

Classic Uzbekistan

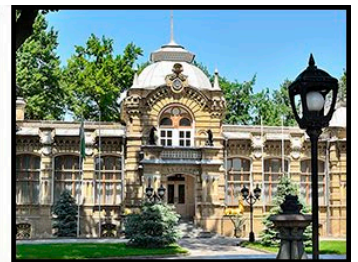
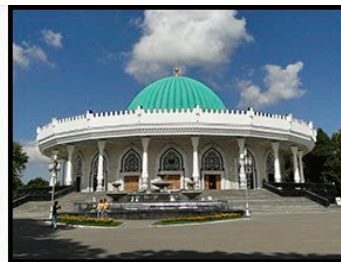
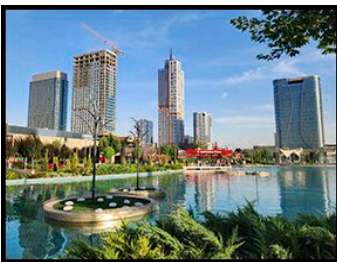


Our coach tour will immerse you deeply in the history of **most ancient cities of the world - Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva**. World famous monuments of ancient architecture remember **Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan**. In Medieval times Samarkand was the center of **Tamerlane's Empire**. Here more than 20 centuries ago numerous caravans carried precious silk, gold, porcelain and spices along the Great Silk Road connecting China to Europe. Tall and elegant minarets, grandiose madrasahs and mosques, medieval palaces and mausoleums decorated with incredibly rich ceramic ornaments, bustle and colors of oriental bazaars, thrilling legends, you will taste delicious dishes of Uzbek cuisine, get acquainted with the original art of local craftsmen. warm hospitality and ancient traditions of local people will leave indelible imprints in the memory of tourists.

Itinerary: Tashkent –Samarkand– Bukhara – Khiva – Urgench

PROGRAM OF THE TOUR

Day 1. Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan, the largest metropolis in Central Asia with 3.5 million people and a 25-century history.



Arrival to Tashkent. Transfer to the hotel and rest. Early check-in and hotel accommodation NOT included.

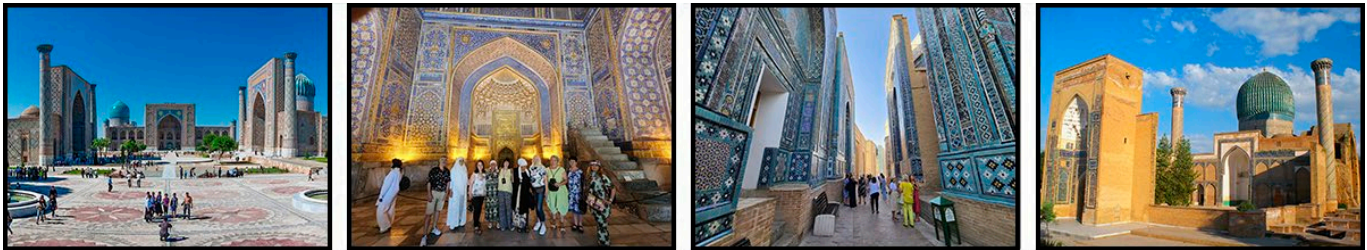
14:00 Sightseeing in Tashkent: Old city: architectural and religious complex Khast-Imam (Khazret-Imam), with a grandiose Friday mosque, the medieval mausoleum Kafal Shashi (XVI century), Barak Khan madrasah (XVI century), Muyi Muborak madrasah with one of their original Korans Caliph Osman (VII century), 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. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2. Samarkand is the oldest city in the East with a 27-century history, the same age as Rome, the UNESCO facility.

After breakfast transfer to Samarkand by speed train "Afrosiab" 8.00 - 10.30.

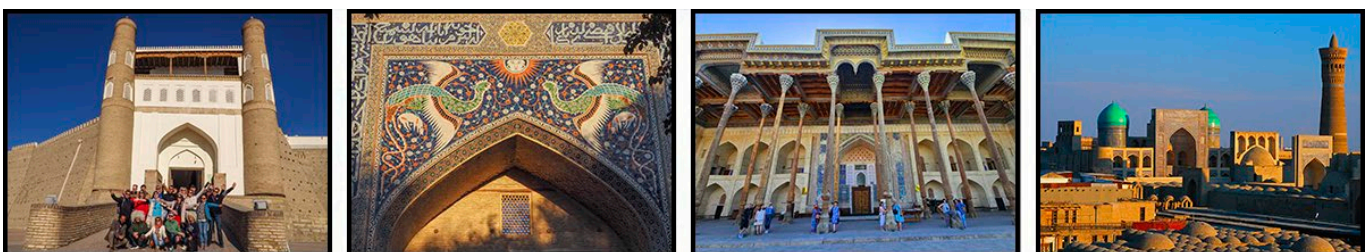
After arriving to Samarkand. Sightseeing; Registan square – the "heart" of Samarkand - ensemble of 3 majestic madrasahs (XIV-XVI c.c.) – Sherdor, Ulugbek and Tillya Qory, Bibi-Khanum the gigantic cathedral Mosque (XV c.), Gur-Emir Mausoleum of Timur (Tamerlane), his sons and grandson Ulugbek (XV c.). Siab bazaar. Overnight at hotel.



