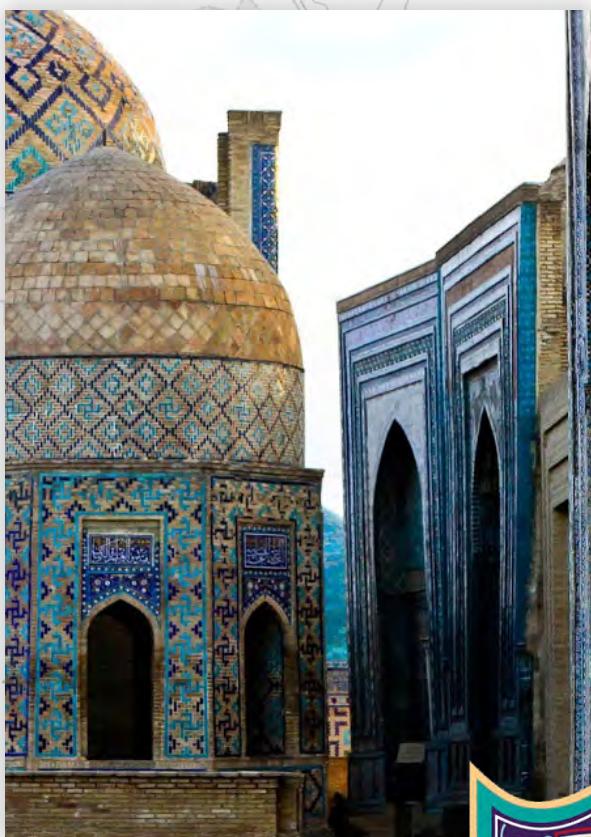




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TRAVEL

HIGHLIGHTS OF UZBEKISTAN

TASHKENT-KHIVA-BUKHARA-AYDARKUL-SAMARKAND-TASHKENT
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Program at glance

Arrive by plane to visit the evocative city of Khiva, one of the most complete and best-preserved cities on the ancient Silk Road. The journey then moves to Bukhara. It was the beauty of the Kalyan minaret that saved it from being destroyed by Ghengis Khan in 1220 when the rest of the city was razed to the ground. Stay in the Yurt camp and explore the desert landscape walking around the dunes or riding on the camels. Ride on the camel or drive by car to explore countries largest man-made Lake Aydarkul located 8 km to the southeast from the Yurt camp. Enjoy the evening around the campfire listening to the traditional songs of local bard – akyn. The next stage is to Samarkand, which survived the havoc of the Mongolian hordes and then flowered under the rule of Tamerlane.



Tour Highlights

Tashkent – Wander through Tashkent's bazaar for a wonderful insight into daily life and mingle with the locals in the lively Chorsu market

Khiva – Visit to the most romantic city on the Silk Road, a UNESCO protected site and perhaps the most perfectly preserved of all the Silk Road cities

Bukhara – Admire Islamic architecture, browse bustling bazaars and take tea adjacent to the beautiful pool of Lyab-i-Khauz

Yurt stay – Sample nomadic life with an overnight in a traditional felt tent

Samarkand – Discover the cultural gem of the Silk Road and visit the awe-inspiring restored madrassas standing on three sides of Registan Square

Day 1. Tashkent, arrival

Arrive in Tashkent, welcome at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Check-in at 12:00 – 14:00.

Sightseeing tour of Tashkent: Abdul Kasim Madrassah, Khast Imam Complex – a religious center of the city consisting of the Barakkhan Madrasah, Tillya Shaykh Mosque, Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum and the library of Islamic Literature with Uthman Quran of the VIII century. Explore traditional Chor-Su Bazaar. Lunch at local restaurant.

Visiting modern part of Tashkent: Amir Timur Square, Applied Art Museum, Earthquake Memorial, Independence Square.

Welcoming dinner at local restaurant with show.

Overnight in Tashkent.



Day 2. Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for morning flight to Urgench. Arrive Urgench, transfer to Khiva. Leaving luggage at the hotel and starting city tour – walled inner town Ichon Kala (UNESCO WHS, XIV-XX CC) with Muhamad Amin Khan Madrassah, Kalta Minor Minaret, Kunya Ark, Muhamad Rahim Khan Madrassah, Juma Mosque and Minaret, Tash Hauli Palace, Islam Khodja Minaret and Madrassah, Shirgazi Khan Madrassah, Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum. Lunch and dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Khiva.

Day 3. Khiva – Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. At 08:00 drive to Bukhara through Kyzylkum Desert (7-8 hours). Stop at Amudarya River bank. Lunch in a local café. Arrive Bukhara, free time.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Bukhara.



Day 4. Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. Starting city tour in Bukhara at 09:00. City tour with visits to the Ark Fortress – residence of Bukhara khans (I-XX CC), Bolo Hauz Mosque (XVIII C), Samanids Mausoleum – Shrine of Ismail Samani and other members of the Samanid Dynasty (IX-X CC), Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum – Saint Job's well (XII-XVI CC). Lunch at local restaurant.

