



DISCOVER UZBEKISTAN with MARIONOWENTRAVEL

Journey Along the Golden Road to Samarkand

OVERVIEW

- Flight 1nt
- Tashkent 1nt
- Khiva 2nts
- Bukhara 3nts
- Samarkand 3nts
- Tashkent 1nt

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ancient Silk Road Cities
- 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Dinner in a Local Home
- Exclusive Marion Owen Travel Tour

INTRODUCTION

Join us on this private Marion Owen Travel tour as we journey along the Golden Road to Samarkand. Located at the crossroads of the ancient Silk Road, Uzbekistan is well-known for its magnificent historical architecture; beautiful mosques and madrassas, alongside Soviet modernism, a thriving arts and crafts scene, rich traditional culture, and the sincere hospitality of locals. Experience Uzbekistan's Silk Road Cities, and delve into the rich cultural heritage, from metropolitan Tashkent to Khiva's Old-Town with its towers and cupolas, across the Kyzylkum Desert to beautiful Bukhara, and into exotic Samarkand. Experience the magical realms of 'Arabian Nights' alongside the contrast of modern Central Asia on an adventure that will leave a lifetime of memories, all in the the company of our local expert guides.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Overnight flight from London Heathrow to Tashkent.

DAY 2 Early morning transfer to your hotel. Afternoon city tour of the Navoi Theatre, Chorsu market and Independence Square. Optional evening performance at the Navoi Theatre (pre-bookable). Overnight at the 4-star Hampton by Hilton Tashkent. (B, D)

DAY 3 Fly to Urgench and transfer to your hotel in Khiva. Afternoon walking tour of the city includes Old Khiva's city walls, the Kunya Ark, minarets, a mausoleum and Tash-Khauil Palace. Two nights at the 3-star Asia Khiva Hotel or similar. (B, D)

DAY 4 Day at leisure in Khiva, perhaps stroll in the atmospheric Old Town; or take an optional tour of its ancient fortresses (bookable locally, approx. \$60). (B, D)

DAY 5 Travel by road to Bukhara (7 hrs, including barbecue lunch stop) across the Kyzylkum ('Red Sand') Desert. Three nights at the 3-star Devon Begi Hotel, Latifa Begim Hotel or similar. (B, L)

DAY 6 Walking tour of the madrassahs, Maghoki Arrar Mosque, and tea houses of Lyabi-Khauz Square; and through the Trading Domes to Poi Kalyan Square and the Mir-i-Arab madrassah. A short drive in the afternoon takes you to Ismail Samani Mausoleum, stroll to Prophet Job's Well and Bukhara's old citadel, the Ark Fortress. (B, D)

DAY 7 Morning tour to the 19th-century Emir's Palace, continuing to Char Minar.

Afternoon free to explore medieval Bukhara, perhaps finding the 15th-century Silk Road caravanserai courtyard. (B, D)

DAY 8 Travel by road (5 hrs) to Samarkand. Afternoon tour of Bibi-Khanym Mosque and the three madrassahs which frame Registan Square, an amazing ensemble of ornately tiled arches, domes, and pillars. Three nights at the 3-star Grand Samarkand Superior, Zarafshan Parkside or similar. (B, D)

DAY 9 Morning tour to Gur Emir mausoleum (Tamerlane's tomb), the Ulug Beg Observatory – the work of his grandson, and the Shah-i-Zinda (Living King) complex. Afternoon free. Evening Unique Experience dinner. (B, D)

DAY 10 An intriguing introduction to local speciality products, with morning visits to see the Khujum factory's hand-crafting of silk carpets, and the Meros workshop's mulberry tree paper-making. Afternoon free. (B, D)

DAY 11 Morning at leisure or take an optional tour to the palaces of Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane (bookable locally, approx. \$60). Afternoon transfer to board the high-speed Afrosiyob train to Tashkent. Overnight at the Hampton by Hilton Tashkent. (B, D)

DAY 12 Return flight (arriving later the same day). (B)



UNIQUE EXPERIENCE DINNER IN A LOCAL HOME

Learn to cook the traditional Uzbek dish 'Pilov' in a local home in Samarkand. Meet with the family who live here to learn about daily life. A popular dish throughout Central Asia with variations in different regions 'Pilov' usually combines rice with onion and carrots, plus mutton, beef or lamb cooked slowly in layers. THIS IS FABULOUS!

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NIGHTS

FROM
£3275

2027 – Friday to Tuesday

May 14	May 25	£3275
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Supplements per person
 Travelling Solo: Single Supplement £545
 Optional Activities
 Navoi Theatre Performance £30
 Optional travel from your door

AT A GLANCE

- Includes flights, transfers, sightseeing
- 10 nights hotel accommodation
- 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 9 dinners
- Itinerary as described
- Local representative & expert local guides
- Marion Owen Travel Tour Manager

Provisional flight details

London Heathrow - Tashkent	18:00	05:55
Tashkent - Urgench	07:00	08:30
Tashkent - London Heathrow	11:10	14:50

To secure your place, please contact
Marion Owen Travel : 01482 212525 or
Call in person to 23 Portland St, HULL
Office hours Mon to Fri 9am to 3.45pm
 The deposit is £350 per person. Balance
 payment is due 91 days prior to departure.

Notes: On arrival you have access to your room, time to knapp before a late breakfast. The programme includes walking tours, with some inclines and steps, areas in the Old Towns are cobbled. Shah-I-Zinda monument (day 9) involves many steps. Travel between the cities by road, whilst being a classic way to experience the country, involves some long journeys with only limited opportunities for comfort breaks. On Day 11 luggage will travel by road to Tashkent and will be waiting at the hotel upon arrival.



JULES VERNE

Created for travellers who feel the world is best experienced together, our journeys are guided by passionate local experts and shaped by signature Jules Verne moments - those unexpected encounters and shared experiences that make a place, and the people you meet along the way, truly unforgettable. You won't just see the destination - you'll feel part of it. This is a repeat tour of May 26 for those who missed the opportunity.