

## 5 Days Pearls of Uzbekistan

Valid Till : 31 Aug 2018

### Tour highlights:

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

### Day 1, Fri: Tashkent

Arrival Tashkent airport at 16:40. Our staff will meet you with “Your Company Logo” signboard. Transfer for dinner. Dinner will be at Xinxiang style restaurant. Afterwards check in and overnight is at the hotel.

### Day 2, Sat: Tashkent – Samarkand (bullet train)

Half day is dedicated to a sightseeing tour in 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 spread over the Quran that you still can see on its pages. Transfer to Samarkand by bullet train. Dinner is at local restaurant. Night is in a hotel.



### Day 3, Sun: 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 and Bibi Khanum Mosque. 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. Bibi Khanum Mosque was built in honor of favorite Tamerlane's wife, after his successful campaign in India. Dinner with cultural show "Uzbek Bride". Overnight is at the hotel.



#### **Day 4, Mon: Samarkand – Gijduvan – Bukhara**

After breakfast we will start our way to Bukhara. On the way 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. 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 Gijduvan is home for the sixth generation of potters from Narzullayevs family which glorified Gijduvan school ceramics all over the world. Gijduvan School of ceramics is distinguished by a geometric pattern. Green and blue colors prevail in decoration of products. Afterwards we continue driving to Bukhara. Dinner with dancing show program.



#### **Day 5, Tue: Bukhara – Tashkent (flight)**

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. Dinner will be with master class of Bukhara Pilaw preparing. Evening flight to Tashkent (22:45-23:45). Night is in a hotel.



#### **Day 6, Wed: Tashkent – Flight**

Breakfast boxes from the hotel. Transfer to airport and flight for Kul / Sin at 07:45

#### **Travel Map:**



### Type of transport :



### Pricing:

25 and more – 400\$ per person based on twin room sharing  
Single supplement – 130\$ per person

### Price includes:

- Accommodation at mentioned hotels on double share basis
  - Tashkent – “Uzbekistan” Hotel 4\*
  - Samarkand – “Regal Palace” Hotel 4\*
  - Bukhara – “Omar Khayam” Hotel 4\*
- Transportation per program in comfortable a/c transport with professional drivers
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- All lunches and dinners per program
- Economy class tickets for Kuala Lumpur – Tashkent – Kuala Lumpur flight
- Economy class tickets for Bukhara – Tashkent flight
- Daily two bottles of 0.5l water per person
- All master classes and show programs per program
- Escort English (Bahasa as per request) guide in Uzbekistan
- Economy class tickets for Afrosiab bullet train Tashkent – Samarkand direction (if seats are not available, we will replace by alternative train option)
- Entrance fees to mentioned sights per program (excluding photo and video charges at sights)

### 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 Bukhara – Tashkent (best to purchase directly with International flights).
- Travel Insurance
- Extras, not indicated in inclusions
- Pricing is valid for dates from 01.06.18 till 31.08.18.

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