

# The "Golden Triangle of Uzbekistan" The birth-place of Imam Bukhari and the Capital of Tamerlane

Duration: 8 days/7 nights

Route: Tashkent-Bukhara-Samarkand-Tashkent

# Day 1:

Arrival at Tashkent International Airport the day before the tour starts You will be met by our representative with a sign "Plus 7 Travel". Transfer to the hotel, accommodation upon arrival. One night in Tashkent is included in the tour price.

### Day 2

**07:30-08:30** - breakfast at the hotel.

**09:00** - meeting with the guide in the hotel lobby.

Drive to the mountains of Tian Shan. On the way you will see the airfield "Tuzel". The drive to our first stop at the new ski resort Amirsoy will take about two hours. By modern cable car you will ascend to the altitude of 2290 meters, enjoy beautiful views of the mountain peaks and breathe clean, mountain air.

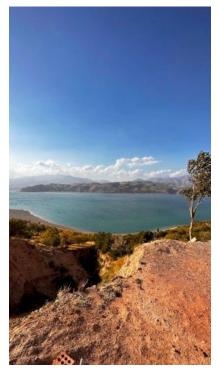
After passing near Beldersay resort, we will head towards Charvak Lake. Our way will also pass through the famous resort of Chimgan, which in the Soviet years was a popular place and received tourists from all republics of the big country.

Mountain lake Charvak, frozen petroglyphs, ancient sycamore trees.

On the lake Charvak we will have three stops to see the lake from different angles. On a high cliff above the lake, we will take our beautiful photos in the background of the most picturesque scenery.

We will also see the dam that forms the western shore of the lake - a real engineering marvel. Then we will go down to the village of Khojikent. There we will have lunch in a teahouse where Uzbek cuisine is deliciously prepared (lunch is not included in the tour price). At the end of the meal, we will continue the tour. We will go to the rocks, on which petroglyphs are frozen - the work of artists of deep antiquity. After rock images, we will pass to huge and ancient plane trees. We will look at fishes in the pond, go higher and talk about Basmachi at the mountain waterfall. The road back to Tashkent will take an hour and a half.

Overnight in Tashkent.





# **Day 3:**

**08:00 -10:00** - after breakfast, rest at 11:30 we are waiting for you with your things in the hotel lobby.

Our guide will take you on a motorized sightseeing tour of historical objects (XV-XIX centuries) total duration of the tour - (3-4 hours).

Lunch time you will spend in one of the restaurants of the city, where you will taste dishes of national Uzbek cuisine (the cost of lunch is not included in the price of the tour).

After lunch you can walk around the capital on your own or we will take you by motor transport to the biggest and oldest bazaar of Tashkent - "Chor-Su".

17:45 - transfer to the railway station to the electric train "Afrasiab" on the route Tashkent-Bukhara, departure of the train at 18:45 (3 hours 45 minutes on the way). Arrival of the train at 22:37 hours.

Please note, the tour includes transfer to and from the train station, train tickets themselves, but escort at the station to the train is not included in the price!

Transfer to the hotel and accommodation on arrival.

Overnight in Bukhara.





# Day 4

**07:00-10:00** - breakfast at the hotel.

**09:00** - excursion to the architectural monuments of X-XIX centuries (pedestrian):

the core of ancient Bukhara - Ark fortress (I-XX cc.);

Bala-Hauz complex;

dynastic tomb of the Samanids;

architectural construction of the XIV century - mazar of Chashma-Ayub;

complex of Poi-Kalyan buildings ("foot of the Great"), grouped around the highest minaret of Bukhara - Kalyan;

Lunch in one of the restaurants of the city (lunch is not included in the tour price).

Closed trade passages - "timas" (XV c.) and domed market buildings - "taki" (XVI c.);

one of the oldest mosques - Magokki-Attari;

the largest water body of the medieval city - Lyabi-Hauz, built in 1620. It is framed by three monumental buildings: madrasah (spiritual Muslim school) Nadir-Divan-Begi (1622), khanaka Nadir-Divan-Begi (strange house for dervishes and pilgrims) - 20 years of XVI century, the third building - madrasah Kukeltash (1568-69) - it was one of the largest madrasahs of its time (160 hujras - cells).

Overnight in Bukhara.





