

## Turkmenistan,Uzbekistan,Kazakhstan,Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan



### 15 Days-Trekking tour in Turkmenistan

Explore the multitude of Turkmen landscapes and life in the Turkmen Karakum Desert within 15-days hiking & trekking adventure, which is a true joy for those who want to travel not only by car but also by passing them on foot. The main feature of this tour is however, the variety in day hikes through the most spectacular landscapes that Turkmenistan has to offer: mountains, sand dunes, coastlines, prehistorical canyons and ancient riverbanks.

**Ashgabat-Mary-Turkmenabat-Koytendag Reserve-Turkmenabat-Ashgabat-Darvaza-Kunya Urgench-Dashoguz-Turkmenbashi-Avaza-Yangykala Canyon-Nokhur-Ashgabat**

VALID FROM 30.10.2019 TILL 31.12.2020

| Date  | City                                 | Description  |
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| 1 day | Arrival in Ashgabat                  | You will meet our guide and driver, then transfer to hotel. Check in time at 12:00. Today you will have a free day in Ashgabat. Ashgabat is the capital and largest city of Turkmenistan even though it is relatively young city. In 2013 the Guinness Book of Records named Ashgabat “white marbled city” here you can see the biggest number of structures in the world made out of the white marble. You can walk around the hotel near the hotel, you can visit beautiful monument of Akhalteke horses, park of “Ylham” (Inspiration), “Altyn Asyr” trade market and “Gulustan” market (so called Russian bazaar). Overnight at hotel.   |
| 2 day | Ashgabat                             | Today we will have a day tour of Ashgabat including visit to : Park and Monument of Independence, Arch of Neutrality, a 75 m high monument with a revolving golden statue of the first President Turkmenbashi. Hit the viewing platform of the Arch of Neutrality to see the beautiful panorama of Ashgabat. Panoramic tour to “Alem” Ferris wheel, “BagtKoshgi” (wedding palace). Continue tour to the historical and archaeological site “Ancient Nisa-the Residence of Parthian Kingdom” UNESCO site from 2007. The Parthian Empire was one of the most powerful and influential civilizations of the ancient world, and a brilliant rival of Rome which prevented the expansion of the Roman Empire to the East. Visiting of Turkmenbashi Mosque and Mausoleum one of the biggest mosques in Central Asia. Overnight at hotel. |
| 3 day | Ashgabat-Mary (drive to East 350 km) | After breakfast drive to Mary . Visit on the route Anau pilgrimage place (remains of Seyitjemaleddin mosque XV c) the ruins of Abiverd medieval city that was once an important trading town of North Khorasan. It was a key link on the Silk Route between Nisa and Merv . Arrive in Mary and check in hotel. In the evening short walking around the city center . Overnight at hotel.   |

