



3 STANS – 15 DAYS ITINERARY – 2020

UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND TAJIKISTAN

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL TO TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY

Welcome to Uzbekistan! Upon your arrival to Tashkent airport, you'll be met and transferred to hotel to check in and rest. We'll have a welcome dinner at 7PM with short introduction about Uzbekistan – one of the economically developed states of the Central Asian region, occupying a bit more than 11% of the territory of Central Asia. Main branches of industry of the republic are linked with the cotton growing, silk production, fruit and vegetable production and irrigation construction. Today we'll overnight in Tashkent hotel.

✓ *Dinner*

DAY 2 – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 25, FRIDAY

After breakfast at the hotel, today we'll have a full day of sightseeing of Uzbekistan's capital city Tashkent. While full day of sightseeing in Tashkent for many travelers seem as a necessary stopover en route to the dream destinations, this historical city holds many unexpected surprises. First half of the day we'll visit old part of the city: Khast Imam Complex which displays unique Osman Koran thought to be the world's oldest Koran. Chorsu bazaar- is one of the oldest, biggest bazaars of Tashkent. Madrasah Kukeldash – is a significant architectural sight of the 16 century. After lunch we will continue on to modern part of the city: Independent square (Mustakillik) the main square of Tashkent, flanked by largest public buildings and walls of fountains. A. Navoi theatre square built in 1947 by Japanese prisoners in World War 2. Visits to museum of Amir Temur and museum of Handcraft Art will end our excursion of Tashkent, and we'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants and overnight at hotel in Tashkent.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 3 – TASHKENT – SAMARKAND – 190 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 26, SATURDAY

After breakfast we will take a train to world famous Samarkand located 190 mi from Tashkent. The road to Samarkand is via Syrdarya and Jizzakh provinces and takes approximately 3 hours. We will arrive to Samarkand in the afternoon, check in to hotel and have lunch. After short rest we'll start our excursion of Samarkand by visiting Paper Mills Factory where we'll have a presentation of paper production from mulberry tree, Afrasiyob Museum, Ulugbek's observatory – dated to 1428 - 1429 – known as biggest observatory of the East with best equipment to the time. After dinner at one of the local restaurants we'll transfer to hotel for overnight in Samarkand.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 4 – SAMARKAND (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 27, SUNDAY

After breakfast at the hotel today we'll have a full day sightseeing of Samarkand. Visit heart of the city – Registan Square which played great role in commercial and scientific life of the time. Gur Emir Mausoleum - mausoleum for the males of Temurid's dynasty, real masterpiece of Central Asian architecture. Shaki Zinda Necropolis in the northern outskirts of Samarkand. Bibi – Khanum Mosque construction of which started in 1399 after Victorian campaign of Temur to India. Central bazaar of Samarkand- Siyobian where we'll taste famous round bread (non) made only in Samarkand. After this long day, we'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants and overnight in Samarkand.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 5 – SAMARKAND – BUKHARA – 172 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 28, MONDAY

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart Samarkand for Bukhara. Stop on the way at the ruins of medieval monument Caravanserai Rabat-i-Malik. Continue driving to Bukhara via Gijduvan where we'll visit Abdulla's pottery house where we'll be offered short presentation and a cup of tea. Upon arrival to Bukhara, we'll accommodate at the hotel. Visit Chor Minor memorial. Today we'll dinner in one of the local restaurants and will overnight in Bukhara. Today we'll overnight in Bukhara.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 6 – BUKHARA (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 29, TUESDAY

After breakfast we'll have a full day of sightseeing of this ancient city. Bukhara is one of most historically rich cities on the Great Silk Road attracting attention of thousands of people with its unique heritage. Today we'll visit: Samanid's dynasty mausoleum known to be one of the best architectural samples of the Samanids period (875 - 999). Chashma Ayub Mausoleum – legend say is it of Prophet Jove. Bolo – Khauz Mosque. The Ark Forteress – Citadel is the most ancient memorial of Bukhara, on archeological matter dated to the 3rd century B.C. Kalon Complex – consists of minaret, Mosque and Madrasah both of which are still active. Magoki Attori Mosque. Ulugbek and Abdulazizi Khan madrasahs. Next we'll visit most popular place of Bukhara – reservoir Lyabi Khauz complex built in 1620 by khans' dignitary Nodir Devan Begi. We'll end

the day with a dinner at the local restaurant followed by a show program. Today we'll overnight in Bukhara.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 7— BUKHARA — FARAB — TURKMENABAT — MARY — 290 MI (UZBEKISTAN/TURKMENISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 30, WEDNESDAY

