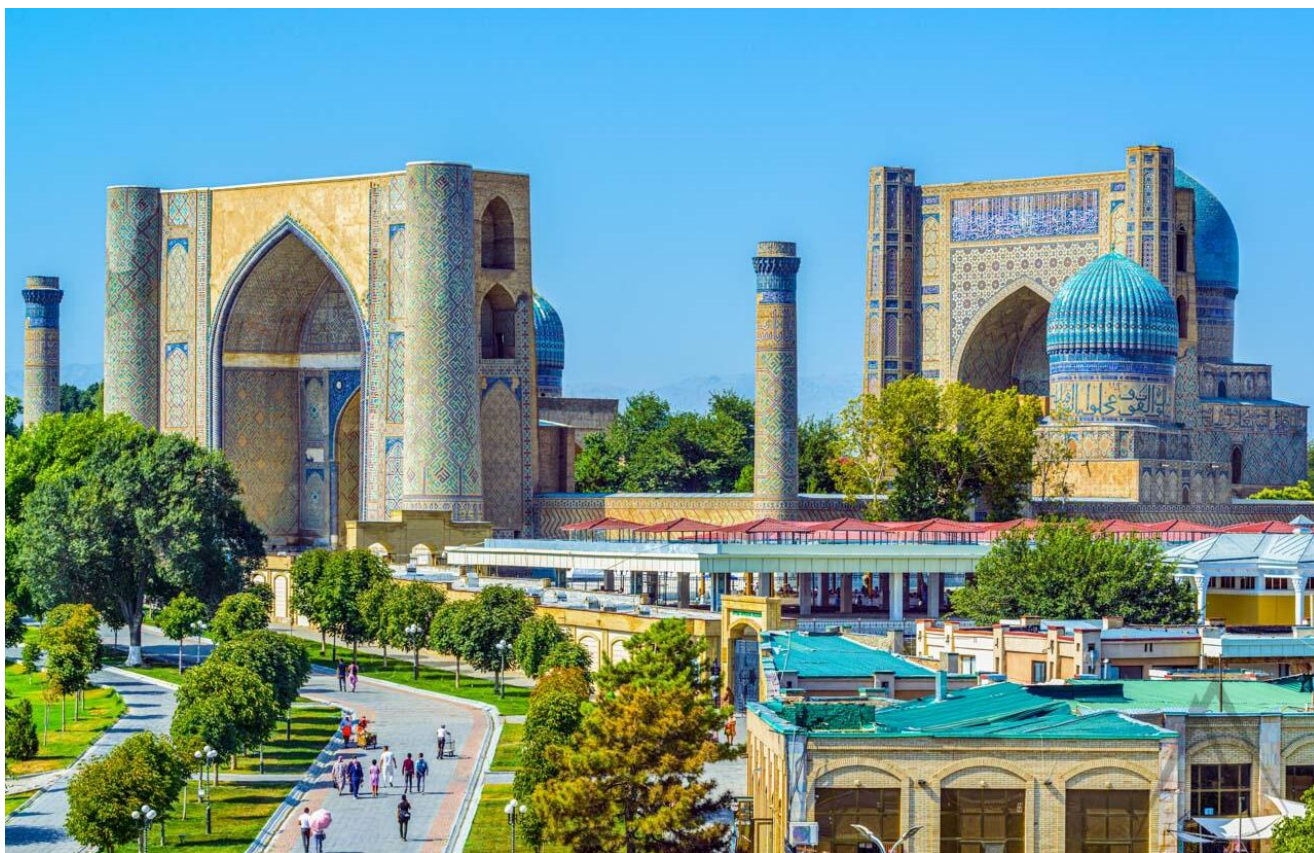




GROUP AND PRIVATE TOUR • 6 DAYS

Uzbekistan Group Tour – Tamerlane’s Empire

Round trip from Tashkent • Uzbekistan

Duration
6 days, 5 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Tashkent

Best time to visit
Mar-Oct

Group tour from
\$915 per person

Private tour from
\$779 per person

Group size
Max 11 travellers

Tour type
Culture, Silk Road

Difficulty
Easy

Trains
2 train journeys included

Prices and dates valid for 2026 departures. Issued 13 October 2026.

Tour highlights

Discover the heart of Tamerlane's empire on this 6-day Uzbekistan group tour from Tashkent to Samarkand and Bukhara. You start in Tashkent, the capital, at the Khast-Imam complex, the colourful Chorsu Bazaar, Independence and Amir Temur squares and the ornate stations of the Tashkent Metro, before an evening train takes you to Samarkand. There you see the Registan with its three grand madrasahs, the Gur-e Amir mausoleum where Tamerlane and his dynasty rest, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the blue-tiled Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and the Ulugbek Observatory.

