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## Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan Tour

Price \$1784 pp

Twin/DBL/SGL room

Ashgabat-Tashkent



### Day 1, Arrival in Ashgabat at airport.

be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.



### Day 2, Ashgabat

After the breakfast in the hotel restaurant you will proceed for a full day city tour in Ashgabat. The modern Ashgabat is called a marble city with many white marble apartments, grandiose national monuments. You will visit Ertogrul Gazy Mosque, Independence Park, Neutrality Arch, National Museum, Nissa (UNESCO) and Turkmenbashi Mosque-Mausoleum.

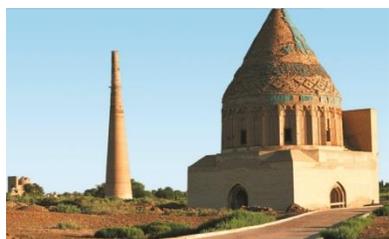
### Day 3, Ashgabat-Darwaza

Today we will spend a half day in Ashgabat and visit some museums, including visit to Anau mosque ruins, Ahalteke horse stables, Carpet Museum (open on Sunday) bazaar. Afternoon we will drive to Darwaza in the Karakum desert, with visit of Erbent desert community on the way. The crater is located in the desert and it is amazing to see it in the evening after sunset. We will set up camps. Picnic dinner, you will enjoy kebab and overnight in tent.



### Day 4, Darwaza-Kunya Urgench-Khiva

After breakfast we will drive to Dashoguz city and then to Kunya Urgench (UNESCO). Kunya Urgench was the capital of Khorezm empire but it was destroyed by Mongol troops in the 13th century and flud . After sightseeing, we will head to Uzbekistan border near Shavat –Khiva You will meet your Uzbek guide and driver and be transferred to Khiva city.



*Option: You can skip Kunya Urgench if you feel tired from Driving Darwaza-Kunya-Khiva. Because it is another 200 km road to Kunya and you may skip and drive to Shavat border directly. Darwaza Shavat border driving is 5 hrs.*



### Day 5, Khiva

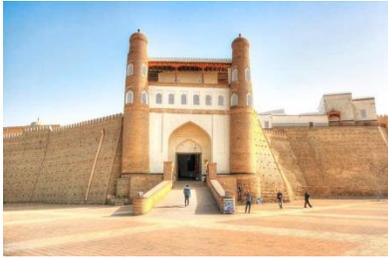
You will visit the whole town with its minarets, mosques, museums, palaces and caravanserai. You will meet also local people living in the old town, celebrating weddings in the city, shopping in the local market. Kunya Ark, Kalta minor, Muhammad Aminkhan madrasa, Muhammad Rahimkhan madrasa, Juma mosque and Minaret, Islam Khodja minaret, Tash Hauli palace are the main but not the full list of



attractions located in the town. You will finish the day with Folk music and dinner in Khiva in one of the local families. Overnight. 3

**Day 6, Khiva-Bukhara 500 km 6 hrs**

After breakfast drive to Bukhara through Kyzylkum desert. Arrive in Bukhara late afternoon. Rest and explore old town by walking. Your hotel is located in the center of the city. You will wander in the old town and visit shops, galleries, carfts workshops, chayhana, cafe and restaurants around Laby Hauz pond.



**Day 7, Bukhara**

Today's full day city tour. Sightseeing is all on foot through this ancient, holy city, includes Chashmai Ayub mausoleum of 9 C, Ismail Samani mausoleum 9-10 C, Bolo Hauz mosque and Ark Fortress. You will see palaces, trade domes, mosques, madrasas, hanaka, Turkish hammam, the bazaar and many souvenir shops. After lunch (not included) at a local restaurants or café. you

visit Kalyan minaret, Ulughbek and Abdulazizkhan madrasa, Nadir Divan Begi Madrasa and Khanaka, Magaki Attari mosque, Chor Minor madrasa. Overnight.



**Day 8, Bukhara**

On your 2nd day in Bukhara you may visit Muslim shrine outside of city Bahuddin Naqshbandiy or Summer palace of Bukhara emir . PM free. You may spend your free time going to old Hammam, should be booked in advance by your local guide, Additional \$25 pp. Separate for women and men.



**Day 9, Bukhara-Samarkand via Shahrisabz**

After breakfast drive to Samarkand via Shahrisabz , the birthplace of Amir Temur. If you are a small group of 1-3 persons, you can drive over the mountain of Zarafshan pass (1450 m) and arrive Shahrisabz in around one hour; bigger groups will travel by van or bus around the mountain which will take around 2. 5 hours and see remote villages of the province. Visit in Shahrisabz includes the UNESCO-listed ruins of Ak Saray Palace, Jahangir's mausoleum and Kok Gumbaz mosque After lunch at a local restaurant you continue driving to Samarkand. Arrival in Samarkand at around 1800. Dinner at local restaurant or in a hotel. Overnight.



**Day 10, Samarkand**

City Tour in Samarkand. This legendary city has not so many sites as in Bukhara but it is very famouse for its Mausoleum of Gur Emir, Registan square with Sherdor Madrasa,

Ulughbek madrasa, Tilla Sheikh mosque. It is also the main city square where locals celebrate have festivals and holidays and the international world music festival. Afrosiab museum, the museum dedicated to the ancient city Afrosiab. Overnight 4



**Day 11, Samarkand**

In the morning we will visit Silk carpet factory of Samarkand and Konigil Silk paper workshop. Evening take train at 1700-1910 to Tashkent. Overnight in Tashkent.

**Day 12, Departure**

Transfer to airport for your return flight home. End of Services.

City	Hotels
Tashkent	Navruz or similar 3* hotel
Samarkand	Bibi Hanum or Marokand boutique B&B
Bukhara	Komil or Bibihanum boutique B&B
Khiva	Malika Khiva or Zuhra B&B
Darwaza	Tent or Yurt
Ashgabat	Ak Altyn 3*

<b>Inclusions</b>	Accommodation in single room, breakfast, Transportation throughout the tour, local guides, entrance fee, sightseeing, Local train ticket SAM-TAS, Daily water during the trip
<b>Exclusions</b>	Single room supplement, visa fee for Turkmenistan, Tipping guides and drivers. Visa fee for Uzbekistan online fee \$20 pp