# 8 Days Tashkent - Samarkand - Bukhara - Almaty - Tashkent

# Day 1, Thu: Tashkent – Samarkand (train) L/D

03:20 arrival to Tashkent airport, transfer to Tashkent train station, departure for Samarkand by train. Arrival Samarkand, check in to the hotel and rest. 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 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. He also wrote other books such as Al-Adab al-Mufrad. Night is in a hotel.





# Day 2, Fri: Samarkand – Gijduvan – Bukhara B/L/D

Today you will visit its most outstanding sights such as Registan square, Shakhi-Zindeh, Mausoleum Guri Emir local bazaar. 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. After the visiting bazaar transfer to Bukhara. On the way, 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 Gizhduvan is home for the sixth generation of potters from Narzullayevs family which glorified Gijduvan school ceramics all over the world. Afterwards we continue driving to Bukhara. Night is in a hotel.





# Day 3, Sat: Bukhara B/L/D

Today you will have a full day of sightseeing tour in the fascinating city of Bukhara. 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 12th - 16th centuries: Kalon minaret, Kalon mosque and Mir Arab Madrasah. Night is in a hotel.





#### Day 4, Sun: Bukhara – Tashkent B/L/D

Morning flight to Tashkent. 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 spred over the Quran that you still can see on its pages. Night is in a hotel.





#### Day 5, Mon: Tashkent – Almaty B/L/D

Morning check out from the hotel and half-day tour: First, you will visit Courage Monument which is a memorial complex, erected in honor of the elimination of the consequences of the Tashkent earthquake. Then the tour continues to Zangi Ota memorial complex. According to legend, Zangi-Oota was a shepherd and distinguished for his wisdom and good deeds. After

KENT HOLIDAYS (S) PTE LTD | Tel: +65 6534 1033 | Email: sales@kentholidays.com | www.kentholidays.com

lunch transfe to airport, flight to Almaty (aprox 15:00-17:20). Arrival, dinner and check in to the hotel. Night is in a hotel.





#### Day 6, Tue: Almaty – Charyn Canyon – Almaty B/L/D

Today you will have a day trip to Charyn Cabyons. It is one of the unique natural monuments of Kazakhstan. The canyon is about 12 million years old and surprises with its vertical cliffs, reminding the ancient castles, created by wind, sun and rain. It will take about 3 hours to reach the canyon. Meanwhile, you will hear a lot of interesting about the history and nature of the region, about Kazakh people, their life and traditions as well as have a lunch in a local cafe. And as soon as you see Charyn Canyon you will forget about this long way at once - so much you will be impressed with the beauty and splendor of the canyon. You can admire the grand panorama and then have a walk through the maze of the Castles Valley with its inaccessible walls overhanging you. In the evening is transfer to the hotel.





#### Day 7, Wed: Almaty – Issyk Lake – Almaty B/L/D

The tour route to one of the most beautiful gorges of Trans-Ili Alatau - Issyk Gorge lies along the Kuldja tract, where hundreds of years ago the trade caravans travelled. On the way you will visit the State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve "ISSYK", where you will see the expositions dedicated to the history and culture of the Saka period, including a copy of Golden Man and golden items, ancient ceramics, weapon, elements of horse equipment, as well as the model of Saka burial mound. Then the tour route will take you to an altitude of 1756 meters above sea level, to the beautiful mountain lake Issyk, located in the valley with the same name. On the lake you will enjoy the majestic beauty of its turquoise water surface and the Issyk Gorge, as well as listen to the details of the natural disaster of 1963. Also at the lake you will have a picnic and free time for recreation at nature. In the evening is transfer to the hotel.





# Day 8, Thu: Almaty – Tashkent – Flight home B/L

Today you will visit 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. After exploration of sport, cultural and business areas of the city you will get to the Medeo Gorge. Next destination is the Kok-Tobe hill where the tallest TV tower in the world is located (if to count from the sea level) and where you will get by the picturesque winding mountain road. In Kok-Tobe Park you can stroll along the winding paths of the park, admire the magnificent panorama of the city from the special observation deck and visit the shop of national souvenirs. The tour ends with the short ride from the top of the hill to the center of the city by the famous Almaty cableway. Evening flight to Tashkent, upon arrival transit and connection for flight home.





Persons	Price per person in USD		
	Option A	Option B	
2	1540	1715	
4	1210	1385	
6	1020	1195	
8	975	1150	
10	915	1085	
15	960	1130	
20	885	1050	
25	845	1010	
30	815	975	
35	795	950	
40	775	935	
Single Supplement	200	365	

KENT HOLIDAYS (S) PTE LTD | Tel: +65 6534 1033 | Email: sales@kentholidays.com | www.kentholidays.com

Cities	Nights	Option A	Option B
Bukhara	Two	Porso 3*	Omar Khayam 4*
Samarkand	One	Ideal 3*	Diera 4*
Tashkent	One	Tourist Inn 3*	Rakat Plaza 4*
Almaty	Three	Kazakhstan 3*	Kazzhol 4*

# **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
- Master classes and show programs for group departures in Uzbekistan (from 15 pax and more)
- Daily two bottles of 0.51 water per person
- Economy class ticket for bullet train Afrosiab Tashkent-Samarkand
- 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)
- Visa support to Uzbekistan (if required)
- Visa support to Kazakhstan (if required 50\$ pp)

#### **Price does not include:**

- Visa consular fees and processing expenses
- Photo and video charges at sights
- International and domestic air tickets
  - Kuala Lumpur Tashkent Kuala Lumpur (Uzbekistan airways)
  - Bukhara Tashkent (Uzbekistan airways)
  - Tashkent Almaty Tashkent (Uzbekistan airways)
- Travel Insurance
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions

#### PS:

- Pricing valid for 01.01.20-31.10.20
- If mentioned hotels are overbooked and not available, we will give appropriate alternative.
- If there is no free seats in bullet train, we will replace by normal train or do transfer by auto transport.

Click here to Submit Enquiry

(GT - 24/11/2019)