



PRIVATE TOUR · 8 DAYS

Classic Uzbekistan Tour

Round trip from Tashkent · Uzbekistan

Duration
8 days, 7 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Tashkent

Best time to visit
All year

Private tour from
\$1,012 per person

Group size
Max 11 travellers

Tour type
Culture, Silk Road

Difficulty
Easy

Flights and train
A flight and 2 train journeys
included

Prices and dates valid for 2026 departures. Issued 20 October 2026.

Tour highlights

Discover the classic Silk Road cities of Uzbekistan on this private tour from Tashkent to Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. In Tashkent, the lively capital, modern boulevards meet the old town around the Khast-Imam complex and the colorful Chorsu Bazaar. The morning train takes you to Samarkand, once the heart of Tamerlane's empire, with the Registan, the Gur-e-Amir mausoleum and the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, and a road trip across the mountains leads to Shakhrisabz, Tamerlane's birthplace.

In Bukhara you stroll through winding streets full of centuries-old mosques, madrasahs and bazaars, from the Poi Kalyan complex to the Ark fortress, and visit the emir's summer palace and the shrine of Bahouddin Naqshband outside the city. A long drive across the Kyzylkum Desert brings you to the walled city of Khiva, a perfectly preserved open-air museum, before an evening flight from Urgench takes you back to Tashkent – the perfect way to experience the essence of Uzbekistan, a land where history and legend live side by side.

Difficulty: Easy. Guided city walks on mostly flat ground in Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva; a day trip of 90 km each way over the mountains to Shakhrisabz, one long road day of 440 km across the Kyzylkum Desert from Bukhara to Khiva, two train rides and an evening domestic flight from Urgench to Tashkent.



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Where you'll stay

Night 1	Tashkent	Human Hotel or Panarams Hotel or similar
Night 2	Samarkand	Arba Hotel or Continental Hotel or similar
Nights 3–5	Bukhara	Rangrez Hotel or Paradise Plaza Hotel or similar
Night 6	Khiva	Khiva Residence Hotel or Asia Khiva Hotel or similar
Night 7	Tashkent	Human Hotel or Panarams Hotel or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Arrival in Tashkent – city tour

You arrive early in the morning in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. After the transfer to the hotel, check-in and some rest, you begin exploring this city of contrasts, where wide modern boulevards coexist with the cozy old town.

The sightseeing starts at Khast-Imam Square, home to ancient mosques and madrasahs, including the Barak-Khan Madrasah and the Kafal-al-Shashi Mausoleum, a revered shrine. You also visit the Kukeldash Madrasah and stroll through Chorsu Bazaar, the city's oldest and most colorful market. After lunch you continue to the Museum of Applied Arts, admire the grandeur of Independence Square and finish the day at Amir Temur Square, surrounded by Soviet-era and modern architecture. In the evening you return to the hotel.

Overnight in Tashkent.

Overnight	Tashkent · Human Hotel or Panarams Hotel or similar
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Travel	Tashkent International Airport – Tashkent (9 km)
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DAY

2

Tashkent – Samarkand by morning train

After breakfast you take the morning train to Samarkand, one of the most iconic cities of the Silk Road, and dive into its treasures right on arrival.

Stand in awe at the Registan, the city's heart, framed by three monumental madrasahs – Ulugbek, Sher-Dor and Tilya-Kori. Continue to the Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum, where Tamerlane and his descendants rest beneath a jade tombstone. After lunch you visit the grand Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the sacred Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and the Ulugbek Observatory, one of the most advanced scientific centers of the 15th century.

In the evening you enjoy dinner in a local family home with a culinary master class, learning to cook and taste manti, the traditional Uzbek dumplings.

Overnight in Samarkand.

Overnight	Samarkand · Arba Hotel or Continental Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
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Travel	Tashkent – Samarkand (train, 344 km)
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3

Day trip to Shakhrisabz, evening train to Bukhara

This morning you travel 90 km by road across the mountains to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Amir Temur (Tamerlane). The city is filled with monuments to the glory of his reign: you visit the ruins of the grand Ak-Saray Palace, the solemn Dorus-Saodat complex, the Dorut-Tillavat ensemble and the beautiful Kok-Gumbaz Mosque.

After lunch you return to Samarkand. Here you have some free time to stroll through the lively Siyob Bazaar, where locals trade spices, sweets and dried fruit, and to visit the Tomb of Saint Daniel, a sacred site for Muslims, Christians and Jews alike.

In the evening you take the train to Bukhara. On arrival, transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Bukhara.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez Hotel or Paradise Plaza Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Samarkand – Shahrissabz (90 km) Shahrissabz – Samarkand (90 km) Samarkand – Bukhara (train, 255 km)

DAY

4

Bukhara – the old city

After breakfast you begin a full day of exploring Bukhara, one of the most atmospheric Silk Road cities. You start with the elegant Ismail Samani Mausoleum, a masterpiece of early Islamic architecture, and the unusual Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum, known as “Job's Spring”. At the local bazaar you feel the trading spirit that has thrived here for centuries.

