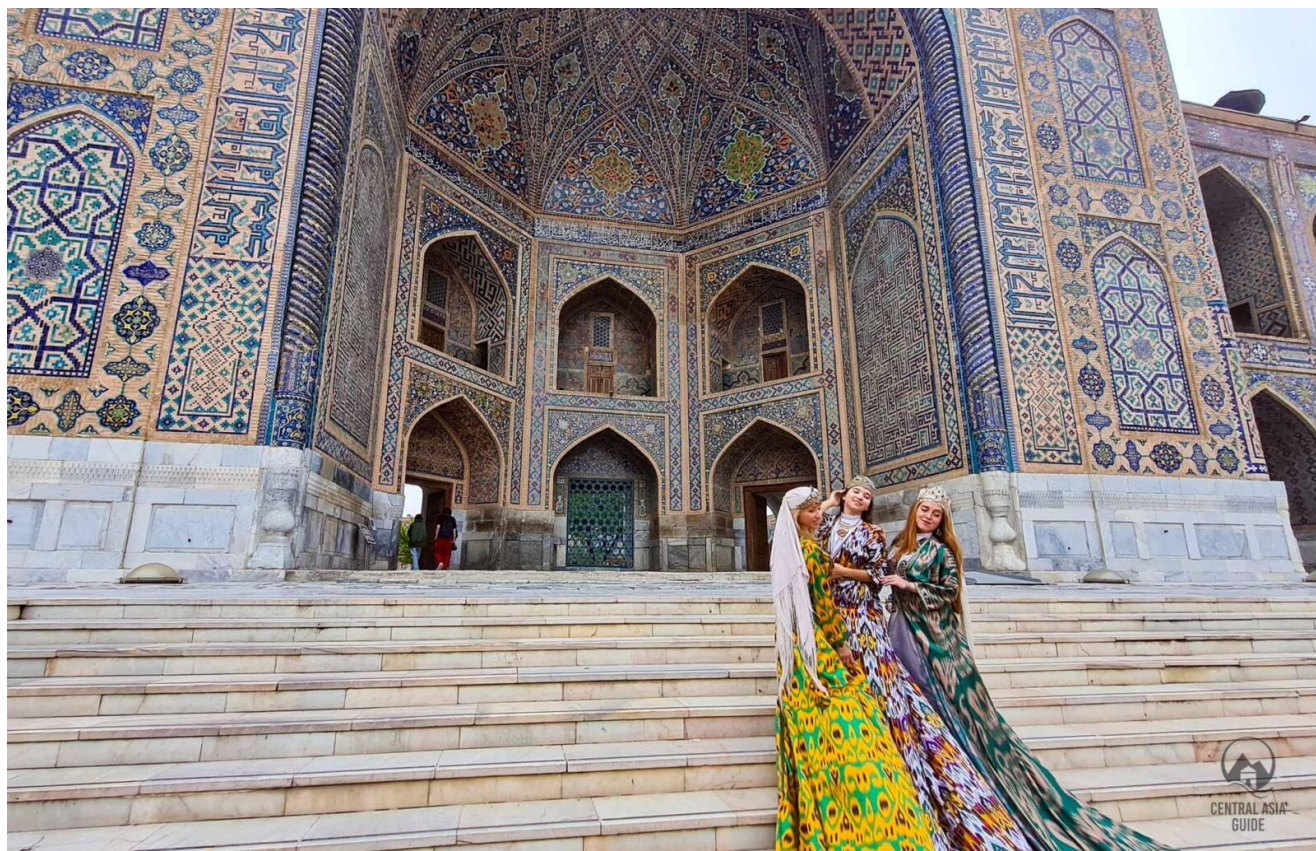




GROUP TOUR · 11 DAYS

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan tour

Almaty – Tashkent · Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan

Duration
11 days, 10 nights

Start and end
Almaty – Tashkent

Best time to visit
May, Sep–Oct

Group tour from
\$2,955 per person

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

Difficulty
Easy

Flights and train
A flight and 2 train journeys
included

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Tour highlights

Join us on an 11-day journey through the landscapes and cultural treasures of Central Asia, where the unspoiled nature of Kazakhstan meets Uzbekistan's historic Silk Road cities. Begin your adventure in [Almaty](#), discovering vibrant local culture and mountain vistas, followed by a jeep expedition to [Altyn Emel National Park](#). Here the surreal Aktau Mountains, the Singing Dune and the majestic [Charyn Canyon](#) offer sights you won't find anywhere else.

Dive deeper into nature at the turquoise [Kolsay](#) and [Kaindy](#) lakes before flying to Uzbekistan to explore the vibrant markets of [Tashkent](#). In [Samarkand](#), marvel at the iconic [Registan Square](#) and the tomb of Tamerlane, then wander the atmospheric streets of [Bukhara](#), taking in its centuries-old mosques and fortresses.

