

ITINERARY **SILK ROAD TOUR**

Destination	:	Uzbekistan- Turkmenistan
Region	:	Tashkent-Khiva-Dashoguz- Ashgabat-Mary-Bukhara- Samarkand-Tashkent
Duration	:	14 days / 13 nights
Season	:	March-September
Accommodation	:	hotel, guest house
Group size	:	4-16pax
Transport	:	minivan, jeep (4-8 pax), minibus (10-20pax)
Meal	:	BB or HB

Tashkent

Day 1: As you arrive to Tashkent-capital of Uzbekistan (Tashkent in translation means a “stone” city), you will meet with a guide in airport. After being transferred to the hotel you can have a rest. In the evening there is a dinner with master class “How to cook Uzbek traditional plov” and folk program with national dance and music. Overnight in Tashkent.

Tashkent

Day 2: Breakfast in the hotel. With guide begin a city tour in Tashkent. In this city the combination of modern metropolis and the unique flavor are well balanced and combined. There you will see old and modern part of the city, introduce with orient bazaar, and handmade apply arts. (Attraction 14-15 century). Lunch in old city. Continue city tour. Overnight in Tashkent.

Tashkent-Urgench

Day 3: After having breakfast you are checked out. Transfer to airport, flight to Urgench by Uzbek airline. As you arrive to Urgench city (Administration city in Khorezm region) you meet in airport, transfer to Khiva (40 km). Accommodation in Ichan-kala. Your lunch is planned to be in Khiva. You will go for sightseeing tour in Khiva (12-14 century). Khiva is an ancient city like a castle “Open museum”. Dinner time you will introduce with traditional cuisine in this region and have are time to listen national folk music and dance. Overnight in Khiva.

Khiva-Dashoguz

Day 4: As usual you have breakfast. Check out. Transfer to Turkmen border (Shavat 35, 5 км). Meet with guide and transfer to Dashaguz (36 km). Accommodation in the hotel. After lunch visiting Izmukshir fortress and a holy place Isman ota. Overnight in Dashaguz hotel.

Dashoguz-Ashgabat

Day 5: Breakfast. After breakfast a group goes to architectural monuments of Kunya-Urgench, which used to be the capital of Khorezm in X-XII centuries (96km). During the tour we will visit the mausoleum of Nadjmad – din al Kubra, Tyrabek Hanym, II Arslan, Tekesh, Ibn Hadjib, see the highest minaret in Central Asia Kutlug Temur. In the evening a group will fly to Ashgabat. Meet with guide, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Ashgabat.

Ashgabat

Day 6: Breakfast. This day we will concentrate on sightseeing of the capital of Turkmenistan. We will see new parks with a lot of fountains and statues of great people of the ancient times, visit museums and mosques, visit a Parthian fortress Nisa. After lunch we will visit the horse farm to get to know Turkmen peoples pride – Ahalteke horse. Dinner in guest house. Overnight in Ashgabat.

Ashgabat

Day 7: Breakfast. Visit Darvaza (170 km) to see Gaz crater – the natural wonder of the Karakum desert. If you drive up the gas crater during the daytime, it will not impress much and seem a whole in the ground, but when you come closer you will see thousands of fire pieces burning in the 20-meter crater. Picnic-lunch. Come back to Ashgabat. Dinner Overnight in Ashgabat.

Ashgabat-Mary

Day 8: Breakfast. This day we will realize a trip to Mary which is in (360 km). On the way you can see Abiverd fortress and Anau mosque.(11-12 century). Dinner. We will spend the night in the city's hotel. Overnight in Mary.

Mary-Margiana

Day 9: Early morning our group will change a transport to four wheel drive vehicle and go to the excavations of the ancient country of Margush in Karakum desert. We will spend all day looking round necropolis, palace and temples and enjoying 5000 year history of Margiana. (Breakfast–box). Lunch at local place. Overnight in Mary.

Mary-Bukhara

Day 10: After breakfast a group will go to Ancient Merv and will see it's 5 cities, the biggest mausoleum of XII century – Mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar, Mausoleum of Mohammad ibn Zeyd, and also other significant places. Transfer to Uzbek border (Farab) Meet with guide and transport in Alat. Transfer to Bukhara (122,3 km). Accommodation. Dinner. Overnight in Bukhara hotel or guest house.

Bukhara

Day 11: Breakfast. You have a city tour in Bukhara: Poi-Kalyan Ensemble, Madrassah Mir-arab, Kukeldash Madrassah, Ark Citadel, Samanid mausoleum, Lyab-i-Hauz complex, Nadir Divanbegi, Magoki Attory (12-17century).There is a dinner with master-class (Bukhara plov). Overnight in Bukhara.

Bukhara-Samarkand

Day 12: As usual the group has breakfast. After checking out you are transferred to train station. Departure by speed train “Afrasiyab” (talgo) to Samarkand. Arrive to Samarkand; meet in train station with guide.

Daily tour in Samarkand. Gur-Emir Mausoleum, Registan Ensemble, Bibi Khanum Mosque, Shahi –Zinda necropolis, Archaeological site of the ancient city Afrasiab, Ulugbek observatory (13-15 century). Visit Konigil village Old Samarkand paper Mill (the art of making paper, brought to Samarkand from China in the 7th century, had long been forgotten when it was revived with the assistance of UNESCO) Lunch in Konigil paper fabric

with folk program. Come back to Samarkand. Dinner. Overnight in Samarkand hotel.

Day **Samarkand-Tashkent**

13: Breakfast. The group is checked out and transferred to train station. Departure to Tashkent (by speed train “Afrasiyab”). When you arrive to Tashkent you are transferred to the hotel. You have time for rest and lunch. Would like to see orient bazaar and test natural fruit and dry fruit? Of course this place in Tashkent. Visit orient bazaar. Shopping time. Back to hotel, time for rest. Overnight in Tashkent.

Day **Tashkent-Airport**

14: Breakfast and check out time. Transferred to airport. Departure from Tashkent/ Have a nice flight!

Level: *middle (adult and young people)*

Conditions: *backpack, weatherproof warm clothes, hat, trekking boots, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, first aid supplies*

List of included services:

1. Transport for transfers and excursions
2. Double room accommodation in hotels
3. Guest house accommodation
4. BB or HB
5. Russian, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian speaking guide for whole program
6. Entry fees for museums and excursions
7. Folklore program in Uzbekistan

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