Samarkand is situated in the valley of the river Zerafshan. It is the second largest city of Uzbekistan and is of the same age as the city of Babylon or Rome. Today you will visit its most outstanding sights such as Registan square, Shakhi-Zindeh, Mausoleum Guri Emir and Bibi Khanum Mosque. Registan Square, a complex of three fascinating Madrasahs dating back to 15-17<sup>th</sup> centuries, is the main highlight of Samarkand that no person can stop admiring its beauty and majesty. Architectural complex of Shakhi-Zindeh represents a big collection of mausoleums dating back to 11<sup>th</sup>-15 centuries being a part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Bibi Khanum Mosque was built in honor of favorite Tamerlane's wife, after his successful campaign in India. Dinner is at national restaurant with dancing show program. Overnight is at the hotel.



### **Day 6, Wed: Samarkand – Tashkent**

Morning transfer to Tashkent (350 km, 4 hrs drive). . Today you will visit Independence square which is the main square of the country, erected as a symbol of victory over fascism in World War II. Then you will have a chance to walk along the local Broadway, a walking street between independence square and Amir Timur square. Further you can take a ride in famous Tashkent metro, among the most beautiful subways in the world. First line was opened in 1977. Then you will visit the old part of the city which includes: Chorsu Bazaar, Kukaldash Madrasah and Hast Imam complex that consists of several madrasahs, mosques and mausoleum. The highlight of its exhibits is the Othman Quran which is the world's oldest Quran copy dating back to 8<sup>th</sup> c. Quran belonged to Othman Ibn Affan, the Third Caliph (of the four righteous Caliphs who succeeded the prophet Muhammad). Othman was killed by non-muslims in 8<sup>th</sup> century. His blood spread over the Quran that you still can see on its pages. Overnight.



### **Day 7, Thu: Tashkent – Khujand (Tajikistan)**

Morning transfer to Tajik border check point Oybek, border crossing. Tajik guide will meet you on the border and you will drive Khujand city. It is the second largest city of Tajikistan. It is situated on the Syr Darya River at the mouth of the Fergana Valley. The population of the city is 149,000. It is also the capital of the northernmost province of Tajikistan, now called Sughd. You will visit in the afternoon a Cultural Palace of Khujant. At this place the first president of Tajikistan was chosen. Also we will go to see Central Mosque that is situated in the middle of the city. Night is in a hotel.



### **Day 8, Fri: Khujand – Penjakent**

In the morning we will drive to Penjakent via pass Shahrison (3 378 m). The city of Penjakent ("five villages") is located in Khujand area of Tajikistan in a picturesque Zeravshan river valley. Quite possibly the five villages started the history of this remarkable city which originated in the 5th-8th centuries AD. Penjikent of that time was one of the most important cultural and crafts centers of Sogd. It was even named "Central Asian Pompeii". It was a superbly fortified well-organized city with a ruler's palace, two temples, markets, rich dwelling houses decorated with numerous paintings, wooden and clay statues of ancient gods. The ruins of this ancient city were found only in the last century. Today the tourists can see the remains of dwelling houses and office buildings, the citadel with the palace, the house of craftsmen, and fire worshipers church. Night is in a hotel.



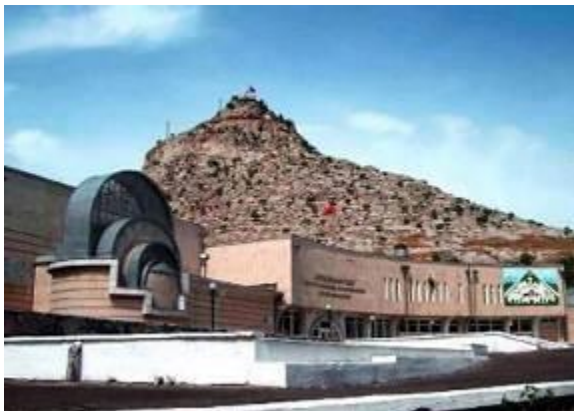
### **Day 9, Sat: Penjakent – Seven lakes – Khujand**

We will drive today to the Fannsky Gory (Fan Mountains). They are one of Central Asia's most popular hiking areas. You will do a day trip from Panjakent to the Seven Lakes (Marquzor Lakes), about 60 km south of Panjakent. At this place you will have time to go for short hiking. There road goes along a gorge where 7 lakes are located. They are situated on different altitudes and have different colors. Also you will meet local people that live at that area. It will be very interesting to see their way of life. After walk we will drive back to Khujand. Night is in a hotel.



### **Day 10, Sun: Khujand – Kyrgyz border “Guliston” – Osh**

Today we will drive to Kyrgyz border. The road runs over mountains and high passes. On the way you will drive via Batken region famous for its apricot trees and unique flower called Aigul. Your Kyrgyz guide will meet you at the other side accompany you to Osh city. In Osh city you will go for a walk there and visit the most famous place – Suleiman Mountain. Suleiman Too (Solomon’s Mountain) is situated in the center of the city and it is considered to be a pilgrimage place for local Muslims. According to the legend, biblical prophet Solomon (Suleiman in the Koran) was buried at the foot of it. Night you will spend in a hotel.



