

# Adventures in Uzbekistan

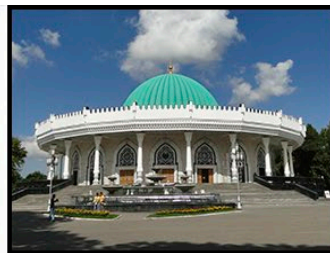
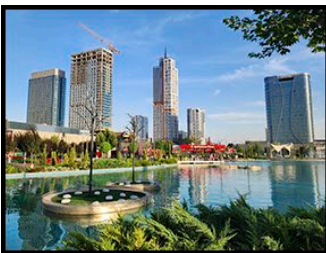


This unusual tour in Uzbekistan will introduce you not only to the world-famous monuments of the ancient cities of Uzbekistan - Samarkand, Bukhara, Tashkent, culture and traditions, but also to the extraordinary nature of Uzbekistan. You will see the real life of local residents in lost mountain villages, ride on Bactrian camels in the Kyzylkum desert, visit noisy oriental bazaars, taste famous Uzbek cuisine, oriental sweets, fruits, watermelons and melons, get acquainted with the works of national master craftsmen and bring home original souvenirs and gifts.

## TOUR PROGRAM

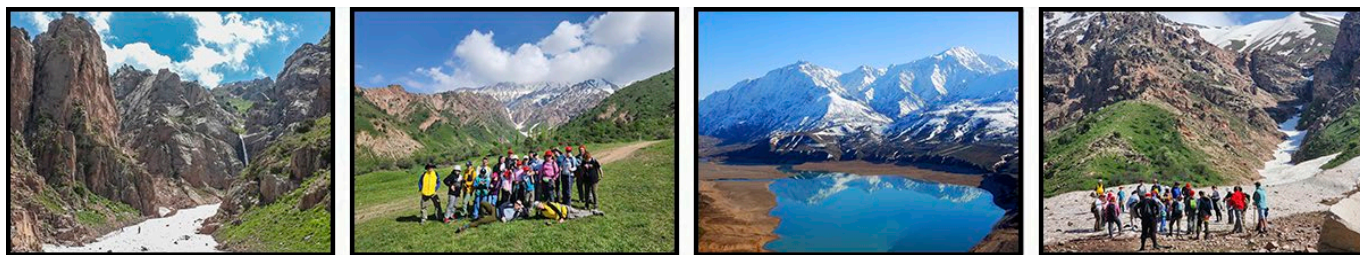
### Day 1. Arrival in Tashkent.

Morning arrive in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, a metropolis with a population of 3 million, check in to hotel and rest till afternoon after a long flight. After lunch - **excursion around Tashkent**: Old City: architectural and religious complex Khast-Imam (Khazret-Imam), with the grandiose Friday mosque, medieval mausoleum Kafal Shashi (XVI century), Barak Khan Madrasah (XVI century), Muiy Madrasah Muborak with one of their original Korans of Caliph Osman (7th century), one of the oldest in the world; operating Kukeldash madrasah (XVI-XVII, colorful oriental bazaar Chorsu. People's Friendship Square; Amir Temur (Tamerlane) square with a park, an equestrian statue of Tamerlane, surrounded by historical and administrative buildings - the Palace of Forums, the Temurids Museum, Tashkent chimes, the original hotel building "Uzbekistan"; the monument "Courage" - a memorial about the devastating disaster - the Tashkent earthquake of 1966; the Opera and Ballet Theater (1945) and the light and music fountain; Mustakillik (Independence) Square with the Independence Monument, the Ezgulik arch, the eternal flame, fountains; Palace of Grand Duke N.K. Romanov (1891), Metro.



