

Tour Code: TT -1823. Classic Uzbekistan
 Duration: 07 Days
 (Valid Till : Dec 2018)

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DAY	TOWN	PROGRAM
DAY 1	Tashkent Urgench	<p>03:30 – Arrival in Tashkent Transfer to airport for check - in direct drive on to the remarkable ancient city of Khiva. Khiva</p> <p>The nearly history of the area is still sketchy but by the time the Arabs arrived in the 8th century there were three important cities in the region of which Khiva was one because it was strategically located on the Volga branch of the Silk Route. Khiva was conquered in 1740 by the Persians, then in the eighteenth century the British and Russians vied for sovereignty. In 1873 it fell to the Russians as both Samarkand and Bokhara had already done. The city has hardly changed since ancient times, with all the interest focused within the unbroken, clay city walls which are studded with 40 bastions. Exploring the old citadel is like stepping back in time to a scene from the Arabian nights. Originally the 12th century fortress dominated the city but later a palace, harem, barracks and mosques were constructed and the Khan built a second outer wall to make the citadel even more secure</p> <p>Most of the monuments are concentrated in Ichan-Kala (UNESCO World Heritage List), which is surrounded by a strong fortress wall, its fortified gates facing east, north, west and south. Inside Ichan-Kala there are towers, a heavily fortified citadel called Kunya-Ark – the Old Fortress. It housed a gunpowder works, an arsenal, a palace and a mint. Part of the palace-fortress Kurynsh-khana, an enormous structure intended for official receptions, has survived to this day. The entire surface of the high walls of the aivan - an arched chamber opening on to the inner courtyard - is covered with beautiful majolica tiles. In the center of Ichan-Kala there is Djuma mosque (10th c.) – One of the most ancient structures in Central Asia. Its fine wooden columns, decorated with amazing carved ornaments, are in an excellent state of preservation. The minaret standing next to the mosque dates back to the 9th century.</p> <p>Continuation of the tour: The Seyid Allauddin mausoleum and the Bagbanli mosque were built in the 14th century, Mukhammad, Khurdzhum and Shirgazi-khan madrassahs – in the 17th and 18th centuries. Among later structures, of special interest are the Kutlug-Murad-inak madrassah, the Pakhlavan-Makhmud mausoleum, the caravanserai, Allakuli-khan madrassah, and the Tash-Khauli palace</p>
DAY 2	Khiva Bukhara	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Early morning drive to Bukhara via Kizil Kum desert.</p> <p>Bukhara - considered by some to be the 'Bastion of Islam'; Bukhara was home to the famous Islamic poets Firdausa and Rudaki. The town retains much of its Uzbek character and has more than 140 unique monuments.</p> <p>Arrival in Bukhara and starting on foot sightseeing of Bukhara.</p> <p>Orientation tour on foot: Ensemble Poi Kalian - Big Minaret from the 12th century is the symbol of the city. Its silhouette, with a stork's nest on top, is visible from far, rising 47 m into the sky, Madrassah Miri-Arab –in 1535-36 was one of the largest educational institutions of that time, Mosque Djuma - cathedral mosque, the roof of which lies on brick columns with unique acoustics, Madrassah of Ulugbek (1417) was built during the time of Ulugbek, in spite of its modest facade it differs from the rest because of its exquisite decoration, Mosque Magoki-Attari, Complex Lyabi-Khauz (16th-17th cc.) includes the Kukeldush madrassah and Nodir-Divan-Begi as well as the Khanako located near the pool, which gave the name to the ensemble. The Nodir-Divan Beghi Madrassah was originally built as a caravanserai, but after completing construction it was used as a madrassah</p>
DAY 3	Bukhara	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>This day we make our sightseeing tour of the city on foot and by bus. The tour includes Mausoleum of the Samanids - the burial place of the Samanids (9th –10th cc.)- masterpiece of Central Asian architecture, the first Muslim mausoleum in Central Asia), Chashmai Ayub (the original construction dates from the 12th century, Mosque Bolo-Khauz, citadel Ark -the basic layout of the city is a citadel – the Ark which houses the Historical-Ethnographical museum today, is located on the highest point. From high walls of citadel the interesting skyline of the city is made up of a mixture of modern</p>

