

Uzbekistan 10 days 10 nights

Uzbekistan is a fabulous and fascinating country, a truly monument to the history of many nations and empires, one of the points of the ancient Silk Road. This Central Asian republic possesses a variety of treasures that attract visitors from all around the world with its beautiful landscapes of desert and mountains, ancient cities and monuments, the lively and interesting culture.

Day 1. Tashkent

Arrival to Tashkent. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. The previous night is included. After the breakfast starts the city tour: the visit of the Theatre Square, the Memorial to the victims of the earthquake of 1966. Walking around the Central Square "Mistakilhik". Mosque, Mausoleum, madrasas Kukaldosh and Abdul Kasim dating from the XVI-XIX centuries. We will also approach to the eastern market where you can buy the best fruits, nuts, vegetables as well as the traditional Uzbek clothes.

Lunch.
We will end the sightseeing by visiting the city subway. Dinner.

Optional: The visit of the Rakhimov Ceramics Studio - the national home of the famous family of ceramists. You will have the opportunity to learn the history of the creation of the unique collection of their works, to try the homemade sweets prepared by the hosts and even participate in making simple objects of ceramics.

Day 2. Tashkent - Khiva - Urgench- (Flight +30 km by bus)

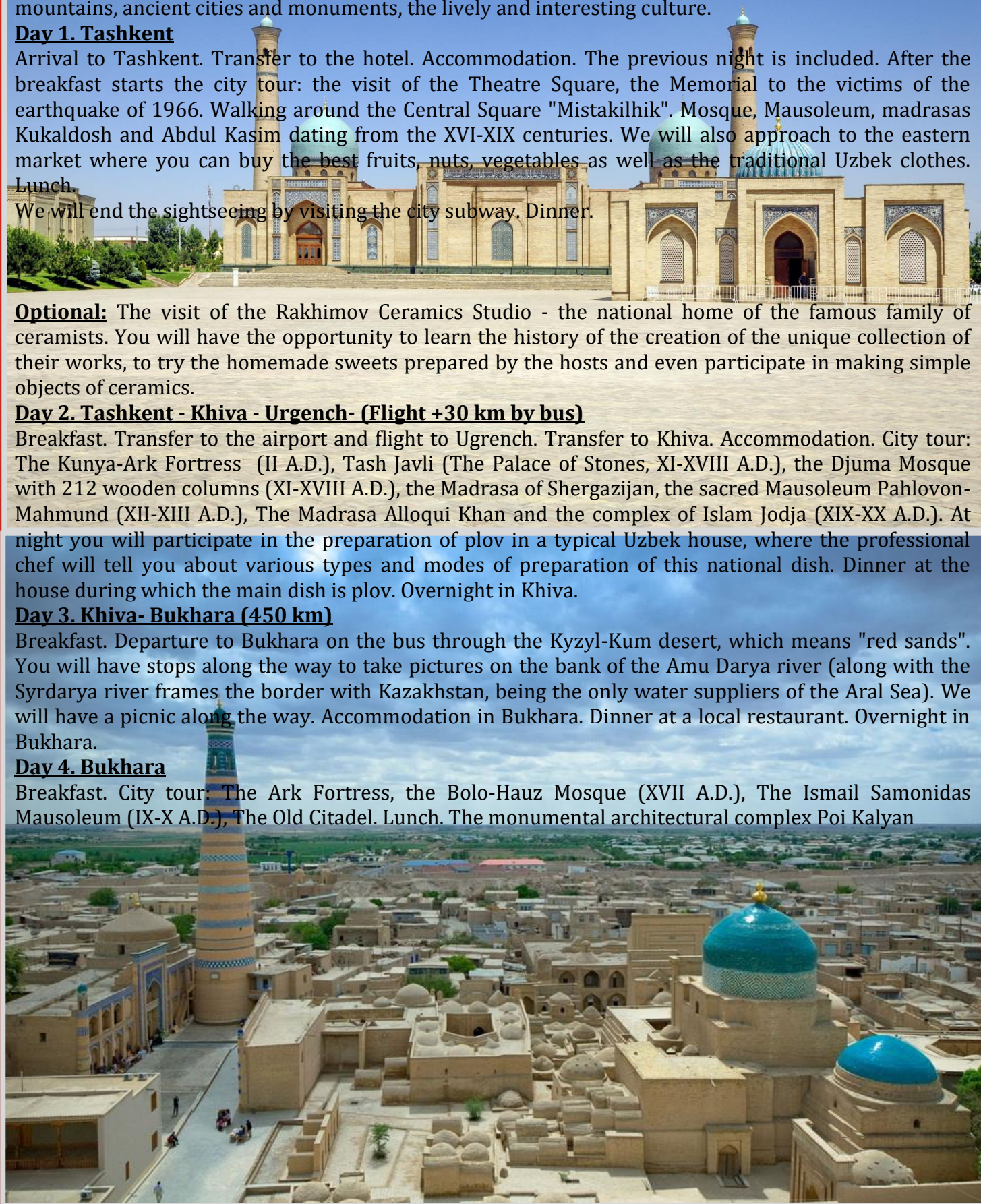
Breakfast. Transfer to the airport and flight to Urgench. Transfer to Khiva. Accommodation. City tour: The Kunya-Ark Fortress (II A.D.), Tash Javli (The Palace of Stones, XI-XVIII A.D.), the Djuma Mosque with 212 wooden columns (XI-XVIII A.D.), the Madrasa of Shergazijan, the sacred Mausoleum Pahlavon-Mahmund (XII-XIII A.D.), The Madrasa Alloqui Khan and the complex of Islam Jodja (XIX-XX A.D.). At night you will participate in the preparation of plov in a typical Uzbek house, where the professional chef will tell you about various types and modes of preparation of this national dish. Dinner at the house during which the main dish is plov. Overnight in Khiva.

