Cultural rainbow of Uzbekistan

TASHKENT- SAMARKAND - SHAKHRISABZ -BUKHARA- KHIVA

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

The fascinating cultural and informative tour will introduce you to the ancient history and culture of Uzbekistan, the world-famous ancient monuments of Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva and Shakhrisabz, and it’s irreplaceable part on the Great Silk Road. Here pulsating cultural life of the heart of a powerful empire of Tamerlane.

By this journey, you will enjoy taking pictures of the ancient cities, which still keep a memory of Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, numerous trade caravans and important stopovers on the Great Silk Road. This tour package will bring you a great opportunity to discover the cultural treasures and traditions of the nomadic people who have crossed the region for ages, and of the people who have settled in its cities. And you will explore the sprawling Soviet-style cities and tour three modern capitals of Central Asia. The ancient Khiva city represents a major center of the world civilization, being one of the most important components of the Great Silk Road. Further, the path runs to Bukhara and Samarkand through the expanses of the mystical Kyzyl Kum desert and magnificent assemblies from different eras and local traditional lifestyle will impress you utterly.

Day 1 Tashkent

You are met by the representative of ANOR TRAVEL on arrival at Tashkent International airport and transfer to Hotel.

- Free day

-Overnight in the hotel

Day 2 Tashkent

Breakfast in the hotel

Explore for today: the Hast Imam complex, Barak Khana, and Tila Shaikh Mosque, part of which houses an important religious library, the 16th century Kaffal-Shashi Mausoleum. Later visit the religious centers at Kukeldash Madrassah, one of the few remaining grand architectural monuments of Tashkent, built in the second half of the 16th century. After that we also enjoy a visit to the Chorsu Market at the end of old city excursions.

-Lunch time

- Then take a ride on Tashkent Metro to the city center to walk through Amir Timur Square, Independence Square and visit Applied Arts Museum.

-Dinner.

Duration of sightseeing tour: 4-5 hours

Overnight in the hotel.

Day 3 Tashkent– Samarkand

07:00- Departure to railway station

10:20-Arrive in Samarkand.

-Our driver and guide will meet you at the railway station in Samarkand.

The tour begins by a visit to Ulugbek Observatory, where part of the sextant from the 15th century is preserved. Continue to Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis and remains of Bibi-Khanum Mosque. During sightseeing you will have a chance to visit the colorful Siab bazaar with stalls full of oriental sweets, local fruits and variety of freshly baked traditional breads.

- Lunch

-After a visit to the spectacular Registan Square which has been the center of Samarkand for many centuries. Gur-Emir Mausoleum – the final resting place of Timur, a great emperor.

Overnight in the hotel

Day 4 Samarkand

Breakfast in the hotel

09:00 - Drive to Konigil village to explore traditional way of making Samarkand paper from mulberry. Continue to the Mausoleum of Muslim scholar Imam al-Bukhari, the author of the collection of Hadis, sayings and deeds of Prophet Muhammad. Being a pilgrimage place for Muslims, Al-Bukhari complex is also famous for the modern mosque built in 1998. Back to Samarkand.

-Lunch.

-Free time.

-Overnight in the hotel.

Day 5 Samarkand- Shakhrisabz-Bukhara

Breakfast in the hotel

Drive to Shakhrisabz to visit birth town of Temur the Great.

-Sightseeing tour in Temur’s birthplace for 2 hours: Ak – Saray palace, Complex “Dorus Saodat and Dorut- Tilavat” and the mosque Kok Gumbaz

- Lunch

- Drive to Bukhara

- Dinner

Overnight in the hotel in Bukhara.

Day 6 Bukhara

Breakfast in the hotel and start sightseeing: Labi havz complex . Magoki Attori mosque, trading domes

-Lunch time

- Samanids mausoleum 9-10c – Unique most ancient Central Asian architecture, Chashma Ayub Mausoleum, Bolo Havz Friday mosque 18c, the Ark fortress – the residence of Bukhara rulers, Poi Kalon architectural complex – the spiritual heart of Bukhara .

-Dinner

- Overnight in the hotel .

Day 7 Bukhara

Breakfast in the hotel

08:30 - Start pilgrimage to Seven Sufi scholars burial places, all of them are located in outskirts of Bukhara. Visit the tomb of Abduholiq Gijduvaniy (1103-1179) located in the town of Gijduvan (40 km away from Bukhara). Continue to the tomb of the fourth apprentice of Abduholiq Gijduvaniy Khoja Muhammad Orif Ar Revgariy known as Hazrat Khoja Orif Mohitobon (died in 1259). This holy site is located in the district of Shofirkon 50-60 km from the centre of Bukhara. Continue to the burial site of Hodja Mahmud Anjir Fagnaviy (died in 1286). Drive to Mausoleum of Khoja Ali Rometaniy located in Rometan district. He was the apprentice of Khoja Mahmud Anjir Fagnaviy (died in 1310, in some sources in 1321). Continue pilgrimage by a visit to burial place of Khoja Mukhammad Boboyi Samosiy (1259-1354), an apprentice of Hodja Ali Rometaniy. The next holy site is the tomb of Hazreti Said Mir Kulol (1287-1370). The last pilgrimage place is the holiest ensemble of Bukhara, the burial place of Hazrati Bakhouddin Naqshbandi – the founder of Naqshbandiya Order, located in the village of Qasri Orifon. Return to Bukhara.

- Dinner

-Overnight in the hotel.

Day 8 Bukhara -Khiva

08:30 – Drive from Bukhara to Khiva via Kyzilkum desert.

15: 30 – Arrival in Khiva

- Free time

- Overnight in the hotel of Khiva

Day 9 Khiva

Breakfast in the hotel

-09:00 Guided tour in Khiva. Sightseeing of Ichan-Kala, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The places to visit in the Ichan-Kala: Kunya-Ark, Alauddinkhan Mausoleum, Mukhammad Aminkhan Madrasah (XVIII century), Ak-Maszhid mosque, madrasah of Khoja Berdibiy, Shirgazikhan, Pakhlavan Makhmud Mausoleum.

13:00 -Lunch time

Minaret of Islam-Khoja, Juma Mosque (XVIII century), Tash-Khovli Palace, Allakulikhan Madrassah

- Dinner

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Khiva- Urgench-Tashkent

Breakfast in the hotel

Free day

19:45 – Drive to the airport to departure to Tashkent .

21:00 –Arrival in Tashkent and drive to the hotel.

End of the tour.