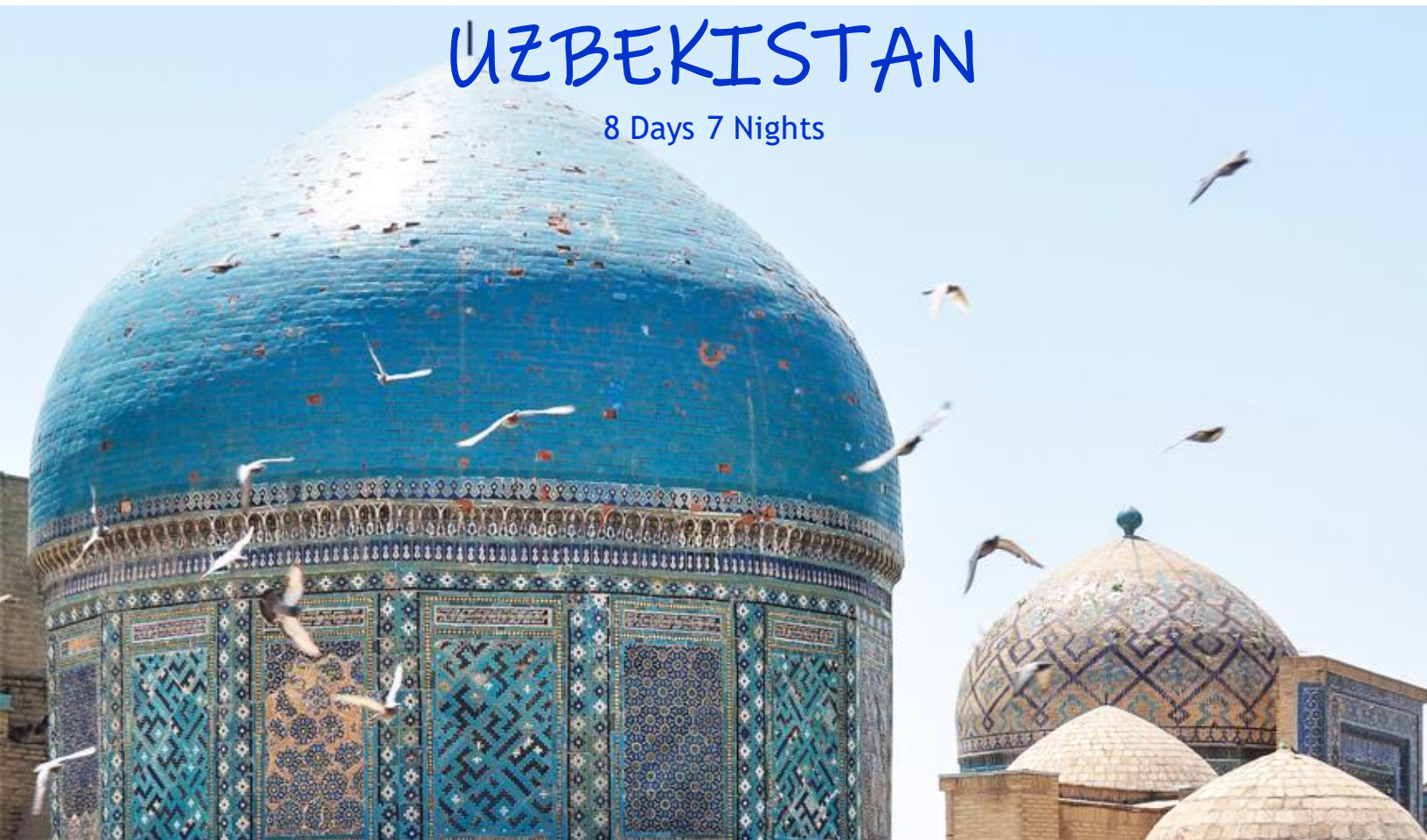


UZBEKISTAN

8 Days 7 Nights



“The region’s cradle of culture for more than two millennia, Uzbekistan is the proud home to a spellbinding arsenal of architecture and ancient cities, all deeply infused with the bloody, fascinating history of the Silk Road. In terms of sights alone, Uzbekistan is Central Asia’s biggest draw and most impressive showstopper” (introduction from Lonely Planet).

Explore the glorious of Great Silk Road: Khiva -the most romantic city, museum under the open sky, taken out of “1,001 Arabian Nights” (UNESCO); Bukhara - admire the best examples of Islamic architecture (UNESCO); Samarkand - leading city of the East at the time of Tamerlane (UNESCO).

