



GROUP AND PRIVATE TOUR • 10 DAYS

Uzbekistan – Tajikistan Tour

Round trip from Tashkent • Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Duration
10 days, 9 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Tashkent

Best time to visit
All year

Group tour from
\$1,405 per person

Private tour from
\$1,324 per person

Tour type
Culture, Multi-country, Nature,
Silk Road

Difficulty
Easy

Trains
2 train journeys included

Departures
5 guaranteed dates

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

Tour highlights

Follow the trail of the ancient caravans through two dazzling lands, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, where mountain peaks meet turquoise domes and every city tells a story older than time. Begin in captivating Tashkent, then cross into Tajikistan, exploring the colorful bazaars of Khujand, the ancient charm of Istaravshan and the serene beauty of the Seven Lakes nestled in the Fann Mountains.

Continue to the legendary cities of Samarkand and Bukhara, where the legacy of the Silk Road still shimmers in mosaics, madrasahs and lively markets. This 10-day journey (11 days with the optional Khiva extension) captures the very soul of Central Asia – a tapestry of history, hospitality and breathtaking landscapes, woven with the golden threads of legend.

Difficulty: Easy. Cultural sightseeing tour by road and train with easy city walks and short lakeshore walks at the Seven Lakes. Expect two land border crossings and some long driving days (up to 260 km).



Fann mountains trekking tour, seven lakes



Shah i Zinda is Samarkand's most beloved site holding the stunning avenue of mausoleums

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Tashkent	Human 3* or similar
Night 2	Khujand	Khujand Deluxe Hotel 4* or similar
Night 3	Panjakent	Panjakent Plaza Hotel or similar
Nights 4–6	Samarkand	Arba 3* or similar
Nights 7–8	Bukhara	Rangrez 3* or similar
Night 9	Tashkent	Human 3* or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Tashkent

This morning, we arrive in Tashkent, Uzbekistan's capital. After settling in at the hotel and breakfast, we meet our guide. Today we discover Uzbekistan's bustling capital, where old and new meet in surprising harmony.

We'll visit the spiritual heart of the city – Khast-Imam Square, home to ancient madrasahs and mausoleums, and wander through the colorful Chorsu Bazaar, alive with the aromas of spices, fresh produce, and handicrafts. After lunch, we'll explore Independence Square and Amir Temur Square, wide spaces framed by impressive architecture. One highlight not to miss is the Tashkent Metro, famous for its ornate stations that feel like an underground art gallery. Overnight in Tashkent.

Overnight	Tashkent · Human 3* or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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DAY

2

Tashkent - "Oybek" land border - Khujand by road, 160 km

After breakfast we drive toward the Uzbek-Tajik border at Oybek, complete formalities, and continue to Khujand, one of the oldest cities in Central Asia.

On arrival, we enjoy a city tour: strolling through bustling Panjshanbe Bazaar, visiting the historical Museum of Khujand, and seeing the city's fortress walls. The mix of ancient history and modern Tajik life makes Khujand an unforgettable introduction to the country. Overnight in Khujand.

Overnight	Khujand · Khujand Deluxe Hotel 4* or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Tashkent – Khujand (160 km)
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DAY

3

Khujand - Istaravshan - Penjikent by road, 260 km

After breakfast we leave Khujand and set out towards Istaravshan, a city with more than 2,500 years of history and once an important stop along the Great Silk Road. Here we explore its bustling bazaars and historic sites, including Kuk-Gumbaz Mosque and the colorful caravanserai-style markets, where traditional craftsmanship is still alive.

Continuing our journey, we drive through dramatic mountain landscapes to Penjikent, often called the "Pompeii of Central Asia" thanks to its fascinating ruins of ancient Sogdian settlements. On arrival we settle into the hotel, with time to rest before dinner. Overnight in Penjikent.

Overnight	Panjakent · Panjakent Plaza Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Khujand – Panjakent (260 km)
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Penjikent - 7 Lakes - "Jartepa" land border - Samarkand by road, 180 km

After breakfast we explore Penjikent's surroundings, beginning with the Sarazm ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back more than 5,500 years — one of the earliest settlements in Central Asia. We then visit the Rudaki Museum, dedicated to the great Persian poet, and wander through the lively local bazaar, where everyday Tajik life unfolds in a swirl of colors and aromas.

Later, we journey into the Fan Mountains to discover the enchanting Seven Lakes of Marguzor. Each lake has its own character and color, ranging from deep sapphire to shimmering turquoise, shaped by light, altitude, and legend. Today we'll visit six of them, stopping for a traditional lunch at a local family home near the fourth lake. Short walks along the lakeshores will give us time to absorb the mountain serenity.

In the afternoon, we return to Penjikent and proceed to the Jartepa border crossing. After formalities, we cross into Uzbekistan and continue to Samarkand, the jewel of the Silk Road. Accommodation at the hotel and rest. Overnight in Samarkand.

Overnight	Samarkand · Arba 3* or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Travel	Panjakent – Samarkand (180 km)

DAY

5

Samarkand

After breakfast we set off to discover the treasures of Samarkand, one of the most dazzling cities of the Silk Road. Our tour begins at the iconic Registan Square, framed by three grand madrasahs – Ulugbek, Sher-Dor, and Tilla-Qori – each a masterpiece of Islamic architecture. We continue to the Gur-e Amir Mausoleum, the resting place of Tamerlane and his dynasty, with its turquoise dome and richly decorated interiors.