Next, you visit the graceful Bolo-Hauz Mosque before entering the mighty Ark citadel, the former residence of Bukhara's emirs, complete with its notorious Zindan prison. Later you explore the Poi Kalyan complex, dominated by the soaring Kalyan Minaret, together with the Miri-Arab Madrasah, and finish with the Magoki-Attori Mosque and the Ulugbek Madrasah.

In the evening you enjoy dinner in a traditional restaurant with a lively folklore show.

Overnight in Bukhara.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez Hotel or Paradise Plaza Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

DAY

5

Bukhara – Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa and Bahouddin Naqshband

After breakfast you leave the old city to explore the peaceful surroundings of Bukhara.

The first stop is the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace, the former summer residence of the last emir of Bukhara. Often called the “Palace of Moonlight and Stars”, it blends traditional oriental ornament with European architecture: inside you find shimmering mirror halls, carved ganch stucco and delicate stained glass – a glimpse into the refined life of Bukhara's royal court.

Next, you visit the Mausoleum of Bahouddin Naqshband, one of Central Asia's most revered Sufi pilgrimage sites. Set amid tranquil gardens, this spiritual complex attracts pilgrims from all over the region and is a serene place to feel the deep spiritual traditions that have shaped Bukhara's identity for centuries.

Back in the city, the rest of the day is free to enjoy Bukhara at your own pace – stroll through its cozy streets, shop for traditional crafts or simply relax in a local teahouse with a cup of fragrant green tea.

Overnight in Bukhara.

Overnight	Bukhara · Rangrez Hotel or Paradise Plaza Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Bukhara – Sitori-i Mokhi Khosa palace (6 km) Sitori-i Mokhi Khosa palace – Bakhaudhin Naqshband Mausoleum (11 km) Bakhaudhin Naqshband Mausoleum – Bukhara (14 km)

DAY

6

Bukhara – Khiva across the Kyzylkum Desert

Today you travel 440 km by road across the endless landscapes of the Kyzylkum Desert, following the course of the Amu Darya River, much like the ancient caravans that once connected these two Silk Road cities. After a long but scenic drive you arrive in Khiva, a perfectly preserved medieval city. The evening is free to relax, wander through the narrow streets and visit local souvenir shops and workshops.

Overnight in Khiva.

Overnight	Khiva · Khiva Residence Hotel or Asia Khiva Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Bukhara – Khiva (440 km)

DAY

7

Khiva – evening flight from Urgench to Tashkent

This morning you dive into the fairytale atmosphere of Khiva, more than 2,500 years old and often described as an open-air museum. Within the walls of the Ichan Kala you visit the Pakhlavan Mahmoud Mausoleum, the mighty Kunya-Ark fortress, the elegant Islam Khodja Minaret and Madrasah and the ornate Tash Khauli Palace, once the khan's residence. You also explore the Juma Mosque with its forest of carved wooden columns and the Muhammad Amin Khan Madrasah and Minaret.

In the evening you transfer 35 km to the airport in Urgench for the flight back to Tashkent (the domestic flight ticket is not included in the tour price). On arrival, transfer to the hotel and rest.

Overnight in Tashkent.

Overnight	Tashkent · Human Hotel or Panarams Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Khiva – Urgench (35 km) Urgench – Tashkent International Airport (flight) Tashkent International Airport – Tashkent (9 km)

DAY

8

Departure from Tashkent

After breakfast, morning transfer to the international airport for your departure.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Tashkent – Tashkent International Airport (9 km)

What's included

Included

- Accommodation in 3* or 4* hotels (as listed, or similar of the same category) in double/twin rooms with daily breakfast – 7 nights: 2 in Tashkent, 1 in Samarkand, 3 in Bukhara, 1 in Khiva
- Early check-in on day 1 in Tashkent (at the other hotels check-in from 14:00, check-out by 12:00)
- Daily breakfast at the hotels and 2 dinners as per the program: a manti cooking master class with dinner in a family home in Samarkand (day 2) and dinner with a folklore show in Bukhara (day 4)
- English-speaking local guides for the sightseeing
- Entrance fees to all monuments and museums listed in the itinerary
- Air-conditioned transport throughout the tour, including all airport – hotel – airport transfers
- Train tickets Tashkent – Samarkand and Samarkand – Bukhara (economy class; high-speed train tickets are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed in advance)

Not included

- International flights
- Domestic flight Urgench – Tashkent (about 100 USD in economy class)
- Meals not mentioned above
- Single room supplement (160 USD per person with 3* hotels, 295 USD with 4* hotels)
- Optional wine tasting in Samarkand (40 USD per person)
- Medical expenses and travel insurance
- Porter services at railway stations and airports
- Tips

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	3-star	4-star
1 traveller	\$2,300	\$2,847
2–3 travellers	\$1,402	\$1,713
4–5 travellers	\$1,085	\$1,401
6–7 travellers	\$1,024	\$1,340
8–9 travellers	\$1,031	\$1,347
10–11 travellers	\$1,012	\$1,330

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room. Single room supplement per person: 3-star: \$160; 4-star: \$295.

Optional extras

- Wine tasting in Samarkand: \$40 per room

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