

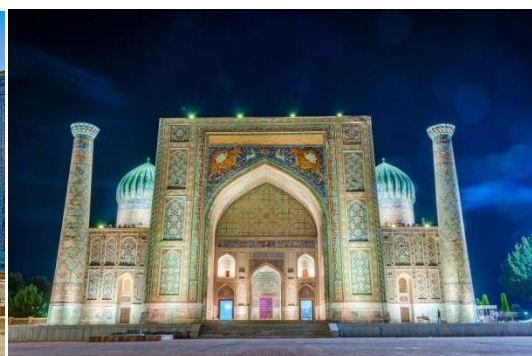
UZBEKISTAN - THE SILK ROUTE WITH DESERT STAY EXPERIENCE

TASHKENT SAMARKAND BUKHARA NURATA (7Nights-8Days)

INFORMATION			
TOUR NAME:	UZBEKISTAN – Silk Route with desert experience	GUET NAME:	FAMILY & FRIENDS
TRAVEL DATE:	MAY - JUNE	TOUR TYPE:	PRIVATE
NO OF GUEST:	GROUP TOUR	TOUR CODE:	
NATIONALITY:	India	EMAIL:	

BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY	DESCRIPTION	MEALS	DESTINATION
DAY 1	TASHKENT ARRIVAL – HOTEL CHECK IN		TASHKENT
DAY 2	TASHKENT CHARWAK LAKE & CHIMGAN MOUNTAIN TOUR (B/L/D)	B	TASHKENT
DAY 3	TASHKENT - SAMARKAND HIGH SPEED TRAIN – SAMARKAND CITY TOUR (B/D)	B	SAMARKAND
DAY 4	SAMARKAND – BUKHARA HIGH SPEED TRAIN. BUKHARA OLD CITY TOUR. OPTIONAL CULTURAL DANCE & FASHION SHOW PROGRAM (B/D)	B	BUKHARA
DAY 5	BUKHARA CITY TOUR. OPTIONAL TRADITIONAL HAMAM BATH EXPERIENCE	B	BUKHARA
DAY	BUKHARA TO NURATA - DESERT CAMP STAY EXPERIENCE	B/L/D	DESERT CAMP
DAY 7	NURATA TO SAMARKAND. TRAIN TO TASHKENT.	B	TASHKENT
DAY 8	TASHKENT CITY TOUR – TRANSFER TO AIRPORT (B)	B	
Total Meals: Breakfast: 7; Dinner: 1; Lunch: 1 Accommodation Details: TASHKENT: 3 Night(s); SAMARKAND: 1 Night; BUKHARA: 2 Nights; NURATA: 1 Night			



DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 TASHKENT ARRIVAL – AIRPORT TO HOTEL TRANSFER

You will be welcomed by a driver at Tashkent International airport as per your flight arrival timing and transferred to the hotel. Check-in and relax for the rest of the evening.

Have a good night's rest to be fresh for the next days of intriguing journey through the old silk route. Overnight in Tashkent.

Inclusions:

- Private transfer
- Local English-speaking driver

- *Hotel in Tashkent*
- *Meals: -*

DAY 2 FULL DAY CHARVAK LAKE & CHIMGAN MOUNTAIN EXCURSION

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Take the morning journey to Ugam Chatkal National Park. Famous as Uzbek Switzerland, the valley on Chimgan Mountains is known as the richest ecological region in Uzbekistan. Due to its magnificent charming beauty and home of most popular ski resort in Uzbekistan, the valleys and slopes with recreation park comes under Chimgan Attractions. A drive of 120 km from Tashkent, enjoy the picturesque views of beautiful mountains and the life of local people on the way. Chimgan Mounts offer many seasonal outdoor activities like skiing, snowboarding, climbing, hiking, and mountaineering. Drive to Chimgan and take a photo stop at **Charvak Lake** enjoying fresh air beautiful panoramic views of the stunning scenery of Chimgan Mountains.