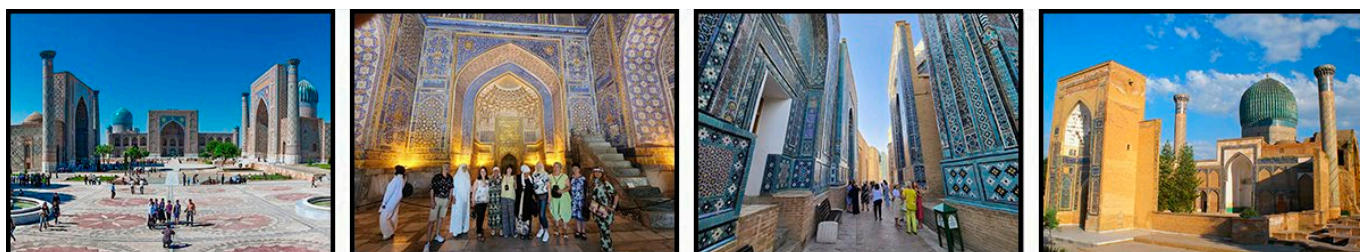
**Day 2. Tashkent – Chimgan – Tashkent. Walking in the mountains** Today we drive to the picturesque mountains in the Ugam-Chatkal Natural Park, located in the mountains of the southwestern Tien Shan, 90 km from Tashkent. We will visit a unique solar complex with the largest solar in the world, the all-season resort of Amirsay, where we will take a cable car and gondola to an observation point with magnificent views of the Tien Shan Mountains and the dominant peak of the region, the Big Chimgan peak (3308m). If the group wishes, you can take a walk ( 3-4 hours) along the Aksai gorge to the "black" or "red"

waterfall. Return to Tashkent through the Charvak mountain reservoir, formed by the confluence of the three rivers Chatkal, Pskem, Koxsu and the grandiose dam of the Charvak hydroelectric station.



### Day 3. Tashkent-Samarkand (High-speed train Afrosiab). Excursion

Today we are waiting for the legendary Samarkand, a city with a 2700-year history. On the AFROSIAB high-speed train we will cover 300 km just in 2 hours. Upon arrival in Samarkand, we will be met by a guide and given a city tour: the “Heart” of Samarkand - Registan Square (XIV-XVI centuries) with 3 famous madrassas: Sherdor, Ulugbek and Tillya-Kori, the grandiose Bibi-Khanum Cathedral Mosque (XV century), the magnificent Gur-Emir mausoleum (XV century), in which Tamerlane, his sons and grandson Ulugbek are buried.



### Day 4. Samarkand, excursion. Transfer to the yurt camp “Safari” (350 km/5 hours)

After breakfast, we continue our excursion in Samarkand: Observatory of Ulugbek (1420) - the grandson of Tamerlane, a famous ruler and astronomer, Shahi-Zinda (XI-XVIII centuries) - necropolis of the rulers and nobility of Samarkand, consisting of many magnificently decorated mausoleums, tourist ethnic village “Konigil”. After lunch we drive to the west, Kyzylkum desert, where we will stay for overnight at the Safari yurt camp. On the way we cross the Nurata ridge. Arriving at the camp, after dinner, a large fire is lit, sitting around it, we listen to the songs of the local singer “akyn” and admire the incredibly bright constellations.

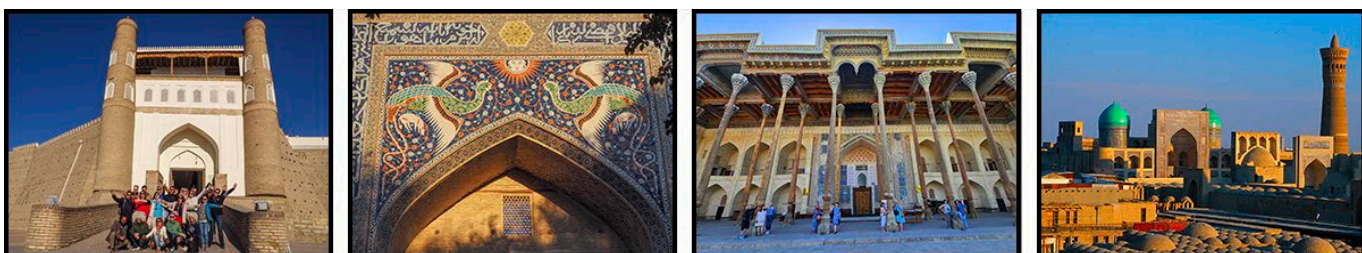


**Day 5. Yurt camp “Safari” – Gijduvan – Bukhara (250 km/5 hours)** After breakfast, we ride Bactrian camels, walk around the camp, get acquainted with the flora and fauna of the desert, then move (4 km) to Lake Aydarkul. Aidar Kul is a huge (more than 200 km long and up to 15 km wide) lake, surrounded on all sides by the sands and dunes of the Kyzylkum desert. Here we relax, swim on the sandy beach, have lunch. After lunch we leave the sands and go to Bukhara. On the way, a stop in Gijduvan, a small town famous for its ceramic potters, Gijduvan kebab and Gijduvan apricot kernels baked in ash. Visit to the Gijduvani memorial and cult complex with a mausoleum and madrasah, a master class on making and painting ceramic dishes in the family of the illustrious dynasty (8 generations) of Nazrullaev ceramists. Next we go to Bukhara - a fabulous ancient city. Upon arrival in Bukhara, check into a hotel. Rest.



