



Great Silk Road

Discover the jewels of Central Asia's Silk Road on this fascinating journey from the Aral Sea to the Amu darya River.

Follow the footsteps of Alexander the Great to the stunning Silk Road cities of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan on this easy touring style journey of discovery.

We will take you to the far corners of Uzbekistan's Silk Road trade routes to uncover archaeological treasures and rich heritage. Along the way we will make a foray into Tajikistan's spectacular Fan mountains and sample its fascinating culture.

ARRIVE EARLY ~ STAY LONGER

Talk to us about things to do if you would like to arrive in Tashkent earlier, or perhaps add something extra at the end of our tour.

US\$ 5,900

Price is all inclusive and based on twin share and minimum of 2 travellers. Single Room Supplement available

Escorted by SRA local professional tour leader



Trip Details

DURATION - 20 days

AVERAGE TEMP - 20°C - 30°C

ACCOMMODATION STYLE
- hotels and homestays

SIGHTSEEING STYLE
- Included

GROUP SIZE STYLE
- Max 6

DATES OF TRIPS
Commences Tashkent
21 September 2020
Concludes Tashkent
10 October 2020

MEALS
Included

TRAVEL STYLE
Passenger Vehicle, train, 2 domestic flights

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Tashkent

Our representative will meet you on arrival and transfer you to the hotel. There are no activities planned for the rest of the day. Dinner is included.

Day 2 - Tashkent

Sightseeing in Tashkent, including Hastimom Complex and the Applied Art Museum

Day 3 - Tashkent and Nukus

Sightseeing in Tashkent to include Chorsu Bazaar, central city and a visit to a ceramist's studio. Late afternoon transfer to the airport for the flight to Nukus.

Day 4 - To Moynak

Get away early today for the full day excursion to Moynak and explore the 'ghost fleet' of rusting hulks that once fed a thriving fishing industry based on the now greatly diminished Aral Sea.

Day 5 - Nukus and Khiva

This morning be prepared for Central Asia's greatest art exhibition at Savitiski gallery and museum. After lunch drive south west across the dessert visiting the Zoroastrian 'Tower of Silence' at Chilpak, before continuing by road to Khiva.

Day 6 - Khiva

There is much to see in Khiva and we have selected the key sites for this first experience of a 'Silk Road' city. Sightseeing will include a selection of Madrassah, Palaces, caravanserai and Masjids.

Day 7 - To Bukhara

Today it is a full day's drive across the Kyzylkum Desert to Bukhara. It is a lengthy journey but there will be plenty of opportunities to stop and stretch legs along the way.

Day 8 - Bukhara

A full day sightseeing round Bukhara's old city including including the Ark fortress, Minaret Kalyan (great minaret), Trade Domes, Labi Hauz complex, Ismail Samani mausoleum and Chashmai Ayub. Evening folk show at Nadir Divan Begi Madrassah

Day 9 - Bukhara

This morning visit Naqshbandi Complex on the outskirts of Bukhara. Return to Bukhara and visit Chor Minor Mosque..

Day 10 -To Samarkand

This morning there is time to explore Bukhara at your leisure before transferring to the station to take the mid-afternoon fast train to Samarkand.

Day 11 - Samarkand

Sightseeing today includes stunning Registan Square, Afrosiab, Ulugbek Observatory and conclude the day at Shakhi Zinda necropolis

Day 12 - Penjikent

Continue sightseeing in Samarkand this morning. visit Bibi Khanym Mosque and bazaar. This afternoon transfer by road to the Tajikistan border at Panjikent. Complete border formalities and continue a short distance to Panjikent.

Day 13 - Sary Tag

This morning visit the museum and archaeological site of the excavated ruins of this important ancient Silk Road trade centre and Sogdian era city

After lunch continue by road into the fan mountains to reach the remote Sary Tag village .

Day 14 - Sary Tag

Today make an easy trek into the neighbouring valleys of the Iskanderkul Nature Reserve or wander through the village and down to the lovely Iskanderkul lake.

Day 15 - To Dushanbe

This morning we will head off down country to Dushanbe. The road treads a thin line along the Varzob river before climbing into the mountains to tackle to Varzob tunnel. Dushanbe lies at the foot of the Varzob canyon.

Day 16 - Dushanbe

There is a bit to do today around sophisticated Dushanbe's leafy boulevards and museums. The Dushanbe market and artists district are options as is the Museum of Archaeology.

Day 17 - To Termez

Today the first stop will be at Hisor to visit the fortress and caravanserai complex . After completing border formalities on re-entry to Uzbekistan lunch will be at Denau then continue by road to Termez.

Day 18 - Termez

There is a full day of sightseeing and excursions in Termez the present day site of an even older city with a 2500 year past buried in the Greco-Bactrian Empire of Alexander the Great. There are many important historic sites in and around the city. First visit the stunning museum of natural history and archaeology to get an overview.

Day 19 - Termez

Today complete sightseeing with a visit to the ruins of 'Alexandria the Farthest' site of Alexander the Great's city on the north bank of the legendary Oxus River.

Day 20 - Conclude

Today take the flight back to Tashkent and conclude .



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