

UZBEKISTAN – 10 DAYS ITINERARY

TASHKENT, SAMARKAND, BUKHARA, KHIVA

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL TO TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 22, TUESDAY

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 23, WEDNESDAY

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 24, THURSDAY

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 25, FRIDAY

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 26, SATURDAY

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 27, SUNDAY

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 (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 28, MONDAY

After breakfast we'll continue second full day of sightseeing in Bukhara: former summer palace of Bukhara Emir Said Olimkhan – last Emir of Bukhara, Sitora – iMokhi – Khosa, Museum of Decorative Applied Art. We'll be back to Bukhara in time for dinner and have another overnight in Bukhara.

✓ *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

DAY 8 – BUKHARA – KHIVA – 350 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 29, TUESDAY

After breakfast at the hotel, today we'll have a long day ahead making our way through Kyzyl Kum desert going from Bukhara to Khiva. We'll cover over 350 mi and spend most part of the day on the road. While it is a rather hard day, it is the only way to get from Bukhara to Khiva and we'll try to make it as pleasant as possible. On the way we'll make stops to visit ancient ruins Ayaz Kala and Toprak Kala. We'll have a picnic lunch and upon arrival 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 9 – KHIVA – URGENCH – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

SEPTEMBER 30, WEDNESDAY

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 by HY-1058 08:40/10:10 (subject to change). Upon arrival to Tashkent, we'll accommodate in hotel for overnight and rest.

✓ *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

DAY 10 – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

OCTOBER 1, 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 – \$ 2,595.00 PER PERSON IN DOUBLE

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – \$ 395.00

2020 – GUARANTEED DEPARTURES:

<u>START</u>	<u>END</u>
➤ March 31	April 9
➤ April 14	April 23
➤ April 28	May 7
➤ May 19	May 28
➤ June 9	June 18
➤ July 7	July 16
➤ August 25	September 3
➤ September 22	October 1
➤ October 6	October 15
➤ November 3	November 12

HOTELS:

❖ Tashkent	<u><i>LOTTE Tashkent Palace or similar</i></u>
❖ Samarkand	<u><i>Konstantin or similar</i></u>
❖ Bukhara	<u><i>Devon Begi or similar</i></u>
❖ Khiva	<u><i>Asia Khiva or similar</i></u>

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Letter of invitation
 - 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