### **Day 11, Mon: Osh – Bishkek**

In the morning you will be transferred to the airport to have a flight to Bishkek city. This entire day is dedicated to a guided tour of Bishkek. It includes visiting Pobeda Square (Victory Square), Duboviy Park (Oak Park), Central Ala-Too Square, the National Arts Museum, National Philharmonic, and many others places of interest. But no tour of Bishkek is complete without visiting our Asian Bazaar! We will show it to you today and you will be able to take a lot of dynamic photos of bustling local life. This bazaar is a noisy and colorful tapestry of fabrics, produce, and people selling and buying goods. You will spend the night in a hotel.



### **Day 12, Tue: Bishkek – Ala Archa – Bishkek**

Today we will visit Ala Archa gorge. It is a Natural Park. At the Soviet Time only V.I.P. people had permission to go for a walk here. The Ala Archa gorge is on a spur of the Tien Shan mountain range. It is just 45 km from Bishkek. You can have a short hiking tour to see a panoramic view of the gorge. Afterwards we return to Bishkek and you will have some free time for shopping. Night is in a hotel.



### **Day 13, Wed: Bishkek – Almaty – BAO – Almaty**

In the morning your guide will accompany you to Almaty city. Today you will visit Big Almaty lake. The tour starts with driving to the Big Almaty gorge, where at an altitude of 2,510 m above sea level located the Big Almaty lake – one of the most picturesque lakes in Trans-Ili Alatau. Here, at the basis of the Big Almaty peak, you can enjoy a fascinating panorama of mountains and the Big Almaty lake, surrounded by the picturesque mountain peaks covered with Tian-Shan fir-tree, aspen and juniper. On the way back to the town you will visit the Falcon Farm, where you will enjoy a spectacular show with specially trained hawks - hunting with them is one of the most unique features of the Kazakh way of life. Upon arrival you will visit a popular place for townspeople - the Green Bazaar, where it is impossible to refrain from shopping. Then the tour will continue in one of the oldest Almaty parks – Panfilov Park, where one of the most beautiful wooden buildings in the world – Zenkov Cathedral is located. You will also visit the Memorial of Glory and Eternal Flame, dedicated to the memory of the fighters who died for freedom and independence of the country. Night is in a hotel.



### **Day 14, Thu: Almaty – Tashkent – Flight Home.**

Today's tour provides you the best opportunity to see the beautiful mountain surroundings of Almaty city. The first stop of the tour awaits you in the Medeo Gorge, where in the wonderful

mountains of Trans-Ili Alatau the largest high mountain skating rink in the world is located as well as the huge dam, protecting the city from destructive mudflows formed on the tops of the western Tien Shan. Next destination is Shymbulak ski resort, located at an altitude of 2230 meters above sea level. It is very popular for its mild climate, large quantity of sunny days and snow through the winter and remarkable scenery of mountain ranges. Then your mountain adventure continues at the top of Kok-Tobe hill, which offers unforgettable panorama of Almaty in close proximity to the city. The tour ends with the short ride from the top of the hill to the center of the city by the famous Almaty cableway. Afterwards you will visit Central State Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan – one of the oldest and largest museums in not only Kazakhstan, but also the entire Central Asian region. Transfer to airport and flight to Tashkent (Aprox 18:35-19:35), connection and flight home at 23:35



#### Pricing for contracted partners for 2019

Persons	Price per person in USD		
	Option A	Option B	Option C
2	3588	3807	4221
4	2588	2806	3214
6	2288	2507	2915
8	2110	2329	2767
6	2018	2237	2651
10	2271	2518	3025
15	2133	2363	2846
20	1938	2168	2616
25	1822	2041	2507
30	1759	1955	2421
35	1731	1932	2392
40	1673	1880	2329
Single Supplement	288	518	719

Cities	Option A	Option B	Option C
Tashkent	Samir 3*	Ramada 4*	Miran 5*
Samarkand	Ideal 3*	Diera 4*	Registan Plaza 4*+
Bukhara	Porso 3*	Omar Khayam 4*	Edem Plaza 4*+
Khujand	Firuz 3*	Khujand Delux 4*	Khujand Delux 4*
Penjikent	Sugd 3*	Sugd 3*	Sugd 3*
Osh	Sun Rise 3*	Sun Rise 3*	Sun Rise 3*

Bishkek	Discovery 3*	Plaza 4*	Jannat 5*
Almaty	Kazakhstan 3*	Kazzhol 4*	Dostyk 5*

**Price includes:**

- Accommodation at mentioned hotels on double share basis
- Transportation per program in comfortable a/c transport with professional drivers
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- All lunches and dinners per program (FB Supplement)
- Master classes and show programs for group departures in Uzbekistan (from 15 pax and more)
- Daily two bottles of 0.5l water per person
- Escort English speaking professional guide for entire tour (separate in each country, Uzbekistan Bahasa speaking is as per request)
- Entrance fees to mentioned sights per program (excluding photo and video charges at sights)
- Osh-Bishkek domestic flight
- Visa support to Uzbekistan (if required)
- Visa support to Kazakhstan (if required 30\$ pp)
- Visa support to Kyrgyzstan

**Price does not include:**

- Visa consular fees and processing expenses
- Photo and video charges at sights
- International and other domestic air tickets
  - Kul-Tas-Kul by Uzbek Airways
  - Tashkent-Bukhara by Uzbek Airways
  - Almaty-Tashkent by Uzbek Airways
- Travel Insurance
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions

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