

# 15 Days Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

Valid till 31 Dec 2018

## Day 1, Thu: Tashkent - Bishkek – Ala Archa – Bishkek

Arrival Tashkent airport. Transit flight to Bishkek . Arrival Bishkek. Your guide will pick you up at Manas International Airport at 8:30 am and accompany you to the capital city of Kyrgyzstan, just a 30-minute drive from the airport. The first half of the day is dedicated to a guided tour of Bishkek. It includes visiting Pobeda Square (Victory Square), Duboviy Park (Oak Park), Central Ala-Too Square, Old Square, National Philharmonic, and many others places of interest. In the afternoon 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. This overnight will be in a hotel.



## Day 2, Fri: Bishkek – Burana – Chon Kemin

In the morning you will have time to visit our Asian Bazaar where 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. Then you will be transferred to Chon Kemin gorge. On route to the gorge you will visit Burana Tower. It is a minaret dating from the 11th century. You can climb to the top if you wish to experience the same view that Silk Road travelers saw themselves. Nearby you will see an open air museum of Balbals (stone warriors). These grave-stones look like warriors as they were made in honor of brave soldiers who died for their Motherland. After your excursion there is a scenic transfer to Chon Kemin gorge. Night is in the guesthouse. **Option:** It is possible to delete bazaar and drive to Chon Kemin. There to have 3 hours horse riding in the mountains. Extra price is 15 \$ per person.



### **Day 3, Sat : Chon Kemin – Issyk Kul lake northern shore – Karakol**

Today you will be transferred to the celestial Issyk Kul Lake, the second largest alpine lake in the world (1608m.above sea level). The lake is called "the pearl of Central Asia". For more than 1 500 years local people considered the lake to be a sacred one. You can come up to the lake and to see mountains all around it. Today you will drive along the whole northern shore and arrive to Karakol town. Also we will visit today a place with ancient stone patterns – petroglyphs. In Karakol we will visit the Dungan mosque. It was built in Chinese style without using a single metal nail. This will be followed by the visit of an old wooden Orthodox Church. Night is in a guesthouse.



### **Day 4, Sun: Karakol – Jety Oguz – Issyk Kul southern shore – Kochkor**

Today we will drive to Jety Oguz gorge. It's famous for its red rocks formations that have a name Seven Bulls – Jety Oguz. Also you will see there the Broken Heart Mountain. If you want it is possible to go on a top of a mountain (20 minutes) to see a panorama view of the gorge. Then we continue our trip, breaking in Bokonbaeva village, where we will meet a local eagle-hunter. He hunts hares and foxes with the help of eagles (a traditional way of nomadic hunting). Night is in home stays.



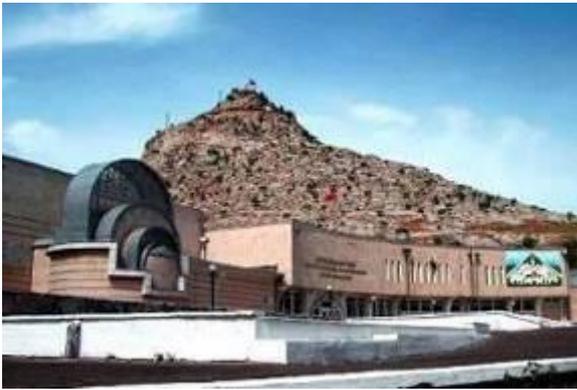
### **Day 5, Mon: Kochkor – Bishkek – Osh**

In Kochkor village a local family will show you how our national felt carpets are made. You can even learn the art of felt making and create your own carpet together with them! You will have a chance to make your own picture with a help of colored wool and then all together we will beat it in a special way to get a nice felt carpet. You will also get to visit a small handicraft museum there. They have many examples of silver decorations, coats made of wolves, horse saddle decorations, carpets and more. Afterwards you will be transferred to Manas International Airport for the flight to Osh city at 6:45 pm. Night is in a hotel.



### Day 6, Tue: Osh – Dustlik – Fergana

In the morning you will go for a walk to visit the most famous place - Suleiman Mountain. Suleiman Too (Solomon's Mountain) is situated in the center of the city. 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. After it we will transfer you to the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border. Crossing the border, meet with Uzbek guide at Uzbek side. Transfer to Fergana. Check in to the hotel and overnight.



