

## 3 STANS

### 16 DAYS ITINERARY – 2018

(UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, TAJIKISTAN)

#### 1 MARCH 20 TUESDAY – ARRIVAL TO TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

Welcome to Uzbekistan! Upon your arrival to Tashkent airport, you'll be met and transferred to hotel to check in and rest. We'll have a welcome

dinner at 7PM with short introduction about Uzbekistan – one of the economically developed states of the Central Asian region, occupying a bit more than 11% of the territory of Central Asia. Main branches of industry of the republic are linked with the cotton growing, silk production, fruit and vegetable production and irrigation construction. Today we'll overnight in Tashkent hotel.



Tashkent



#### 2 MARCH 21 WEDNESDAY - TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel, today we'll have a full day of sightseeing of Uzbekistan's capital city Tashkent. While full day of sightseeing in Tashkent for many travelers seem as a necessary stopover en route to the dream destinations, this historical city holds many unexpected surprises. First half of the day we'll visit old part of the city: Khast Imam Complex which displays unique Osman Koran thought to be the world's oldest Koran. Chorsu bazaar- is one of the oldest, biggest bazaars of Tashkent. Madrasah Kukeldash – is a significant architectural sight of the 16 century. After lunch we will continue on to modern part of the city: Independent square (Mustakillik) the main square of Tashkent, flanked by largest public buildings and walls of fountains. A. Navoi theatre square built in 1947 by Japanese prisoners in World War 2. Visits to museum of Amir Temur and museum of Handcraft Art will end our excursion of Tashkent, and we'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants and overnight at hotel in Tashkent.



Tashkent



#### 3 MARCH 22 THURSDAY - TASHKENT – SAMARKAND – 190 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast we will take a train to world famous Samarkand located 190 mi from Tashkent. The road to Samarkand is via Syrdarya and Jizzakh provinces and takes approximately 3 hours. We will arrive to

Samarkand in the afternoon, check in to hotel and have lunch. After short rest we'll start our excursion of Samarkand by visiting Paper Mills Factory where we'll have a presentation of paper production from mulberry tree, Afrasiyob Museum, Ulugbek's observatory – dated to 1428 - 1429 – known as biggest observatory of the East with best equipment to the time. After dinner at one of the local restaurants we'll transfer to hotel for overnight in Samarkand.



#### **4** MARCH 23 FRIDAY - SAMARKAND (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel today we'll have a full day sightseeing of Samarkand. Visit heart of the city – Registan Square which played great role in commercial and scientific life of the time. Gur Emir Mausoleum - mausoleum for the males of Temurid's dynasty, real masterpiece of Central Asian architecture. Shaki Zinda Necropolis in the northern outskirts of Samarkand. Bibi – Khanum Mosque construction of which started in 1399 after Victorian campaign of Temur to India. Central bazaar of Samarkand- Siyobian where we'll taste famous round bread (non) made only in Samarkand. After this long day, we'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants and overnight in Samarkand.



#### **5** MARCH 24 SATURDAY - SAMARKAND – BUKHARA – 172 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart Samarkand for Bukhara. Stop on the way at the ruins of medieval monument Caravanserai Rabat-i-Malik. Continue driving to Bukhara via Gijduvan where we'll visit Abdulla's pottery house where we'll be offered short presentation and a cup of tea. Upon arrival to Bukhara, we'll accommodate at the hotel. Visit Chor Minor memorial. Today we'll dinner in one of the local restaurants and will overnight in Bukhara.



