

8 Days Uzbekistan & Tajikistan

Valid till 31 Dec 2018

Tour highlights:

1. Visiting Al Bukhary memorial complex in Samarkand
2. Visiting Bahauddin Naqshbandy complex in Bukhara
3. Bukhara pilaw master class during the dinner in Bukhara (groups)
4. Dancing show program during lunch in Bukhara (groups)
5. Pottery master class in Gijduvan
6. Traditional bread backing master class (groups)
7. Shish kebabs master class in Gijduvan (groups)
8. Traditional cultural show “Uzbek Bride” during the dinner in Samarkand (groups)
9. Visiting Hasti Imam Complex in Tashkent with first Quran in the world – Othman Quran
10. Free wifi during long journeys drives (groups)
11. Special presents to every client with logo of Your Company at the end of the tour.
12. Coffee and tea at bus stops during long journeys (groups)

Day 1, Thu: Tashkent – Bukhara (domestic flight)

Arrival Tashkent , guide will meet you and direct transfer to domestic airport, register and flight for Bukhara by first morning flight (07:30-09:15). Arrival Bukhara. Today you will have a full day city tour in this fascinating city. Visiting Bahauddin Naqshbandi complex – located several km from Bukhara. Then visit the most ancient citadel in Bukhara dating back to the 4th 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 9th -10th 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. The tour will end with visiting Poi Kalon complex, the unique sample of architectural art of Bukhara. **Herbal teas degustation** in Bukhara. Time for rest after the excursion. Dinner is at traditional Uzbek house with **master class of Bukhara pilaw preparing**. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 2, Fri: Bukhara – Gijduvan - Samarkand (290 km, 4 hours)

After the breakfast, we will start our way to Samarkand. 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

Samarkand. Upon arrival check in to the hotel. Dinner will be at Karimbek restaurant. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 3, Sat: 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. Registan Square, a complex of three fascinating Madrasahs dating back to 15-17th 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 11th-15 centuries being a part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afternoon drive outside of the city to visit Al Bukhary memorial complex (12 km away of the city). Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 4, Sun: Samarkand – Oybek - Khujand (Tajikistan)

Morning transfer to Oybek border check point to Tajikistan (180 km, 2.5 hrs drive). Border cross and transfer to 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 and Panjshanbebazar that is situated in the middle of the city. We will visit the museum and city park of Khujand. Night is in a hotel.



Day 5, Mon: Khujand – Iskanderkul (245 km, 5 hours)

In the morning we will drive to Iskanderkul via pass Shahrison (3 378 m). Our trip today is to high Mountain lake – Iskanderkul (2 255 m. a. s. l.). It is situated in the famous Fann Mountains. This fabulous area is one of the best places of Central Asia. After arrival to the lake you will go for a walk along it beaches. Also we will a hike to see a waterfall. Tajikistan takes the second place among the CIS countries for volume of water resources: it has the highest water reserves of all Central Asian countries with more than 1 000 rivers, 2 000 lakes and 8000 glaciers. After having the rest near the lake we will have a night in a guesthouse.



Day 6, Tue: Iskandarkul – Khujand (245km, 5 hours)

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Day 7, Wed: Khujand – Uzbek border “Oybek” – Tashkent (Uzbekistan)

In the morning is transfer to Uzbek border “Oybek”. Border cross, meet with your Uzbek guide and transfer to Tashkent (70 km, 1.5 hrs drive). Upon arrival lunch and further check in to the hotel. Time for rest. Half-day city tour in Tashkent: 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.



Day 8, Thu: Tashkent – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day tour in Tashkent: Old city – old part of Tashkent city, the area, which preserves the traditional Uzbek style: Chorsu Bazaar, Kukaldash Madrasah (16th.c) and Hast Imam complex – the Islamic heart of the country. Muiy muborak Madrasah (16th c). Moreover, Madrasah exhibits one of the Islamic relics - the Othman Quran, the world's oldest Quran copy dating back to 8th c. Lunch at Tashkent pilaw center – taste real wedding pilaw of Uzbekistan. Last minute shopping at national bazaar Chorsu or Tashkent malls. Transfer to Tashkent airport, registration and departure flight for next destination.

Persons	Price per person in USD	
	Tourist Class hotels	Superior Class hotels
2	1605	1665
4	1185	1240
6	1110	1165
8	1045	1100
10	1065	1125
15	935	995
20	900	955
25	875	930
30	860	915
35	855	905
40	845	900
Single Supplement	225	245

Cities	Nights	Tourist Class hotels	Superior Class hotels
Tashkent	One	Grand Orzu *** or similar	Ramada **** similar
Bukhara	One	Lyabi Hauze *** or similar	Omar Khayam **** similar
Samarkand	Two	Malika Classic *** or similar	Diyora **** similar
Khujand	Two	Firuz **** or similar	Firuz **** or similar
Iskanderkul	One	Guest house	Guest house

Price includes:

- Accommodation at mentioned hotels on double share basis
- Transportation per program in comfortable a/c transport with professional drivers
 - 2 pax – Sedan (Lacetti Chevrolet)

- 4-6 pax – Minivan (Hyundai Grand Starex)
- 8-14 pax – Midibus (Toyota Coaster)
- 16 and more pax – Bus (Higer, Yutong)
- Transportation in Tajikistan:
 - 01-02 pax – Hyundai Starex / Mitsubishi Delica
 - 03-04 pax – Hyundai Starex / Mitsubishi Delica
 - 05-09 pax – 2 cars: Hyundai Starex / Mitsubishi Delica
 - 10-14 pax – 3 cars: Hyundai Starex / Mitsubishi Delica
 - 15-19 pax – 4 cars: Hyundai Starex / Mitsubishi Delica
 - 20-24 pax – 5 cars: Hyundai Starex / Mitsubishi Delica
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- All lunches and dinners per program
- Master classes and show programs for group departures in Uzbekistan (groups from 10 pax and more)
- Daily two bottles of 0.5l water per person
- Escort English speaking professional guide for entire tour
- Entrance fees to mentioned sights per program (excluding photo and video charges at sights)
- Visa support if required

Price does not include:

- Visa consular fees and processing expenses
- Photo and video charges at sights
- International air tickets to / out of Tashkent
- Domestic flights
- Travel Insurance
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions

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