Day 3. Continue Sightseeing in Samarkand: Tamerlane's grandson Ulugbek's the well-known ruler and astronomer-scientist observatory (1420 y.) - the remains of an immense (30 m. tall) astrolabe for observing stars position, Shakh-Zinda – "The Living King" (XI-XVIII c.c.) Necropolis of Samarkand rulers and noblemen, consisting of set of superb decorated mausoleums, Ethnic village of Kanigil, "Eternal City" complex. Overnight at hotel



Day 4. Transfer from Samarkand to Bukhara by speed train "Afrosiab" 10:30-11:50. Sightseeing in Bukhara the Samanids mausoleum (IX-X cc), Ark citadel (IV-XX cc) - the oldest residence of the Emirs, Chor-Minor – the original building of four minarets (XIX c).Sitorai-Mohi-Hosa Palace (XIX-XX cc) - country summer palace of Bukhara Emirs. Overnight at hotel



Day 5. Bukhara is one of the oldest cities in the East with a 25-century history, the spiritual capital of Uzbekistan, UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Continue of sightseeing in Bukhara: (walking): "The heart of Bukhara – historic- architectural complex Lyabi-Khauz with the oldest in Central Asia pool (XIV-XVII c) surrounded by medieval buildings madrasah and khanaka of Nadira Divan-begi (XV-XVI c) with the facade, decorated with gorgeous

mosaic, Kukeldash madrasah (XV c) - the largest madrasah in Bukhara. Poi-Kalyan Complex includes: 48 m minaret Kalyan (XII c) – the symbol of Bukhara; large Friday mosque Kalyan (XV c) with galleries topped with 288 domes of 1 hectare area; the only one active madrasah in Bukhara Miri-Arab (XVI c). Free time for shopping. Overnight at hotel



Day 6. Drive through Kyzyl-Kum desert to Khiva (~480km; 7-8h.). En route a short stop for walking along Kyzyl-Kum desert and on a picturesque bank of Amudarya river. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7. Khiva is the oldest city in the Khorezm oasis, the capital of the Khiva Khans, UNESCO facility.

After breakfast start sightseeing in Khiva: Ichan Kala – the museum under one sky, protected by the UNESCO as one of the world heritage masterpiece. Kalta-Minor Minaret (1855) – incomplete minaret of 26m height and base diameter of 16m height. It was planned as a highest minaret in Central Asia. Kunya-Ark (XVII-XIX cc) – the first palace of Khiva’s khans, Pahlovan Mahmud mausoleum (XIV-XIX c), Islam Khodja madrasah and minaret (1908 y.). Juma-mosque (1789) - the original Friday mosque with flat roof, propped up by 218 wooden carved columns (X-XIX c) with magnificent acoustics. Overnight at hotel.



Day 8. Transfer from Khiva to Urgench. Departure from Urgench airport.

COST OF THE TOUR

PAX		2	3	4	5	6
USD /PAX	Hotels 3*	1000	965	840	770	735
	Hotels 4*	1215	1180	1055	985	950

Cost includes:

- Accommodation in standard twin/double rooms;
- Meals: breakfasts at hotel;
- Transport for all transfers according to program;
- Excursions in each city with local guides;
- Entrance fees to main tourist sites according to program;
- Train tickets "Afrosiab" (Tashkent - Samarkand)
- Train tickets "Afrosiab" (Samarkand- Bukhara) economy class

Cost does not include:

- International flights;
- meals: half / full board throughout;
- all services not mentioned as above;
- photo- & video shooting fees in museums;
- medical insurance.
- Letter of invitation (visa support letter);

Other surcharge on tour (at your request):

Extra charge for single supplement:

- 3*- hotels – \$ 160

- 4*- hotels – \$275

Extra charge for meals:

- half board (7 lunch) – 140 \$/pax;

- full board (7 lunches / 7 dinners) - 315\$/pax;

Extra cost for Escort Guide for the whole tour_ instead of Local guide.- **850\$**

1. Folklore show in Samarkand - El Merosi (theatrical national costume) - **20\$/pax;**
2. Folklore show in Bukhara (madrrasah Nodir Devon Begi) - **15\$/pax;**
3. Folk show in Khiva (madrrasah AllaKuli Khan) - **20\$/pax**
4. Master class for cooking a national dish "pilaf" - **20\$/pax; available from 5 people!**
5. Master class in the manufacture of ceramics in Gizhduvan (Nazrullaev family) - **20\$/pax;**
6. Tasting of Uzbek wines in Samarkand (House-Museum of Khovrenko) - **30\$/pax;**

Transport

1 – 2 pax.