After breakfast we'll continue with half a day of sightseeing in Bukhara, visiting: former summer palace of Bukhara Emir Said Olimkhan – last Emir of Bukhara Sitara – iMokhi – Khosa, Museum of Decorative Applied Art. After Lunch we say good bye to Uzbekistan as we make our way to Turkmenistan border which is almost 1.5 hours of driving away. Upon arrival to the border point we'll go through custom procedures and continue on to drive directly to Mary via Turkmenabat which will take another 4.5 hours. On the way we'll cross the Floating Bridge (almost .5mi. long). We will proceed our way to Mary crossing one of the biggest deserts in the world known as Kara Kum Desert which means "black sand". Upon arrival in Mary we will accommodate in hotel and have dinner in one of the local restaurants. Overnight at hotel in Mary.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 8 — MARY — ASHGABAT (TURKMENISTAN)

OCTOBER 1, THURSDAY



After breakfast at the hotel, we'll make our way through sand dunes and bush forests of the desert, to an important excursion of Old Merv – Merv located at the road crossing of Great Silk Road quickly became one of most important and biggest cities of the ancient World. Sightseeing will include: Gyz Gala and Oglan Gala, Complex of Askhabs, Gyaur Gala, Erk Gala, Soltan Gala, Soltan Sanjar Mausoleum, Ibn Zeid Mausoleum. After lunch we'll take a walking tour within the central part of Mary City. Sightseeing Local United Museum of History, Ethnography, Flora and Fauna of Mary and Orthodox Church built by

Russians at the end of XIX century, the Regional Mosque of Mary Province, The Central Theater of Mary, The Convention and Conference Center "Ruhiyet Koshgi", Central Park and Monument of Mollanepes. Late afternoon transfer to the airport of Mary for flight to Ashgabat by flight T5-132 at 19:00. Upon arrival transfer to have dinner at local restaurant. Accommodate and overnight at hotel in Ashgabat.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 9— ASHGABAT (TURKMENISTAN)

OCTOBER 2, FRIDAY

Today after breakfast we'll proceed with sightseeing one of the most beautiful cities of the world which was recently included into the Book of Guinness as the Most-White Marble City. Today's sightseeing includes: Complex of Monuments of Oguz Han and Sons surrounded with fountains. Tombs of Turkmenbashy (first President of Turkmenistan S. Nyyazow) and his parents and brothers, Old Nissa - The Sanctuary of Parhian Kings, Nissa was the capital of Parthian Empire which lasted 600 years and was greatest enemy of Rome Empire. After excursions of Old Nissa we'll proceed to Monuments of Archabil Shayoly and discover new part of Ashgabat with its' modern buildings, monuments and parks which includes: Health Path of Turkmenbashy built on mountains which became very popular place among locals, Monument of Constitution and tallest building in Turkmenistan (600 feet), "Alem" Culture and Recreation Center. In the afternoon we'll transfer to hotel and check in. We'll have lunch at one of the local restaurants. After lunch we will continue with sightseeing of Ashgabat, visiting: Museum of Turkmen Carpets, Park dedicated to Turkmen horses-the pride of Turkmen, Gulistan Bazar, Monument for the Victims of the Earthquake of 1948, Monument of Lenin, Ertogrul Gazy Mosque. We'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants. After dinner we'll go for a night tour, driving along the main streets of Ashgabat making stop near Palace of Happiness. Dinner followed by a folk show program. Today we'll overnight at hotel in Ashgabat.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 10 — ASHGABAT — DASHOGUZ (TURKMENISTAN)

OCTOBER 3, SATURDAY

Today after breakfast we'll have another full day of sightseeing in Ashgabat which will include: Ashgabat's famous "Altyn Asyr" Oriental Bazar, Jygyldyk bazaar – one of the biggest bazaar in Central Asia. After bazaar we'll visit Hippodrome of Ashgabat where we'll see famous horses of Turkmenistan: Turkmen Horses – Akhalteke. We'll have lunch at one of the local restaurants in Ashgabat. After lunch we'll continue sightseeing of National Museum of History highly recommendable: one of the biggest museums in Central Asia. After Museum we'll be visiting Arch of Neutrality – famous rocket and tripod style built building symbolizing neutral status of Turkmenistan. Its' height is over 300 feet including 40 feet rotating statue of first President of Turkmenistan: Saparmyrat Nyyazow (Turkmenbashy). Enjoy short walking tour within the Park of Independency along the hundreds of fountains and statues with stops to visit Monuments of Independency and Ruhnama. Late afternoon transfer to the airport of Ashgabat for flight to Dashoguz by T5-109 at 19:20. Upon arrival transfer to have dinner at local restaurant. After dinner accommodation and rest. Today overnight is at hotel in Dashoguz.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 11— DASHOGUZ — KUNYA — URGENCH — KHIVA — 184 MI (TURKMENISTAN/UZBEKISTAN)

