

Title CBT tour program/excursion: The magical world of oriental patterns and natural beauties of the authentic East

Destinations: Uzbekistan

Regions: Tashkent - Bukhara - Gijduvan - Bukhara - Sarmish - Samarkand - Tashkent

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Season: April-May, September-October

Summary:

Our tour takes you through time and space. It is a journey to the world of oriental fairy tales, familiar from early childhood. High and elegant minarets, grandiose madrassas and mosques, medieval palaces and mausoleums decorated with amazing ceramic ornaments, unique fuss and color of the eastern bazaars, fabulous legends, warm hospitality and ancient traditions of the local people will leave an indelible impression in your memory. In addition, this tour will give you the opportunity to admire the art of folk craftsmen, to purchase unique hand-made products, as well as to participate in their creation.

Day by day description:

Day 1: Tashkent

Meeting at the Islam Karimov Tashkent International Airport. Today you will get acquainted with the Tashkent city, the **capital of the Republic of Uzbekistan** since 1930. It is a city that appeared more than 2200 years ago at the crossroads of the Great Silk Road. Tashkent today is a modern cultural and business center. Tashkent is divided into two parts: old and new. Your excursion will pass through both old and new parts of the city. Overnight in a hotel.

Day 2: Tashkent - Bukhara (550 km, flight)

After early breakfast, you will have a short flight to Bukhara (1 hour 10 Minutes). "While all over the world light falls on the ground from above, in Bukhara it comes from the earth!" Bukhara, "the Pearl of the Orient", is one of the most ancient cities of the East. Present time Bukhara is given a name as a "**Book of architecture**" where monuments built in different periods (from the 9th to 20th cc) are presented. Today you will have a wonderful opportunity to explore the multifaceted development of architectural forms and décor walking in Bukhara from one monument to the other you can see. For lunch, we can invite you to the **national house**, where you can **learn the secrets of cooking** national Uzbek dishes and will appreciate their inexpressible taste. Overnight in a hotel.

Day 3: Bukhara - Gijduvan - Bukhara (50 km*2, car transfer)

In the first half of the day, you will visit Gijduvan, one of the most famous Uzbek cities. He is famous, above all, for its ceramics and craftsmen who create them. You will visit the **pottery of family Narzullaev**, who was one of the most famous ceramists of Uzbekistan and the founder of the Gijduvan school of ceramics. Here you will have **ceramic class** to get acquainted with the process of ceramics production and visit the ceramics museum, to buy Gijduvan craftsmen's products. After lunch, you will have free time to visit **Trade Domes**, which became the symbol of the city, its importance on the Great Silk Road. Trade complexes were erected over Bukhara and its surroundings, mainly they were built at the intersection of 2 or 3 roads, but only four trading domes could survive up to date. For dinner we can invite you to the **national folklore show** at Nodir Devan Begi Madrasah. Overnight in a hotel.

Day 4: Bukhara - Sarmish (145 km, car transfer)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to **yurt camp** "Sarmishsoy" located in the Navoi region between the cities of Navoi and Nurata, on the southeastern outskirts of the Kyzylkum desert, not far from the mysterious Sarmysh gorge. Sarmysh is famous for its natural-archeological monuments and rare species of flora and fauna. It is here that you will get everything you need to distract and relax from the city bustle, stuffiness and noise, enjoy fresh air, singing birds, peace and quiet. There are comfortable yurts, swimming pool, restaurant, bar, salt cave, sports and children's playground. After a little rest, you can have a **walking tour of the ancient petroglyphs** (ancient stone patterns) with a

local guide or **take part in the preparation of traditional dishes** of this region of Uzbekistan. Overnight in yurt camp "Sarmishsoy".

Day 5: Sarmish - Samarkand (200 km, car transfer)

After a traditional breakfast, you will be transferred to Samarkand the most famous city in Central Asia. Its history is over 2500 years old. "The Shining Point of the Globe", "**Rome of the Orient**" and "the Garden of Righteous Men" are some of the epithets which were awarded the city by poets and philosophers in various times. During the excursion, you can enjoy the turquoise domes of Samarkand what are among the world's most evocative architectural symbols. Before dinner, you can visit the **Theatre of Historical costume "El Merosi"**. "The national heritage" (The Folk Legacy), so is translated the name of the team introducing to the audience not only the national suits and costumes of the past years, but also the way of life, customs and traditions of inhabitants of our region since the most ancient times up to the present. Costume shows take place in the dramatized form revealing a secret of a mission of each dress or suit. Overnight in a hotel.

Day 6: Samarkand - Tashkent (300 km, train transfer)

Today will give you the opportunity to get acquainted with the applied art of the Samarkand region. You will visit the **Paper manufactory "Meros"**, where craftsmen make famous Samarkand paper on ancient technologies. Another object to visit will be **Carpet factory "Hudzhum"**. Samarkand saved a unique production with ancient technologies, which secrets have been handed down from century to century, from a teacher to a student. Before you will be transferred to Tashkent with high-speed-train you will visit the famous **Siab bazaar**. It is Samarkand's largest and oldest bazaar, one of the largest and oldest bazaars in Uzbekistan and Central Asia. The area of the bazaar exceeds seven hectares. The Siab Bazaar is one of the most visited places in the city. Overnight in a hotel.

Day 7: Tashkent - Departure

Transfer to the Airport. Home flight.

Level of difficulty:

This tour is suitable for both children and adults.

Conditions.

If you have some specific sicknesses you need to bring own first aid kit with necessary medicaments.

List of included services:

- Transport for transfers and excursions
- Double / Twin room accommodation in hotels
- Accommodation in yurt camp "Sarmishsoy"
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- FB during the accommodation in yurt camp "Sarmishsoy"
- English speaking accompanied guide service
- Local guide service in yurt camp "Sarmishsoy"
- Entry fees for museums and excursions
- Visiting the national folklore show at Nodir Devan Begi Madrasah in Bukhara and the Theatre of Historical costume "EL MEROSI" in Samarkand
- Cooking class in Bukhara and ceramic class in Gijduvan
- Mineral water during the tour

Name and contact details of the tour operator company:

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