

Heritage of Uzbekistan 2024



TASHKENT – KHIVA – KALAS' – BUKHARA – GIJDUVAN – NUROTA – AYDARKUL LAKE – SAMARKAND – SHARHRISABZ – TASHKENT – KOKAND – RISHTAN – FERGANA – MARGILAN – TASHKENT

DATE	PLACE	MODE	PROGRAM
DAY 1	TASHKENT	FLIGHT	Arrive to Tashkent airport, meet and greet service with DOLORES TRAVEL SERVICES sign, Transfer to Tashkent Hotel, check-in from 14:00PM. City tour: Excursion through old part of the city: Visiting the religious complex Khasti Imam: consisting of Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum (XV century), Barak Khan Madrassah (XVI century), Muy-Mubarak Mosque - storehouse of the well-known Koran of Khalif Osman and gold hair of prophet Muhammad; Dzhuma-mosque of Khodja Akhrrar Vali, the State Museum of Applied Arts of Uzbekistan, Kukeldash Madrassah (XVI), Abdulkasim Madrassah (XIX). Chorsu market. Night at the hotel.
DAY 2	TASHKENT URGENCH KHIVA	FLIGHT COACH B	Early breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Tashkent Domestic Airport. Morning flight to Urgench. On arrival transfer to Khiva (30 km) City tour: Ichan-Kala architectural complex (XII-XIX), the Residence of the last Khiva Khan including Ismail Khodja Mausoleum, Muhammed Amin Khan Madrassah, Kunya-Ark Castle (XVI-XVI), Kalta Minor Tower, Tash-Hovli Palace (XIX), Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum (XIV-XVIII), Juma Mosque (X) and other Khiva tourist sights. Night at the hotel.
DAY 3	KHIVA KALAS KHIVA	COACH B	Breakfast at the hotel. Morning visits to the ruins of the ancient fortresses Shylpyk-Kala – a Zoroastrian dakhma, and Toprak-Kala – the capital of Khorezm in 3 rd c. AD. Drive back to Khiva. The rest of the day on your own explore. Night at the hotel.
DAY 4	KHIVA BUKHARA	COACH 450 km 7-8 hrs B/L	Breakfast at the hotel. <i>In old days, route from Khiva to Bukhara lasted more than a month. Today it takes 6-7 hours by vehicle, through mysterious red desert "Kyzyl-Kum", the territory of "Khorezm", which was called in the past as a "State of Thousand and Hundred Cities". What kind of secrets are buried in this desert, this is something what archeologists and historians will be trying to find in the future? Meanwhile, you are invited to view the exotic landscapes of desert with old Amudarya River (Oxus). Photo stop at Amudarya river.</i> Lunch en route (lunch box) Arrival to Bukhara, check-in to the hotel. Night at the hotel.