CHEVROLET Cobalt

3 – 5 pax.

HYUNDAI H1

6 – 8 pax.

TOYOTA HIACE

9 – 12 pax.MITSUBISHI
ROSA**13 – 19 pax.**

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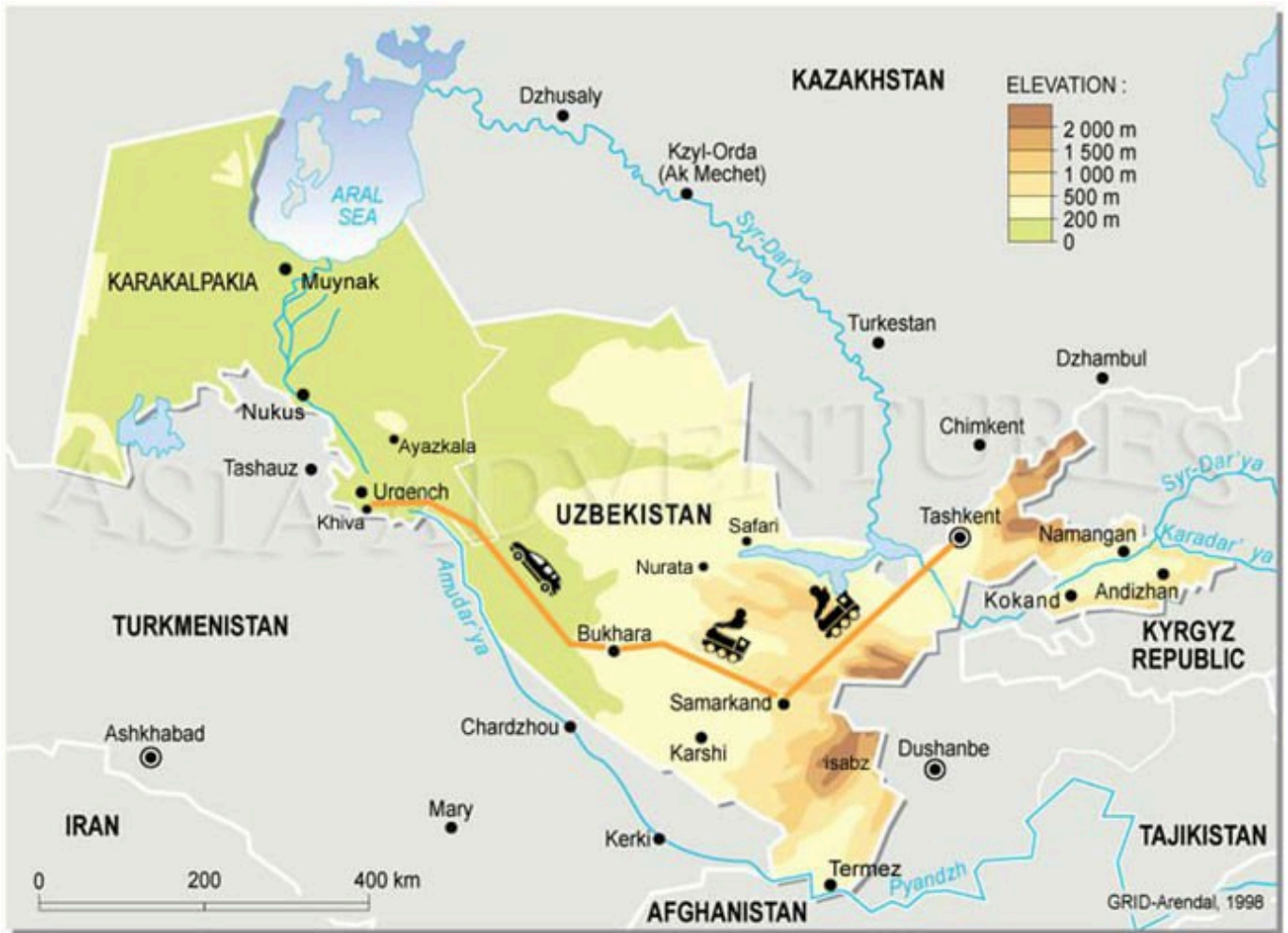
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Hotels

In all hotels check-in starts at 14:00 pm, check-out at 12:00 pm

CITIES	TOURISTIC hotels 3*	PREMIUM hotels 4*
KHIVA	Malika Kheivak / Zaravshan Boutique <i>or similar</i>	Farovon / Asia Khiva <i>or similar</i>
BUKHARA	Fatima / Kavsar / Volida <i>or similar</i>	Wyndham Bukhara <i>or similar</i>
SAMARKAND	City / Ideal / Malika Prime <i>or similar</i>	Zeravshan Parkside / Movenpick <i>or similar</i>
TASHKENT	Milan / Gabrielle International <i>or similar</i>	City Palace/Windham Tashkent <i>or similar</i>



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