

Uzbekistan

Part of the Great Silk Road
10 days / 9 nights (Friday, Sunday)

- Tashkent - 2 nights
- Khiva - 2 nights
- Bukhara - 2 nights
- Yangikazgan – 1 night
- Samarkand - 2 nights

Itinerary ...

Day 01. Tashkent /D/

Meet in airport and transfer to the hotel "Poytaht" 3*. Briefing information about tour and welcome dinner in local restaurant "Nur".

Day 02. Tashkent - Urgench – Khiva /B-D/

After breakfast beginning sightseeing Tashkent and visit includes Kukeldash madrassah, Kaffal Sashi mausoleum, Architectural ensemble of Khazrat Imam, Barak-Khan Madrassah, Juma Mosque, Hast Imam Square, Tillya Sheikh Mosque, Chorsu bazaar, Abul Kasim Madrassah, Museum of Fine and Applied Arts and some Tashkent metro station. Late afternoon transfer to airport and flight to Urgench, on arrival transfer to Khiva (30 km), the fairy-tale like oriental town. Arrival in Khiva and check-in at the hotel "Malika" 3* Dinner in hotel.

Day 03. Khiva /B-D/

Full day city tour Khiva and visits; Mohammed Amin Khan Madrassah, Minaret of Kalta Minor, Kunya Ark Fortress (Zidon, Summer and Winter Mosque, Mint Museum and Oq Shihbobo), Mohammed Rahkim Khan Madrassah, Pahlovon-Mahmud Mausoleum, Sayid Alauddin Mausoleum, Shergozi-Khan madrassah, Islom Hoja Madrassah, Djuma Mosque, Uch-Avlya Mausoleum, Dost Alyam Madrassah, Tosh-Khovli Palace, Alloqli-Khan caravanserai and the bazaar, Aq Mosque, Anusha Khan Baths and the old slave market. Dinner in Toza Bog Palace (summer residence of Mohammed Rakhim Khan II) with folk show

Day 04. Khiva - Bukhara (530 km-s) /B-D/

Drive to Bukhara, en route stop to see the Amudarya River, known to many western explorers as the Oxus. Arrive in Bukhara & check-in to hotel "Lyabi House" 3*. Dinner in Lyabi Hauz restaurant.

Day 05. Bukhara /B-D/

Today begin explore the beauty and history of Bukhara visits; Mausoleum of Ismail Samani, remaining of city wall, Chashamiy Ayub, Bolo-hauz mosque, Fortress ark, Poi-Kalon complex (Minarte Kalon, Mosque Kalon and Miri-Arab madrassah). Three trading domes (Toqi-Zaragron, Togi-Telpakfurushon and Toqi-Sarafon), Kosh madrassah (Ulugbek and Abdullazizhan), Tim Abdullahan, Magoki Attari mosque and Lyabi Hauz complex (Kukeldash madrassah, Nadir Devanbegi mardrassah and Honaqo). Dinner in Nadir Devanbegi mardrassah with folk show.

Day 06. Bukhara – Nurata – Yangikazgan /B-L-D/

Morning drive to Nurata with a visit on the way to Sheikh Nuri tomb and Namozgoh Mosque. After lunch in local house continue to the Kazakh village of Yangikazgan. Enjoy a camel ride in Kyzyl Kum desert. Dinner in camping site and overnight in yurts (nomadic felt tents, very basic).

Day 07. Yangikazgan – Samarkand /B-D/

Morning drive to Samarkand, often called the "Rome of the Orient". On arrival to Samarkand, check-in to the hotel "Malika" 3*. Afternoon city tour Samarkand visits Registan Square "Sandy place" built in the 15th century (there are 3 buildings - Ulugbek Madressah, Sher Dor Madressah, Tillya Kari both Madrassas and Mosque), Bibi Khanum Mosque & Mausoleum is one of the magnificent buildings in Samarkand and finally Gur Emir Mausoleum constructed by order of Timur because of the death of his favorite grandson Muhammad Sultan. (Gur Emir means "The Emir's burial vault"). Dinner in restaurant "Kishlak".

Day 08. Samarkand /B-D/

Today excursion continues and visits Shakhi-Zinda Ensemble, Shakhi- Zinda mean "Living king", Ancient settlement Afrosiab and Museum, Daniel's tomb, Ulugbek's Observatory, the site where Ulugbek (grandson of Tamerlan, made some astronomy achievements in the 15th century) and silk carpet factory. This evening you attend a see light and sound show in Registan square. Dinner in restaurant "Karimbek" (10 kinds of shish kebabs). It is very tasty.

Day 09. Samarkand - Tashkent (350 km-s) /B-D/

Drive to Tashkent on arrival check-in to hotel "Poytaht" 3*. Rest of the day is free. Farewell dinner in restaurant "Sim-Sim" with show program.

Day 10. Tashkent /Breakfast box/

Transfer to airport for back flight to home.

Prices valid until December 01, 2009

Based on 2 persons 1095US\$ p. person

Based on 4 persons 911 US\$ p. person

Based on 6 persons 767 US\$ p. person

Based on 8 persons 696 US\$ p. person

Single supplement 105 US\$

Tour price includes:

- Accommodation in twin or double bed room
- Meals plan as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch & D-dinner)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- All sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees to monuments and cultural events
- All over land transportation by transport with air condition
 - for 2 pax car Daewoo Nexia;
 - from 3 pax minibus Ssang Young Istana;
- Visa support to Uzbekistan
- Escort touring guide for whole tour itinerary
 - **Available;** English, Spanish, German, Italian, French, Turkish and Russian speaking guides.

Tour price excludes:

- Air ticket Tashkent - Urgench 96 US\$ p. person
- Visa cost
- Personal spending money
- Luggage in excess of 20 kg (44lbs)
- Travel insurance
- Tips for driver and local guide
- Video & photo camera charges during sightseeing.