# All Uzbekistan



An interesting historical and educational tour will introduce you to the most fascinating places in Uzbekistan: from the ancient lands of Khorezm and Karakalpakstan in the northwest to the Fergana Valley and the Pamir-Alay mountain range in the east, from the Tien Shan Mountains in the north to the ancient city of Termez on the Amu Darya River in the south. You will visit ancient UNESCO World Heritage monuments in Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva, explore the ancient fortresses of Khorezm, see the ruins of Buddhist monasteries, and experience the blooming Fergana Valley with its magnificent artisans. Throughout the trip, you will encounter a variety of landscapes: steppes and deserts transforming into blooming oases and snow-capped mountains. And everywhere, you will be welcomed by the hospitality of the local residents, who uphold centuries-old traditions.

**Route:** Tashkent – Nukus – Khiva – Bukhara – Karshi – Termez – Shakhrisabz – Samarkand – Fergana – Kokand – Margilan – Tashkent – Chimgan – Tashkent.

#### **TOUR PROGRAM**

Day 1. Arrival in the capital of Uzbekistan, Tashkent. Transfer to the hotel and rest. Excursion around Tashkent – Old City: Visit the architectural and religious complex of Khast-Imam (Khazret-Imam), featuring the grandiose Friday Mosque, the medieval mausoleum of Kafal Shashi (16th century), the Barak Khan Madrasah (16th century), and the Muyi Muborak Madrasah, which houses one of the original Korans of Caliph Osman (7th century) – the oldest in the world. Also, explore the functioning Kukeldash Madrasah (16th-17th century) and the colorful oriental bazaar of Chorsu.Next, visit Friendship of Peoples Square and Amir Temur (Tamerlane) Square, which includes a park and an equestrian statue of Tamerlane, surrounded by historical and administrative buildings: the Palace of Forums, the Temurids Museum, the Tashkent Chimes, and the original building of the Uzbekistan Hotel. Then, see the Courage Monument, a memorial to the devastating Tashkent earthquake of 1966, and the Opera and Ballet Theater (1945). Continue to Mustaqillik (Independence) Square, where you'll find the Independence Monument, the Ezgulik Arch, an eternal flame, and fountains. Finally, visit the Palace of Grand Duke N.K. Romanov (1891), the Museum of Decorative and Applied Arts, and the metro.



**Day 2:** Flight to Nukus, the capital of the autonomous Karakalpakstan. Visit the famous Savitsky National Museum, which houses the world's second-largest collection of Russian and Soviet avant-garde art, as well as a magnificent collection of historical artifacts from ancient Khorezm and an ethnographic collection of the Karakalpak people. After lunch, visit the ancient necropolis of Mizdakhkan: the "world clock," the seven-domed mausoleum of the giant hero Shamun-Nabi, the Jumart Kasab sanctuary, the mausoleum of Caliph Eredzhep (11th century), the underground mausoleum of the beauty Nazlymkhan-Sulu (12th–14th centuries) adorned with magnificent majolica, and the ruins of the ancient fortress of Gyaur-Kala.



**Day 3. Transfer to Khiva**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (260 km, 5–7 hours). On the way, visit the Zoroastrian dakhma Chalpyk and the ancient fortresses of Dzhampyk-Kala and Ayaz-Kala (1st–2nd centuries).

**Day 4. Excursion to Khiva:** Ichan Kala – an open-air museum city; Kalta-Minor Minaret (19th century) decorated with colored tiles; Kunya Ark Fortress (17th century) – the former residence of the Khiva khans; Pakhlavan Makhmud Complex (14th–19th centuries) – dedicated to a national hero and poet; Islam Khoja Minaret and Madrasah (1908); Juma Mosque (10th–18th centuries); Tash Khauli; and Allakuli Khan Palaces (18th–19th centuries). Visit artisan workshops where you can observe the production of Khiva wool and silk carpets, embroidery, ceramics, and wood inlay.