DAY 5	BUKHARA	COACH B/D	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p> <p>Holy Bukhara, homeland of Ibn Sino (Avicenna), loved city of all saints and worldwide known philosopher – cheery Hodja Nasriddin, lively, noisy and luxurious capital of Emirs, rich man of all nationals and patrons. When you hear “Splendor of East” – it is Bukhara!</p> <p>City tour in Bukhara: Ismael Samani Mausoleum (the tomb of representatives of Samanids’ dynasty at the end of IX - beginning of X), Chashma Ayub Mausoleum (Spring of Job - XIV), <u>Bolo-Hauz Mosque</u> (beginning of XX), <u>Citadel Ark</u> (IV) – city in a city, Poi Kalon Ensemble (Pedestal of the Great), religious heart of Sacred Bukhara, consists of <u>Minaret Kalon</u> (XII), <u>Kalyan Mosque</u> (XII), <u>Miri Arab Madrassah</u> (XVI), Ulugbek’s Madrassah (1417), <u>Madrassah Nodir Divanbeghi</u>, Abdul Aziz Khan Madrassah, Magoki-Attori Mosque (dated XII-XVI centuries), <u>Lyabi-Khauz Ensemble</u> (dated XIV-XVII centuries), Kosh-Madrassah Ensemble (consisting of two resisting Madari-Abdullakhan Madrassah (Abdullakhan’s mother) and Abdullakhan Madrassah. Chor-Minor (four minarets).</p> <p>Free time: we advise you to visit <u>Bukhara Dome Bazaars</u> (dated 15-16 centuries): Toki Saraffon (the Dome of Moneychangers), Toki-Telpak Furushon (the Dome of Cap makers), Toki Zargaron (the Dome of jewellers) and Tim Abdullakhan (the Center of silk).</p> <p>Dinner at an old Jewish merchant house now called Akbar’s.</p> <p>Night at the hotel.</p>
DAY 6	BUKHARA VABKENT BUKHARA	COACH B/L	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p> <p>Today is a day when we will have an unforgettable experience, in the morning we went outside Bukhara (30 km) to a village, where a local family lives and where we can be one day, help with everyday things, and learn things of national cuisine.</p> <p>On arrival we make the acquaintance of the Uzbek family, take a tea with oriental sweets. It is an oriental tradition to welcome its guests at the table with you warm in Uzbekistan is called "dastarkhon"</p> <p>After the women of the house, we can learn how the Uzbek bread "LEPESHKA" made: <i>The daily menu of people in Uzbekistan always supposed to include this gastronomic wonder - tandyr hot bread, in common parlance is called lepyoshkas that are unique in their taste, nutritional value and are really never cloying. Having tried this bread once, you will definitely love it. Those Uzbeks who are away from home miss their lepyoshkas so much! So what do we know of this amazing bread except that is very delicious and that "there is like nothing on earth"? What is your secret?</i></p> <p>While men can learn how to cook national food "PLOV" <i>Plov is a traditional way of cooking rice with vegetables, beef and lamb or beef, and hot spices</i> <i>According to ancient sources ... the Amir Timur (Tamerlane) included, as key menu of your troops, charged his wise Molla with a prescription to get together a large army that could go some loaded with food and thus make a long way and fast, so suddenly attack their enemies.</i> <i>This was the recipe that the wise Mullah transcribed his Emir: "You have to take with a large cast iron pot. It must be so old that the former fatty food seeps out and turn on the fire fucilazos touching it. In this pot there to put meat not old rams but also, they are very young, select rice "swells of pride" that will be eaten by the brave warriors, new carrot, and spicy onion that stings like a sword of venerable emir. All this must be cooked on fire until the aroma of the dish gets to Allah, and the cook never fall from exhaustion, because it will taste this divine food "</i></p> <p>Farewell with family and return to Bukhara.</p> <p>Night at the hotel.</p>
DAY 7	BUKHARA GIJDUVAN NUROTA	COACH 300 km 5 hrs B/D	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p> <p>Drive to Nurata on the way stop in Gijduvan to see private pottery workshop: view Alexander the Great castle.</p> <p>Visiting Sarmysh gorge. Picnic there (optional)</p> <p>Transfer to Yangigazgan village, following to yurts camp. Camel riding (appr.10-15 min each pax).</p> <p>Evening dinner and listening of national Kazakh singer (Akyn) at fire.</p> <p>Overnight in yurts.</p>