## Day 6. Bukhara, excursion.

**Excursion around Bukhara:** Lyabi-Khauz complex (XVI-XVII centuries) - the “heart” of old Bukhara with an ancient reservoir, Nodir Divanbegi Madrasah (XVII century); Kukeldash Madrasah (XVI century); with an original bronze sculpture of the sage Khoja Nasreddin on a donkey;; Mausoleum of the Samanids (IX - X centuries) - the family tomb of the rulers of Bukhara, the oldest in Central Asia; Mazar Chashma Ayub (XIV - XIX centuries) - mausoleum - sarcophagus over an ancient sacred spring; Ark fortress (VII – XIX centuries) – residence of Bukhara rulers - emirs; the Poi-Kalyan complex (XI-XVI centuries) is the visiting card of Bukhara with the Kalyan minaret (XI century) 47 meters high, with the existing Miri-Arab madrasah (XVI century), the Kalyan mosque (XV century) with the original multi-domed gallery; Trade domes (16th century), where local craftsmen sold their products since ancient times. And today tourists can buy magnificent souvenirs and products of folk craftsmen here: gold embroidery, carpets, suzani, ceramics, embossing, knives and much more.



## Day 7. Bukhara. Flight home.

Free time for walk, to buy souvenirs, shopping by yourself. Flight home.



## Day 8. Flight home.

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### TRANSPORT

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1 – 2 pax.



**CHEVROLET**  
Cobalt / Lacetti

3 – 6 pax.



**HYUNDAI H1**

7 – 9 pax.



**TOYOTA**  
HIACE

10-14 pax.



**MITSUBISHI**  
ROSA

15 – 20 pax.



**YUTONG 30**

21-43 pax.



**YUTONG 45**

## TOUR COST

Pax number	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>3* hotels \$/pax</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>4* hotels \$/pax</b>	<b>1350</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>730</b>

### Included in cost:

- ✓ accommodation in hotels (see table below) in standard double rooms (DBL/TWIN);
- ✓ **6 nights**; 1 night in yurt
- ✓ **food**: breakfasts in hotels; lunch and dinner at the yurt camp
- ✓ **transport** (see table below) for all transfers according to the program;
- ✓ **economy class train tickets** for all trains according to the program;
- ✓ **local guides for excursion** days according to the program; each city has a separate guide;
- ✓ Guide for trips to the mountains and desert only in a group of 10 people and above
- ✓ entrance tickets to the main monuments indicated in the program;
- ✓ mineral water 1 l / 1 person. / 1 day;

### The tour price does not include:

- **meals**: from 20 \$/person. for 1 lunch or 1 dinner;
- guide in the mountains and desert (2, 4 and 5 days) in a group less of 10 people . The driver will help you with everything. If you need a guide, then an additional payment for these days is \$300 per group.
- additional payment for an one escort guide along the entire route (in place of local guides) – \$ 740
- expenses for photo and video shooting in museums and other places where fees are charged;
- personal insurance;
- international and domestic air tickets;
- other services not listed in the “included” column!
- **supplement for single supplement: 3\* hotels - \$105, 4\* hotels - \$180**

## ACCOMMODATION

(Check in / Check out time 14:00 / 12:00)

CITIES	TOURISTIC, Hotels 3*	PREMIUM, Hotels 4*
<b>TASHKENT</b>	Gabrielle International / Milan <i>Or similar</i>	City Palace <i>Or similar</i>
<b>SAMARKAND</b>	City / Malika Prime <i>Or similar</i>	Continental / Zeravsan Parkside <i>Or similar</i>
<b>Kyzyl-Kum Desert</b>	<b>Юртовой лагерь</b>	<b>Юртовой лагерь</b>
<b>BUKHARA</b>	Sultan / Fatima / Volida <i>Or similar</i>	Wyndham Bukhara\ Paradise PLaza <i>Or similar</i>



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