Have lunch on your own.

17:00 Return to Tashkent. Those interested for the nightlife at Tashkent can enjoy their visit to a night club/dance bar at Tashkent.

Overnight in Tashkent.

Inclusions:

- *Private Transfer as per sightseeing*
- *Local English-speaking guide*
- *Entrance fees & Chair Lift to top of mountain*
- *Hotel in Tashkent*
- *Meals: B*

DAY 3 TASHKENT TO SAMARKAND – SAMARKAND CITY TOUR

07:00 Breakfast in the hotel.

07:30: Transfer to the railway station to board high speed train to Samarkand

10:30 Reach Samarkand and meet your guide and driver and head for Samarkand City Tour. The tour begins with a visit to Ulugbek Observatory, where part of the sextant from the 15th century is preserved. Continue to Shakh-Zinda Necropolis and remains of Bibi-Khanum Mosque.

13:30 Lunch Break (Lunch on your own).

14:30 Walking through an alley with souvenir shops, you will reach the spectacular Registan Square which has been the center of Samarkand for many centuries. During sightseeing you will have a chance to visit the colorful Siab bazaar with stalls full of oriental sweets, local fruits and variety of freshly baked traditional breads. The last point of interest to be visited is Gur-Emir Mausoleum – the final resting place of Timur, a great emperor.

19:00 You can spend the evening at the Registan Square where you can see the monument at its majestic beauty illuminated by colorful lights.

Inclusions:

- *Private transfer,*
- *Local English-speaking guide*
- *Entry Fees (Ulugbek Observatory, Bibi Khanum Mosque, Registan Monument, Shakh-Zinda)*
- *Hotel in Samarkand*
- *Meals: B*

DAY 4 SAMARKAND TO BUKHARA – HALF DAY BUKHARA TOUR

Have breakfast at the hotel.

10:00 Transfer to the station at Samarkand to take train to Bukhara. Reach Bukhara by noon and transfer to your hotel.

13:00: Lunch at a local restaurant (Lunch on your own)

14:00: Our guide and driver will pick you up to start the walking tour through the old city of Bukhara. Start your tour from the Lyabi Khauz Ensemble and understand the difference of the Sunni & Shi'a architecture. Don't forget to click your picture with Molla Nassiruddin & his donkey. Continue through the old bazaar area and get to know the relevance of different types of hats for women in the Uzbek society. Walk through the lanes and junctions of the old city viewing many madrasas and mosque and learning about their rich history. Reach the Ark citadel which used to be the fortress of the Emirs of Bukhara. Walk through the fortress and relive the history unfold in front of you as the guide explains about the importance of the Ark which was built in the 5th century AD.

17:00: Return to your hotel at Old City and you can shop for some souvenirs from one of the oldest bazaar of the world.

18:30: Optional tour for Cultural Dance and Fashion Show with some wonderful artistic performance in display (Not included in package price).

Overnight at the hotel in Bukhara.

Inclusions:

- Private transfer
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees (Arc Bukhara only)
- Hotel in Bukhara
- Meals: B

DAY 5 HALF DAY BUKHARA VICINITY TOUR

Breakfast in hotel.

9:30 Leave the Old city of Bukhara to go out of the city limits to visit the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa, the former summer residence of Bukhara's last emir. This is a unique site combining Oriental and Russian architecture. Continue to the mausoleum of the founder of Sufi Muslim order Bakhouddin Naqshbandi and Chor-Bakr Necropolis. On your way back to the city, visit the Central Market from where you can purchase dry fruits and spices to bring back home.

13:00 Time for Lunch at a local restaurant (Lunch on your own).

After lunch, free time for yourself. You can indulge in some shopping at the old city area or take an experience of the traditional Hamam bath at one of the Bath Houses at Bukhara.

Inclusions:

- Private transfer
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees (Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa only)
- Hotel at Bukhara
- Meals: B

DAY 6 BUKHARA TO NURATA – DESERT YURT CAMP

Breakfast in hotel then check out.