Day 3. Khiva- Bukhara (450 km)

Breakfast. Departure to Bukhara on the bus through the Kyzyl-Kum desert, which means "red sands". You will have stops along the way to take pictures on the bank of the Amu Darya river (along with the Syrdarya river frames the border with Kazakhstan, being the only water suppliers of the Aral Sea). We will have a picnic along the way. Accommodation in Bukhara. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Bukhara.

Day 4. Bukhara

Breakfast. City tour: The Ark Fortress, the Bolo-Hauz Mosque (XVII A.D.), The Ismail Samonidas Mausoleum (IX-X A.D.), The Old Citadel. Lunch. The monumental architectural complex Poi Kalyan



(XII-XVI A.D.) with Kalyan Minaret and Mausoleum and Miri Arab madrasa, that represent one of the most impressive complexes of Central Asia, its minaret represents the greatness of the art of that time. The Silk Bazaar. We will continue with the Ulugek Madrasa and the domes of Taki-Zargaran, Taki-Tilpak-Furushan and Taki-Sarafan. The folklore show with the national dances and costumes. Dinner in a typical house. Accommodation at the hotel of Bukhara.

Day 5. Bukhara

Breakfast. The visit of the two summer residences of the last emirs of Bukhara Sitorai Mohy- hosa. Return to the city and visit of the Chor- Minor monument. Lunch. We will continue with the Maghoki-Attari Mosque and finish in the heart of the old city, The Lyabi Knaus Square. Before the dinner you will enjoy the Uzbek wine-tasting. Dinner at the national restaurant. Overnight in Bukhara.

Day 6. Bukhara- Nurata- Yangigazgan (yurta camp - 240km)

Breakfast. Departure to Nurata. Along the way you will visit the ruins of an old caravan Rrabati- Malik (XII A.D.) and the cave paintings in Sarmish, the most part of which was made over 4000 years ago. Arrival to Nurata. Lunch in an Uzbek house. Then we will visit the ruins of the ancient fortress. We will follow the way to the yurt camp. Arrival, accommodation in yurts (6-8 persons per yurt). Dinner. After the dinner we will enjoy listening to the akyn songs (national songs) by the bonfire. Overnight in yurts.

Day 7. Yangigazan- Samarkand (294 km)

Breakfast. Those who wish may make the trip on camels, walk in the desert learning about the flora and fauna of Kizyl- Kum. Departure to the lake Aydakyl. Those who wish may bathe, then we will have a picnic in the lakeside. Departure to Samarkand. Accommodation at the hotel. Dinner at the national restaurant. Overnight in Samarkand.