DAY 8	NUROTA AYDARKUL LAKE SAMARKAND	COACH 220 km 4 hrs B/L	Breakfast. Transfer to the Aydarkul lake. Lunch boxes from the yurt camp. Drive to Samarkand. Settlement at the hotel. Free time. Overnight at the hotel.
DAY 9	SAMARKAND	COACH B	Breakfast at the hotel. The science and art of ancient East where concentrated in Samarkand since olden times. Multinational and tolerant – it is spoken here that: “there are many stairs leading to the sky” and there is no difference in what language you pray. Full day city tour in Samarkand: visiting of morning East Siab Bazaar, Registan square - Medreseh Ulughbek (15th c.), Medreseh Shir-Dor (17th c.), Medreseh Tilla-Kori (17th c.), Bibi-Khonum Mosque, Mausoleum Guri Emir - Tamerlane's Tomb (XIV-XV), Architectural Complex Shakh-i-Zinda (dated XI-XV century) Night at the hotel.
DAY 10	SAMARKAND SHAKHRISABZ SAMARKAND	COACH B	Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Shakhrisabz. City tour in Shakhrisabz: ruins of Ak-Saray Palace (XIV-XV), Dor-ut Saodat Complex: Khazratiy Imam Mosque (XIV), Jahongir Mausoleum (XIV), Dor-ut Tillavat Complex: Gumbazi-Seiidan, Kok Gumbaz Mosque (XV). Drive back to Samarkand (110 km, 2hours). Night at the hotel.
DAY 11	SAMARKAND TASHKENT	COACH TRAIN B	Breakfast at the hotel. Visiting carpet factory Hudzhum – handmade silk carpets. Proceed further to Ulughbek Observatory (XV), excavations and Museum of ancient city of Afrosiab, mausoleum of Saint Daniel. Workshop visiting on manufacturing of a silk paper (handmade). Transfer to Samarkand Railway Station. Train to Tashkent. On arrival meet your driver and transfer to the hotel. Night at the hotel.
DAY 12	TASHKENT KOKAND RISHTAN FERGANA	TRAIN COACH B	Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Kokand city (240 km) On arrival visit Khudayar Khan’s Palace (19 c.), Juma Mosque and Minaret (19 c.), Necropolis of Modarikhan (19 c.). Transfer to Dangara for visiting workshop of hereditary wood carving’s master. Then proceed to Rishtan (50km) and visit ceramic workshop of Mr. Rustam Usmanov – Rishtan is the oldest center of ceramic art in Central Asia. The famous technique of glazed earthenware which local people use for their household needs and which is exported from the Fergana Valley was created here. The most characteristic coloring of this earthenware (ceramic) is a turquoise, dark blue and brown scheme on a milky-white background. Ishkor glaze, made from ashes, gives the earthenware its beautiful soft shine. Rustam Usmanov has built his own complete pottery studio at home. Mahmud Azizov, a skillful master of kuzagar, produces various forms on a moving pottery wheel, which Rustam and his relatives paint by hand. Transfer to Fergana city. Night at the hotel.
DAY 13	FERGANA MARGILAN TASHKENT	COACH B	Breakfast at the hotel. City tour around Fergana: visit local bazaar. Transfer to Margilan. In 2007, the country widely celebrated the 2000th anniversary of Margilan - This is another city in the list of famous historical cities of Uzbekistan with a millennia history. Located in the south of the Fergana Valley, Margilan lies in a picturesque place that formerly was right at the crossroads of trade caravans from China to the West and vice versa. The origin of Margilan is closely related to the opening of the Silk Road. Even though the birth of city is not regarded to this ancient caravan route, then certainly the Silk Road made Margilan the center of silk and chief keeper of its secrets. As far back as in the 10th century Margilan - the largest city in the Fergana Valley - was widely known for its silk products on far West and East. Since time immemorial, it is famous for great masters - craftsmen of silk fabrics such as adras khan-atlas, and many others. Beautiful silk, manufactured in the city and its surroundings, was exported to Europe and the East along the ancient Great Silk Road routes into Baghdad, Kashgar, Khurasan, Egypt and Greece. Even today Margilan considers as the silk capital of Uzbekistan. It produces the famous khan-atlas, woven and dyed by hand under the ancient technology. Amazing in beauty and originality Margilan embroidery - Suzanne and skullcaps say about the variety of beautiful Margilan

			atlas. Visit famous Margilan Silk Factory and proceed back to Tashkent. Arrival in Tashkent and transfer to the hotel. Night at the hotel.
DAY 14	TASHKNT	FLIGHT	Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Tashkent International Airport. Flight to the next destination.

****END OF SERVICES****

Group	Price per person 2024
2 pax	1890
4 pax	1470
6 pax	1215
8 pax	1210
Single Supplement	+165
Economy class air ticket Tashkent- Urgench	From +105 USD p/p <i>(subject to availability)</i>
Economy class train ticket Samarkand - Tashkent	From +35 USD p/p <i>(subject to availability)</i>

Program includes:

Accommodation in tourist class hotels throughout Uzbekistan (twin / dbl shared)

No early check-ins or late check-outs are included

Meals: breakfast at the hotels, lunches (3), dinners (2)

Services for private vehicle with driver along the program

- ✓ 2 pax – sedan up to 3 seats
- ✓ 3-7 pax – minivan up to 14 seats
- ✓ 8-20 pax – midibus up to 33 seats
- ✓ 20 and more pax – Bus up to 45 seats (Golden Dragon Bus)

Escort English/Russian - speaking guide for all sightseeing and excursions from arrival until departure

Entrance fees to sites listed

All airport transfers

Mineral waiter 0.5 L per day / per person

Not included:

International air tickets

Air economy class tickets Tashkent-Urgench *(subject to availability and change)*

Train economy class tickets Samarkand – Tashkent *(subject to availability and change)*

Single Supplement

Lunches and dinners not indicated in the program

Extras in fixed menus

Beverages and alcohol drinks

Video and photo charges

Travel and Medical insurance

Tips and gratuities

Visa consular fees

Porterage

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 replacing with an alternative. During major events, accommodation may be changed and replaced with a similar category
- Sequence of itinerary and hotels given is subject to changes without prior notice.
- Domestic 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
- Please be aware that there may be various vehicles and drivers used during your tour, depending on the route section and type of transport needed on that section.