### Day 7, Wed: Fergana – Margilan – Tashkent (by train)

Breakfast is at the hotel. Visiting **Fergana regional museum** - The fund of the museum has a fine collection of items, relating to all periods of history, culture and art of Fergana valley. The museum collection has more than 80 thousand. Visiting **national park of Fergana**. Transfer to Margilan and visiting **Silk producing factory** in Margilan - All parts of the production process are undertaken here, from the feeding of the silk worms with mulberry leaves, through dyeing with natural vegetal and mineral dyes, to the weaving of the final cloth, and it is fascinating to follow it step by step. Transfer to Fergana train station, board the train and departure for Tashkent (approximately departure 16:00). Arriving Tashkent train station at 20:25, transfer to your hotel and overnight at the hotel.



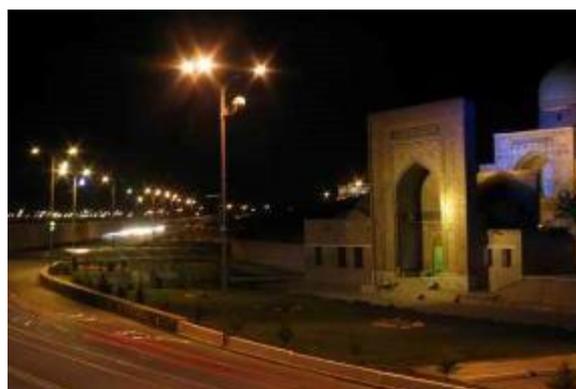
### Day 8, Thu: Tashkent – Samarkand (350 km, 4.5 hrs drive)

Breakfast is at the hotel. Transfer to Samarkand (optional bullet train transfer, 07:30-09:40), with stop over at mountains near Djizakh city to see Amir Timur gates. Arrival Samarkand, check in and time for rest at the hotel. Afternoon city tour in Samarkand: drive outside of the city to visit **Al Bukhary memorial complex** (12 km away of the city). Al Bukhary - Islamic scholar, who authored the hadith collection known as Sahih al-Bukhari, regarded by Sunni Muslims as one of the most authentic (Sahih) Hadith collections. Dinner is at local restaurant and overnight is at the hotel.



### Day 9, Fri: Samarkand

Breakfast is at the hotel. Full day city tour of Samarkand: **Registan square** – the complex of three historical building: Madrasah Ulugbek (15th c.), Madrasah Sher-dor (17th c.), Madrasah Tilla-Kori (17th c.) – the visiting card and the main attraction spot of Samarkand. Architectural complex **Shakhi-Zindeh** (11-15th c.) - the name Shah-I-Zinda (meaning "the living king") comes together with the legend about Kusam Ibn Abbas, the cousin of the prophet Muhammad who was buried here. **Mausoleum Guri Emir** - means "Tomb of the King". **Bibi Khanum Mosque** - name of the mosque translated as the "Elder wife" and it was built in honor of favorite Tamerlane's wife, after his successful campaign in India. Lunch will be at New Arbat restaurant and dinner will be at traditional Uzbek house. Overnight is at the hotel.



### Day 10, Sat: Samarkand – Gijduvan – Bukhara

After the breakfast, we will start our way to Bukhara. On the way, we will stop over at Gijduvan village to visit famous private pottery workshop, which was previously visited by Mrs. Hillary Clinton, Sir Charles and many of other famous people. There we will have a chance to learn the history of pottery culture of Uzbekistan, short **master class of pottery preparing** and do buy the items you liked. Lunch will be at Pottery house, groups will have **master class of Gijduvan shish kebabs, local bread preparing** process. Afterwards continue drive to Bukhara. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Dinner will be at local restaurant. Overnight is at the hotel.



### Day 11, Sun: Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour in **Bukhara: Citadel Ark** (4<sup>th</sup> b.c.) - Ark citadel is the most ancient citadel in Bukhara. Ark citadel was erected on the Registan Square and is the symbol of haughtiness, power and greatness. Fortress was the sample of city life. Ark served as a palace of several dynasties of Bukhara Empire. **Samanids mausoleum** (9-10th c.) - this mausoleum of Ismail Samanids' dynasty. **Chashma Ayub** (14th c.) - means Job's well. **Bolo-Hauz mosque** (beginning of the 20th c.) – known also as the mosque of forty columns. The mosque was built in honor of Bukhara governor Abu-Fayud Khan. Ruler personally performed Jumah namaz in this mosque. After the excursion, you will return to the hotel. Free evening and overnight at the hotel. Lunch will be at Bella Italy restaurant and dinner will be at traditional Uzbek house with master class of Bukhara pilaw preparing. Overnight will be at the hotel.