**Day 5. Transfer to the fabulous city of Bukhara,** one of the most ancient cities of the East (480 km, 7–8 hours), through the Kyzylkum Desert, with photo stops in the desert and on the banks of the Amu Darya River.

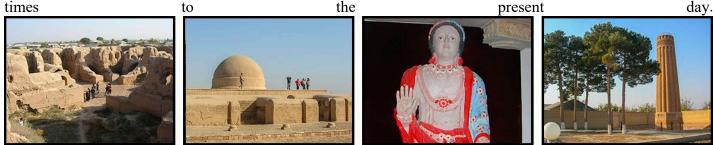
**Day 6. Excursions in Bukhara:** the Samanid Mausoleum (9th–10th centuries) – the family tomb of the rulers of Bukhara, and the oldest in Central Asia; Mazar Chashma Ayub (14th–19th centuries) – a mausoleum-sarcophagus over an ancient sacred spring; Ark Fortress (7th–19th centuries) – the residence of Bukhara's rulers, the emirs; Poi-Kalyan Complex (11th–16th centuries) – the calling card of Bukhara, featuring the Kalyan Minaret (11th century), standing 47 meters high, the functioning Miri-Arab Madrasah (16th century), and the Kalyan Mosque (15th century) with its original multi-domed gallery.Explore the trading domes (16th century), where local craftsmen have sold their products since ancient times. Even today, tourists can purchase

magnificent souvenirs and handicrafts, including gold embroidery, carpets, suzani, ceramics, embossing, knives, and more. Visit the Lyabi-Khauz Complex (16th–17th centuries) – the "heart" of old Bukhara, featuring an ancient pool and the Nodir Divanbegi Madrasah (17th century). Also, see Chor-Minor (18th century), a small mosque with an original shape and four minarets, and Sitora-i-Mohi Khosa (19th century), the summer residence of the last emir of Bukhara. The palace interiors are richly decorated with magnificent paintings, stucco, wood carving, and ganch.



**Day 7. Transfer from Bukhara to Karshi** and then to Termez (Kashkadarya region). Highlights include Sardoba (16th century) – a domed structure for collecting and storing water made of burnt brick; a brick and stone bridge across the Kashkadarya River (16th century); Odin Madrasah (16th century); and Kok Gumbaz Mosque (16th century). The journey covers 400 km and takes 7–8 hours. On the way, enjoy a short excursion to Karshi, the regional center.

**Day 8. Excursion to ancient Termez** – the southernmost city of Uzbekistan – and its immediate surroundings. Visit the Buddhist complex Fayaz-Tepe (1st century), a UNESCO site; the Kyrk-Kiz complex (9th–10th centuries); the mausoleum of Hakim al-Termezi (748–869), the founder of an influential Sufi order; and the ancient settlement of Kampyr-Tepa (40 km from Termez), which is possibly the legendary ancient Alexandria Oxiana. Explore the historical museum, which houses a rich collection of artifacts from ancient



**Day 9. Transfer to Shakhrisabz** – the birthplace of Amir Temur (Tamerlane), a great commander and statesman and the founder of a vast medieval empire (350 km, 5–6 hours). On the way, visit the unique Jarkurgan "corrugated" minaret (12th century). Upon arrival in Shakhrisabz, enjoy excursions to the ruins of the Ak Saray Palace (1380–1404), the Dorut-Tillyavat Ensemble (14th–15th centuries), the Dorus-Saodat Ensemble (14th century), the Amir Temur monument, Kok Gumbaz Mosque (1435), Jami Mosque (1915), and the Chorsu Trading Dome.



**Day 10. Transfer to the legendary Samarkand**, a city as old as Rome (170 km, 3 hours). Excursion highlights include "the heart" of Samarkand – Registan Square (14th–16th centuries) with its three famous madrassas: Sherdor, Ulugbek, and Tillya-Kori; the grandiose Bibi-Khanum Cathedral Mosque (15th century); and the

magnificent Gur-Emir Mausoleum (15th century), where Tamerlane, his sons, and his grandson Ulugbek are buried.