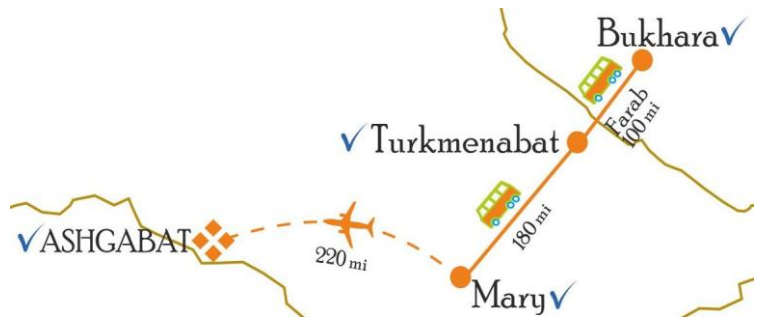
#### **6** MARCH 25 SUNDAY - BUKHARA (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast we'll have a full day of sightseeing of this ancient city. Bukhara is one of most historically rich cities on the Great Silk Road attracting attention of thousands of people with its unique heritage. Today we'll visit: Samanid's dynasty mausoleum known to be one of the best architectural samples of the Samanids period (875 - 999). Chashma Ayub Mausoleum – legend say is it of Prophet Jove. Bolo – Khauz Mosque. The Ark Forteress – Citadel is the most ancient memorial of Bukhara, on archeological matter dated to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C. Kalon Complex – consists of minaret, Mosque and Madrasah both of which are still active. Magoki Attori Mosque. Ulugbek and Abdulazizi Khan madrasahs. Next we'll visit most popular place of Bukhara – reservoir Lyabi Khauz complex built in 1620 by khans' dignitary Nodir Devan Begi. We'll end the day with a dinner at the local restaurant followed by a show program. Today we'll overnight in Bukhara.



**7** MARCH 26 MONDAY -  
BUKHARA – FARAB –  
TURKMENABAT – MARY –  
290 MI (UZBEKISTAN/  
TURKMENISTAN)

After breakfast we'll continue second full day of sightseeing in Bukhara: former summer palace of Bukhara Emir Said Olimkhan – last Emir of Bukhara. Sitora – iMokhi – Khosa, Museum of Decorative Applied Art. After Lunch we say good bye to Uzbekistan as we make our way to Turkmenistan border which is almost 1.5 hours of driving away. After border passing formalities drive (~300km & 5 hours direct driving) to Mary via Turkmenabat & crossing one of the biggest deserts in the world known as Garagum Desert which mean "black sand". En route we will stop to visit some amazing sand dunes & bush forests of Garagum Desert. Upon arrival in Mary accommodation & rest. Dinner you will have at one of the local restaurants. Overnight at hotel in Mary.



**8** MARCH 27 TUESDAY - MARY – ASHGABAT – 237 MI (TURKMENISTAN)



After breakfast drive to Bayramaly to have SS of Old Merv which was known in the past as Mary Shahu Jahan-King of the World which for about 300 years became one of the biggest city in the World & 8 years Capital of World Islamic Khalifat, inscribed into the monuments list of World Heritage Book, protected by the UNESCO. Merv was located at the road crossing of the Great Silk Road being one of the very important & biggest cities in the World. Today's excursion at Old Merv will include: Gyz Gala & Oglan Gala (VI-VII), Complex of Askhabs, Gyaur Gala, Buddhist Complex, Beni Makhan Mosque, Erk Gala, Soltan Gala, Shrine & Pilgrimage Complex of Yusup Hemadani, Soltan Sanjar Mausoleum, Ibn Zeid Mausoleum. After Old Merv drive back to Mary. After lunch break visit Local United Museum of History, Ethnography, Flora & Fauna of Mary & Orthodox Church built by Russians at the end of XIX century, the Regional Mosque of Mary Province, The Central Theater of Mary, The Convention & Conference Center "Ruhiyet Koshgi", Central Park & Monument of Mollanepes. Late afternoon transfer to the airport of Mary for flight to Ashgabat by flight T5-132 at 19:00. Upon arrival transfer to have dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Ashgabat.