Shakhrisabz-the birthplace of Tamerlane, now homeland of gorgeous historical monuments.

Tashkent - the capital of Uzbekistan, the city which attracts by its modern buildings and unusual underground stations, browse bustling bazaar “Chorsu”.

Tour Highlights

- Day 1: Tashkent
- Day 2: Tashkent - Urgench - Khiva
- Day 3: Khiva - Bukhara
- Day 4: Bukhara
- Day 5: Bukhara - Shakhrisabz - Samarkand
- Day 6: Samarkand
- Day 7: Samarkand - Tashkent
- Day 8: Tashkent - Departure



The Package rate is On Request basis.

Other various Programs and length of stays are available; OR can be Tailor-made upon your requirements

Package is quoted in USD, per person and includes the below:

- ✈ 1-Night accommodation in TASHENT at the selected hotel or similar
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation in KHIVA at the selected hotel or similar
- ✈ 2-Night accommodation in BUKHARA at the selected hotel or similar
- ✈ 2-Night accommodation in SAMARKAND at the selected hotel or similar
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation in TASHENT at the selected hotel or similar
- 🛏 Bed & breakfast basis
- 🚗 Round trip private transfers from/to airports / hotels by private, air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- 🚗 Transportation by private, air-conditioned vehicle with driver during the tour, including petrol, road tax, etc.
- 👤 English speaking permanent guide (from Day 1 to Day 8)
- 🎫 Entrance fees for all museums and sites as mentioned in the program
- 🎫 Theatre of National Costumes “El Merosi”
- 🎫 Possible Visa Support to Uzbekistan (subject to change according to country’s new laws if any)
- 🕒 Assistance 24h/7
- ✈ Domestic Flight Ticket Tashkent - Urgench (subject to change according availability, non-refundable)
- 🎫 Travel insurance
- 🚫 Package Excludes international airline ticket

No. Nights	Cities	5* Hotels	4* Hotels (Comfort category)
1N	TASHENT	Hyatt Regency	
1N	KHIVA	Bek	Orient Star
2N	BUKHARA	Emir’s Garden	Edem Plaza
2N	SAMARKAND	Emirhan	Grand Samarkand Superior
1N	TASHENT	Hyatt Regency	

Important Notices:

- ✈ *This Package is tailor-made and hence price is on request basis; and may be subject to Itinerary change. If interested, will be happy to quote it for you.*
- ✈ *There are Numerous Packages to Uzbekistan that are Ready-made and/or can be tailor-made - with different itineraries / alternative hotels, and length of stay.*
- ✈ *Needless to say that there are numerous cities to discover. Hence, we have tried to select some of the few must-see places.*
- ✈ *Please find one of our recommended packages to Uzbekistan. For other packages, we are an email away.*
- ✈ *In case the mentioned hotel is unavailable, then alternate hotel of similar category shall be provided - according to the country’s classification standards.*
- ✈ *Room types or category may be different and subject to availability.*
- ✈ *The above hotel list is Not exhaustive. Other hand-picked hotel options are available.*
- ✈ *Prices exclude tips, portorage and - city taxes when applicable.*
- ✈ *We reserve the right to make changes to the exact order of visits and activities, if it is deemed necessary (due to weather conditions, logistics, etc.), but we will try to always stick to the cited program. However, in a Force Majeure cases, alternative tours shall be offered if any.*
- ✈ *We have hand-picked few 5-star hotels per city, with Good hotel Ranking & Customer Reviews. For Alternative Hotels, please let us know. We can mix and match different hotels.*
- ✈ *Kindly do the due diligence to go through the Hotel list: Check the hotel’s website, information, location and gallery to make an informed decision prior to booking.*
- ✈ *Please download the PDF file for itinerary, details and sites to see “Cities’ Guide” (if any).*
- ✈ *No copyright infringement of pictures or details are intended.*

ITINERARY

DAY 1: TASHKENT arrival



Meet & Assist of Tashkent Airport meet driver, transfer to hotel and leave luggage (check-in at/after 14:00).

- 🌄 09:00 meet the guide at hotel and start city tour to Tashkent and visits:
- 🌄 Visit Khast-i-Imam complex (reconstructed in 2007), religious center of Tashkent. Architectural ensemble includes several constructions, built in XVI -XIX cc.
- 🌄 Madrasa Kukeldash, Juma Mosque and Chorsu Bazaar - the country's biggest market.
- 🌄 Afternoon: visit The Museum of Applied Art of Tashkent, the ancient palace of Russian diplomat Alexander Polovtsev that is transformed to the museum in 1938.
- 🌄 City tour to Amir Temur Square, Independence Square and Minor Mosque.
- 🌄 Overnight at hotel.