09:00 Embark on a picturesque 5 hours drive to the desert yurt camp nestled near the charming village of Dungalak in the Kyzyl Kum desert. En route, make a stop in Nurata city for lunch and get a glimpse of local attractions, including the remnants of Alexander the Great's fortress, a holy spring, and a historical mosque. As you explore Nurata, you'll uncover fascinating legends interwoven with its history and name. Delve into the 9th-century mausoleum, mosque, and the remnants of Alexander the Great's fortress, immersing yourself in a tapestry of heritage. Continue your journey towards the yurt camp, 65 kilometers and an hour's drive away. Upon arrival, settle comfortably into your traditional yurt accommodation. In the afternoon, take a camel ride or leisurely stroll across the mesmerizing desert dunes. Depending on the season, you might encounter steppe tortoises, agile hares, and the vibrant hues of desert agamas. A delicious dinner awaits, followed by the enchanting melodies of local bands around a crackling campfire. Later, retire to your cozy yurt for a good night's rest surrounded by the tranquility of the desert.

Inclusions:

- Group transfer
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees (Nurata National Park Fee)
- Yurt Camp at Desert
- Meals: B/L/D

DAY 7 NURATA TO SAMARKAND TRAIN TO TASHKENT

After breakfast, explore the nearby desert village, Dungalak, situated only 4 kilometers away from the yurt camp. Engage with the local village life, centered on livestock and sheep farming, and gain insights into the rhythms of rural existence. Later, you can choose to traverse to Lake Aydarkul, either by a comfortable car ride or atop a camel companion (with an additional camel fee of \$20). This lake, stretching 8 kilometers southeast from the camp, presents Aydarkul's allure. As the largest artificial salty lake in the region, it sprawls 180 kilometers eastward and serves as a sanctuary for a vibrant array of aquatic birds, including cranes, pelicans, ducks, and geese. With memories of the desert village and the mesmerizing lake etched into your journey, embark on the afternoon transfer, a 5-hour drive back to Samarkand. Reach Samarkand by early evening and take the return train to Tashkent. Upon reaching Tashkent, transfer to hotel.

Inclusions:

- Group transfer

- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees (Nurata National Park Fee)
- Meals: B

DAY 7 TASHKENT CITY TOUR – FLIGHT TO INDIA

Breakfast in the hotel.

10:00 Pick you up from your hotel and visit the Old City area of Tashkent visiting the historic Khast-e-imam complex which is home to the world-renowned Quran of Caliph Uthman – Ottoman. Within the complex, explore the Barak-Khan Madrasah, Tillya-Sheykh Mosque, the Mausoleum of Saint Abu Bakr Kaffal Shashi, and the Islamic Institute of Imam al-Bukhari.

12:30 Visit Lal Bahadur Shastri Square followed by drive through the TV Tower and a visit to the Memorial to the victims of repression during the Soviet Era.

13:00: Lunch Break - Lunch on your own.

After lunch, immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of Chorsu Bazaar, a true eastern marketplace. Continue your journey with a ride on Tashkent's Metro, renowned as one of the most beautiful metro systems in the world.

16:00 Later, we will visit the Memorial of Courage, dedicated to the memory of the victims of the 1966 earthquake. We will also see the Museum of Applied Arts, admiring Uzbek art's incredible works and colours.

17:00: Visit the Independence Square, the main square of Uzbekistan reflects the past, present, and future of the country. There are fountains standing for the life energy of Uzbek people, the Cabinet and the Senate, the "Eternal flame" in honor of soldiers who died during the Second World War. Continue to walk through the Broadway Alley which is a lively walking street at Tashkent to reach the famous Amir Timur Square which is one of the most prominent landmarks of Tashkent with the popular Uzbekistan Hotel in the background. After dinner, you can visit the Magic City Park to enjoy the lights and shops there.

