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TRIP TO THE HEART OF THE GREAT SILK ROAD

TASHKENT- KHIVA-BUKHARA-SHAHRISABZ-SAMARKAND-TASHKENT

8 days

<u>Fixed dates:</u> 23-30 May, 1-8 August, 26 Sept - 3 October, 3-10 October, 2013, 2014

Days	Destinations	Time	Itinerary	
DAY 0	Tashkent Tashkent-	20:00	Flight to Tashkent by HY- Arrival at Arrival Meeting at the airport of Tashkent by English speaking guide. Transfer to hotel, check in at 12:00 and rest after the flight. Meeting at Hotel conference hall to get acquainted with group members and have a short briefing to discuss the tour plan. Early Breakfast at hotel.	UZBEKISTAN 3
	Urgench (Khiva) This city is an open air museum, like Pompeii and Herculaneum. UNESCO has declared Khiva a city reserve and included Khiva's oldes part Ichankala in its World Heritage List	05:30 10:00 14:00	Transfer to airport for flight HY-1051 arrival Urgench 08:20 Accommodation at hotel Full day city tour of Khiva. Visit to the oldest part of the city - Kunya-Ark fortress, including Kurinish Khana (17c); Mohammed-Amin-Khan(19c) Madrassah, Islam Khodja Minaret; Palvan-Kari complex, Abd Al Bobo complex(18c), Rafanek Madrassah, Mohammed Rakim Khan (19 c), Amir-Tur Madrassah, Sho-I-Kalandar Bobo Mausoleum Lunch time. Getting aquanted with uzbek family and tasting Uzbek dishes. Continuing city tour: Mazary Sharif Madrassah, Kheivak well (10c), Uch Avlioli («three saints») Mausoleum, Jami Mosque(18c), Kutluq-	
		19:00	Murad Inaq (19c) Madrassah, Pakhlavan Mahmoud Mausoleum, Free time at leisure Dinner-Experience at local family house	

DAY 2	Khiva – Bukhara 500 km	8:00	Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Bukhara. Photo stop near the biggest river in Central Asia Amudarya (Oxus). Lunch time in one of Oasis in the middle of Karakum desert. (Lunch boxes prepared by our company)	
		16:00 18:00	Arriving to Bukhara. Accommodation at Hotel. Free time at leisure Dinner at Lyabi Hauz-a cozy pond in the center of the ancient part where people come together for having a drink and dinner. One of places where you can see the real Uzbek	
DAY 3	Bukhara Ancient and fairy-tale town of Bukhara - the land of magical lamps and Eastern beauties. Ancient Great Silk Road caravans never missed this town - the only oasis around. Nowadays Bukhara is famous not only for its superb historical monuments, but	08:00 09:00	life. Breakfast at hotel Full day of city tour. Visit to Ismael Samani mausoleum (9-10c)-vault of Bukhara rulers' dynasty, Chor-Minor, Chashma-Ayub Mausoleums (14 c), Bukhara local bazaar. Visit to Old Bukhara: Poli-Kalon ensemble including Minaret (12c), Mosque (15c), functioning Madrassah Miri-Arab (16 c), Amir- Alim-Khan Madrassah (14c), Taqi (trading domes), Kukeldash Madrassah (16c), Lunch time Lyab-i-Hauz (17c), Nadir Divanbegi (17c), Magoki Attari (16c), Ulug Beg (15c), Abdul Aziz (17c) Madrassahs; Visit to Registan Ensemble, Ark Fortress (16c) and Bolo-Hauz complex (18 c); Free time at leisure	
	for its lively tradeevery traveler finds something unique in this town	19:00	at Nodir Devonbegi madrassah Dinner Visiting national house for master class of plov	

DAY 4	Bukhara- Shaxrisabz - Samarkand	08:00 09:00 15:00	Breakfast at hotel Transfer to Shaxrisabz The birthplace of Tamerlane, his palace Ak Sarai and Kok Gumbaz mosque, and Mausoleum of Jehangir (Tamerlane's grandson), plus Tamerlane's Mausoleum Lunch time Transfer to Samarkand Arrival. Accommodation at hotel. Free time for rest Dinner Ancient National house recognized by UNESCO	
DAY 5	Samarkand the state of famous Amir Temur with the biggest mausoleums, madrassahs and mosques in Central Asia. And finally you have a chance to stay on world famous Registan square.	08:00 09:00	Breakfast at hotel Full day sightseeing tour of Samarkand: Guri Emir- Legendary mausoleum where Amir Temur and all his family buried. Registan square- World famous complex of 3 Madrasahs and golden dome mosque. Mosque Bibi Khanum – The biggest Mosque ever built in Central Asia as gift from wife of Temerlame to her husband. Siyab local bazzar-unique place where you can get acquainted with the life of Samarkand people. Lunch time Shahi - Zinda necropolises, a holy place and cemetery with graves of Temured's dynasty and a grave of cousin of Prophet Muhamed. Observatory of Ulugbek – incredible construction of 15 century for studying astronomy. Free time at Registan square and Local bazzar Dinner NIGHT LIFE: Light show in Registan square (if available), night view of Tamerlane's mausoleum.	