A drive across the Kyzylkum plains brings you to Bukhara, where two days lead from the Poi Kalyan complex and the Lyabi-Hauz square to the Samanid Mausoleum, the Ark fortress, Sitorai Mohi Khosa, the summer palace of the last emir, and the Bahauddin Naqshband shrine. In the evening a family welcomes you to a traditional Uzbek home for a plov master class and a homemade dinner of Uzbekistan's best-loved dish, and a high-speed train takes you back to Tashkent the next day. The optional 7-day version adds Khiva and its walled inner town Ichan-Kala, with a flight back to Tashkent. 3* hotels with breakfast, English-speaking local guides, entrance fees and the train tickets are included.

Difficulty: Easy. Guided city walks on mostly flat ground with long sightseeing days, a 280 km drive from Samarkand to Bukhara, two train journeys and no altitude. The Khiva extension adds a 460 km drive across the Kyzylkum Desert and a domestic flight. In summer it is often well above 30 °C and can reach 40 °C.



To the Heart of Tamerlane's Empire Tour



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Where you'll stay

Nights 1–2	Samarkand	Arba Hotel or similar
Nights 3–4	Bukhara	Devon Hotel or similar
Night 5	Tashkent	Reikartz Xon Tashkent Hotel or similar
Optional extension	Khiva	Arkanchi Hotel or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Arrival in Tashkent – Samarkand by evening train

This morning we arrive in Tashkent, Uzbekistan's capital. After settling in at the hotel (early check-in is included) and breakfast, we meet our guide. Today we discover Uzbekistan's bustling capital, where old and new meet in surprising harmony. We visit the spiritual heart of the city – the Khast-Imam complex, home to ancient madrasahs and mausoleums – and wander through the colourful Chorsu Bazaar, alive with the aromas of spices, fresh produce and handicrafts. After lunch we 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.

In the evening we take a comfortable train to Samarkand, the crown jewel of the Silk Road. On arrival we head straight to the hotel to rest and get ready for tomorrow's discoveries. Overnight in Samarkand.

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

DAY

2

Samarkand city tour

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-Khanym 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. Overnight in Samarkand.

Overnight	Samarkand · Arba Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast

DAY

3

Samarkand – Bukhara by road (280 km)

After breakfast we depart for Bukhara, one of the most atmospheric cities along the Silk Road. The journey of 280 km takes us across the Kyzylkum plains – once the route of ancient caravans linking oasis to oasis.

On arrival we step into the old town, where centuries of history seem to linger in every brick and dome. We begin our exploration with the majestic Poi Kalyan complex, whose elegant minaret once guided weary travellers by torchlight. Nearby we visit the Miri-Arab Madrasah, the Magoki-Attori Mosque and the Ulugbek Madrasah, each telling its own story of faith and learning. The day concludes at the tranquil Lyabi-Hauz square, where mulberry trees shade the reflecting pool and local life unfolds around us.

In the evening we check in to our hotel and rest. Overnight in Bukhara.

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

DAY

4

Bukhara, Sitorai Mohi Khosa and a plov master class

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we continue our discovery of Bukhara, one of the most atmospheric cities on the Silk Road.

We start with the Ismail Samani Mausoleum, a masterpiece of early Islamic architecture, and the Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum, associated with the legend of the Prophet Job. Then we wander through the bustling local bazaar before visiting the elegant Bolo-Hauz Mosque and the mighty Ark citadel with its old Zindan prison – echoes of the city's rich and sometimes dramatic past.

In the afternoon we head beyond the city to explore the Sitorai Mohi Khosa Palace, once the lavish summer residence of the last emir, and the Mausoleum of Bahauddin Naqshband, one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites in Central Asia.

As evening falls, we are welcomed into a traditional Uzbek home for a heartwarming culinary experience. Together with our hosts we take part in a plov master class, learning how to prepare Uzbekistan's most beloved dish step by step, before sharing a delicious homemade dinner filled with laughter, aromas and stories of local life. Overnight in Bukhara.

Overnight	Bukhara · Devon Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Travel	Bukhara – Sitori-i Mokhi Khosa palace (6 km) Sitori-i Mokhi Khosa palace – Bakhaiddin Naqshband Mausoleum (11 km) Bakhaiddin Naqshband Mausoleum – Bukhara (14 km)

DAY

5

Bukhara – Tashkent by afternoon train

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a leisurely morning in Bukhara, soaking up the timeless atmosphere of this ancient Silk Road city. After check-out, take a relaxed walk with your guide through the old streets – a perfect chance to capture your last glimpses of Bukhara's domes, bazaars and warm local spirit.