**Day 11. Continue the excursion around Samarkand.** Visit the Ulugbek Observatory (1420) – built by Ulugbek, the grandson of Tamerlane, a renowned ruler and scientist-astronomer; Shakhi-Zinda (11th–18th centuries) – the necropolis of the rulers and nobility of Samarkand, consisting of many beautifully decorated mausoleums; and the exotic Siab Bazaar. Transfer to Tashkent (350 km, 4–5 hours).



**Day 12. Transfer by train to Kokand,** an ancient city and the gateway to the "Golden" Fergana Valley (08:00 - 11:50). **Excursion in Kokand**: visit the palace-residence of Khudoyar Khan (1871), which houses the local history museum; the Norbut-Biya madrasah (18th century); and the Modarikhon mausoleum (19th century). Afterward, transfer to Fergana (350 km, approximately 3 hours) via Rishtan, a small town famous for its dynasties of potters and master ceramists. Here, you can watch them at work and purchase original items as souvenirs.



Day 13. Excursion to Margilan to visit the Yodgorlik silk factory, where you can learn about the manual production process of silk fabrics, from unwinding the cocoon to dyeing. You can also purchase inexpensive silk souvenirs. Afterward, explore the original architectural complex of Pir Sadik, which dates back to the 17th century and includes a mausoleum, mosque, minaret, and dovecote. Later, transfer by train to Tashkent (16:03 - 20:45).





Day 15. Flight home

TOUR PRICE					
Number of pax	2	3	4	5	6
Hotels 3*\$/pax	2210	1990	1730	1575	1540
Hotels 4*\$/pax	2645	2420	2160	2005	1970

### The price includes:

- ✓ accommodation in 3\*/4\* hotels (see table below) in DBL/TWIN standard rooms; 14 nights;
- ✓ meals: breakfasts in hotels;
- ✓ comfortable transport (see table below) for all transfers according to the program;
- ✓ local guides for excursion days according to the program; a separate guide in each city;
- ✓ entrance tickets to the monuments specified in the program
- ✓ train tickets (economy class) Tashkent-Kokand and Margilan-Kokand
- ✓ air ticket Tashkent-Nukus

#### The tour price does not include:

- meals: half / full board; from 20\$ /pax for lunch and 25\$ /pax for dinner.
  - cable car ticket 20\$ /pax
- expenses for photo and video shooting in museums and other places where a fee is charged;
- personal insurance;
- international air tickets;
- surcharge for single occupancy: 3\* hotels -375\$, 4\* hotels - 705\$
- Supplement for an accompanying guide along the entire route for a group. (instead of local guides) 1260\$

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#### ACCOMMODATION

CITIES	Отели 3*	Отели 4*		
CITILS	Checkout time 14:00 / 12:00	<i>Checkout time 14:00 / 12:00</i>		
TASHKENT	Gabrielle International / Milan	City Palace / Holiday Inn		
	or similar	or similar		
SAMARKAND	Malika Prime / City	Zarafshon Parkside / Movenpick		
	or similar	Samarkand		
	or similar	or similar		
KHIVA	Minor Boutique / Malika Kheivak	Asia / Farovon		
	or similar	or similar		
NUKUS	Jibek Joly / Tashkent	Pana / Tashkent		
	or similar	or similar		
BIKHARA	Sultan / Fatima / Volida /	Wyndham Bukhara / Alexia Suite		
	or similar	or similar		
TERMEZ	Termez Palace	Hilton Garden Inn Termez		
	or similar	or similar		
SHAKHRISABZ	Kesh Palace / Ulugbek	Kesh Palace / Ulugbek		
	or similar	or similar		
FERGANA	Asia Fergana / Terra Nova	777 Club Hotel		
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