CENTRAL ASIA GUIDE

PRIVATE TOUR · 2 DAYS

Two days Tour from Samarkand to Tajikistan with Seven Lakes, Iskanderkul & Fann Mountains

Round trip from Samarkand · Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Duration 2 days, 1 nights	Start and end Round trip from Samarkand	Best time to visit Apr–Oct
Private tour from $207 per person	Group size Max 10 travellers	Tour type Culture, Hiking, Jeep (4x4), Multi-country, Nature
Difficulty Easy		

Prices and dates valid for 2027 departures. Issued 9 November 2026.

Tour highlights

Experience an unforgettable cross-border journey through the heart of Central Asia, blending the rich cultural heritage of Uzbekistan with the raw natural beauty of Tajikistan. This adventure takes you deep into the Fan Mountains, where you'll witness spectacular alpine scenery and the vibrant, shifting hues of the Seven Lakes (Haft Kul). Beyond the trails, you will discover the legend of Iskandarkul Lake and its powerful waterfalls, while immersing yourself in local life through an authentic village homestay. It is a perfect fusion of legendary landscapes and genuine cultural connection.

Fann mountains trekking tour, seven lakes

Where you'll stay

Night 1	**Sary Tag**	Shahboz Homestay or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Samarkand – Jartepa Border – Panjakent – Seven Lakes – Iskandarkul – Saritag Village

Your journey begins in Samarkand, heading east toward the mountains as the landscape gradually changes from historic plains to dramatic highlands. After crossing the Jartepa border, you enter Tajikistan and continue to the Shing valley

The road winds through narrow valleys and traditional villages to the breathtaking Seven Lakes (Haft Kul)—a chain of alpine lakes, each with its own striking color ranging from turquoise and emerald to deep blue. You will visit several of the lakes, enjoy gentle walks along the shores, capture unforgettable photographs, and experience the peaceful atmosphere of mountain life. Lunch is served at a local guesthouse, offering authentic Tajik flavors.

In the afternoon, continue through spectacular mountain scenery toward the legendary Iskandarkul region, associated with Alexander the Great. The journey itself is a highlight, with sweeping views of rivers, cliffs, and high peaks.

Arrive in Saritag village, a remote mountain settlement where time seems to stand still. You are welcomed by your host family at Shahboz Homestay. Enjoy a warm, homemade Tajik dinner, tea, and storytelling, offering a genuine cultural exchange and insight into rural mountain life.

Overnight at the homestay surrounded by silence and stars.

Total distance: ~300 km
Total driving time: ~6–7 hours (including stops)

Overnight	**Sary Tag** · Shahboz Homestay or similar
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Samarkand – Sary Tag (300 km)

DAY 2

Saritag – Iskandarkul – Panjakent – Jartepa Border – Samarkand

Wake up to crisp mountain air and enjoy a traditional breakfast with local bread, dairy products, and tea. After breakfast, set out to explore the stunning Iskandarkul Lake, one of Tajikistan's most iconic natural landmarks. The crystal-clear lake lies at the foot of snow-capped peaks and changes color with the light, creating a magical atmosphere.

Take a leisurely walk along the lakeshore and continue with a short hike to the powerful Iskandar Waterfall, often called the "Fan Niagara." Feel the cool mist, enjoy panoramic viewpoints, and take memorable photos of this dramatic natural spectacle.

After the visit, drive back to Panjakent for lunch at a local restaurant. The afternoon is dedicated to a Panjakent city tour, with optional visits to:
- The Ancient Panjakent archaeological site, revealing ruins of a once-thriving Sogdian city
- The Rudaki Museum
- The local bazaar for souvenirs, dried fruits, and handicrafts

Later, transfer to the Jartepa border, cross back into Uzbekistan, and continue to Samarkand, where you are dropped off at your hotel.

Total distance: ~280 km
Total driving time: ~6–7 hours (including sightseeing)

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Travel	Sary Tag – Samarkand (280 km)

What's included

Included

- Hotel pickup and drop-off in Samarkand
- All ground transportation during the tour (Uzbekistan & Tajikistan sides)
- Assistance at Jartepa border crossing
- Local Tajik driver/guide
- 1 night accommodation at Shahboz Homestay in Saritag
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner (traditional homemade food)
- Visit to Seven Lakes (Haft Kul)
- Visit to Iskandarkul Lake and hike to Iskandar Waterfall
- Panjakent city orientation tour
- All local taxes and service charges
- Entrance fees

Not included

- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Border crossing fees (if any)
- Travel and medical insurance
- Personal expenses (souvenirs, snacks, drinks)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Optional entrance fees (Ancient Panjakent museum)
- Tips and gratuities
- Any services not mentioned in the Tour Inclusions

Prices

Valid for 2027 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
1 traveller	$804
2 travellers	$459
3 travellers	$339
4 travellers	$288
5–6 travellers	$276
7–8 travellers	$219
9–10 travellers	$207

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room. Single room supplement per person: $35. 15% deposit, balance 30 days before tour starting date.

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