DAY 2: TASHKENT - URGENCH - KHIVA (domestic flight)



- 🌄 Breakfast then transfer to airport to take domestic flight to Urgench. (HY 055 | 07h40 - 09h20 | subject to change).
- 🌄 Arrival at the airport of **URGENCH**, meet the driver at the Airport and transfer to **KHIVA**.
- 🌄 On arrival, transfer to hotel and leave luggage (check-in at/after 14:00).
- 🌄 Explore marvelous city, listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Sightseeing program includes excursion in all monuments of **Ichan Kala**. Ichan Kala is the inner town (protected by brick walls some 10 m high) of the old Khiva oasis, which was the last resting-place of caravans before crossing the desert to Iran.

- Although few very old monuments still remain, it is a coherent and well-preserved example of the Muslim architecture of Central Asia: Juma Mosque, constitutes remarkable type of architecture of XVII cc.;
- Kunya Ark**: 'ancient fortress' established in 1686 - 1688 by Arang-Khan; to south of Kunya Ark were found **Kalta Minor** and the Medresa of Muhammad-Amin-Khan; The **Tash-Kauli Palace**, built in 1830 - 1838 for Alla-Kulli-Khan, (whose name means 'slave of God', he was blissfully unaware of the plans being put into place in Russia for a massive invasion).
- PM: explore other exceptional monuments in Ichan Kala: Mausoleum of Pahlavan Mahmud (1247 - 1325); Mausoleum of Sayid All-Uddin; Medresa of Islam-Khodja with its elegant minaret, at 45 m the highest in Khiva; Medresa of Alla-Kuli.
- Overnight at hotel.

DAY 3: KHIVA - BUKHARA (450 KM ~7-8H DRIVE)







- Breakfast, then drive in the early morning to **BUKHARA** direction by passing *red sands of the desert* Kizil-Kum ... road crossing the arid steppe with herds of sheep of astrakhan.
- Pause and explore the river of **Amu-Darya**, blue serpent in the desert...en-route near Gazli.
- Arrival late afternoon, transfer and check-in and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4: BUKHARA






- Breakfast, then meet your guide, and journey to the mysterious Silk Road City of Bukhara and its magnificent historical monuments.

-  Full day sightseeing program includes the visits to: Architectural complex **Poi-Kalyan** (means «Foot of the Great»), consisting of 3 constructions built in XII-XVI centuries: **Madrasah Miri-Arab**, mosque and **Minaret Kalyan** (main complex decoration);
-  **Madrasa Of Ulug Beg** and **Abdulaziz Khan** which marks the remarkable progress of medieval Central Asian architecture; **Tim Abdullah Khan** - a **covered bazaar** built in 1577;
-  **Magok-i Attari Mosque** (Museum of Carpets) is one of the oldest architectural monuments where you will find heathen shrines, remains of a **Buddhist monastery**, **Zoroastrian Temple** in Bukhara.
-  PM: Explore other monuments: architectural ensemble **Laybi-Hauz** (means «the shore of reservoir»), consisting of 3 monumental buildings: **Kukeldash Madrassa** and 2 other religious buildings: **Hanaka** and **Madrasah of Nadir Divan-Begi**; **Ark Citadel** - residence of Bukhara khans, a massive fortress built and occupied around the 5th century AD. **Bolo-Hauz Mosque**, built in the 17th century, was a place of prayer for the Emirs and their entourage. It is the only preserved monument in Registan Square that includes: multi-column aivan, domed mosque, minaret and a small pool; the mausoleum of Ismail Samani, one of the most ancient monuments in the city, mausoleum Chashma Ayub, or "Source of Job". Overnight at hotel.

DAY 5: BUKHARA -SHAKHRISABZ -SAMARKAND (264 km ~ 4 h drive)



-  Breakfast at hotel. In the morning drive to **SAMARKAND** via **SHAKHRISABZ CITY**.
-  Stop in **Shakhrisabz** and enjoy the city sightseeing tour: Visit the **Mausoleum of Jakhongir in Dor - Saodat Memorial Complex**, remains of **Ak-Saray Palace**, **Dor-ut Tilavat Ensemble** with **Kok-Gumbaz Mosque**; and **burial vault of Tamerlane's father**.
-  In the afternoon drive to **SAMARKAND**. Upon arrival, transfer and check-in to the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

