

Essentials of Uzbekistan

DURATION : 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

VALID PERIOD : March – November 2016

ITINERARY : Tashkent - Urguench – Khiva - Bukhara– Samarkand- Tashkent

Day 1 Tashkent

Arrival at Tashkent. Transfer and accommodation at the hotel.

Breakfast. Time for rest.

Lunch.

Sightseeing in the capital: Stroll through the ancient part of the city, visiting Khast Imam square, the spiritual hearth of Muslims of Central Asia with its library keeping the oldest Coran of the Islamic world. In the Barak-Khan madrassah meeting with the renowned artisans: miniaturists, sculptors and painters... Drop in at capital's big market, Chorsu.

Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 Tashkent – Urguentch - Khiva

Transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Urguench.

Arrival at Urguench and transfer to Khiva (30km).

Accommodation at the hotel.

City tour of the inner part of Khiva - Itchan Kala.

An amazing city in the blue faience, hidden in the desert Kizilkum (red sands), on the bank of the Amu Darya river (the unrestrained river), Khiva offers to eager travelers the architecture different from that of other Uzbek cities, with her 52 historical monuments.

Lunch during the visits.

Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 3 Khiva – Bukhara

Depart to Bukhara (480km) crossing the Kyzyl-Kum desert and Amu Darya river. On the way we stop to meet the fanciers of the Central Asian karakul sheep.

Lunch on the way.

Arrival at Bukhara, a monastery-city, a place of education and pilgrimage. Lunch picnic.

Accommodation at the hotel.

First acquaintance with the city, stroll along Lyabi Khauz Place, a former place of Bukhara Emir's treasurer.

Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 4 Bukhara

Full day of touring in Bukhara: Splendid Poi-Kalyan Square, with its minaret of 13c., the main symbol of Great Silk Road, serving in former times as a lighthouse for caravaneers; Abdul-Azizkhan mosque – a royal mosque of 16 c. Ark citadel; Chor-Minor madrassah; Ismail Samani mausoleum – the oldest building in the Central Asia, the pearl of the world architecture; Royal mosque Bolo Khauz.

Lunch during the visits.

Dinner at the restaurant-caravanserai with folk show.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 Bukhara – Samarkand

Depart to Samarkand, city situated on the crossroads of caravan ways.

Arrival at Samarkand and accommodation at the hotel.

Lunch.

Sightseeing in the capital of Tamerlane's powerful empire: Registan Square – the heart of Samarkand with its three madrassahs – representatives of the great past of this city; Gur-Emir mausoleum – the burial place of the Tamerlane and his dynasty (XIV-XV c.).

Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 6 Samarkand– Tashkent

Whole day of sightseeing: Bibi-Khanim mosque, its blue dome competes with the firmament; Siyab local bazaar – taste the best breads and fruits of Samarkand; Shakhi-Zinda necropolis appears as the necklace of masterpieces, spreading by the sparkling train on the slopes of ancient Afrosiab; Visit Ulugbek observatory, the first and biggest observatory in the Orient.

In the evening depart to Tashkent by rapid train “Afrosiab” at 17.00.

Arrival at Tashkent. Accommodation at the hotel.

Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 Tashkent

Transfer to the airport for the flight home.

Price of the trip: **from 585 USD** p/pax

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- ❖ Accommodation (6 nights) in the hotels 4*-3*
- ❖ Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- ❖ Transfers Airport / Hotel / Airport
- ❖ Surface transport by air-conditioned comfortable vehicle for the whole trip
- ❖ English speaking guide from the beginning to the end of the trip
- ❖ Entrance fee on all mentioned sights
- ❖ One liter of water per day p/pax
- ❖ Domestic flight Tashkent – Urguench
- ❖ Rapid train Samarkand-Tashkent

NOT INCLUDED:

- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Fee for photos on sights
- ❖ Visa fee
- ❖ Tips for guides and drivers