

Uzbekistan





UZBEKISTAN

DISCOVER LEGENDARY SILK ROAD CITIES

12 DAYS

UZBEKISTAN UNVEILED



DEPARTS FROM:

TASHKENT



MAX GROUP SIZE:

14 PEOPLE



PHYSICAL LEVEL

MODERATE

Delve into the history of Uzbekistan, where ancient madrassahs, mosques, and caravanserais await. Embark on a Byroads adventure through Uzbekistan's storied cities, marvelling at some of the world's most stunning Islamic architecture and unravelling the wonders of the Old Silk Road.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Khast Imam Complex
- Hastim Imam Square, Tashkent
- Applied Arts Museum
- Tashkent Metro
- Chorsu Bazaar
- Afrosiyob high-speed train
- The Registan, Samarkand
- Ulugh Beg Observatory
- Mosque of Bibi Khanu
- Shah-I-Zinda Complex
- Konigil Silk Paper Mill
- Shahrisabz
- Ak-Saray Palace
- Timur mausoleum
- Fortress Ark, Bukhara
- Emir's Royal Residence
- Laub-I Hauz Complex
- Kalta Minor Minaret
- Khiva Tash Khauli Palace
- Historic Djuma Mosque, Khiva

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by an experienced Byroads Escort – a true travel professional with a genuine passion for travel and people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FRI 10SEP27 - TASHKENT

Your Central Asian adventure begins with your arrival in Tashkent. Transfer from the airport to your hotel, settle in and take some time to relax before meeting up with your group in the evening. Some members of your Byroads group will be arriving late afternoon from Kyrgyzstan.

DAY 2: SAT 11SEP27 - TASHKENT

Tashkent's rich character unfolds today, beginning with a guided visit around the extensive Khast Imam Complex, with its madrasa and two 16th-century mosques. The traditional Chorsu Bazaar is next, a lively and fascinating place where almost anything can be found to purchase. An amble through the excellent Museum of Applied Arts provides another glimpse into Uzbekistan's artistic traditions, followed by a ride on the famed Tashkent Metro. (B)

DAY 3: SUN 12SEP27 - SAMARKAND

The journey to legendary Samarkand is by high-speed train, travelling alongside locals and tourists. Upon arrival, the city's extraordinary history begins to unfold with a visit to the Ulugh Beg Observatory, built in 1420 to study astronomy. The magnificent Registan follows, a stunning Islamic architectural masterpiece covered in blue tiles of every hue. Afterwards, roam around the Mosque of Bibi Khanum before settling into the hotel for your three-night stay. (B)

DAY 4: MON 13SEP27 - KONIGIL & SAMARKAND

Samarkand's extraordinary architecture continues with a visit to the exquisite Shah I Zinda Complex, where the astonishing tile work of its mausoleums is a highlight. Travel to nearby Konigil, enjoy local tea and witness the ancient art of silk paper making. On the return to the hotel, stop to be entertained whilst learning the secrets of making Uzbek rugs and discover the skill and patience behind this traditional craft. (B)

DAY 5: TUE 14SEP27 - SHAHRISABZ & SAMARKAND

The road today crosses the Pamir-Alay Mountains on a full-day excursion to the World Heritage town of Shahrisabz, the birthplace of Timur. En route, a visit to a local rural family provides a chance to share tea and bread and witness the weaving of local kilims. At Shahrisabz, wander through the extensive grounds and marvel at the grandeur of the Ak-Saray Palace and the Timur mausoleum. Return to Samarkand for one final night. (B)

DAY 6: WED 15SEP27 - BUKHARA

The journey to Bukhara begins with a stop to explore the remains of the Ribat-I Malik Caravanserai. Built in the 11th century, this large construction once provided lodging rooms, storerooms and stables around an internal courtyard. Its massive portal, the only entrance to the caravanserai, has now been partially restored. Arrive in Bukhara in the mid-afternoon and be guided through its fabulous old quarter before settling into your three-night stay, just metres from ancient Lyab-i Hauz. (B)

DAY 7: THU 16SEP27 - BUKHARA

Bukhara's remarkable history takes centre stage today. Marvel at the Mausoleum of Ismail Samani, built before 943 AD, an ornate wonder nestled within a lovely park. Next, try photographing the expansive walls of The Ark before entering and exploring this ancient citadel. Other highlights include Ulugh Beg Madrasa and the Kalyan Complex and Minaret. Tonight, enjoy local hospitality and a special evening meal. (BD)

DAY 8: FRI 17SEP27 - BUKHARA

Today is free to relax or wander through the covered bazaars, craft centres and teahouses of old Bukhara. There's plenty to see – and to buy – as you soak up the atmosphere of this ancient city at your own pace. Explore the local ancient hammam, where you can opt for an unforgettable traditional bath-house experience. (B)

ITINERARY

DAY 9: SAT 18SEP27 - KHIVA

The long road across the Kyzyl-Kum Desert leads to the UNESCO-listed, walled city of ancient Khiva. The vast desert landscape makes this journey feel like a real adventure before the striking walls of Khiva come into view. Arriving in the late afternoon, take an orientation walk through the Itchan Kala, a walled city that seems to transport you back in time to the magical world of 1001 Arabian Nights. (B)

DAY 10: SUN 19SEP27 - KHIVA

Khiva's remarkable sights fill the day, including Kunya Ark, the Madrasa of Muhammed Amin Khan and the mausoleum of Pahlavan Mahmud. Wander through the extraordinary Djuma Mosque, with its covered courtyard designed for the rugged climate of Central Asia. With 212 columns, carved between the 17th and 18th centuries, it is a sight to behold. The stunning turquoise tiles of the Kalta Minor Minaret provide another memorable highlight before you get lost in the labyrinth of the magnificent Tash Khauli Palace. (B)

DAY 11: MON 20SEP27 - TASHKENT

The morning is at leisure for your final adventures in the ancient city. There is time to head to the bazaars, stop by the handicraft workshops or perhaps wander out the west gate to visit the nearby Isfandiyar Palace. In the late afternoon, drive to Urgench for the evening flight to Tashkent. (B)

DAY 12: TUE 21SEP27 - TASHKENT

Breakfast brings this remarkable journey through Uzbekistan to an end. Taxis to the airport are available, or Byroads can organise a transfer on request. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, 1 domestic flights, private minibus, and high-speed train

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 11 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 11 breakfasts, 1 dinner

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

There are no direct flights from Australia or New Zealand to Central Asia. The most popular routes are via the UAE, Qatar, or Turkey. You can book your flights online or via your travel agent.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost – however, your departure transfer is not. We can organise one upon request.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes you:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Navruz Hotel Tashkent

The stylish Navruz Hotel has a restaurant, swimming pool, fitness centre and bar. The property features a garden, as well as a terrace and it's just a short drive to many of Tashkent's finest sites.



Volida Boutique Hotel

In the heart of historic Bukhara this cozy retreat with classic Uzbek decor and bright, inviting rooms offers warm service, delicious breakfasts, and it's the perfect place to unwind and explore.



Malika Kheivak Hotel

Perfectly located within the old walled city, beside the Islam Khoja Minaret, this boutique hotel is filled with character and features comfortable rooms.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
10 September 2027	*USD 3295	*USD 435
Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in US Dollars. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.		

*Provisional 2027 Price

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily. There is also a wonderful dinner at a family home in Bukhara. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals are inexpensive, and US 25-30 per day can cover additional meals, drinks and snacks.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Currently Australians and New Zealanders do not require tourist visas for visiting Uzbekistan.

Other nationalities should check with Byroads.

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