**Uzbekistan**

**This trip will take you on a discovery tour through the enchanting nature and culture of Uzbekistan. From the scenic Chimgan Mountains, to the highest mountain peaks that offer great views of the greenest valleys in the country. On the trail of the former poachers, you can explore the mountains in a particularly authentic way.**

**16 Days / 15 Nigths**

**Tashkent – Chimgan mountain– Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva – Bukhara – Nurata – Jurtcamp – Samarkand – Tashkent**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Direction** | **Program** |
| **1** |  | TAS / - | Arrival in Tashkent. Transfer to the hotel, overnight in Tashkent. |
| **2** |  | Tashkent | In the morning first sightseeing in the old town of Tashkent. We visit the Friday Mosque and the Hasti Imom Complex, as well as the famous Chorsu Bazaar.  In the afternoon we will see the modern Tashkent. We drive to Independence Square and Amir Timur Park. Between these two places we also travel by subway and can marvel at the fascinating architecture "underground". The Soviet heritage is still clearly felt in many parts of Tashkent. Overnight in Tashkent |
| **3** |  | Tashkent - Chimgan | Transfer Tashkent-Beldersoy / Tschatkal-Ugam National Park. Climb to Urta Kumbel river.  Having lunch. Further ascent to mountain pass "Urta Kumbel" (altitude 1850 m) descent to the Beldersoy valley.  Overnight in the tent. |
| **4** |  | Trekking | Climb up the mountain pass Tschetkumbel (height 1880) on until rock sign. Photo break. Time for a break.  Descent to Kumbel Pass (2550)  Overnight in the tent. |
| **5** |  | Trekking | Rise up to big Chimgan. Photo break. Long descent to Nurek Atasay. Overnight in the tent. |
| **6** |  | Trekking | Rise up Tschetkumbel and further hike to the ski slopes. Descend past wild apple orchards until asphalt path. Transfer by minibus 15 min to Great Chimgan. Climb to Gulkamsay mountain pass (altitude 1830 m).  Descent along the birch tree to the river Gulkam.  Overnight in the tent. |
| **7** |  | Chimgan – Tashkent | Small climb to the "Great Chimgan" and Travers to "Wodoprovod" source. Time for rest.  Further descent to confluence Mazarsay and Gulkamsay rivers.  Meeting by bus and transfer along reservoir "Tschatvak" to Tashkent.  Arrival in Tashkent at the latest afternoon.  Time for rest. Dinner. Overnight in Tashkent |
| **8** |  | Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva | Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and departure to Urgench. Transfer to the hotel. Sightseeing in Khiva.  The 2500 years old fortress town is turkisier highlight of the journey - and its entire old town a museum! Behind defiant city walls, which today prevent unwanted cars from entering, oriental ornamentation, magnificent minarets, shady courtyards, the warm glow of mud walls.  And from the roof of the citadel you can see over this total work of art from mosques, medreses, mausoleums - all decorated with thousands of turkish tiles.  You will visit: Juma Mosque, Kunya Ark Citadel,  Pachlavon Machmud Mausoleum, Islam Chodja Minaret and Medresse.  Further sightseeing (Toza Bog).  For dinner you are invited to Uzbek family. |
| **9** |  | Khiva – Bukhara | Breakfast. Drive through the desert to Bukhara  Upon arrival immediate transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. Dinner. |
| **10** |  | Bukhara | Breakfast. Full day sightseeing in Bukhara.  Sightseeing Old Town, Samanid Mausoleum, Chashma Ayub Mausoleum with a conical roof and several domes, complex Poikalon with mosque, medresse and minaret as well as Medresse Ulugbek. |
| **11** |  | Bukhara | Breakfast.  Further sightseeing in Bukhara.  Further sightseeing - Labi-Hauz complex, the Magoki Attori mosque, the market-domed buildings of three trading centers and Medresse Abdulasis Chan with their splendor and size).  Afternoon free time to be amazed in Bukhara. And many enjoy to be admired: the jewelers, carpet and silk weavers on the  Bazaar and in the workshops as well as the people who jump from the tree in Labi-Hauz into the water.  Sit down to a tea to the locals in the shade of the mulberry trees and watch the local acrobats! Presumably, it takes some physical effort from you to ask for directions. But in Uzbek with hands and feet there is always a friendly answer! |
| **12** |  | Bukhara-Nurata/Jurtcamp | Drive to Nurata. On the way break and lunch in a local family.  After arrival in the yurt camp time for rest. Dinner by the fire. |
| **13** |  | Jurtcamps- Aydarkul Sea - Samarkand | Breakfast. Transfer to Aydarkul Lake. If the weather cooperates, then they can swim. Picnic. Transfer to Samarkand.  Upon arrival hotel reference. Time for rest.  Dinner. Overnight in Samarkand |
| **14** |  | Samarkand | Breakfast. Full day sightseeing in Samarkand.  Alexander the Great came, Genghis Khan saw, but Tamerlan built - especially in his favorite color blue. The ribbed domes, ornamental minarets, floral and star mosaics on the three sides of Registan are simply heavenly - and on the fourth page of the "noblest place in the world" are the admirers of this unique ensemble. Look forward to your city tour with real creamy pieces like the Tamerlane Mausoleum Gur Emir, the necropolis Shah-i-Sinda and the palace ruins of Afrosiab! Other visits Observatory of Ulugbek, Mausoleum Chan-e-Send).  Dinner in the Uzbek family, you will see how the famous pilgrim of Samarkand is prepared.  Overnight in Samaraknd. |
| **15** |  | Samarkand – Tashkent | Sightseeing in Samarkand: Bibi Chanim Mosque with large saulehalls. Bazaar stroll.  Transfer to Tashkent. Upon arrival hotel reference. Overnight in Tashkent |
| **16** |  | TAS - / | Transfer to the airport |