



GROUP TOUR · 4 DAYS

Turkmenistan Fixed Date Group Tour

Border of Turkmenistan near Bukhara – Border of Turkmenistan near Khiva · Turkmenistan

Duration
4 days, 3 nights

Start and end
Border of Turkmenistan near
Bukhara – Border of
Turkmenistan near Khiva

Best time to visit
Mar–Nov

Group tour from
\$510 per person

Tour type
Culture, Silk Road

Difficulty
Easy

Departures
25 guaranteed dates

Prices and dates valid for 2026–2027 departures. Issued 12 October 2026.

Tour highlights

Join our Fixed-Date Group Tour and discover the highlights of Turkmenistan, from the Uzbekistan border near Bukhara to the border close to Khiva. There is also an option to arrive and depart from Ashgabat Airport.

Explore the ancient Silk Road city of Merv, admire the spectacular white-marble capital of Ashgabat, and visit a local Akhal-Teke horse farm to learn about Turkmenistan's legendary horse breed. Experience the unforgettable Darvaza Gas Crater, known as the "Door to Hell," and spend a night under the stars in the Karakum Desert.

This 4-day journey combines ancient history, unique culture, impressive architecture and extraordinary desert landscapes – an ideal introduction to Turkmenistan for travellers continuing their journey through Central Asia.

Difficulty: Easy. No hiking and no altitude – only short walks at the sights. Long drives of 4–5 hours (250–360 km) on most days, partly by 4x4 to the crater, and one night in a simple yurt camp/tent at Darvaza.



The fire of the Darvaza (Derweze) gas crater in the Karakum Desert in Turkmenistan.



Kyz Kala in Merv

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Mary	Mary Hotel or similar
Night 2	Ashgabat	Sport Hotel or similar
Night 3	Darvaza Gas Crater	Darvaza yurt camp

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Farap – Mary

Our representative will meet you at the Turkmen/Uzbek border "Alat" at 9:00. Transfer to Merv (253km, 5h) to meet the group. Optional: arrive at Ashgabat International Airport and transfer to Mary to meet the group.

Explore ancient Merv – the "Queen of the World", once one of the most important capitals of Islam alongside Baghdad, Cairo and Damascus. Sightseeing includes Greater Kyz Gala and Lesser Kyz Gala (VI-VII c.), the Complex of Askhabs (VIII-XIV c.), Erk Gala (VI BC), Gyaurla Gala (IV BC), the Hoja Yusup Hamadani complex, Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum, and Muhamed Ibn Zeid Mausoleum.

After sightseeing, drive to Mary and see the city's main downtown buildings, the bazaar and the Russian Orthodox church, time permitting. Overnight in Mary.

Overnight	Mary · Mary Hotel or similar
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Travel	Alat / Farap border control – Mary (253 km)
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Mary – Ashgabat

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, drive to Ashgabat. Upon arrival, visit to Horse Stable to see the national pride of Turkmen people – Akhalteke horses, the nicest horses in the world.

5000 years ago, Turkmens began to breed Akhalteke horses. The World's unique breed was never mixed with other breeds. Such illustrious Emperors like Alexander the Great and Darius I desired to own Akhalteke horses. There are beautiful horses on the farm. Per superstition, every sick person who touches an Akhalteke horse will get well soon.

Afternoon, you will have an Ashgabat city tour. In 2013, the Guinness Book of Records named Ashgabat a "white marbled city" – here you can see the biggest number of structures in the world made out of white marble.

You will see the Wedding Palace, the modern "Yildyz" Hotel, the Ferris Wheel, the Constitution Monument, the Arch of Neutrality, the Monument and Park of Independence, Ertogrul Gazi Mosque, and Ashgabat Sports and Housing facilities. Overnight at the Hotel.

Overnight	Ashgabat · Sport Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Mary – Ashgabat (360 km)
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Ashgabat – Darvaza

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time till noon.

Afternoon, drive to Darvaza Burning Gas Crater (276km, 4h). The crater is also called "The Door to Hell".

The area is rich in natural gas. While drilling in 1971, Soviet geologists tapped into a cavern filled with natural gas. The ground beneath the drilling rig collapsed, leaving a large hole with a diameter of 60 m and 20 m. To avoid poisonous gas discharge, it was decided to burn it off. Geologists had hoped the fire would use all the fuel in a matter of days, but the gas is still burning today. In the evening, watch the spectacular and fascinating view of the gas crater. BBQ dinner at Gas Crater.

Overnight	Darvaza Gas Crater · Darvaza yurt camp
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Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
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Travel	Ashgabat – Darvaza Gas Crater (276 km)
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Darvaza – Dashoguz

Picnic-style breakfast. After breakfast, drive to the Turkmen/Uzbek border checkpoint to cross into Uzbekistan.

Optional: drive back to Ashgabat. Transfer to Ashgabat International Airport or to the hotel for an additional night.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Darvaza Gas Crater – Shavat border control

What's included

Included

- Letter of Invitation (LOI) - State Registration, Travel Pass
- Accommodation in DBL/Twin room: Sport hotel (1 night), Mary Hotel (1 night), Yurt camp/Tent (1 night, incl. sleeping mats, sleeping bags, pillows, light)
- Escort guide services
- Transportation as per program (AC regular road vehicles and 4x4 where terrain requires)
- Entrance fees as per program
- Meals: breakfast at the hotel, BBQ dinner at Darvaza
- 5L water per person per day
- Travel tax

Not included

- International flights
- Cost of Turkmen visa and border fees (70-100 USD)
- PCR test (40 USD)
- Meals: lunch and dinner (about 10 USD per meal, except BBQ dinner at Darvaza)
- Transfers on the Uzbekistan side: Bukhara to Farap border, Shavat border to Khiva
- Medical insurance
- Tips for the guide and driver
- Payment for photo and video at particular sights or museums
- Services not shown in the program
- Single supplement - 65 USD per solo traveller (applies if you prefer a single room or no roommate of the same gender can be found)

Prices and dates

Valid for 2026–2027 departures

Group tour, per person

Tour	Double / twin room	Single supplement
4 days	\$510	+ \$65

Same price on all departures. \$70 deposit, balance in cash at the start of the tour.

Guaranteed group departures

2026

Start	End	Weekdays	Status
5 Nov 2026	8 Nov 2026	Thu – Sun	Available

2027

Start	End	Weekdays	Status
19 Mar 2027	22 Mar 2027	Fri – Mon	Available
1 Apr 2027	4 Apr 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
8 Apr 2027	11 Apr 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
15 Apr 2027	18 Apr 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
22 Apr 2027	25 Apr 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
6 May 2027	9 May 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
13 May 2027	16 May 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
20 May 2027	23 May 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
27 May 2027	30 May 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
3 Jun 2027	6 Jun 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
10 Jun 2027	13 Jun 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
1 Jul 2027	4 Jul 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
15 Jul 2027	18 Jul 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
13 Aug 2027	16 Aug 2027	Fri – Mon	Available
19 Aug 2027	22 Aug 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
2 Sep 2027	5 Sep 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
9 Sep 2027	12 Sep 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
23 Sep 2027	26 Sep 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
7 Oct 2027	10 Oct 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
14 Oct 2027	17 Oct 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
21 Oct 2027	24 Oct 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
28 Oct 2027	31 Oct 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
4 Nov 2027	7 Nov 2027	Thu – Sun	Available
11 Nov 2027	14 Nov 2027	Thu – Sun	Available

Availability as of 12 October 2026. Check current availability on the tour page.

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