Day 8. Samarkand

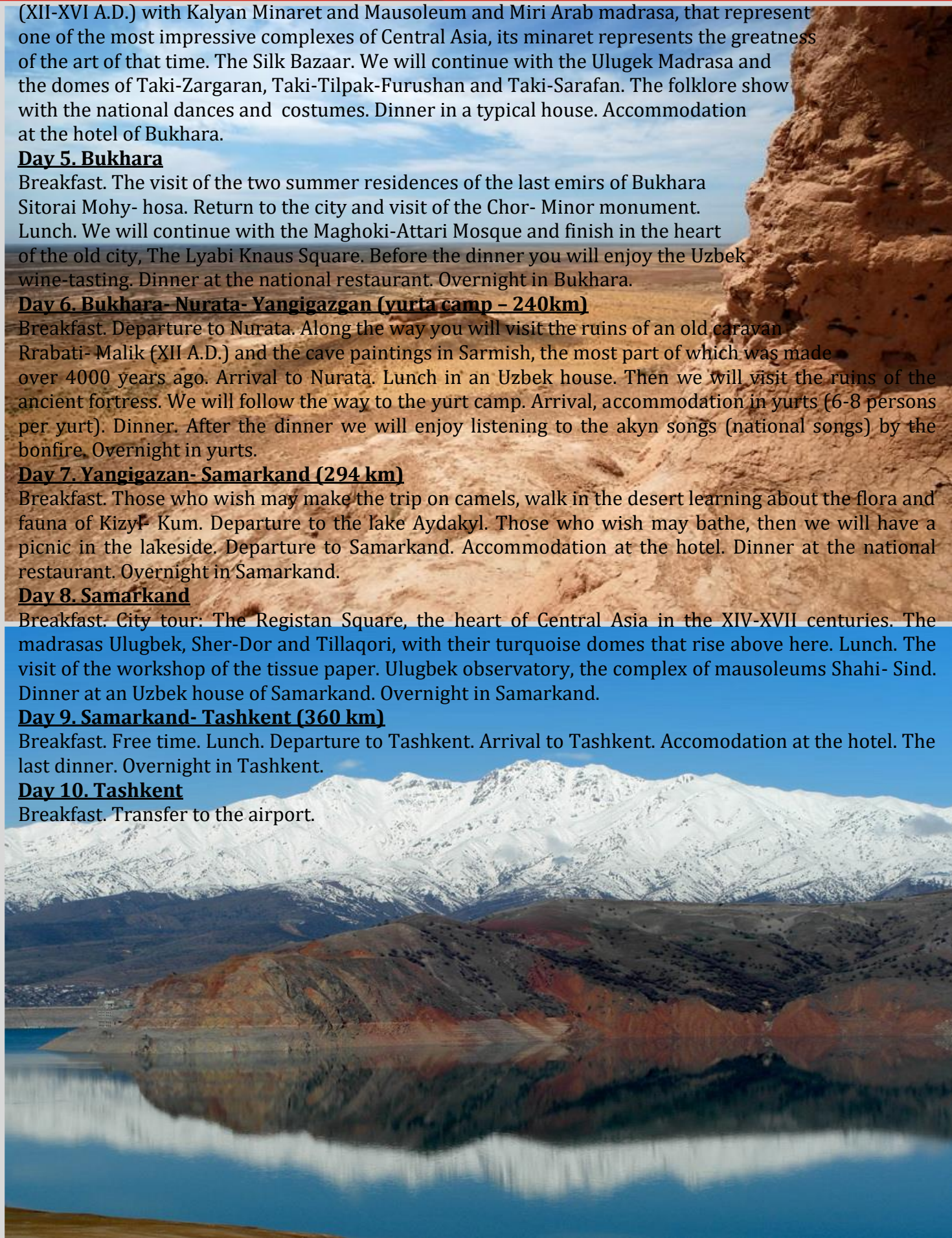
Breakfast. City tour: The Registan Square, the heart of Central Asia in the XIV-XVII centuries. The madrasas Ulugbek, Sher-Dor and Tillaqori, with their turquoise domes that rise above here. Lunch. The visit of the workshop of the tissue paper. Ulugbek observatory, the complex of mausoleums Shahi- Sind. Dinner at an Uzbek house of Samarkand. Overnight in Samarkand.

Day 9. Samarkand- Tashkent (360 km)

Breakfast. Free time. Lunch. Departure to Tashkent. Arrival to Tashkent. Accommodation at the hotel. The last dinner. Overnight in Tashkent.

Day 10. Tashkent

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.



Price NETTO per person in USD in TWIN:

Number of pax traveling	Price/pax
20-24 pax + 1 TL (A/C bus 33-35 seater)	\$1155 USD
25-29 pax + 1 TL (A/C big bus 45 seater)	\$1110 USD
30-34 pax + 1 TL (A/C big bus 45 seater)	\$1070 USD
35-40 pax + 1 TL (A/C big bus 45-50 seater)	\$1040 USD

Tour Price Includes:

1. Accommodation with breakfast as mentioned or similar (10 nights)
2. 1 overnight in the yurt camp (6-8 persons per yurt)
3. All sightseeing and transfers as per the itinerary
4. Meals on full board basis (9 dinners & 9 lunches daily)
5. Entrance fees to museums and sites included in the itinerary
6. English speaking guide escort
7. Traditional folk show in Bukhara
8. Wine-tasting in the famous wine factory Khovrenko in Samarkand
9. Dinner with master class in Khiva
10. Paper making master class in Konigil village
11. Visa support to Uzbekistan