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| <b>4 day</b> | <b>Gonurdepe-Ancient Merv</b>                                 | In the morning at 07:30 drive to by air-conditioned Toyota Camry (90 km one way 2 hours more) Margush Country (GonurDepe capital of Margush) Bronze age Civilization sites recognized as fifth civilization of the Earth recently & Birthplace of Zoroastrianism Fire worshipping ( 4-3 mil. BC-6 c . BC) inscribed in the World Heritage Book. After sightseeing of Margush drive back to Mary. En route stop to have sightseeing to Ancient Merv known as MaruShahuJahan King of the world for about 300 years became the biggest city in Asia, inscribed into the monuments list of World Heritage Book, protected by the UNESCO. Sightseeing of Ancient Merv includes: Great and Little Gyz gala (6-7 cc), Complex of Askhabs (8-15 cc), Gyaar Gala (4 <sup>th</sup> c. BC), Buddhist Complex (4-6th cc), Erk Gala (6 <sup>th</sup> c.BC), Soltan Gala (11 <sup>th</sup> c), SoltanSanjar Mausoleum (12 <sup>th</sup> c), Ibn Zeid Mausoleum (12 <sup>th</sup> c). After tour of Ancient Merv drive back to Mary city (30 km). Arrival & rest. Overnight at hotel. |
| <b>5 day</b> | <b>Mary-Turkmenabat-Koytendag (547 km)</b>                    | Early morning drive to Turkmenabat. Arrive and having lunch local restaurant. Continue drive to Koyten village to explore Koytendag Nature Reserve, which offers dinosaur footprints, a vast network of caves and Turkmenistan highest peak. The region has some fine historical monuments and holy places as well. Crossing Amudarya River. On the way you will visiting “Gaynar Baba” Lake. Arrival in Koyten. Overnight at hostel.  |
| <b>6 day</b> | <b>Explore Koytendag the highest mountain of Turkmenistan</b> | Morning drive along the Koytendag mountain gorge. Koytendag is the home of the highest mountains in Turkmenistan, the deepest lake, the longest caves and the most majestic natural waterfalls in the country. Koytendag Nature Reserve is the huge geological research center, the pride of which is the rocky plateau with hundreds of dinosaur footprints. Explore “Forty Girls” Gorge, “Plateau of Dinosaurs”. Lunch outdoors. Visit UmbarDere waterfall. Return to hostel. Overnight at hostel.   |
| <b>7 day</b> | <b>Explore Koytendag</b>                                      | Tour to Koytendag Mountain by walk.  |
| <b>8 day</b> | <b>Koytendag-Turkmenabat</b>                                  | Breakfast. Drive to Turkmenabat city. En route stop to visit “Astana Baba” mausoleum. Continue driving. Arrival and check in hotel. Overnight at hotel.  |
| <b>9 day</b> | <b>Turkmenabat-Ashgabat (by flight 50 min )</b>               | Breakfast. Transfer to Turkmenabat airport then flight to Ashgabat (T5,172 at 12:00). Arrival in Ashgabat at 12:50 . Lunch. After lunch drive to Darvaza. En route stopover to visit Yerbent Nomadic village where you can enjoy seeing the local life in the desert –Turkmen yurts, dromedaries, tamdyr (mud oven) and many others. Arrive at Darvaza explore the gas craters, first full of water and second the sulfur-muddy. Leave the road and venture in the desert to see the flaming gas crater. Having dinner (barbecue). Explore the flaming gas crater at sunset. Overnight in Turkmen yurt or tent with sleeping bags.   |