# Day 5

**8:00 - 8:50** breakfast at the hotel. Free time until 10:30.

11:00 departure from the hotel.

Continuation of the excursion, you will go (by motor transport) to the north of Bukhara to the country residence of the last Bukhara emirs - "Sitora-i-Mahi-Khasa" (late XIX century-1918).

Lunch in one of the restaurants of the city (not included in the price).

**15:00** - transfer to the railway station to the electric train "Afrasiab", following the route Bukhara-Samarkand, at **15:30**, (travel time 1-hour 35min.), arrival at **17:10**.

Please note, the tour includes transfer to and from the train station, train tickets themselves, but escort at the station to the train is not included in the price!

Accommodation in the hotel on arrival. Dinner in one of the restaurants of the city. Overnight in Samarkand.





## Day 6

**08:00 - 09:00 -** breakfast at the hotel.

10:00 - the beginning of the excursion to the architectural monuments of XII-XX centuries:

Registan ensemble - the square of three madrassahs (spiritual Muslim schools):

Tillya-Kari madrassah (XVII c), Sher-Dor madrassah (XVII c), Ulugbek madrassah (XV c).

Gur-Emir mausoleum - family tomb of the Timurid dynasty in the male line including Tamerlane himself (XV c., XVII c.);

14:00 - 15:00 - lunch in Samarkand national restaurant (not included in the price). Continuation of the excursion to the architectural monuments:

Memorial Museum of Ulugbek (grandson of Tamerlane) and the remains of the observatory built by his order

(1428-29).

Khoja Daniyar mausoleum

visit to the museum of the foundation of Samarkand (on the territory of the ancient settlement of Afrasiab). **18:00** - visit to the theater of Historical costume "EL - MEROSI" (if desired).

Dinner.

In the evening we recommend to visit the evening show on Registan Square.

Overnight in Samarkand

### Day 7

**07:00-10:00**-Breakfast at the hotel 09:00-Continuation of the excursion to the architectural monuments of XII-XX centuries: visit to the factory for production of Samarkand silk paper.

Visit to the factory of handmade silk carpets, Bibi-Khanim Jamii Mosque (XV century).

Ensemble of Shah-i-Zinda mausoleums (XII-XIX c.); 12:00 - 15:00 - Lunch in a national Uzbek restaurant. We will also have the opportunity to participate in making pilaf, the recipe of which has been known since ancient times (the cost of lunch is not included in the price of the tour).

Visit to the "Siab" bazaar, which is the largest and oldest in the city with an area of 7 hectares.







17:00 - transfer to the railway station to take the electric train "Afrasiab" on the route Samarkand-Tashkent, at 18:00, (travel time 2 hours 10min.), arrival at 20:10.

Please note, the tour includes transfer to and from the station, train tickets themselves, but escort at the station to the train is not included in the price!

Accommodation at the hotel upon arrival.

Dinner in one of the city restaurants.

Overnight in Tashkent.



#### > Prices:

2 pax \$1679 per person

4 pax: \$1070 per person

6 pax: \$905 per person

Children under 10 years old travel at 50% discount

#### **➤** What's included:

- National style boutique hotels with breakfasts. We specify the hotel in the contract as it may not be available everywhere at the time of booking;
- Car transfers according to the program + transfers to and from the airport;
- All railway tickets for ultra-high-speed trains "AFROSIYAB" (Tashkent-Bukhara, Bukhara-Samarkand, Samarkand-) Important! If railway tickets are not available (occupied), high-speed train "SHARK" will take the place instead of "AFROSIYAB" in the program;
- Mini photo session in national dresses with a long plume as a gift (the price includes renting a dress, photographer is not included!) You can take photos on your phone or camera;
- Local guides of the highest level;
- Entrance tickets to all attractions according to the program;
- Bottled water:
- Informational support 24/7

#### ➤ Not included:

- International flight from your city to Tashkent and back;
- Medical insurance;
- Lunches and dinners (about \$10-15 per person);
- Entrance ticket to Amirsoy (about \$20).

Season: The best time for this tour is March, April, May, until mid-June, and from mid-August to mid-November. It doesn't mean that we don't do this package in other time, but the weather can differ very much.

Welcome to the hospitable Uzbekistan!