Tour Price does not include:

1. International flight tickets
2. Domestic flight ticket Tashkent – Urgench (at present time US\$ 116.00 per person, subject to change *(Note: Air ticket of a tour leader is not included in the tour cost; it will be charged separately)*)
3. Insurance & Visa charge
4. Tips/Gratitude to Drivers & Guides
5. The visit of the Rakhimov Ceramics Studio: \$6 USD per person without master class; \$11 USD per person participating in master class
6. Train ticket Samarkand – Tashkent, Afrosiab train 17:00-19:15 (at present time USD 28 p/p econ. class, subject to change)
7. Single room supplement (USD 245 p/p)
8. Photo/video permission
9. Any other items not mentioned above

Hotels:

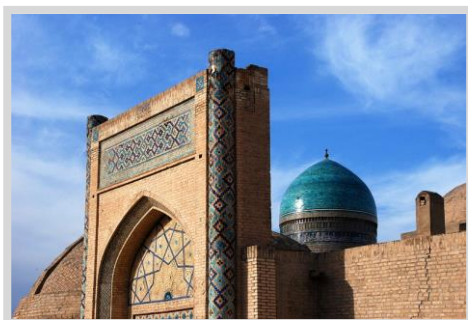
Tashkent: Hotel Sharq 4* www.hotelsharq.uz

Bukhara: Hotel Boutique Minzifa or similar www.minzifa.com

Samarkand: Hotel Malika Prime/ Diyora hotel www.malika-samarkand.com, www.hotel-diyora.com

Khiva: Hotel Malika Khiva/Kheivak www.malika-hotels.com

Nurata – yurt camp Aydar (6-8 pax in the yurt)



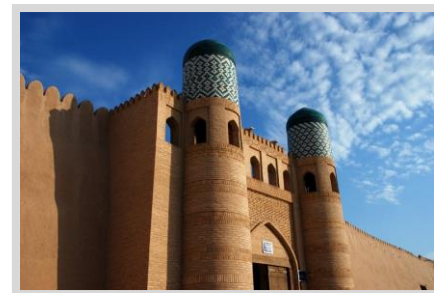
Description of the Tour

Tashkent

Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan and is located at the bottom of the Tian Shan in the oasis of Chirchik River valley. The city was founded in the second century BC. It was one of the points where the caravans of the famous Silk Road passed. The city was then called Shash and, according to the manuscripts, had beautiful palaces with magnificent gardens.

Khiva

Khiva city is considered UNESCO World Heritage. This beautiful place has preserved more than 100 monuments from different eras and nations - the citadel of Kun-Ark, the center Ichon-Qala, Tash-Hawley Palace, madrasas Islam-Khoja, Kalta-Minor, the Mausoleum of Mahmoud Pahlavi, Juma mosque with 218 columns, etc.



Bukhara

Bukhara is another of the oldest cities of Uzbekistan. It is called the star of the Islamic world and the holy city of Central Asia because in the Middle Ages Bukhara had more than 360 mosques and 80 madrasas.

Samarkand

Samarkand is one of the oldest cities not only in Uzbekistan but also in the whole world. It is coeval with Rome and Babylon, one of the main points of the Great Silk Road.



Description of the service included:

Day 1. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. The previous night is included. Breakfast. Sightseeing tour. Lunch. Visit of the city subway. Dinner.

Optional: Visit of the Rakhimov Ceramics Studio; master class.

Day 2. Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Flight to Ugrench. Transfer to Khiva. Accommodation. Sightseeing tour. At night the preparation of plov. Plov dinner. Overnight in Khiva.

Day 3. Breakfast. Departure to Bukhara on the bus. Along the way stops for pictures, the picnic. Accommodation in Bukhara. Dinner. Overnight in Bukhara.

Day 4. Breakfast. City tour. Lunch. Continuation of the sightseeing tour. Silk Bazaar. The folk show. Dinner in a typical house. Accommodation in Bukhara.

Day 5. Breakfast. The visit of the residences of the last emirs. Return to town and the visit of the Chor-Minor Monument. Lunch. The Maghoki-Attari Mosque, The Lyabi Knaus Square. Uzbek wine-tasting. Dinner. Overnight in Bukhara.

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Day 10. Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.

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UZBEKISTAN!!!**

WARM REGARDS,
GRANDRUS TOURS TEAM