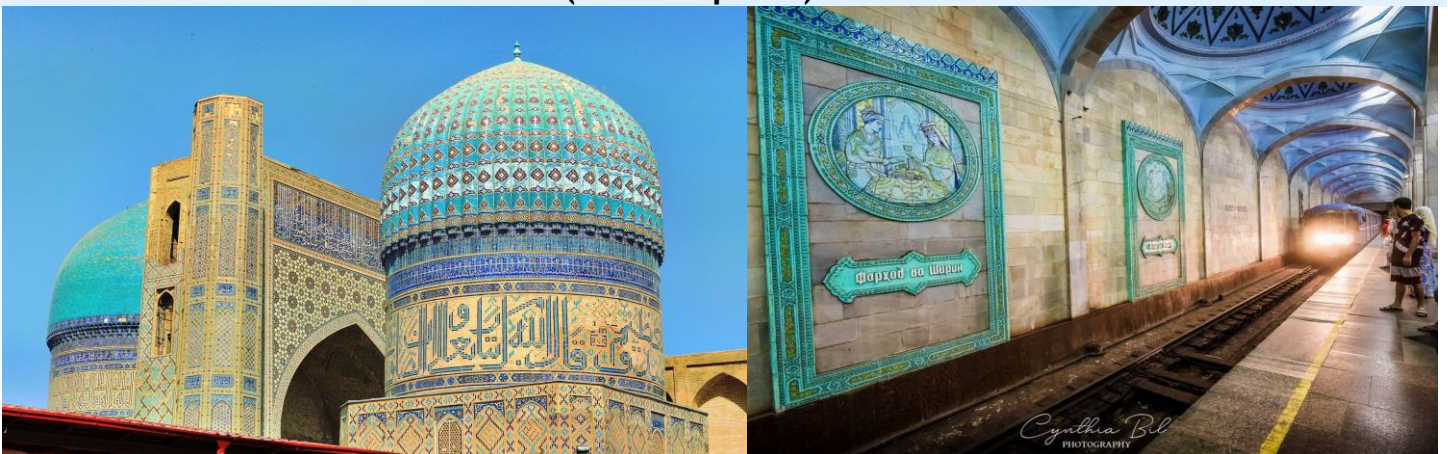
Day 6: SAMARKAND



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- 🕌 Breakfast at hotel. In the morning sightseeing tour in SAMARKAND: **Registan Square** (“Sandy Place”), the ensemble of 3 madrasahs (**Ulughbek Madrasah** (1417-1420), **Sher Dor Madrasah** (1619-1636), and **Tillya Kori Madrasah** (1646-1660) - a unique example of town-building art, remarkable architectural planning of the main town square;
- 🕌 The **Gur-Amir Mausoleum** - a world known masterpiece of Central Asian architecture, the family crypt of the great dynasty of Tamerlane, with a fine ribbed dome and decorated with paper-maché inside.
- 🕌 In the afternoon, explore other miracles in the city: The **Pearl of Samarkand**; and
- 🕌 **Bibi Khanum Mosque**. Constructed in 1399 by the best architects and artisans of Khorossan, Azerbaijan, Persia and India, the mosque was compared to the beauty and shining of the Milky Way;
- 🕌 **Siyab Bazar** -the most ancient and the biggest traditional market of Samarkand.
- 🕌 In the evening you will take a visit to the theatre of historical costume “El Merosi”. “El Merosi” in uzbek means “The Peoples’ Heritage”. The theatre shows the traditions of local people, existing from ancient time to present, and the national costumes of different epochs: leather suits of *Scythian horsemen*, costume of *Achemenians* made of gold brocade, suits of *Anahita* made of the finest fabrics, *hats* made of *woven silver*, suit of a *Sogdian*, made of fabric decorated with hand-embroidery. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 7: SAMARKAND -TASHKENT (train express)



- 🕌 Breakfast at hotel, then meet the guide. Explore other historical sites of Samarkand:
- 🕌 **Shakhi-Zinda** ensemble with more than 20 buildings, built from early XI up to XIV cc. Each mausoleum has its own style of decoration and great fantasy of skillful artisans;

- 🕌 **Observatory of Ulugbek**, the first observatory in Central Asia, built in XIV c.
- 🕌 **Hodja Daniyar Mausoleum**, located near the *healing spring* and attracts crowds of tourists every day. Some believe that Daniel was biblical prophet others - associate him with fellow-soldier of Kusam ibn Abbas.
- 🕌 In the afternoon, visit to **Afrasiab Museum**.
- 🕌 16:30: transfer to railway station, we take the fast speed train to Tashkent at 17:00. Arrival in Tashkent at 19:10, transfer and check-at the hotel, and overnight.

Day 8 Tashkent - departure

Transfer to the International Airport, 2 or 3 hours before departure.

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