DAY 6	Samarkand	07:00	Early breakfast at hotel.	
	-Tashkent-	08:00	Transfer to Tashkent.	
	The capital of Uzbekistan, the biggest city in Central Asia. It is know all of over the world as a city of friendship.	14:00	Small picnic to enjoy the view of mountain pass around legendary gate of Tamerlanes state. Photo stops near second Largest river of Central Asia Sirdarya, local fish market and famous market where the best melons are sold in the whole region. Quick shopping of water melons and melons (depending on season). Arriving Tashkent	
	friendship, unique combination of historical monuments and modern life!	18:00	Lunch time local restaurant. Tasting different cuisine of Central Asian nations. Quick City tour: Khastimam Complex, Kukeldash Madrasah, Abdulaziz Madrasah, Chorsu Silk Road bazaar Dinner with farewell show at national guest house.	
DAY 7	Tashkent-		Early Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport for departure flight.	

Services included in main tour price:

- Double / Single accommodation with breakfast
- English speaking tour guides
- Transport service all over tour by luxury air conditioned minivan/minibus
- Portages charge at airports and hotels Tips at the airports and hotels
- Picnic and coffee stops
- 1 Bottle of mineral water per person per day
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing and monuments
- Folklore shows in Bukhara city
- Local flight Tashkent Urgench
- OPTIONAL services for your choice;

Tashkent: Tickets for performance in Alisher Navoi Theatre, Visiting Christian churches.

Cup of Tea at Tashkent TV tower restaurant

Tashkent zoo and botanic garden. Any museums of Tashkent

And much more

Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Ferghana: Decussating of local wines of local factories, all museums, theatres, taking part in national holydays, parties and customs / Traditions. Visiting Uzbek families, Schools, medical institutions, bazaars, archives of ancient books, libraries and much much more.

Services excluded in main tour price:

- Airfare due to the program (international)
- All optional deviations from the main itinerary
- Photo-and video charges
- All personal expenses (extra luggage fee, room service, medical expenses/insurance, etc.)
- Trip cancellation / accident insurance
- Tips to the guides and drivers
- Meals (Lunches and Dinners)

Cities	Suggested accommodation:	
Tashkent	Grand Orzu or similar	
Samarkand	Ideal*** or similar	
Bukhara	Lyabi Hauz or similar	
Khiva	Malika Khiva*** or similar	

Total price of the tour: 750 USD per person Additional Single supplement: 120 USD

How it works

We have fixed departure dates of the following itinerary, which is carefully selected to meet your expectations by covering all main highlights of Uzbekistan, we will make sure you will not miss any main attraction in any city, moreover our guides are always flexible and can take you to any infamous or a certain place by your request at no extra cost. The tour starts and ends in Tashkent (Uzbekistan), all members of the group will be met at the airport before the tour starts. Our group's size is usually from 10-14pax.

Booking / Conditions

Early reservations are recommended, since the group size is limited and some activities on that trip require extra preparation time. And the sooner you book the better rates for international flights to/from Tashkent are available for you. The dates of this trip are 23-30 May, 1-8 August, 26 Sept - 3 October, 3-10 October, which are considered to be the best periods in terms of weather, flight operations to starting point a day before the tour starts by Turkish airways, Uzbekistan airways, Aeroflot and others. We have one of the easiest conditions for bookings, since we never ask for any deposit for reservations and moreover we do not demand any full prepayments before the tour starts, in most cases a bank transfer of only 20% prepayment of the tour price is enough for you to start your journey and pay the rest amount when you reach us. All cancelations made one month prior of departure are fully refundable.

Our accommodations

We carefully select hotels to make sure that they represent the best of what the local culture has to offer, with a focus on authenticity, cultural depth, and environmental sustainability. You don't really have to get your expectations to high on getting a first class service in the hotels of Central Asia. Many hotels do not have an experience of running their hotel on international management standards. But we do make sure you get a nice room with private facilities, as well as TV, AC etc. Our choice is privately owned small boutique hotels, with a great location and best local atmosphere you can experience. You will appreciate the chance engaging to an eastern lifestyle rather than being in a bigger hotel that is owned by a local government.

Value Guarantee

We guarantee that you can't find a trip with the same level of hotels and services for a better price. If you do, just let us know and we will refund the difference to you. We will make sure the quality and value of your trip will be unsurpassed!

You'll have 24/7 support during your trip, including 24 hour emergency numbers in all locations.

We are completely committed to providing you with an outstanding travel experience!