### Day 12, Mon: Bukhara (Surroundings)

Breakfast at the hotel. **Bahauddin Naqshbandi complex** – located several km from Bukhara. Memorial complex of the famous Sufi Leader and Philosopher. **Shopping domes** – Toki Saraffon, Toki Telpak Furushon & Toki Zargaron domes. **Madrasah Nodir Divan Begi** - Madrasah is one of the most popular Madrasah in Bukhara and part of Lyabi House Ensemble. **Complex Lyabi-Khauz** (14-17th c.) - the central sightseeing place of Bukhara city. Complex was built in 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century and still main tourist attraction and favorite place of local people. **Poi Kalon complex** - the unique sample of architectural art of Bukhara. Poi-Kalon, 'The Foot of the Great', consists of three structures built in the 12th - 16th centuries: Kalon minaret, Kalon mosque and Mir Arab Madrasah. Returning to the city and overnight at the hotel. Lunch will be at Dolon restaurant and dinner will be at Adras national restaurant.



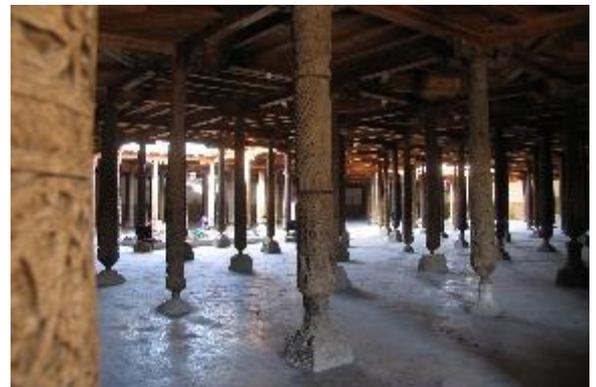
**Day 13, Tue: Bukhara - Khiva (440 km, 7 hours' drive)**

Breakfast is at the hotel. Morning departure for Khiva, the way goes thru **Kizilkum** desert (around seven hours' drive thru the desert). Stop en-route to enjoy views of Amu Darya River and the desert. Arrival to Khiva, check in to the hotel. Free time in old city and overnight is at the hotel. Lunch will be lunch boxes and dinner will be at local restaurant.



**Day 14, Wed: Khiva – Urgench - Tashkent**

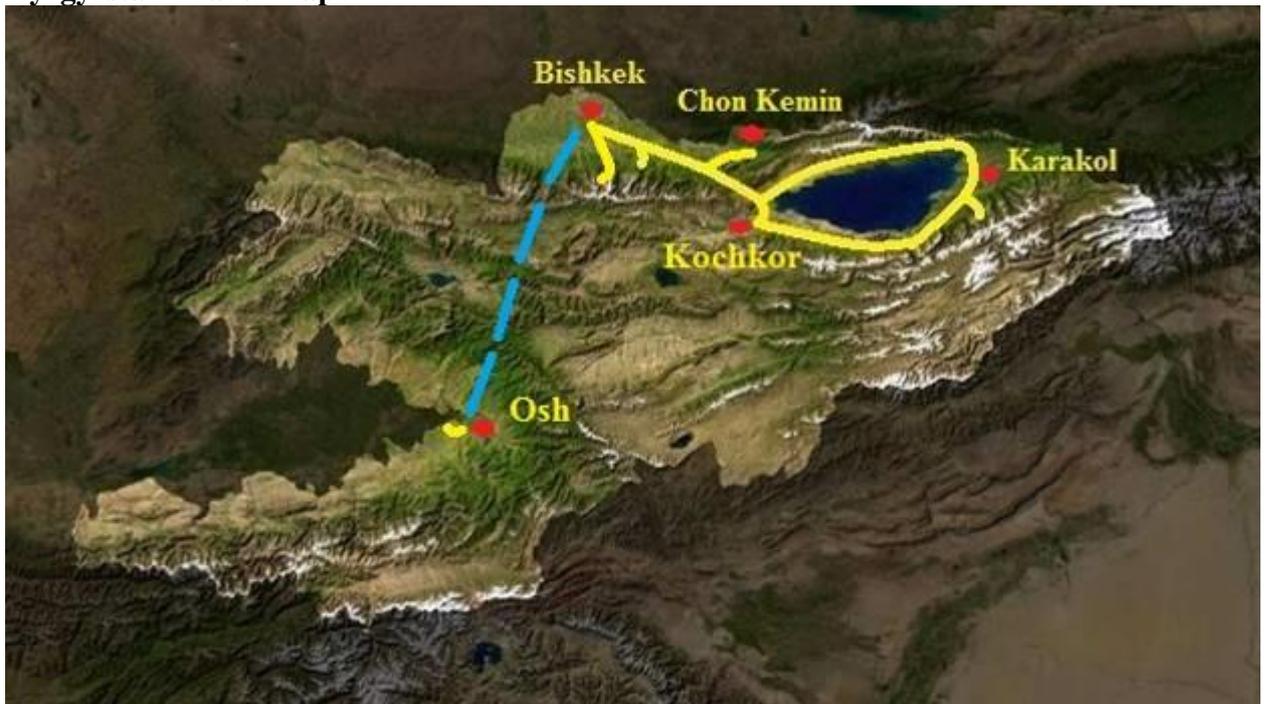
Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour in **Khiva: Ichan-Qala** is the inner city in Khiva rounded with strong walls. Centuries old sound buildings, palaces, mosques, Madrasahs, Mausoleums, Minarets, Caravan-Sarais and Bathhouses transformed Ichan-Qala into unique city-monument. Ichan-Qala consists of over 400 traditional dwelling houses and about 60 architectural monuments. Lunch and dinners are at local restaurants. Evening transfer to Urgench airport, flight for Tashkent by last evening flight. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight is at the hotel.



