

# LEGENDARY CAPITALS OF CENTRAL ASIA

\* BUKHARA \* SHAKHRISABZ \* SAMARKAND \*

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

*This tour covers the world-famous historical cities with their unique architectural complexes striking imagination of everyone. The imaginary illustrations to the fairy-tales of A Thousand and One Arabian Nights revive in front of you day by day.  
Do not miss it!*



DAYS	CITIES	ITINERARY
01	Tashkent / Bukhara	<p>Transfer to the airport for morning flight to Bukhara (per current timetable of Uzbekistan Airways):  <i>Domestic flight HY-1321 (TAS/BHK) at 06:30/08:15 operates on Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat</i>  <i>Domestic flight HY-1337 (TAS/BHK) at 07:15/08:20 operates on Wed, Fri</i></p> <p>Arrival in <b>Noble Bukhara</b>, as it is sometimes called, was the centre of world civilization in ancient times, an attribute it enjoys even today. The Great Silk Road connecting states of Near and Middle East, India and China, passed through the city. This was a very beautiful and colorful picture: the Bukharas wearing dazzling white turbans and colorful silk robes, long-haired Chinese in wide caftans and skirts, the Indians with their silk-embroidered shoes...</p> <p>Upon arrival SS tour of Bukhara: the <b>Samanids mausoleum</b>, the burial place of the Samanids; <b>Chashma-Ayub shrine</b> known as a curative source; local bazaar, <b>Bolo-Khauz mosque</b>; <b>fortress Ark</b> (citadel), a fortified residence of Emirs of Bukhara.</p> <p><i>Visiting the house of rich merchant of the 19th century - Fayzoulla Khodjaev to see the demonstration of national Uzbek costume.</i></p> <p>Overnight at hotel in Bukhara.</p>
02	Bukhara	<p>FD SS tour of Bukhara: <b>Poi-Kalyan complex</b> consisting of Miri-Arab madrassah, Kalyan minaret &amp; Djuma mosque; <b>trading domes</b> consisting of three centers: <b>Tok-i-Zargaron</b> – Jeweler’s bazaar, <b>Tok-i-Tilpak Furushon</b> – Cap Maker’s Bazaar, <b>Tok-i-Sarrafon</b> – Moneychanger’s Bazaar; <b>Ulugbek’s madrassah</b>, <b>Abdulaziz-khan madrassah</b>; <b>Liabi-</b></p>

		<p><b>Khauz Complex:</b> Nodir-Divan-beghi madrassah, Kukeldash madrassah, Khonako; <b>Magoki-Attari mosque;</b> <b>Chor Minor.</b> A countryside excursion to <b>Sitora-i-Mokhi-Khosa</b>, summer residence of the last Emir of Bukhara (4 km).</p> <p><i>Folklore performance at Nodir Divan Begi madrassah.</i></p> <p>Overnight at hotel in Bukhara.</p>		
03	Bukhara / Shakhrisabz / Samarkand	<p>In the morning drive to Samarkand via Shakhrisabz (300 km), <i>a town surrounded by mountains from three sides – motherland of the Great ruler and military commander Timur.</i> SS tour upon arrival: <b>Remnants of Ak-Sarai Palace</b>, bazaar of Shakhrisabz, <b>Kok-Gumbas mosque &amp; Gumbazi-Seidan mausoleum, Khazret-Imam mosque.</b></p> <p>In the afternoon continue drive to Samarkand (150 km). Arrival in <b>Majestic and beautiful Samarkand</b>, <i>called by historians a “Rome of the East, The pearl of the Eastern Moslem World”.</i> <i>Samarkand has witnessed a lot of upheavals during the times of Alexander the Great (Macedonian), the Arabic Conquest, Ghengis-Khan Conquest and lastly Tamerlane’s.</i> Hence, <i>Samarkand’s culture developed and mixed together with the Iranian, Indian, Mongolian and a bit of the Western and Eastern cultures.</i></p> <p>Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at hotel. Overnight at hotel in Samarkand.</p>		
04	Samarkand	<p>FD SS tour of Samarkand: <b>Registan Square</b> (meaning “sandy place”) surrounded by the <b>Ulugbek’s madrassah</b>, the <b>Sher-Dor madrassah</b> and <b>Tilla-Kori madrassah;</b> <b>Mosque Bibi-Khanum</b> (named in honor of Timur’s eldest and favorite wife); local bazaar; <b>Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis</b> and ensemble of mausoleums.</p> <p><i>Visiting Samarkand Handmade Silk Paper Center where the artisans have revived the ancient tradition of hand-made paper production and reintroduced Samarkand Paper to the world.</i></p> <p>Overnight at hotel in Samarkand.</p>		
05	Samarkand / Tashkent	<p>Today we continue SS tour of Samarkand incl. <b>Gur-Emir Mausoleum</b> (graves of Tamerlane and his descendants); <b>Observatory of Ulugbek</b> (the founder of the observatory; <b>Afrosiab archaeological site &amp; museum of the city foundation.</b></p> <p>In the afternoon transfer to the railway station for express train to Tashkent:</p> <p><i>Express train “Registan” (SKD/TAS) at 17:00/20:40 operates on Mon, Thu-Sun or</i>  <i>Express train “Nasaf” (SKD/TAS) at 17:30/21:07 operates on Tue, Wed</i></p> <p>Upon arrival transfer to your hotel.</p>		
SUGGESTED HOTELS FOR ACCOMMODATION				
<b>Option “Silk”</b>	Bukhara Samarkand	Zargaron Plaza 4* / similar President 4*	2 o/n 2 o/n	
<b>Option “Cotton”</b>	Bukhara Samarkand	Zargaron 3* / similar Orient Star 3* / similar	2 o/n 2 o/n	
TARIFFS				
<b>Number of pax:</b>	<b>2 pax</b>	<b>3 - 5 pax</b>	<b>6 – 9 pax</b>	<b>Single room supplement</b>
Option “Silk” ( <i>price per person</i> )	\$584	\$561	\$471	\$100
Option “Cotton” ( <i>price per person</i> )	\$534	\$511	\$421	\$60

THE PRICE OF TOUR INCLUDES:	THE PRICE OF TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation on double/twin base at above mentioned hotels;</li> <li>• Meals: B &amp; B base: 4 breakfasts (<i>from breakfast on day 2 till breakfast on day 5</i>);</li> <li>• All transfers and transportation throughout by A/C car / minibus;</li> <li>• Porterage at airports/railway stations and hotels;</li> <li>• Services of LOCAL guides in each city for excursion (speaking English / French / German);</li> <li>• All excursions and entrance fees (per itinerary);</li> <li>• <i>Visiting Fayzoulla Khodjaev's house in Bukhara;</i></li> <li>• <i>Folklore performance at Nodir Divan Begi madrassah in Bukhara;</i></li> <li>• <i>Samarkand Handmade Silk Paper Center</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International airfare;</li> <li>• Visa fee for Uzbekistan;</li> <li>• Domestic airfare TAS/BHK – 55 USD/pax (<i>subject to change</i>);</li> <li>• Train ticket SKD/TAS ("<i>Registan</i>") – 12 USD/pax (<i>common compartment seat</i>) or 18 USD/pax (<i>1<sup>st</sup> class seat</i>);</li> <li>• Train ticket SKD/TAS ("<i>Nasaf</i>") – 10 USD/pax (<i>common compartment seat</i>) or 16 USD/pax (<i>1<sup>st</sup> class seat</i>);</li> <li>• All personal expenses (<i>extra charge for video and photo at monuments and museums, luggage overweight</i>)</li> </ul>