OCTOBER 4, SUNDAY

After breakfast at the hotel we'll proceed with drive of 75 mi to Koneurgench – the capital of Khorezmshahs, have sightseeing of Old City which will include: Portal of Caravansaray, Mamun Minaret, Il Arslan Mausoleum, Sultan Tekesh Mausoleum, Academy of Horezm, Kutlug Timur Minaret – one of the tallest minarets in Central Asia and Turabek Hanum Mausoleum. After half day excursion of Koneurgench we'll drive back to Dashoguz where we'll stop for a lunch at one

of the local restaurants. After lunch we'll transfer to the border pass Dashoguz – Shavat which is located 10 mi from Dashoguz. Upon arrival proceed the way through passport control and customs procedures and return to Uzbekistan. After border formalities on both sides we'll continue our way to Khiva. Upon arrival we'll accommodate in hotel in Khiva for rest and relaxation. Khiva is a fascinating place, walk through Ichan Kala – old walled city of Khiva, will give you an insight into the life led there from ancient days up to the present time. We'll have a dinner at the local restaurant followed by a show program. Overnight is at the hotel in Khiva.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 12 – KHIVA – URGENCH – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

OCTOBER 5, MONDAY

After breakfast at hotel today we'll have a full day sightseeing in Khiva: visit Ichan Kala – a UNESCO World Heritage Site including madrasah Muhammad Amin Khan, Kelta Minar, Kunya Ark, madrasah Muhammad Rakhimkhan. We'll have lunch at local restaurant and continue sightseeing program: visit Pakhlavan Mahmud Mausoleum, Islam Khodja Minaret and Madrasah, Djuma Mosque and Minaret, Tash Hovli Palace. After dinner at the local restaurant we'll proceed to airport for a flight back to Tashkent leaving at 08:40PM and arriving at 10:10PM (subject to change). Upon arrival to Tashkent, we'll accommodate in hotel for overnight and rest.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 13 – TASHKENT – KHUJAND – 104 MI (UZBEKISTAN/TAJIKISTAN)

OCTOBER 6, TUESDAY

After early breakfast at the hotel in Tashkent today we'll head on to a 1 day excursion of Tajikistan. We'll drive to the border check point Oybek and after border crossing formalities we'll continue on to city Khujand. Upon arrival we'll accommodate at the hotel after a long drive and start sightseeing. Khujand – the country's second largest city – situated in the north of Tajikistan and is one of its most ancient, founded about 2,300 years ago during the time of Alexander the Great. Standing in a favorable location in the Ferghana valley, Khujand prospered for a long time, becoming rich and building palaces, mosques, and citadels. In the 13th century it was conquered and destroyed by the Genghis Khan's army. We'll have a close city tour in second part of the day, and end the day with dinner at a local restaurant. We'll overnight in Khujand.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 14 – KHUJAND – OYBEK – TASHKENT – 104 MI (TAJIKISTAN/UZBEKISTAN)

OCTOBER 7, WEDNESDAY

After breakfast at the hotel we'll continue sightseeing of Khujand, visit ancient part of Khujand: Timurmaliq fortress, Archeology and History museums, Orient bazaar Panjshanbe – famous Panjshanbe city market is one of the most interesting sights of Khujand. Near the market we'll stop by Sheikh Muslihiddin Masque and Mausoleum, Museum of Archaeology and Respiration. We'll have lunch at the local restaurant and in the afternoon transfer back to Tashkent. Once back to Uzbekistan, we'll have a rest at the hotel before making a long way back home. We'll have a Farewell dinner followed by a show program and return to hotel for overnight in Tashkent.

✓ *Breakfast, lunch, dinner*

DAY 15 – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

OCTOBER 8, THURSDAY

Today is the last day of the tour; we'll have breakfast at the hotel and arrange transfer to the airport for your flight home. End of tour.

- ✓ *Breakfast*

PRICE – \$ 5,560.00 PER PERSON IN DOUBLE
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – \$ 900

2020 – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES:

<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>
➤ April 02	April 16
➤ April 16	April 30
➤ April 30	May 14
➤ May 21	June 04
➤ June 11	June 25
➤ August 27	September 10
➤ September 10	September 24
➤ September 24	October 08
➤ October 08	October 22
➤ October 29	November 12

HOTELS:

❖ Tashkent	<u><i>LOTTE City Tashkent Palace or similar</i></u>
❖ Samarkand	<u><i>Konstantin or similar</i></u>
❖ Bukhara	<u><i>Devon, Sasha & Son or similar</i></u>
❖ Mary	<u><i>Mary or similar</i></u>
❖ Ashgabat	<u><i>Yulduz or similar</i></u>
❖ Dashoguz	<u><i>Dashoguz or similar</i></u>
❖ Khiva	<u><i>Asia Khiva or similar</i></u>
❖ Khujand	<u><i>Parlament Palace or similar</i></u>

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Visa processing
- Hotel accommodation (double room sharing)
- Full Board Meals (B, L, D)*
- Bottles water (1lt per person per day)
- All Land Transfers with a/c
- Internal flights
- Accompany of guide/escort
- Entrance fees
- Show Programs

** Meals: Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch/Dinner consists of: 1 salad, 1 soup, 1 main course, bread, tea.*

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Tips in hotels, to the guides and drivers
- Any extra expenses for additional services in hotels
- Video and phone camera charges