Difficulty: Easy. Easy sightseeing tour with optional moderate sections: the trek of 3–4 hours one way from the first to the second Kolsay lake (a horse ride or simply enjoying the lakeshore are the alternatives), a short walk in the Aktau mountains and the walk down to Kaindy Lake. Several long jeep days of 350–480 km and the Shymbulak cable car up to about 3,200 m.



Uzbekistan - Kazakhstan 12 days tour



Altyn Emel singing dune

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Almaty	Kazakhstan Hotel or similar
Night 2	Altyn Emel National Park	Guesthouse or similar
Nights 3–4	Saty	Guesthouse at Saty Village (15 km from Kolsay Lake) or similar
Night 5	Almaty	Kazakhstan Hotel or similar
Night 6	Tashkent	Huvaydo Hotel or similar
Night 7	Samarkand	Arba Hotel or similar
Nights 8–9	Bukhara	Rangrez Hotel or similar
Night 10	Tashkent	Huvaydo Hotel or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Almaty, arrival

We arrive in Almaty early in the morning and transfer to the hotel for rest after the flight. Later we begin a full-day discovery of Kazakhstan's largest city, set against the backdrop of the snowy Tien Shan mountains. Our first stop is the colorful Green Bazaar, followed by a stroll through Panfilov Park, home to the striking wooden Zenkov Cathedral and the moving Memorial of Glory and Eternal Flame.

Next, we ride up to Kok-Tobe Hill, crowned by the city's TV tower, where sweeping views over Almaty open before us. We descend by the famous cableway and continue into the mountains. At Medeo, the world's highest skating rink, we pause before ascending by cable car to Shymbulak Ski Resort, reaching 3,200 meters for breathtaking alpine panoramas. Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight in Almaty.

Overnight	Almaty · Kazakhstan Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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DAY

2

Almaty - Altyn Emel National Park by road (450 km)

After breakfast we start our jeep tour across Almaty region. By lunch time we arrive in Altyn Emel National Park.

Accommodation at the local guesthouse and lunch there. After lunch proceed to the Aktau white mountains for a slight hike there and an additional visit to the 700-year-old osier. Return to the guesthouse for dinner, rest and overnight.

Overnight	Altyn Emel National Park · Guesthouse or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Almaty – Altyn Emel National Park (450 km)
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DAY

3

Altyn Emel - Charyn Canyon - Kolsay lakes by road (480 km)

After breakfast we continue exploring the beauty of Altyn Emel National Park. We set off to visit another highlight of the region – the Singing Dune – a rare natural phenomenon that happens in dry weather, when the sand starts to sing with tunes similar to an organ.

After that we proceed to Zharkent city with its Dungan mosque, the Valley of Castles and Charyn Canyon – a small copy of the Grand Canyon.

After exploring the area, we drive further to the Kolsay lakes. On arrival – accommodation at the guesthouse for rest and overnight.

Overnight	Saty · Guesthouse at Saty Village (15 km from Kolsay Lake) or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Altyn Emel National Park – Saty (480 km)
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DAY

4

Kolsay Lakes

Breakfast at the guesthouse and further transfer to the Kolsay lakes, a group of high mountain lakes in the Northern Tien Shan, close to the Kyrgyzstan border. The place is for true lovers of nature, surrounded by mountains and coniferous forests; the lakes are located at 1,800 m, 2,300 m and 2,900 m above sea level.

Today we can trek from the first lake to the second Kolsay lake; it takes around 3-4 hours one way (lunch boxes included). Optionally, take a horseback ride instead and shorten your trip.

If you are not willing to walk, you can just enjoy the untainted nature of Kolsay with its fresh air, marvelous scenery and ice-clear water. You can even rent a boat to sail on the lake.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

Overnight	Saty · Guesthouse at Saty Village (15 km from Kolsay Lake) or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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5

Kolsay lakes - Kaindy lake - Almaty by road (350 km)

Breakfast at the guesthouse and further transfer to Kaindy lake – another highlight of the region, famous for its origin. The lake appeared after a strong earthquake in 1911, when a landslide flooded the coniferous forest.

The water in the lake is cold and, therefore, the trees are still well preserved and can be seen through the clear water. After the off-road stretch we stop by the slope and walk to Kaindy lake, where a fascinating view of the lake opens from the top of the hill. En route back we stop at a local guesthouse for lunch.

After lunch – further transfer to Almaty. Accommodation at the hotel, rest and overnight.

Overnight	Almaty · Kazakhstan Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Saty – Almaty (350 km)
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DAY

6

Almaty - Tashkent by morning flight

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Tashkent.

