CENTRAL ASIA GUIDE

PRIVATE TOUR · 1 DAY

Day Tour to the Seven Lakes of Tajikistan from Samarkand

Round trip from Samarkand · Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

Duration 1 day	Start and end Round trip from Samarkand	Best time to visit Apr–Oct
Private tour from $63 per person	Group size Max 12 travellers	Tour type Jeep (4x4), Multi-country, Nature
Difficulty Easy		

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

Tour highlights

A private day trip from Samarkand across the border to the Seven Lakes of Tajikistan, a chain of mountain lakes in shades of turquoise and blue. Leaving your hotel at 7:00, you cross into Tajikistan, pass through Panjakent and drive up the valley into the Fann Mountains, where you have time to walk along the lakes, take photos and see the villages on their shores. On the way back you stop at the lively Panjakent bazaar before returning to Samarkand in the evening. Choose the option that suits you: with a guide and lunch at a local teahouse, or transport only, travelling with the drivers at your own pace and paying for lunch yourself. Both include hotel pick-up and drop-off in Samarkand and the environmental fee for the lakes.

Difficulty: Easy. Long day by car (departure 7:00, return to Samarkand in the evening, about 280 km) with two border crossings; only short, easy walks at the lakes and in the Panjakent bazaar.

Hazorchashma last of the Haftkul seven lakes of Tajikistan

Gushor lake in Seven lakes

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Samarkand – Panjakent – Seven Lakes – Panjakent – Samarkand (280 km)
At 7:00 in the morning your driver meets you at your hotel reception in Samarkand and takes you to the Uzbek–Tajik border (about 70 km). After crossing into Tajikistan you change to a Tajik driver and continue through Panjakent, the first town on the Tajik side, and up the valley to the Seven Lakes, about 70 km further.

Spend the day around the lakes, each with its own colour, with time for walks and photos. Lunch is at a local teahouse – included with the guide and lunch option, at your own expense with the transport only option, where you travel with the drivers but without a guide.

On the way back, stop in Panjakent to visit the local market (bazaar). In the afternoon, cross the border back into Uzbekistan and arrive at your hotel in Samarkand in the evening.

Travel	Samarkand – Seven Lakes (Haft Kul) (140 km) Seven Lakes (Haft Kul) – Samarkand (140 km)

What's included

Included

- Private transport Samarkand – Seven Lakes – Samarkand with hotel pick-up and drop-off in Samarkand (an Uzbek driver to the border, a Tajik driver in Tajikistan)
- Environmental fee for the Seven Lakes
- With guide and lunch option: guide services for the day
- With guide and lunch option: lunch at a local teahouse

Not included

- Transport only option: guide and lunch
- The balance of the tour price: a deposit is required to book the tour and is paid online; the balance is paid in cash on arrival in Tajikistan
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Consular visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Payment for photo/video shooting at historical sites
- Tips for staff

Prices

Valid for 2027 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	With guide and lunch	Transport only (without guide and lunch)
1 traveller	$299	$219
2–3 travellers	$161	$115
4–5 travellers	$104	$75
6–7 travellers	$81	$55
8–9 travellers	$86	$58
10–11 travellers	$75	$49
12 travellers	$63	$46

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room. 15% deposit, balance in cash at the start of the tour.

Book or ask a question

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