



## Steppe Journeys

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### Uzbekistan Islamic Heritage tour 9 days (option with 3\* Asia hotels)

#### ITINERARY DETAILS

##### Day 1: Arrival in Tashkent by Flight xxx at xxx

To be met and transferred to restaurant for a Welcome dinner . After dinner check in Asia Tashkent Hotel.

##### Day 2: Tashkent

Visit to Uthman Koran of 7<sup>th</sup> century kept in Mui Muborak library of 16<sup>th</sup> century, later we will visit [Kafal Shash mausoleum](#), [Barakhan Madrasah](#) of 16<sup>th</sup> century, Tilla Sheikh mosque. Lunch break in a local restaurant with halal food.

PM City tour in Tashkent. You will visit historical sites such as: Applied Arts museum, Independence Square and one of the beautiful metro in the world with unique design. Dinner will be followed later in the local restaurant. Overnight.

##### Day 3: Tashkent – Urgench flight 1 hr 10 min

After early breakfast transfer to airport for your flight to Urgench and upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel in KHiva.

Khiva, Ichan kala is a main historical city of present Khorezm region. Once it was the capital of Khorezm empire which spread in the territory of present Uzbekistan in the west. In Ichan kala we will visit all madrasah, mosques, crafts workshop, mausoleum of Pahlavan Mahmud, Jume Mosque, Islam Hodja minaret and madrasah, Harem of Khiva Khan, Kalta Minar, Kunya Ark. Lunch in local house with halal food. Dinner with local folk music and dance. Overnight.

##### Day 4: Khiva-Bukhara by bullet train (if available or by bus 500 km).

Today we will pack a lunch box with us and drive to Bukhara, it will be a long drive but if we take train it will be only 4 hrs ride and we will have lunch in Bukhara city. Check in at Asia Bukhara hotel and to have the lunch. After lunch half day city tour, all on foot through this ancient, holy city, includes Chashmai Ayub mausoleum, Ismail Samani mausoleum, Bolo Hauz mosque and Ark Fortress. You will see palaces, trade domes, mosques, madrasas, hanaka, Turkish hammam, the bazaar and many souvenir shops.

##### Day 5: Bukhara, we will visit Bukhara Sufi sites

After breakfast you visit [Bahuddin Naqshbandiy necropolis](#) and his grave and visit Summer palace of Amir Alim khan, the last Emir of Bukhara.

After lunch visit [Sayf ad-Din al-Bokharzi mausoleum](#), [Fayzabad Khanqah](#) was built in 1598-1599 by the famous Sufi Mavlono Poyand-Mukhammad Ahsi (Ahsiketi) Fayzobodi, who died two years later in 1601.

Dinner at local restaurant.

##### Day 6: Bukhara-Samarkand 300 km

Today we will head to Samarkand and just before arriving to Samarkand we will pay visit to one more holy site, [Imam Al Bukhariy mausoleum](#). Later drive to Samarkand. Lunch in local restaurant. PM visit Gur Emir mausoleum and Ruhabad mausoleum. Gur Emir Mausoleum, the stunning burial place of Temur's teacher, sons and grandsons. Dinner in local restaurant. Overnight.



**Day 7: Samarkand**

After breakfast, you will enjoy a full day tour of the ancient city as well as modern Samarkand. Visit includes: Registan square with Sherdor Madrasa, Ulughbek madrasa, Tilla Sheikh madrasa all built in different periods but looking as one harmonious complex. It is also the main city square where locals celebrate have festivals and holidays and the international world music festival;

After lunch visit Bibi Hanum mosque, Bazaar, [Shahi Zinda complex](#), a holy place in Central Asia famous for its tile work and where we will visit the [mausoleum of Kusam Ibn Abbas](#) who is called as Living King where the name of the site came from. Afrosiab ancient settlement destroyed by Ghengis Khan in the 13th century. The fascinating museum there holds a fresco dating from the 5th century AD. Evening dinner at local restaurant.

**Day 8: Samarkand-Tashkent by train**

We will catch the train to Tashkent at 11:10 Afrosiyob train, meeting group to Railway station and take to Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon free for your own activities or shopping or other visits you would like to add. Farewell dinner at local restaurant.

**Day 9: Depart**

Transfer to airport for your flight home.

**VEHICLE DETAILS:**

*25-30 people in 45 seats Tour bus*

*31-40 people in 52 seats Tour bus*

- 1 pax: US\$1540 per person in Single room with breakfast
- 2 pax: US\$945 per person in Double room share with breakfast
- 3 pax: US\$930 person in Double room share with breakfast
- 4 pax: US\$915 person in Double room share with breakfast
- 6 pax: US\$895 per person in Double room share with breakfast
- 8 pax: US\$845 per person in Double room share with breakfast
- 10+1 FOC: \$1145 per person in double room share with breakfast
- 14+1 FOC: \$1120 per person in double room share with breakfast
- 18+1 FOC: \$1098 per person in double room share with breakfast
- 20+1 FOC: \$1039 per person in double room share with breakfast
- 25+1 FOC: \$960 per person in double room share with breakfast
- 30+1 FOC: \$857 per person in double room share with full board meals
- 40+1 FOC: \$843 per person in double room share with full board meals
- Single room supplement: \$110 per person
- Full board meals: \$98 per person



