

8 Days Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan

Valid till 31 Dec 2018

Tour highlights:

1. Visiting Ichan Qala inner yard city open air museum in Khiva
2. Visiting Ashgabat – Turkmenistan capital
3. Visiting Merw – Unesco heritage site
4. Visiting Bahauddin Naqshbandy complex in Bukhara
5. Bukhara pilaw master class during the dinner in Bukhara (groups)
6. Dancing show program during lunch in Bukhara (groups)
7. Visiting Al Bukhary memorial complex in Samarkand
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, Uzbekistan part)
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, Uzbekistan part)

Day 1, Thu: Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva (domestic flight)

Arrival to Tashkent international airport. Escort guide will meet you with “Your Company Logo” signboard at airport meeting area and transfer to domestic airport. Registration and flight for Urgench by first morning flight. Upon arrival transfer and check in to the hotel. Time for rest. Afternoon city 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 dinner will be at traditional Khorezmian restaurants. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 2, Fri: Khiva – Kunya Urgench – Ashgabat (domestic flight) (Turkmenistan)

After the breakfast transfer to Uzbekistan – Turkmenistan border check point Shavat, crossing the neutral territory (about 500 meters by foot), border formalities, visa obtaining, meet with your local Turkmen guide and continue to Kunya Urgench. Kunya Urgench owes its Unesco world heritage status to the fact that it was an important Silk Road hub on the Oxus River, and capital of the Khorezm Empire (12th c AD), until its destruction by the armies of Dzhengis Khan. Afternoon transfer to Dashouz. evening flight to Ashgabat. Overnight is at the hotel.



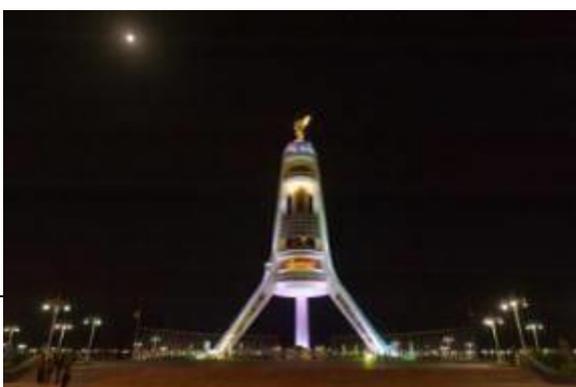
Day 3, Sat: Ashgabat

Breakfast is at the hotel. City tour in Ashgabat: National Museum - Opened in 1998, the museum's 9 history halls houses the Turkmenistan's major collection of artifacts discovered at various excavation sites in Turkmenistan. Nissa Historical Park - located on a natural high platform at the foothills of the Kopetdag Mountains, Nissa owes its importance to the early Parthian rulers who took over control of the area in III c. BC. Turkmenbashi Spiritual Mosque and Mausoleum in Kipchak - the Ruhy Mosque (literally: spiritual mosque) at Kipchak was built between 2002 and 2004, and is one of the five largest mosques in the world (capacity of 20,000 people). Overnight is at the hotel.



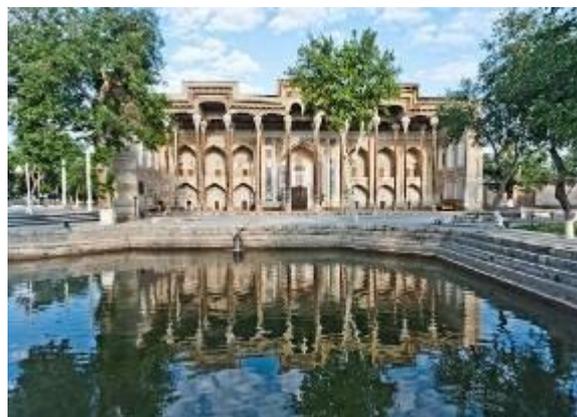
Day 4, Sun: Ashgabat – Mary (domestic flight)