		<p>buildings and monuments of the past. This afternoon we drive to visit the Char Minar Mosque and the Emir's Palace. Also known as the "Palace of Moon like Stars", the Emir's palace contains the famous White Hall which took the Emir's 30 architects two years to construct. Visiting Naqshbandiya memorial complex. 19:00 – Dinner, Overnight at hotel</p>
DAY 4	Bukhara – Samarkand	<p>Breakfast Morning drive: Bukhara – Samarkand Stormed by Alexander the Great and reduced to ashes by Genghis Khan, Samarkand was nevertheless transformed into the most glittering city in Transoxiana in the 14th century by Tamerlane, who made it his capital PM touring to Registan Square: The main & most attractive place in Central Asia - Registan square - since Tamerlane chose Samarkand as a capital of his empire, Registan Square became an official centre of the city (14–15 cc). The word "Registan" means the "sandy place". Majestic square formed on 3 sides by huge blue tiled madrassahs (ancient centres of religious learning) -Ulugbek's madrassah (1417-1420), the Sher-Dor madrassah (1619-1636), and Tilla-Kori madrassah (1647-1660), Mausoleum Gur-Emir - mausoleum of Tamerlane and his descendants, 15c. 19:00 – Dinner, Overnight at hotel</p>
DAY 5	Samarkand	<p>Breakfast This morning we are visiting Necropolis Shakhi-Zinda - ensemble of mausoleums of the 11th-20th centuries, Mosque Bibi-Khanum (15 c.), - the gigantic structure of Medieval Muslim architecture, Bibi-Khanum mosque named after Timur's favorite wife, stands next to bazaar). Visit to authentic Siyob Bazar. Continuation of the tour: Observatory of Ulugbek, Tamerlane's grandson, ruled the country for 40 years. During his rule Samarkand became one of the world's scientific centers. In Samarkand Ulugbek created scientific school, which united outstanding astronomers and mathematicians. Ulugbek constructed observatory in Samarkand (1428-1429). There was a gigantic marble sextant, the radius of which was 40.212 meters and the length of the ark 63 meters. It was used to determine the coordinates of the Sun, the Moon and other planets. Ulugbek created the astronomic catalogue "Stars Tables") 13:00 – Lunch Visiting Al Bukhoriy memorial complex 19:00 – Dinner, Overnight at hotel</p>
DAY 6	Samarkand	<p>Breakfast A.M. – Drive: Samarkand – Tashkent Upon arrival accommodation at hotel. Free time 14:00 – Sightseeing program Tashkent: Our sightseeing tour includes various points of interest around the city, like Amir Temur Square, Museum of Applied Arts where items of traditional Arts & Crafts are displayed, Alisher Navoi Theatre Square. Visting Chorsu Bazaar Continuation of the city tour: Abdulkasim madrassah - nowadays craftsmen center and Navruz square. 19:00 – Dinner, Overnight at hotel</p>
DAY 7	Tashkent	<p>early breakfast Transfer to Airport</p>

****END OF SERVICES****

Group size	Price P/P in USD Option 1	Price P/P in USD Option 2
06	770	850
08	740	700
Single supplement	130	180
10	810	890
15	710	810
20	660	750
25	630	720
30	610	690
35	600	670
Single supplement	110	170
Air Ticket Bukhara - Tashkent (OW, Y Class)	95 Subject To Change (STC)	

Cities	Nights	Option 1	Option 2
Tashkent	1	Uzbekistan or similar ****	Ramada or similar ****
Urgench/Khiva	1	Khayat Inn or similar ***	Khorezm Palace or similar ****
Bukhara	2	Old City or similar **+	Grand Bukhara or similar ****
Samarkand	2	Malika classic or similar **+	Grand Samarkand or similar ****

Program includes:

- Accommodation in tourist class hotels (DBL/TWIN shared)
- Meals: Full board as per programs.
- A/C comfortable transport with professional driver as per itinerary
 - 6-8 persons - Minivan up to 14 seats, A/C
 - 9-14 persons - Mini Bus up to 24 seats, A/C
 - 15 and more - Coach up to 35-44 seats, A/C
- Entrance tickets to museums and sightseeing's specified in the program (Except photo and video charges)
- English speaking escort tourist guide as per program.
- All airport transfers
- Visa support to Uzbekistan (if required)
- All taxes
- Mineral water 1L pax/day

Not included:

- International ticket to/from Tashkent
- Domestic air tickets TAS-BKH (Economy Y Class, One Way)
- Alcoholic and Soft drinks
- Camera/video fees at sites
- Tips and gratuities
- Porters
- Visa consular fees
- Any personal expenses
- Any services not included in the above itinerary

Important:

- *No early arrivals and late departures are included. Additional supplements could be offered depending to the international flight tourist used.*
- *If a place of visit is closed to visitors it will be replaces with an alternative. During major events, accommodation may be changed and replaced with a similar category*
- *Sequence of itinerary and hotels given are subject to changes without prior notice.*
- *Hotel usage is subject to availability. No reservations are made before confirmation received from client. If mentioned hotels are not available, we will substitute them with other hotel of same class.*
- *Domestic and regional flights are subject to change in timing and availability. If mentioned flight is not available, it will be changed to convenient one, depending on tour program*
- *Rates valid for 6 months from published date unless the circumstances of beyond company control take place i.e. currency devaluation, gasoline price jump, market downfall etc.*

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