On arrival in Tashkent, meet your guide and driver and start the sightseeing tour of Tashkent. Today we first visit the old part of the city and the religious complex Khasti Imam, consisting of the Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Barak Khan Madrassah and Muy-Mubarak Mosque – the storehouse of the well-known Koran of Caliph Osman and a hair of the Prophet Muhammad; the Dzhuma Mosque of Khodja Akhrar Vali and Chorsu Oriental bazaar.

In the afternoon explore the new city, including Independence Square, the Amir Temur Statue and the Tashkent metro. Return to the hotel for rest and overnight.

Overnight	Tashkent · Huvaydo Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Almaty – Tashkent (flight)
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7

Tashkent - Samarkand by train, 2 hours

Early breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the railway station for the morning train from Tashkent to Samarkand.

Upon arrival, we start our busy day in a jewel of the ancient and modern Silk Road. There is the mysterious jade mausoleum of Gur-i-Emir, the tomb of Tamerlane. One of the greatest treasures is Registan Square, a huge complex of minarets, mosques and madrassas. Further we move on to the Bibi Khanum Mosque, the gorgeous necropolis of Shah-i-Zinda, and the old observatory of Ulugbek, the greatest Muslim astronomer, with the neighboring Ulugbek museum.

Accommodation at the hotel in the evening, rest and overnight.

Overnight	Samarkand · Arba Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Tashkent – Samarkand (train)
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8

Samarkand - Bukhara by road, 280 km

Breakfast.

Meet the guide and continue exploring the city. Today we visit the Afrosiab museum and settlement and Saint Daniel's tomb. After that we proceed to the countryside and visit Konigil village – a place that gives a chance to see the traditional, centuries-old way of making Samarkand paper from mulberry. The locals will also show us how oil and flour are produced using ancient methods.

After lunch we continue our trip to Bukhara (4 hours driving).

On arrival – accommodation at the hotel and rest.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Samarkand – Bukhara (280 km)
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DAY

9

Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel.

We meet our guide in the hotel lobby and start exploring Bukhara. Bukhara is filled with over 900 historical monuments; here we spend time visiting many sites and wandering the old city streets. Today we focus on the Samanids Mausoleum and Bolo-Khauz Mosque. Further we proceed to the Ark Fortress, the old citadel of over 20 m in height. In the afternoon we visit the Poyi Kalon Architectural Ensemble, consisting of the Kalon Minaret, Kalon Mosque and Miri Arab Madrasah; the Ulugbek Madrasah; Abdul-Aziz Khan Madrasah, Lyabi Khauz Complex and the Trading Domes – the domed bazaars that have existed here since the times of the Great Silk Road.

During the tour we have a wonderful opportunity to walk the narrow streets of the old city and take unique photos. Return to the hotel in the evening. Rest and overnight.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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DAY
10**Bukhara - Tashkent by afternoon train, 4 hours**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today we make a short trip to the countryside to visit the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa summer palace of the Emirs of Bukhara, known as the "Palace of Moon-like Stars", built by Russian architects. Finally, we take a look at the Bakhouddin Naqshbandi ensemble – an important Muslim shrine and a place of wonderful calming energy.

Transfer to the train station for the train to Tashkent. On arrival – accommodation at the hotel in Tashkent and overnight.

Overnight	Tashkent · Huvaydo Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Bukhara – Tashkent (train)
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DAY
11**Tashkent, departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out before 12:00.

Transfer to the international airport for departure.

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, including early check-in on Day 1 in Almaty and on Day 6 in Tashkent; check-in at other hotels is at 14:00, check-out at 12:00.
- Accommodation in a guesthouse in Altyn Emel on a twin-sharing basis (single accommodation is not possible).
- Accommodation in a guesthouse at the Kolsay lakes, 2-4 persons in a room (single accommodation is not possible).
- Meals - all breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners in Kazakhstan (according to the program).
- Entrance fees to the monuments and museums listed in the itinerary, including entertaining shows in a Kazakh ethno-village.
- Services of English-speaking local guides for sightseeing.
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation throughout the tour, including airport-hotel-airport transfers (in the Almaty region Toyota jeeps, 3 persons per car).
- Flight from Almaty to Tashkent (economy class).
- Railway transfers from Tashkent to Samarkand and Bukhara to Tashkent on a high-speed train (economy or business class).
- Note: tickets for high-speed trains are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed in advance; if they are unavailable, alternatives will be offered.

Not included

- International flights.
- Meals not mentioned above.
- Medical expenses and travel insurance.
- Porterage at hotels, railway stations and airports.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Visa fees.

Prices

Group tour, per person

Tour	Double / twin room	Single supplement
11 days	\$2,955	+ \$270

Same price on all departures.

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