**9** MARCH 28 WEDNESDAY - ASHGABAT (TURKMENISTAN)

After breakfast full Day sightseeings in/around Ashgabat. Today's sightseeing includes: Complex of Monuments of Oguz Han & Sons, "Turkmenbashynyn Ruhy Metjidi" which is biggest in Central Asia & Mausoleum Complex of the tombs of Turkmenbashy, Old Nissa-The Sanctuary of Parhian Kings. After Old Nissa proceed with sightseeings of Monuments of Archabil Shayoly: Health Path of Turkmenbashy, Monument of Constitution, "Alem" Culture & Recreation Center. After lunch break you will continue with Half Day Sight Seeing in Ashgabat including: Museum of Turkmen Carpets, Park dedicated to Turkmen horses-the pride of Turkmen, Gulistan Bazar, Monument of Lenin, Ertogrul Gazy Mosque. Dinner you will have at one of the local restaurants. After dinner break night tour/driving along the main avenues/streets

of Ashgabat including to stop near Palace of Happiness to have look round its colorful views in night lights which makes it one of the spectacular cities of Central Asia. Overnight at hotel in Ashgabat.



**10** MARCH 29 THURSDAY - ASHGABAT – DASHOGUZ (TURKMENISTAN)



After breakfast you will have another Full Day of Sight Seeing in Ashgabat which will include: Ashgabat’s famous “Altyn Asyr” Oriental Bazar- Jygyldyk. After Bazar drive to the Hippodrome of Ashgabat to watch the Sunday Horse Race which is free to enter for all. Lunch you will have at one of the local restaurants in Ashgabat. After lunch break proceed with SS includes: National Museum of History. After Museum proceed SS of Ashgabat with visiting Memorial Complex with Monuments for Victims of 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Patriotic Wars of XIXcc & Monument for the Victims of the Earthquake of 1948, Arch of Neutrality, Monuments of Independency located in the Park of Independency along the hundreds of fountains & statues. Late afternoon transfer to the airport of Ashgabat for flight to Dashoguz by T5-109 at 19:20. Upon arrival transfer to have dinner at local restaurant. After dinner accommodation & rest. Overnight at hotel in Dashoguz.



**11** MARCH 30 FRIDAY -DASHOGUZ – KUNYA – URGENCH – KHIVA - 184 MI (TURKMENISTAN/UZBEKISTAN)

Morning drive to Koneurgench-the capital of Khorezmshahs. Khorezm state which became then one of the powerful empires in XIIAD. Its capital Gurgench; Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khorezmi. The Sight Seeing of the Old City will include: Turabek Hanum Mausoleum, Kutlug Timur Minaret, Sultan Tekesh Mausoleum, Academy of Horezm, Il Arslan Mausoleum, Mamun Minaret, Mausoleums of Najm Ed Din & Soltan Ali. After SS of Koneurgench drive back to Dashoguz where you will stop for a lunch at one of the local restaurants. After lunch we’ll transfer to the border pass Dashoguz – Shavat which is located 10 mi from Dashoguz. Upon arrival proceed the way through passport control and customs procedures and return to Uzbekistan. After border formalities on both sides we’ll continue our way to Khiva. Upon arrival we’ll accommodate in hotel in Khiva for rest and relaxation. Khiva is a fascinating place, walk through Ichan Kala – old walled city of Khiva, will give you an insight into the life led there from ancient days up to the present time. We’ll have a dinner at the local restaurant followed by a show program. Overnight is at the hotel in Khiva.



**12** MARCH 31 SATURDAY - KHIVA – URGENCH – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)



After breakfast at hotel today we’ll have a full day sightseeing in Khiva: visit Ichan Kala – a UNESCO World Heritage Site including madrasah Muhammad Amin Khan, Kelta Minar, Kunya Ark, madrasah

Muhammad Rakhimkhan. We'll have lunch at local restaurant and continue sightseeing program: visit Pakhlavan Mahmud Mausoleum, Islam Khodja Minaret and Madrasah, Djuma Mosque and Minaret, Tash Hovli Palace. After dinner at the local restaurant we'll proceed to airport for a flight back to Tashkent leaving at 08:40PM and arriving at 10:10PM (subject to change). Upon arrival to Tashkent, we'll accommodate in hotel for overnight and rest.