In the afternoon we transfer to the railway station for a comfortable high-speed train journey to Tashkent, the vibrant capital of Uzbekistan. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to the hotel for check-in and a rest after the trip. Overnight in Tashkent.

Overnight	Tashkent · Reikartz Xon Tashkent Hotel or similar
Meals	Breakfast
Travel	Bukhara – Tashkent (train, 600 km)

DAY

6

Departure from Tashkent

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 Uzbekistan.

Meals	Breakfast
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DAY

7

OPTIONAL

Optional 7-day programme – Khiva extension

With the Khiva extension the tour lasts 7 days: 1045 USD per person sharing a twin room, single supplement 175 USD, including the economy-class flight Urgench – Tashkent. Days 1–4 are the same as above; the following three days replace days 5 and 6.

Day 5 | Bukhara – Khiva by road, 460 km

After breakfast we set off on a long but scenic journey across the Kyzylkum Desert and along the mighty Amu Darya river. This vast landscape of golden sands and rippling dunes gives a real sense of the Silk Road’s endurance. We stop for lunch on the way and continue to Khiva, a perfectly preserved medieval city that feels like an open-air museum. On arrival there is time to wander its narrow streets, visit traditional workshops and browse local souvenir shops. Overnight in Khiva.

Day 6 | Khiva – Urgench by road (30 km), evening flight to Tashkent

After breakfast we explore Ichan-Kala, the walled inner city of Khiva and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its mudbrick walls, minarets and madrasahs make it one of the most atmospheric cities in Central Asia. Highlights include the Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum, the Kunya-Ark fortress and the tall Islam Khodja Minaret. After lunch we visit the ornate Tash Khauli Palace, the Juma Mosque with its 200 carved wooden columns, the Muhammad Amin Khan Madrasah and the Avesta Museum. In the evening we transfer to Urgench for the flight to Tashkent. On arrival, transfer to the hotel, check-in and rest. Overnight in Tashkent.

Day 7 | Departure from Tashkent

Early morning transfer to the airport for your international flight. Depending on the flight time, breakfast or a lunch box is provided.

Overnight	Khiva · Arkanchi Hotel or similar
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Meals	Breakfast
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Travel	Bukhara – Khiva (460 km) Khiva – Urgench (30 km) Urgench – Tashkent (flight)
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What's included

Included

- Accommodation in 3* hotels (Reikartz Xon Tashkent Hotel in Tashkent, Arba Hotel in Samarkand, Devon Hotel in Bukhara and, on the Khiva extension, Arkanchi Hotel in Khiva) or similar hotels of the same category, in double/twin rooms with breakfast
- Early check-in at the hotel in Tashkent on day 1 (check-in at the other hotels from 14:00, check-out by 12:00)
- Meals: daily breakfast and the homemade dinner with a plov master class in a traditional Uzbek home in Bukhara (day 4)
- Entrance fees to the monuments and museums in the itinerary
- English-speaking local guides for sightseeing
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation throughout the tour, including airport – hotel – airport transfers
- Train tickets in economy class: Tashkent – Samarkand, and Bukhara – Tashkent on the 6-day tour (high-speed train tickets are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed in advance)
- Khiva extension: economy-class flight Urgench – Tashkent
- Bottled mineral water every day

Not included

- International flights
- Meals not mentioned above
- Single supplement: 150 USD (6 days) / 175 USD (7 days with Khiva extension)
- Medical expenses and travel insurance
- Porterage at hotels, railway stations and airports
- Tips for guides and drivers

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Group tour, per person

Tour	Double / twin room	Single supplement
Uzbekistan in 6 days	\$915	+ \$150
Uzbekistan in 7 days with Khiva Extension	\$1,045	+ \$175

Same price on all departures.

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Uzbekistan in 6 days, 3-star	Uzbekistan in 6 days, 4-star	Uzbekistan in 7 days with Khiva Extension, 3-star	Uzbekistan in 7 days with Khiva Extension, 4-star
1 traveller	\$1,867	\$2,217	\$2,270	\$2,677
2–3 travellers	\$1,099	\$1,349	\$1,367	\$1,655
4–5 travellers	\$854	\$1,106	\$1,074	\$1,369
6–7 travellers	\$803	\$1,060	\$1,015	\$1,310
8–9 travellers	\$789	\$1,043	\$1,019	\$1,300
10–11 travellers	\$779	\$1,033	\$1,001	\$1,285

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room. Single room supplement per person: Uzbekistan in 6 days, 3-star: \$135; Uzbekistan in 6 days, 4-star: \$225; Uzbekistan in 7 days with Khiva Extension, 3-star: \$160; Uzbekistan in 7 days with Khiva Extension, 4-star: \$260.

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