### Day 15, Thu: Tashkent – departure

Breakfast is at the hotel. Full day tour in **Tashkent: Independence square** (Red square in former USSR, Main Square of the country). **Broadway** - walking street between independence square and Amir Timur square. **Amir Timur square** – one of the central squares of Tashkent, erected on behalf of national hero – Amir Timur. **Tashkent metro** – among the most beautiful subways in the world. Lunch at Tashkent pilaw center – taste real wedding pilaw of Uzbekistan. Old city – old part of Tashkent city, the area, which preserves the traditional Uzbek style: **Chorsu Bazaar, Kukaldash Madrasah** (16<sup>th</sup>.c) and **Hast Imam complex** – the Islamic heart of the country. **Muyi muborak Madrasah** (16<sup>th</sup> c). Moreover, Madrasah exhibits one of the Islamic relics - the **Othman Quran**, the world's oldest Quran copy dating back to 8<sup>th</sup> c. Transfer to Tashkent airport, registration and departure flight for next destination.

### Kyrgyzstan Travel Map



### Kyrgyzstan Transport:

- 01-04 pax – Mitsubishi Delica
- 05-11 pax – 1 Mercedes Sprinter
- 12-21 pax – 2 Mercedes Sprinters
- 26-41 pax – Big bus





**Uzbekistan Travel Map**



**Transport for Uzbekistan part of the tour:**

Transport for 1-2 pax

Transport for 4-8 pax



Transport for 8-14 pax



Transport for 15 – 40 pax



Persons	Price per person in USD	
	Tourist Class hotels	Superior Class hotels
2	2435	2640
4	1870	2065
6	1650	1840
8	1615	1800
10	1615	1825
15	1545	1730
20	1455	1640
25	1425	1605
Single Supplement	275	455
Afrosiab train ticket Tashkent - Samarkand	15 (economy class) 30 (business class)	

Cities	Nights	Tourist Class hotels	Superior Class hotels
Bishkek	Two	Discovery *** or similar	Plaza **** or similar
Chon Kemin	One	Ashu guest house	
Karakol	One	Green Yard guest house	
Kochkor	One	Homestay	
Osh	One	Sun Rise ***	
Fergana	One	Club Hotel 777 *** or similar	Asia Fergana **** or similar
Tashkent	Two	Grand Orzu *** or similar	Ramada **** similar
Khiva	One	Old Khiva *** or similar	Bek Khiva **** or similar
Bukhara	Three	Lyabi Hauze *** or similar	Omar Khayam **** similar
Samarkand	Two	Malika Classic *** or similar	Diyora **** similar

**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 10 pax and more)
- Daily two bottles of 0.5l water per person
- Economy class ticket for train Margilan – Tashkent

- 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 Kyrgyzstan (if required)

**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)
  - Tashkent - Bishkek (Uzbekistan airways)
  - Urgench – Tashkent (Uzbekistan airways)
- Travel Insurance
- Horse Ride at Chon Kemin – 15\$ pp
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions

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