

## UZBEKISTAN – 10 DAYS ITINERARY – 2020 (TASHKENT, SAMARKAND, BUKHARA, KHIVA, URGENCH)

### **1** SEPTEMBER 10 THURSDAY – 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** SEPTEMBER 11 FRIDAY – 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 sights of the 16th century. After lunch we will continue on to modern part of the city: Independence 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 II. Visits to museum of Amir Timur and museum of Handicraft 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** SEPTEMBER 12 SATURDAY – TASHKENT – SAMARKAND – 90 MI. (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast we will take a train to world famous Samarkand located 190 mi. from Tashkent. The road to Samarkand passes through Syrdarya and Jizzakh provinces and takes approximately 3 hours. We will arrive to Samarkand in the afternoon, check in to a 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, Afrasiab 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 a hotel for overnight in Samarkand.



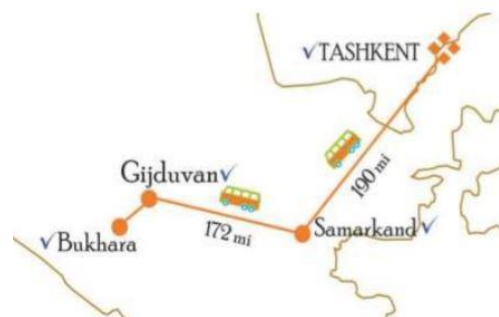
#### **4** SEPTEMBER 13 SUNDAY – SAMARKAND (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel today we'll have a full day sightseeing of Samarkand. Visit heart of the city – Registan Square which played a great role in commercial and scientific life of the time. Gur Emir Mausoleum - mausoleum for the males of Timurid dynasty, a 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 Timur to India. Central bazaar of Samarkand – Siab 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** SEPTEMBER 14 MONDAY – 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 have dinner at one of the local restaurants and will overnight in Bukhara.



#### **6** SEPTEMBER 15 TUESDAY – 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 dynasty mausoleum known to be one of the best architectural samples of the Samanid period (875 - 999). Chashma Ayub Mausoleum – legend says of the Prophet Job. Bolo – Khauz Mosque. The Ark Fortress – Citadel is the most ancient memorial of Bukhara, on archeological matter dated to the 3rd 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 the 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** SEPTEMBER 16 WEDNESDAY – BUKHARA (UZBEKISTAN)

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. We'll be back to Bukhara in time for dinner and have another overnight in Bukhara.



## **8** SEPTEMBER 17 THURSDAY – BUKHARA – KHIVA – 350 MI. (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel, today we'll have a long day ahead making our way through Kyzyl Kum desert going from Bukhara to Khiva. We'll cover over 350 mi. and spend most part of the day on the road. While it is a rather hard day, it is the only way to get from Bukhara to Khiva and we'll try to make it as pleasant as possible. On the way we'll make stops to visit ancient ruins Ayaz Kala and Toprak Kala. We'll have a picnic lunch and upon arrival 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.



## **9** SEPTEMBER 18 FRIDAY – 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 by HY-1058 09:00PM/10:30PM (subject to change). Upon arrival to Tashkent, we'll accommodate in hotel for overnight and rest.



### **10** SEPTEMBER 19 SATURDAY – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

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 – \$2,725 PER PERSON IN DOUBLE (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – \$ 395)**

### **GUARANTEED DEPARTURES IN 2020:**

<b>Start:</b>	<b>End:</b>
April 02	April 11
April 16	April 25
April 30	May 09
May 21	May 30
June 11	June 20
August 27	September 05
September 10	September 19
September 24	October 03
October 08	October 17
October 29	November 07

### **HOTELS:**

Tashkent (3 nights)	Tashkent Palace or similar
Samarkand (2 nights)	Konstantin or similar
Bukhara (3 nights)	Sasha & Son or similar
Khiva (1 night)	Asia Khiva or similar

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ✓ Visa consular and processing fee;
- ✓ 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 program in Tashkent, Bukhara and Khiva.

\* 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 in hotels;
- ✗ Video and photo camera charges.