Later at night, transfer to the airport to take your return flight to India.

Inclusions:

- Private transfer
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for metro ride and Timur museum
- Hotel in Tashkent
- Meals: B

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TOUR COST (INR PER PERSON)	
CATEGORY	Price per an Adult
3 STAR ★★★	Rs. 78,000/-
4 STAR ★★★★	Rs. 88,000/-
■ Compulsory tipping for guide and driver in private tours (in cash) - exclude from the tour price	
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ACCOMMODATIONS	3 STARS★★★	4 STAR★★★★
TASHKENT	Stay Inn/Badem/Huvaydo	Ramada/Europe/Marwa/Uzbekistan
SAMARKAND	Registon/Amar/Majestic	Samaria/Bravo/Superior/Asia
BUKHARA	Sahar/Kukaldosh/Lyabi	Al Hayat/Komil/Latifa/Devonbegi
NURATA	Yurt Safari Camp	Yurt Safari Camp

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
- Uzbekistan Tourist Visa - High Speed Train Tickets at Uzbekistan	- Flight Tickets

- Total Meals: Breakfast: 7; Dinner: 7; Lunch: 2; - Meals as indicated in the program: B-Breakfast/ L-Lunch / D-Dinner - Hotel in double/twin sharing room basis with daily breakfast - Private transfer with comfortable A/C Vehicle as per program - Complimentary Mineral Water on tour (02 bottles/guest/day based on tour) - Entrance fees and excursions as mentioned - Experienced local English-speaking guide	- GST @ 5% & TCS @ 2% - Meals not mentioned in the program - Beverage, Personal expenses - Travel Insurance - Tipping for tour guide and driver, servers, porters... - Single Supplement, Early check-in and Late check-out, Hotel/room upgrade. - Any increase in flight price during the time of booking - Entry Fees to Sightseeing Places (The circuit is full of Mosques and Musoleums and you may or may not be interested to enter each and every monument from inside. Hence we have added the entry fees to some of the most popular monuments (as mentioned in the itinerary) and kept the other entry fees as flexible which you can pay at the spot for entrance
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TERMS & CONDITION

Payment Term:

■ Advance: 60% of tour cost at the time of confirmation. The balance must be transferred to our bank account a minimum of 10 days before the travel date.

Cancellations will be charged as below:

All flights are non-refundable

■ 60 days before arrival date: No cancellation charge. We Guarantee 100% Money Back. (Except flights charges which are non-refundable)

■ 59 - 30 days before arrival date: 10% cancellation charge.

■ 29 - 15 days before arrival date: 20%

■ 14 – 8 days before arrival date: 50%

■ 7 days before arrival date: 100 %

■ No show: 100%

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Hotel/ Accommodation:

■ Official hotel check-in is 2.00 pm and checkout time is 12.00 noon. A surcharge for early check-in or late check-out will be applied.

■ For some hotels: A deposit for incidental charges: guests' credit card imprint OR cash **is required** upon check-in from 50 -200 USD/room/night and it is refunded after deducting any consumption at checkout.

Food/Meals:

If any meals are included in the tour, our arrangement:

■ Breakfast in hotels

■ Lunches on **private tours** are Uzbek local food. (Indian food for Indian travelers but based on the availability of each place such as Chimgan Mountain etc).

■ Dinners are at Indian Restaurant. You can request for special dinner with drinks at extra supplement. If Dinners are included in the tour. Dinner time is in 2 hours from 07:00 – 09:00 pm including pick up/drop off from/to hotel. Overtime charges will be surcharged for each overtime hour.

Tipping (exclude from tour price):

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Rates and Conditions

■ All the above services and tours have not yet been booked before we receive your confirmation. Prices are subject to change based on the availability at the time of booking.

■ Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, and National Holidays) and other local special events may be subject to supplementary charges.

■ If the proposed service(s) is (are) not available at the booking time, alternative options will be advised.

Should you have any further inquiries, please feel free to contact us at any time!