Continue sightseeing by walk: Poi-Kalyan complex with Kalyan Minaret (XII C) through orient bazaars with three trade domes of Toki Zargaron (XV C), Toki Sarrafon (XVI C), Toki Telpak Furushon (XVI C), Ulugbek Madrassah (XV C), Abdulazizkhan Madrassah (XVII C). Visiting Lyabi Hauz complex consisting of Kukeldash Madrassah (XVI C), Magoki Attori Mosque now used as a carpet museum (XII C), Nadir Divan-begi Madrassah and Nadir Divan-begi Khanaka.

Dinner at local house, master class on traditional bread (non) baking and making plov – Uzbek main dish.

Overnight in Bukhara.



Day 5. Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we drive outside Bukhara for sightseeing: Baghautdin Nakhshbandi Mausoleum – center of Sufism, Sitorai Mokhi Khosa – summer residence of the last Emir of Bukhara. Drive back to Bukhara and visit to Chor-Minor (Four Minarets).

Overnight in Bukhara.

Day 6. Bukhara – Aydar Yurt Camp

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Aydarkul with a stop in Nurata. Visiting ruins and fortifications remained after Alexander the Great, saint spring and medieval mosque Namazgokh. Transfer to the yurt camp. Camel riding instructions and then camel riding (around camp – for free).

Overnight in yurts.



Day 7. Aydar Yurt Camp – Samarkand

After breakfast camel riding to the Aydarkul Lake through the desert (10 km, 3 h.). Swimming, fishing on the lake.
 Camel riding to the lake is an optional service and subject to extra fee – about 20\$ per person.
 In the afternoon depart yurt camp and drive to Samarkand (270 km, 5 h.). Arrive Samarkand, transfer to the hotel.
 Overnight in Samarkand.



Day 8. Samarkand

Breakfast at the hotel. We will start sightseeing from gem of Samarkand – Registan Square and three madrassahs (religious study centers) surrounding the square: Ulughbek Madrassah (XV c), Sher-Dor Madrassah (XVII c), and Tillya-Kari Madrassah (XVII c) – covered with gold. Visit to Gur Emir Mausoleum – tomb of Tamerlane, Shakhi Zinda Necropolis – ensemble including mausoleums and other ritual buildings of IX-XIV and XIX CC, Ulughbek Observatory, built in XV century by Timurid ruler and astronomer, Bibi Khanym Mosque – built by Amir Timur (Tamerlane) in XV century and Siyab Bazaar. Overnight in Samarkand

Day 9. Samarkand – Tashkent

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Continue sightseeing in Samarkand: Excavation of an ancient city and museum of Afrosiab, and Tombstone of Saint Daniyar. The prophet Daniyar (Daniel) is revered by three world religions: Christianity, Judaism and Islam, and mausoleum is still a pilgrimage place for the followers of all three Abrahamic religions. Drive to Konigil village to visit Samarkand Paper Mill “Meros”, where you can see the process of making famous Samarkand paper by ancient technology.

Transfer to the railway station for evening train. Arrive in Tashkent, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Tashkent.



Day 10. Depart Tashkent

Transfer to the airport. End of the tour.



ACCOMMODATION

City	OPTION 1 Premium Hotels	OPTION 2 Comfort Hotels	# of nights
Tashkent	Lotte City Hotel, Miran International	Uzbekistan, Shodlik Palace	2
Khiva	Asia Khiva	Euro Asia, Old Khiva	1
Bukhara	Asia Bukhara	Omar Khayyam, Devon Begi	3
Yurt Camp	Yurt	Yurt	1
Samarkand	Registan Plaza	Grand Samarkand, Diyora	2

Hotels will be booked based on availability.

QUOTATION

Premium option Price per person in USD:	Comfort option Price per person in USD:
10 pax – 1100 \$	10 pax – 890 \$
20 pax – 1020 \$	20 pax – 810 \$
30 pax – 970 \$	30 pax – 780 \$
40 pax – 950 \$	40 pax – 750 \$
Single supplement – 225 \$	Single supplement – 140 \$

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Visa invitation letter
- Transport services throughout the tour
- Air tickets Tashkent-Urgench
- Train tickets Samarkand-Tashkent
- TWN rooms in hotels with breakfast
- Escorting guide
- Sightseeing tours as per program
- Aydar Yurt Camp stay (Full board)
- Entrance fees for the sights
- Full board

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Visa fee at the Uzbek Mission
- Early check-ins / late check-outs
- Fees for the use of cameras and videos in the monuments and tourist sites
- Fees for extra services not specified in the program
- Items of personal nature
- Alcoholic drinks

UZBEKISTAN

CONVENTIONAL SIGNS

● TASHKENT	The capital of Uzbekistan
— BUKHARA	Border of Uzbekistan
○ CITIES	Cities
● BUKHARA	Provincial Centres
◎ SHAVAT	Urban settlement
— ROADS	Roads