

Pearls of Central Asia

7 Nights November 2017 – 30 September 2018



Summary

This tour to Uzbekistan covers the world-famous bistorical cities with their unique architectural complexes striking imagination of everyone. During the trip you will follow exactly the same Great Silk Road route formed by the ancient trade caravans that over the centuries passed along the way from China to Europe, connecting the East with the West. You have a great opportunity to get to know more about local customs and traditions, as well as feel deeply the hospitality and originality of Uzbek people by the example of particular families. Do not miss it!

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Overview

Dates: November 2017 – 30 September 2018 **Interest:** family - group - seniors

Level of Comfort: 4/5

Minimum # of passengers: none
Maximum # of passengers: none

Information about the destination

Currency: Iranian Rial Language: Persian-Kurdish Transportation: private car or bus

Dialing Code: 98

Recommended vaccines: none

Banks & currency exchange: It is advised to exchange money via international or well known

banks









Day 1 Tuesday: **Tashkent**

Upon arrival at Tashkent airport, meet greet and transfer to botel

Spend the day exploring Tashkent: visit to Khast Imam Square – the holy heart of Tashkent

of Barak Khan Madrassah (the administrative center of the Mufti of Uzbekistan, the head

consisting of official.

> Islam in the Republic), Tillya Sheykh Mosque (now serves as the district's Friday Mosque but the bighlight is the immense Osman Koran, claimed to be the world's oldest) and Kafal Shashi *Mausoleum (the grave of a local doctor, philosopher and poet of Islam who lived from 904 to 979)* Modern Tashkent includes Museum of Applied Arts (boused in an ancient palace of a tsarist

Polovtsev); Independence Square; visit Tashkent metro and Chorsu Bazaar diplomat

Dinner at local restaurant

Day 2 Wednesday: Tashkent - Urgench - Khiva

> Transfer to the airport for a connecting flight to Urgench Upon arrival in Urgench, direct drive to Khiva (30 km)

Spend the day exploring Khiva. Visit to Ichan Kala, architectural complex of the inner city,

by the large fortress wall with four gates. There are more than sixty architectural surrounded mosques, madrassahs, minarets and mausoleums inside the inner town: monuments: palaces, Muhammed Aminkhan Madrassah and its minaret; Kunya Ark and Juma Mosque with 218

pillars (one of the most ancient structures in Central Asia; Tash Khauli palace (the Harem of Khiva

Khans); Mausoleum of Pakhlavan Makhmud; Islam Khodja complex and other monuments

Dinner at hotel

Kbiva – Bukbara Day 3 Thursday:

Depart for Bukhara via Kyzylkum desert (450 km/7-8 brs drive)

Dinner at hotel

Bukbara Day 4 Friday:

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masterpiece

presentation

example of the merchant family,

Architectural heritage of Bukhara is really very rich – caravan-sarais and trading domes, public baths and big pools, defensive walls and city gates, kbanakas and mausoleums, mosques and madrassabs,

individual structures and big complexes. Decorative methods, splendor designs and architects strike the imagination of anyone: Lyabi-Khauz Complex; trading domes consists

trading centeres of the 14th to 17th century: Tok-i-Sarrafon – Moneychangers Bazaar, Tok-i-Tilpak Furusbon – Cap makers Bazaar, Taqi Zargaron - Jeweler's Bazaar; Poi-Kalyan Ensemble, the

of the city; the Citadel Ark – highest point in the city; Bolo-Khauz mosque; Chashma-Ayub shrine

(XIV-XVI cc.) known as a curative source; the Samanids Mausoleum that considers to be a of Central Asian architecture. Visit to the Fayzulla Khodjaev's Home Museum, fine Bukharian architectural style of the late 19th c. Fayzulla Khodjaev, born in the rich

was the first President of Soviet Uzbekistan; traditional Bukhara clothing (XIX c)

Dinner at local restaurant

Day 5 Saturday: Bukbara - Samarkand

> Depart for Samarkand (300 km/4-5 brs drive). Approaching Samarkand (app. 30 km to Samarkand), visit memorial complex of Imam Al-Bukbari (24 km to Samarkand). Now it is a center of pilgrimage Muslims and tourists from all over the world. Creative legacy of Al-Bukhari has always been the

of wisdom for scientists all over the world source

Dinner at local restaurant



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Day 6 Sunday: Samarkand

Samarkand has witnessed a lot of upheavals during the times of Alexander the Great (Macedonian), the Arabic Conquest, Ghengis-Khan Conquest and lastly Tamerlane's. Hence, Samarkand's culture was developed and mixed together with the Iranian, Indian, Mongolian and a bit of the Western

and Eastern cultures

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FD SS tour of Samarkand: Registan Square (meaning "sandy place") became an official centre of Samarkand since Tamerlane the Great's time. The Square is surrounded by the Ulugbek's (1417-1420), the Sher-Dor madrassah (1619-1636), and Tilla-Kori madrassah (1646-1660); Bihi-Khanum (named in hohor of Timur's eldest and favorite wife): Sigh hazaar, a colorful main

Bibi-Khanum (named in hohor of Timur's eldest and favorite wife); Siab bazaar, a colorful main farmers' market; Necropolis Shakhi-Zinda and ensemble of mausoleums of the 11th-19th (According to the legend, the ensemble was erected around the grave of Kussam, a son of

cousin of Mohammed)
Dinner at local restaurant

Day 7 Monday: Samarkand - Tashkent

In the morning visit to Afrosiab museum of the city foundation, Observatory of Ulugbek (Ulugbek, Timur the Great's grandson, was the founder of the unique constructions of the observatory (1428-1429); a visit to Samarkand Handmade Silk Paper Center "Meros" which has been making paper the 8th century. Samarkand was the first city in Central Asia (and the second in the world!) to its own paper. By the middle of the 19th century, its silk paper virtually disappeared. Here at MEROS the artisans have revived this ancient tradition and reintroduced Samarkand Paper to the world;

Emir Mausoleum (graves of Tamerlane and his descendants, 15c)

Transfer to railway station for high-speed train "Afrosiab" Samarkand/Tashkent at 17h00/19h10

Upon arrival transfer to the hotel.

Dinner at local restaurant

Day 8 Tuesday: Tashkent

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Selected botels (or similar)

Nights	Regions	4* Stars or similar
2	Tashkent	Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace 4* / International
2	Tuspketti	Hotel Tashkent
1	Khiva	Asia Khiva (best possible in city)
2	Bukhara	Zargaron Plaza 4* / Omar Khayam / Minorai Kalon
2	Samarkand	Registan Plaza 4*





Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Tashkent (economy class)

Internal flight: Tashkent - Urgench

High-speed train "Afrosiab" Samarkand - Tashkent

Round trip transfer: airport - botel - airport

7-night accommodation at hotel

Meal: half board

English speaking local guides

All transfers in air conditioned motor coach

Full day tour of Tashkent

Full day tour of Khiva

Full day tour of Bukhara

Half day tour of Samarkand

Full day tour of Samarkand

Assistance of our representative in Uzbekistan

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes

Fuel surcharge

DIP surcharge \$5/ticket

Visa fees

Travel insurance

All other expenses

Starting price per person In US\$

Hotel	2 Passengers	3-4 Passengers	5-6 Passengers	7-9 Passengers	Single Supplement
4*hotels	2825	2680	2430	2390	565

Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Istanbul	ME 267	17:35	20:30
Istanbul	Tashkent	HY 274	23:45	06:20+1
Tashkent	Istanbul	HY 333	08:20	10:55
Istanbul	Beirut	ME 427	13:30	15:05

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