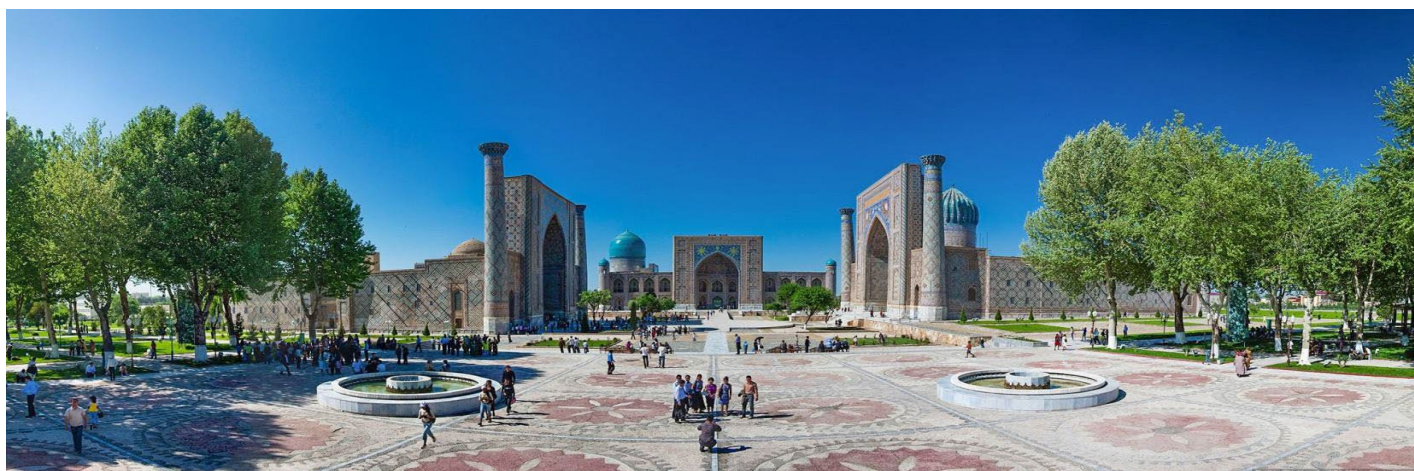


Uzbekistan. Legendary Samarkand. Magical Bukhara.



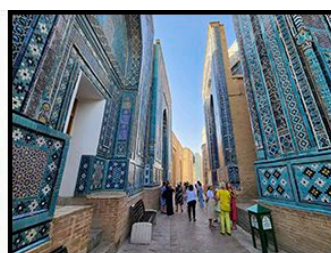
The express tour includes only 2 cities of Uzbekistan **Samarkand and Bukhara**, but which ones!!! **These are some of the oldest cities in the world, where Great civilizations and Empires developed.** World famous monuments of ancient architecture remember **Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan.** In 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. Great scientists and poets of antiquity worked here - Avicenna, Omar Khayyam, Navoi, Ulugbek. 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: Samarkand– Bukhara

PROGRAM OF THE TOUR

Day 1. Samarkand is the oldest city in the East with a 27-century history, the same age as Rome, the UNESCO facility.

Arrival to Samarkand. Transfer to the hotel and rest. Early check-in and hotel accommodation included. Rest. After lunch Sightseeing: Registan square – the "heart" of Samarkand - ensemble of 3 majestic madrasahs (XIV-XVI c.c.) – Sherdord, 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.

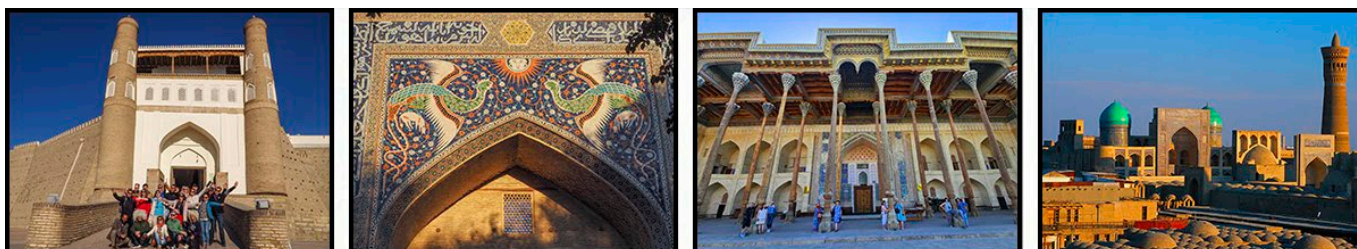


Day 2. Continue Sightseeing in Samarkand: Tamerlane's grandson Ulugbek's the well-known ruler and astronomer-scientist observatory (1420 y.) - the remains of an immense (30 m. tall) astrolabe for observing

stars position, Shakhi-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 3. 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 4. 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 5. Departure to home.

COST OF THE TOUR

PAX		2	3	4	5	6
USD /PAX	Hotels 3*	560	510	450	415	400
	Hotels 4*	740	690	630	595	580

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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20-43 pax.