Morning flight to Mary. Trip to Ancient Merw – Merw, located at the former banks of the Murghab River, was the most important Silk Road hub in the region, and particularly thriving as regional capital under Seljuk governor Sanjar. Merw is the collective name of five urban centers that existed under various different names in different periods from the VI c BC up to the XVIII c AD. Returning to Mary, visiting History Museum - Opened in 2009 at its new location in an impressive octagonal-shaped building, the museum houses the largest collection of artifacts found at the BMAC excavation sites of Bronze Age Margush. Visiting Gonur Depe sight - from 1971 onwards archeological teams did discoveries that reveal the importance of this area as a possible fifth center of ancient civilization, next to Mesopotamia, Egypt, India and China. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 5, Mon: Mary – Bukhara (Uzbekistan)

Early in the morning we will have transfer to a fascinating city of Bukhara. With its more than 140 architectural monuments, Bukhara is a "town museum" dating back to the Middle Ages. The city consists of narrow streets, green parks and gardens, historical and architectural monuments belong to different epochs, but locate very close to each other. The road from Khiva to Bukhara goes through famous Kizilkum desert. On the way we will enjoy the view to Amu Darya river, the deepest river in Central Asia, formed by the confluence of the Panj and Vakhsh in Tajikistan) and flowing into Aral See. Crossing the border and meet with Uzbek guide, continue the drive to Bukhara. Upon arrival in Bukhara you will have free time. Dinner is at traditional Uzbek house with **master class of Bukhara pilaw preparing**. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 6, Tue: Bukhara – Samarkand

Today you will have a full day city tour in this fascinating city. Visiting Bahauddin Naqshbandi complex – located several km from Bukhara. Memorial complex of the famous Sufi Leader and Philosopher. At first you will 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. Afternoon transfer to Samarkand (290 km, 3.5 hrs drive). Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 7, Wed: Samarkand – Tashkent (train)

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). Late afternoon transfer to Samarkand by bullet train Afrosiab. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 8, Thu: Tashkent – departure

Breakfast 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 (16th.c) and Hast Imam complex – the Islamic heart of the country. Muvi 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. Transfer to Tashkent airport, registration and departure flight for next destination.

Persons	Price per person in USD	
	Tourist Class hotels	Superior Class hotels
2	1855	1945
4	1545	1635
6	1395	1485
8	1365	1455
10	1380	1470
15	1280	1365
20	1230	1310
25	1190	1270
30	1165	1245
35	1145	1225
40	1140	1215
Single Supplement	225	325
Tashkent – Urgench	From 120 pp	

air ticket	
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Cities	Nights	Tourist Class hotels	Superior Class hotels
Tashkent	One	Grand Orzu *** or similar	Ramada **** or similar
Khiva	One	Old Khiva *** or similar	Bek Khiva **** or similar
Ashgabat	Two	Lachyn *** or similar	Ak Altyn **** or similar
Mary	One	Margush *** or similar	Mary **** or similar
Bukhara	One	Lyabi Hauze *** or similar	Omar Khayam **** similar
Samarkand	One	Ideal *** 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
 - 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)
- 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 only)
- Daily two bottles of 0.5l water per person
- Escort English speaking professional guide for entire tour (different in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan)
- Entrance fees to mentioned sights per program (excluding photo and video charges at sights)
- Visa support to Uzbekistan if required
- Visa support to Turkmenistan with obtaining at border check point
- Registration and travel pass in Turkmenistan
- Domestic flights in Turkmenistan:
 - Dashouz – Ashgabat
 - Ashgabat – Mary
- Economy class tickets for train from Samarkand to Tashkent (bullet or speed train Nasaf)

Price does not include:

- Visa consular fees and processing expenses
- Photo and video charges at sights
- International air tickets to / out of Tashkent
- Domestic flight in Uzbekistan: Tashkent – Urgench: when using international flights by Uzbekistan airways groups have fare inclusive domestic segment, as well for Fit better include domestic into one PNR booking, comes cheaper than buy separately
- Travel Insurance
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions

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