### 13 APRIL 1 SUNDAY - TASHKENT — KHUJAND — 104 MI (UZBEKISTAN/TAJIKISTAN)

After early breakfast at the hotel in Tashkent today we'll head on to a 1 day excursion of Tajikistan. We'll drive to the border check point Oybek and after border crossing formalities we'll continue on to city Khujand. Upon arrival we'll accommodate at the hotel after a long drive and start sightseeing. Khujand – the country's second largest city – situated in the north of Tajikistan and is one of its most ancient, founded about 2,300 years ago during the time of Alexander the Great. Standing in a favorable location in the Ferghana valley, Khujand prospered for a long time, becoming rich and building palaces, mosques, and citadels. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century it was conquered and destroyed by the Genghis Khan's army. We'll have a close city tour in second part of the day, and end the day with dinner at a local restaurant. We'll overnight in Khujand.



### 14 APRIL 2 MONDAY - KHUJAND — DUSHANBE - 189 MI (TAJIKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel we'll continue sightseeing of Khujand, visit ancient part of Khujand: Timurmaliq fortress, Archeology and History museums, Orient bazaar Panjshanbe – famous Panjshanbe city market is one of the most interesting sights of Khujand. Near the market we'll stop by Sheikh Muslihiddin Masque and Mausoleum, Museum of Archaeology and Resporation. We'll have lunch at the local restaurant and in the afternoon drive to Dushanbe via Istaravshan, drive will take almost 5 hours with be accompanied by beautiful views of Pamir mountains. Today overnight is in Dushanbe.



### 15 APRIL 3 TUESDAY - DUSHANBE(TAJIKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel today we'll drive to the unique Hissor town 15 miles outside of Dushanbe to see ancient fortress of Hissor - one of the most precious historical sites of Tajikistan, comfortably located near Dushanbe, Hissor Fortress combined the traditional elements of power, trade and culture of the ancient Tajik nation. We'll visit Medrassah Kuhna (16th c) and Museum of Tajik Culture, Medrassah Mahdumi Azam and Sufi mausoleum. In the afternoon we'll return to Dushanbe for lunch followed by a City tour which will include Somoni monument, Building of a National Spirit, Rudaki Prospect and Museum of National Antiquities - featuring artefacts from Tajikistan's Islamic and pre-Islamic history



(Greek/Bactrian, Zoroastrian, Buddhist and Hindu), the museum shows that Tajikistan was an important crossroads in Central Asia. In the evening we'll have a farewell dinner followed by a show program.



**16** APRIL 4 WEDNESDAY - DUSHANBE (TAJIKISTAN)

Today is the last day of the tour. We'll have breakfast at the hotel and arrange transfer to the airport for your flight home. End of tour. Thank you!



**PRICE – \$ 5,298.00 PER PERSON IN DOUBLE  
(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – \$ 900.00)**



**GUARANTEED DEPARTURES IN 2018:**

Start:	End:
March 20	April 4
April 10	April 25
May 1	May 16
May 22	June 6
June 19	July 4
August 7	August 22
August 28	September 12
September 11	September 26
September 25	October 10
October 9	October 24



**HOTELS:**

Tashkent (3 nights)	Tashkent Palace or similar
Samarkand (2 nights)	Konstantin or similar
Bukhara(2 nights)	Devon Begi or similar
Mary (1 night)	Mary or similar
Ashgabat (2 nights)	Yulduz or similar
Dashoguz ( 1 night)	Dashoguz or similar
Khiva (1 night)	Asia Khiva or similar
Khujand (1 night)	Khujand Deluxe or similar
Dushanbe ( 2 nights)	Sheraton or similar



### PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Letter Of Invitation
- ✓ Hotel Accommodation (double room sharing)
- ✓ Full Board Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)\*
- ✓ Bottled water (1 lt per person per day)
- ✓ All Land Transfers with A/C
- ✓ Internal Flights
- ✓ Accompany of guide/escort
- ✓ Guided sightseeing
- ✓ Entrance Fees
- ✓ Show programs

\*Meals: Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch/Dinner consists of: 1 salad, 1 soup, 1 entrée, bread, tea.



### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- ✗ Tips in hotels, to the guides and drivers
- ✗ Any extra expenses for additional services in hotels
- ✗ Video and photo camera charges