## **YOUR TRIP INCLUSIONS**

- Transport for all transfers and pick up/drops ( 1-2 Sedan car, 3-6-8 VAN, 10-16 Minibus, 16 and more 45 -52 Seats Tour bus with A/C)
- Hotel accommodation in twin/double room sharing
- Breakfast, All Halal meals
- Bottled water per person per day
- Tour guide to accompany the group
- Afrosiyob fast train tickets, Tashkent-Urgench flight ticket
- Sightseeing and entrance fee

## **EXCLUSIONS**

Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips & gratuity, soft & hard drinks, porter  
Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary  
Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc  
Still camera/ video fee charges at historical sites

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Rates are valid all year round.  
Rates are based on Hotels Subject to Availability at the time of making Reservation. If mentioned hotels are not available  
We will book alternative hotel with same category  
Early check in / late checks out is subject to availability of rooms.  
Cancellation charges would be as per the company policy.  
Vehicle confirmed will be as per Itinerary and not at disposal. AC will work only flat roads and will be switched off during hill drives.  
All sightseeing mentioned are subjects to weather conditions, political conditions & traffic conditions in the destination.  
Any sightseeing missed due to natural calamities / weather conditions is non-refundable. But can be substituted with different sightseeing.

## **PAYMENT POLICY**

Deposit of 30% of the package cost at the time of booking.  
Need 100% payment of the package cost, 60 days prior to arrival

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

30% of full tour cost - between 30 & 55 days prior to tour.  
75% of full tour cost - between 14 & 7 days prior to tour  
100% - within 7 days prior to tour.

## **Hotels**

1. Uzbekistan hotels are very friendly though the rooms may not provide the following items, such as: toothbrush, toothpaste, slippers, thermos and so on.
2. All hotels have TV, A/C, hot and cold water, private bathroom.
3. Different countries have different hotel star rating criteria, while many Uzbekistan hotels do not have star ratings due to their local character, instead of participating in the government's star rating. For example, 90% of hotels in Uzbekistan are privately owned. Some big 4 star hotels may not be the same as European standard hotels but still they may have 4 stars. So most of the hotels in Bukhara, Samarkand are private owned boutique hotels with all modern facilities.
4. In the peak season and the exhibition, some hotels will be overloaded and may be far from old town or the city center, please be ready for situation.
5. Uzbekistan people used to eat a simple breakfast like in Europe. Hotel provide breakfast usually only bread, coffee, tea, fruit juice, egg (fried or boiled), Sausage, cheese, yogurt, milk. (all Halal food)
6. Uzbekistan's three or four-star hotel lobby are relatively small, no shopping centers, elevators can only take two people and luggage, most hotels do not have elevators;
7. Some hotels in Uzbekistan standard double room will be set up one big bed to facilitate a couple, Twin rooms provide 2 single beds separately; Triple room can provide 3 single beds
8. In accordance with Uzbekistan hotel practice, each room can accommodate two adults with a child under 1.2 meters (does not occupy the bed), if a child needs a small bed it should be booked in advance for extra cost;

## **Meal**

1. Dinner (lunch, dinner) are included in the tour price as per program. All Halal food.
2. There are many Russian, European and Uzbek menu offered in many restaurants.

## **Clothing**

Simple clothing makes the journey more relaxed and freehand. Of course, the hot-dry clothes and denim clothes are of course the most convenient. As Uzbekistan is a muslim country but it is somehow European style as well in the capital. However when you visit muslim mosques and madrasahs it is recommended to cover legs and head and shoulder. When packing, should focus on light, but unpredictable because of the weather changes, it should bring sweater coat, for emergency use.

## **Drinking water**

Tap water in Uzbekistan is good, but still is not recommended for foreign people. You can request hotel staff to bring boiled water if there is no boiling tea pot in the room. Bottled water in Uzbekistan is cheap, it is around 20 cents for 1 l

**Cash and bank card**

It is recommended to bring cash USD for your expenses to exchange at the banks and exchange offices. 1 USD=8300 Uzbek soums. Credit cards are not acceptable for shopping. When you arrive in Tashkent airport, if you have more than \$2000 cash USD you need to declare it on declaration form and go through Red corridor. If you have less than \$2000 you don't need to declare your money and just go through Green Corridor. Note, customs officer may randomly check if the person is bringing in more than 2000\$ and do not declare it. You can bring as much cash as you need, no restrictions. Just you need to declare it. When you leave Uzbekistan with more than \$2000 cash you need to show your old declaration form which you have filled in when you entered Uzbekistan. If you have less than \$2000 cash you don't need to declare your money and go through green corridor.

**Voltage**

Uzbekistan and Tajikistan uses 220 VOLTS everywhere. It is an European two round pin plugs.

**Safety**

Being away from home, personal safety is the most important issue. You may not worry about pickpocketing like in Europe. But don't leave your bags, camera and valuable stuff . You can safely walk in the streets in day and evening time. There is a special tourist police service now in Uzbekistan, If you are lost you can ask them to help you.

**Weather in Uzbekistan**

March is the beginning of Spring in Uzbekistan and average temperature in Day time is around 10+15+ C warm. It may rain. April to June is around 25-35 C warm. June-July-40-45 C warm, August-September 25-20 C warm, October-Nov 10-15 C. In The evening temperature is cool , around twice cooler. Spring and Autumn may be rainy and chilly.

Be prepared for long walking tours in Bukhara especially and have with you comfortable sports shoes as well as for Excavation sites.

Take with you torch flash light as you may need it when walking in the evening and when you want to climb minarets.

Thanks and warm regards from Uzbekistan  
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