

Biking Through the Vineyards of Parkent

An interesting and engaging bike ride in the foothills of the Chatkal mountain range of the Southwestern Tian Shan, in the area of famous vineyards and fruit farms, as well as exotic mountain villages of Uzbekistan.

Dates: March – October

A support vehicle accompanies the biking group, carrying bicycles and participants' belongings. Tired cyclists can ride part of the route in the vehicle.

PROGRAM

8:00 – 9:30: Transfer from Tashkent to the mountain village of Krasnogorsk (760m) in the foothills of the Chatkal mountain range (60 km, 1.5 hours).

9:30 - 10:30: Adjustment of bicycles for each participant. A brief briefing on the route and essential safety measures for biking on mountain roads.

10:30 - 15:00: Cycling (52 km, ~5-6 hours, asphalt). The route runs through the hills in the foothills of the Tian Shan, passing through the exotic mountain villages of Nevik, Shampan, Sukok, and Zarkent. Here, under the gentle sun of Uzbekistan, the best varieties of wine grapes ripen. Tourists can taste wine in one of the local residents' homes. The highlight at the end of the biking experience is a tour of the unique Helio Complex, which features the largest solar furnace in the world. Built in the 1980s, the complex still amazes with its fantastic "space" appearance, resembling either a launch pad or an alien station.

15:00 - 16:30: Transfer back to Tashkent (50 km, 1-1.5 hours).



Tour Cost:

Number of People	1	2	3	4	5	6 и более
Cost (\$/person)	160	130	125	120	115	110

Included in the tour cost:

- Transport – escort vehicle throughout the tour according to the program
- Mineral water
- Rental of MTB bike and protective helmet
- First aid kit (with the driver or bike guide)

Not included in the tour cost:

- Bike guide (if needed) – \$150/group
- Additional fee for replacing the MTB bike with an e-bike (range 80-100 km) – \$20/person
- Entrance tickets to the Helio Complex – \$5/person
- Lunch at one of the national cafes in Sukok or Kumyshkan – from \$15/person
- Alcoholic beverages
- Medical insurance
- Tips for the staff