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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" (Samarkand- Bukhara) economy class

Extra charge for single supplement:

- **3***- hotels – 110\$
- **4***- hotels – 230\$

Extra charge for meals:

- half board (5 lunch) – 80 \$/pax;
- full board (5 lunches / 5 dinners) - 180\$/pax;

Extra cost for Escort Guide for the whole tour_ instead of Local guide.- **420\$**

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);

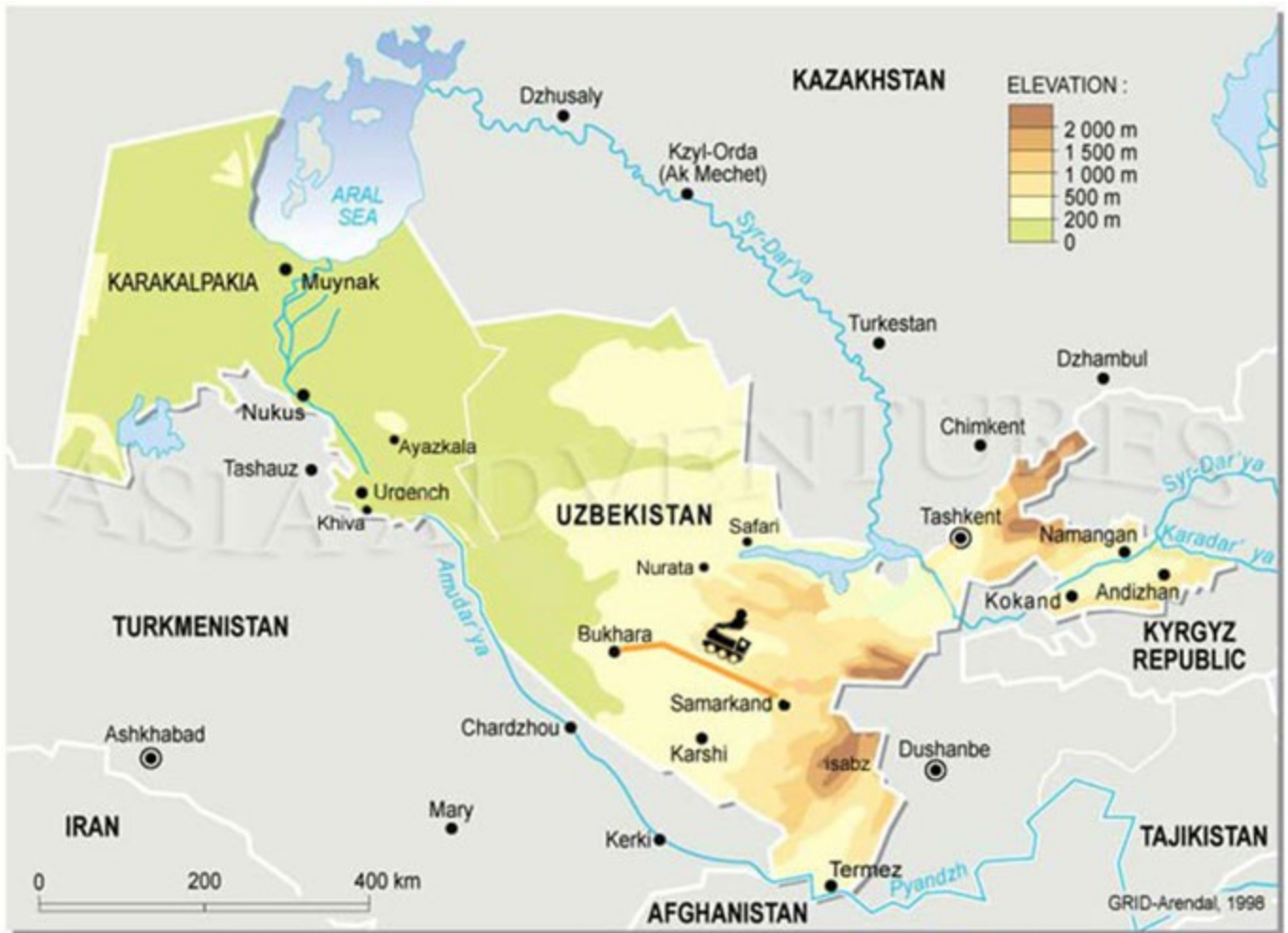
Other surcharge on tour (at your request):

1. Folklore show in Samarkand - El Merosi (theatrical national costume) - **20\$/pax;**
2. Folklore show in Bukhara (madrasah Nodir Devon Begi) - **15\$/pax;**
3. Folk show in Khiva (madrasah 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;**

Hotels

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

Cities	TOURISTIC Hotels 3*	PREMIUM Hotels 4*
BUKHARA	Fatima / Sultan / Volida <i>or similiar</i>	Wyndham Bukhara <i>or similiar</i>
SAMARKAND	City / Ideal / Malika Prime <i>or similiar</i>	Zeravshan Parkside / Movenpick <i>or similiar</i>



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