

## The Destination: Why these cities?

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For practical purposes our travels will follow the “silk road” in reverse. We intend to begin in Baris’ hometown of Istanbul. From Istanbul we will travel east to Turkmenistan, described by Lonely Planet as one of the most “mysterious and unexplored of Central Asia’s ‘stans.” Our journey continues in Uzbekistan which contains the most well preserved and influential architecture of the ancient “silk road” cities. From there we will head north through Kazakhstan and travel back to Istanbul through Azerbaijan.