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| <b>10 day</b> | <b>Darvaza-Koneurgench-Dashoguz</b>                                       | In the morning after breakfast drive to Koneurgench-the capital of Khorezmshahs (3-16 <sup>th</sup> cc.) inscribed into the World Heritage Book of UNESCO .Koneurgench (known as Gurganch in the past) is the largest historical and archaeological park in the north of Turkmenistan. It is large reserve with numerous ruins and monuments on the territory of modern Kunyaurgench. Such great Muslim scholars as al-Biruni, al-Khorezmi and Avicenna once worked here. Sightseeing of the old city: Portal of Caravansaray (11-14 <sup>th</sup> cc.), II Arslan Mausoleum (12 <sup>th</sup> c), Mausoleum of Khorezm shah Sultan Tekesh (13 <sup>th</sup> c), Academy of Horezm (3-13 <sup>th</sup> cc.), Mausoleum of TurabekHanum, Minaret of KutlugTimur (14 <sup>th</sup> c)-one of the tallest minarets in Central Asia, Najmeddin Kubra (13 <sup>th</sup> c) and Solatn Ali (15 <sup>th</sup> c) Mausoleums. After sightseeing of Kunyaurgench drive to Dashoguz city. Arrival and checking hotel. Overnight at hotel. |
| <b>11 day</b> | <b>Dashoguz-Turkmenbashy (by flight) Rest in Avaza-Caspian sea Resort</b> | After breakfast at 09:30 drive to Dashoguzairportthen flight to Turkmenbashy (T5,236,at 11:30). Arrival in Turkmenbashy – the biggest port town of Turkmenistan. The town is the enclosed with low mountains and facesthe Caspian Sea. Arrive and checking hotel. Rest on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Short sightseeing in Avaza with its nice beaches which will be turned soon into the free economic touristic zone with decades of luxurious hotels, resorts and health clubs. Overnight at hotel.   |
| <b>12 day</b> | <b>Avaza-Yangykala Canyons</b>  | Breakfast. Leisure at the hotel. Check out at 12:00 from hotel. Drive to Yangykala where impressive limestone formations rise up from the deserts sands with views of the Karabogaz. Gulf in the distance. These limestone cliff are the remains of massive coral reefs from the pre-historical Parathetys Sea. En route stop in Turkmenbashy city to have lunch and visit the local bazaar to stock up with food & drinks for dinner. Continue to the Canyon of Yangykala, home to some of the best scenery in Turkmenistan. Arrive and explore the site . Take a picnic among the cliff. When the sunsets we drive to the pilgrimage site of Gozli Ata-one of the holiest pilgrim sites in Turkmenistan. The mausoleum of GozliAta , located on a low platform against the backdrop of stunning pink and red limestone rock formations. Overnight at a local pilgrim house (multi share accommodation).   |
| <b>13 day</b> | <b>Yangykala-Nokhur mountain Village</b>                                  | After breakfast drive to Nokhur Mountain village by 4 WD car via Balkanabat. Arrival in Nokhur village. Sightseeing of Nokhur village and visiting of “GyzBibi” pilgrimage site & its unique cemetery where each tomb has the horns of mountain goats, the Great Tree –oldest tree in the village thought to be 800 years old. Introduction with local silk textile weavers and having dinner at local family. Overnight at local family house.   |
| <b>14 day</b> | <b>Nokhur –Kow Ata-Ashgabat</b>   | After breakfast leave Nokhur and drive to Ashgabat. En route stop to visit “Kow Ata” underground lake. A warm hydrogen sulphide lake lies in a cave at the Kopetdag foothills. 276 steps lead into the lake. On your way down you will admire marvelous grapes and lines of stalactites and see bats be vies. This cave impresses with its greatness . It has the length of 250 m width 50 m, depth of 65 m. The lake available all year round because of constant temperature of water (33-36 C) and air. Arrival in Ashgabat. Accomodation at hotel. In the afternoon enjoy free time for rest or shopping.   |
| <b>15 day</b> | <b>Flight to home</b>   | Check out hotel until noon. Transfer to the International Airport of Ashgabat according your departure flight to home. Farawell . End of tour.  |

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## The price of itinerary per person (USD) \$

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| Group       | 1    | 2    |
| USD per.pax | 3249 | 2349 |

### Accommodation

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| Ashgabat         | Ak Altyn hotel 4 * |
| Mary             | Merw hotel 3*      |
| Koytendag        | Koyten hostel      |
| Turkmenabat      | Jeyhun hotel 3 *   |
| Darvaza          | Yurt or Tent       |
| Dashoguz         | Uzboyhotel 3*      |
| Avaza            | Yelkenhotel 5*     |
| Yangykala Canyon | Pilgrime house     |
| Nokhur village   | Local Family house |

### Price includes:

- Accommodation at mentioned hotels on double/ twin share basis
- Transportation per program in comfortable a/c transport with professional drivers
  - **1-2 per sedan & 4 WD car for off road part of the trip**
- Accommodation and breakfasts at the hotels
- Meals at Darvaza, Nokhur and Yangykala Canyons (Dinner and Breakfast)
- Daily two bottles of 0.5ltr water per person
- Domestic air tickets: Turkmenabat-Ashgabat, Dashoguz-Turkmenbashi
- English speaking guide for entire tour
- Tour Pack (Visa support to Turkmenistan): Letter of Invitation, Registration and Permit fees
- Entrance fees
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Early check in

### Price does not include:

- Visa consular fees and processing expenses **85 \$**
- Migration tax **12\$+4 \$ bank fee**
- Photo and video charges at sights
- Meals: FB
- Beverages Alcohol
- Travel Insurance
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions
- Tips for driver and guide

**Note: Each Traveler should have 2 photos (5x6) to be presented at the points of entry.**

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