After lunch, we visit the Bibi-Khanyim Mosque, once one of the largest in the Islamic world, and wander through the Shah-i-Zinda Necropolis, where vibrant blue-tiled mausoleums line a narrow medieval street. The day ends at the Ulugbek Observatory, where the great astronomer charted the stars centuries ago. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Overnight	Samarkand · Arba 3* or similar
Meals	Breakfast

DAY

6

Samarkand

This morning we dive deeper into Samarkand's history and culture. We begin at the Afrosiab Museum and nearby archaeological site, which reveal the ancient roots of the city long before the Timurid era. Then we visit the tomb of Saint Daniel, a unique pilgrimage site venerated by Muslims, Christians, and Jews alike.

Later, we explore the Khujum carpet factory and a silk paper workshop, where age-old crafts are preserved and practiced with pride. Finally, we stroll through the bustling Siab Bazaar, a lively market brimming with spices, dried fruits, nuts, and handicrafts – the perfect place to experience the flavors and energy of modern Samarkand.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Samarkand.

Overnight	Samarkand · Arba 3* or similar
Meals	Breakfast

DAY

7

Samarkand - Bukhara by morning train

After breakfast we transfer to the railway station and take a morning train across the steppe to Bukhara (09:55–11:38). On arrival, we begin exploring this legendary Silk Road city, a place that once rivalled great cultural capitals of the Islamic world.

Highlights include the Ismail Samani Mausoleum, a masterpiece of early Islamic architecture; the Chashma Ayub Mausoleum, linked to the legend of the Prophet Job; and the bustling local bazaar. We continue to Bolo Khauz Mosque, the mighty Ark Citadel with its Zindan prison, and the Po-i-Kalyan Complex with its soaring minaret, madrasa, and mosque. Our tour also covers the Miri Arab Madrasa, the Magoki Attori Mosque, and Ulugbek Madrasa. In the evening, we settle into our hotel for rest.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez 3* or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Samarkand – Bukhara (train)
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Bukhara

We spend the morning outside the city walls to see some of Bukhara's most atmospheric sites: the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace, once the opulent summer residence of the last emir; the Chor Bakr Necropolis, often called the "City of the Dead"; and the Mausoleum of Bakhouddin Naqshbandi, a revered Sufi pilgrimage site.

Returning to Bukhara, the afternoon is free to explore the old town at your own pace. In the evening, we are welcomed into a traditional local home for an authentic cultural experience. Here we'll take part in a master class on cooking plov, Uzbekistan's most famous dish, learning its secrets step by step. Afterward, we'll share a delicious dinner with the family, enjoying warm hospitality and stories of local life. Overnight at the hotel.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez 3* or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
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DAY

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Bukhara - Tashkent by afternoon train

This morning is free in Bukhara to explore the old town at your own pace – browse the domed trading bazaars, relax by the Lyabi-Hauz pool or revisit your favourite sights.

In the afternoon, transfer to the train station for a comfortable ride to Tashkent. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for rest.

Overnight	Tashkent · Human 3* or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Bukhara – Tashkent (train)
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DAY

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Tashkent, departure

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out before 12:00. Transfer to the international airport for your onward flight — carrying with you warm memories and vivid impressions of your unforgettable journey through Central Asia.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
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Meals	Breakfast
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What's included

Included

- Accommodation at the hotels listed below, or at similar properties of the same category, in double/twin rooms with breakfast. Early check-in on Day 1 in Tashkent is included; check-in at other hotels is at 14:00, check-out at 12:00.
- Meals – daily breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner (incl. a cooking class in Bukhara) as per the program.
- Entrance fees to the monuments and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Services of English-speaking local guides for sightseeing.
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation throughout the tour, including all airport–hotel–airport transfers.
- Railway transfer from Samarkand to Bukhara and from Bukhara to Tashkent (economy class).
- Flight ticket Urgench – Tashkent (economy class) - 11-day Khiva extension only.
- * Tickets for high-speed trains are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed in advance.

Not included

- International flight tickets.
- Meals not mentioned above.
- Medical expenses and travel insurance.
- Porterage at hotels, railway stations, and airports.
- Tips for guides and drivers.

Prices and dates

Valid for 2027 departures

Group tour, per person

Tour	Double / twin room	Single supplement
Uzbekistan – Tajikistan 10 days	\$1,405	+ \$250
11 days with Khiva extension	\$1,605	+ \$275

Same price on all departures.

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Uzbekistan – Tajikistan 10 days, 3- star	Uzbekistan – Tajikistan 10 days, 4- star	11 days with Khiva extension, 3-star	11 days with Khiva extension, 4-star
1 traveller	\$3,463	\$3,923	\$3,785	\$4,245
2–3 travellers	\$2,031	\$2,353	\$2,257	\$2,584
4–5 travellers	\$1,523	\$1,847	\$1,717	\$2,082
6–7 travellers	\$1,398	\$1,724	\$1,592	\$1,958
8–9 travellers	\$1,363	\$1,689	\$1,579	\$1,945
10–11 travellers	\$1,324	\$1,651	\$1,536	\$1,901

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room. Single room supplement per person: Uzbekistan – Tajikistan 10 days, 3-star: \$240; Uzbekistan – Tajikistan 10 days, 4-star: \$360; 11 days with Khiva extension, 3-star: \$262; 11 days with Khiva extension, 4-star: \$395.

Guaranteed group departures

2027

Start	End	Weekdays	Status
15 May 2027	24 May 2027	Sat – Mon	Available
5 Jun 2027	14 Jun 2027	Sat – Mon	Available
28 Aug 2027	6 Sep 2027	Sat – Mon	Available
25 Sep 2027	4 Oct 2027	Sat – Mon	Available
16 Oct 2027	25 Oct 2027	Sat – Mon	Available

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

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