



Discover Central Asia

UZBEKISTAN | TAJIKISTAN | KAZAKHSTAN | KYRGYZSTAN

18 DAYS 16 NIGHTS



DISCOVER CENTRAL ASIA

WHY US



Minimum travelling time on coach



Fine selection of hotels



Handpicked local restaurants



Personal time to explore

FINE SELECTION OF HOTELS

CITY	NIGHT	HOTEL
Tashkent	1	Azimut Grand Hotel Tashkent*
Khiva	2	Kamil Palace*
Bukhara	2	Wyndham Hotel*
Samarkand	2	Hilton Garden Inn*
Iskanderkul	1	Lakeside Guesthouse*
Dushanbe	1	Crowne Plaza Dushanbe by IHG*
Almaty	2	Mercure Almaty City Center*
Saty	2	Kolsay Grand Hotel*
Karakol	1	Hotel 78 Karakol*
Cholpon Ata	1	Karven Four Seasons*
Bishkek	1	Sofia International Hotel*

* or similar hotels

ENG Tour conducted in English

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 domestic flights
- Step into Khiva's timeless Silk Road heritage
- Experience centuries of tradition in historic Bukhara
- Embrace Silk Road grandeur at Samarkand's Registan Square
- Ride Uzbekistan's modern high-speed train to Samarkand
- Join a plov-making class at Shirin Village
- Witness Registan come alive at the Night Show
- Explore Sarazm's ruins, Central Asia's ancient Pompeii
- Sleep beside tranquil Iskanderkul Lake in nature
- Experience nomadic traditions at Huns Ethno Village
- Ride a Soviet Truck through Charyn Canyon's Valley of Castles
- Horseback Ride to Kaindy Lake
- Boat across the majestic alpine Issyk-Kul Lake
- Dine on freshly grilled trout at Turgen Gorge
- Witness eagle hunting, Kyrgyzstan's ancient nomadic tradition

MEALS

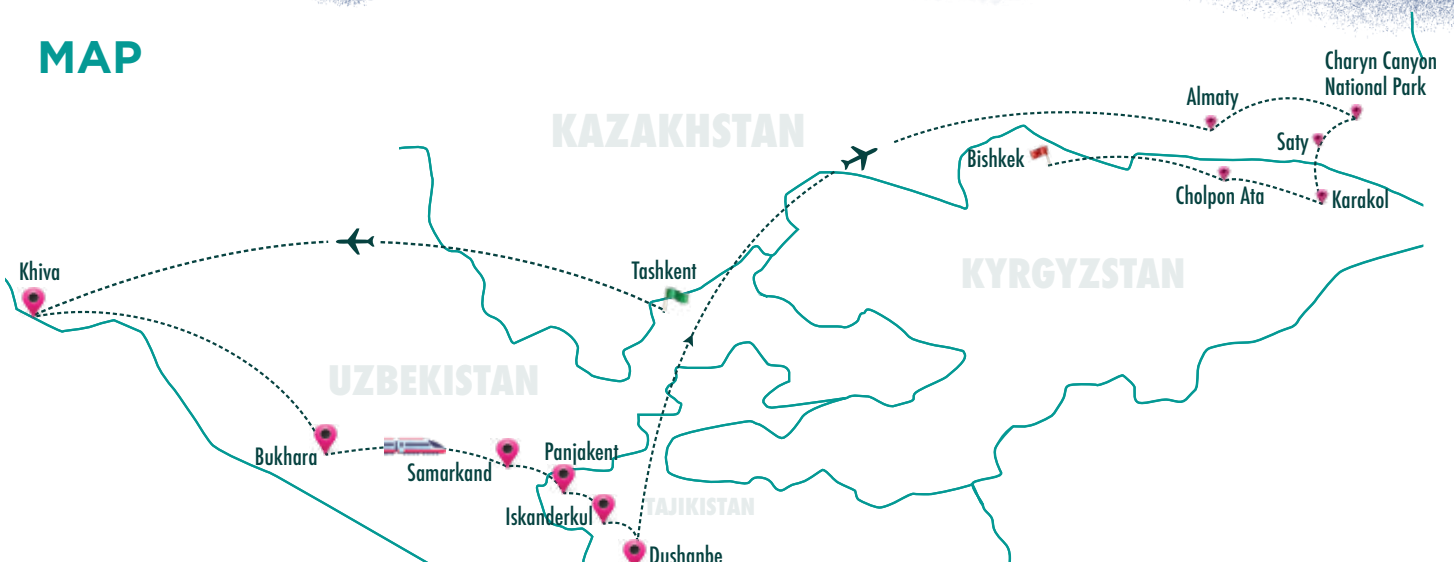
Breakfast - 16 | Lunch - 13 | Dinner - 16

*Lunch or dinner adjustments do not affect the total meal included.

E EEPICKS

Features highlighted attractions, activities, hotels, restaurants and more that's not only rated with excellence, but also highly recommended by our experienced tour planners.

MAP





E! Moment

Ancient Khiva Experience
Khiva Old Town



Chorsu Bazaar



Khast Imam Complex

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Kuala Lumpur ✈️ Tashkent

Dinner

Upon arrival in **Tashkent**, transfer to the hotel for check-in before enjoying dinner and a comfortable overnight stay.

DAY 2 Tashkent ✈️ Khiva

Breakfast Dinner

Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan.

Tashkent City Guided Tour

Khast Imam Complex (Entrance Included) - Visit the home to the world-famous Uthman Quran, the oldest known Quran manuscript and stunning Islamic architecture.

Chorsu Bazaar - Immerse in the sights and sounds of this iconic marketplace, where locals trade spices, bread, and fresh produce. After a guided walk, enjoy personal time to shop or soak up the lively atmosphere before depart for **Khiva** by flight,

DAY 3 Khiva

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Khiva invites you into **Itchan Kala [UNESCO]**, its walled old town where time stands still amid tales of Silk Road splendour.

Itchan Kala Guided Tour (Entrance Included)

Kunya Ark - Former royal fortress offering panoramic views and a glimpse into Khiva's ancient rule.

Kalta Minor - Iconic turquoise minaret symbolising Khiva's beauty and unfinished Silk Road dreams.

Islam Khodja Minaret & Madrasa Complex - Tallest minaret in Khiva, showcasing exquisite Islamic craftsmanship and vibrant tilework.

Pahlavon Mahmud Mausoleum - Step inside this sacred shrine adorned with shimmering tiles, where pilgrims come to offer prayers in peaceful reverence.

Silk Museum (Entrance Included) - Discover the fascinating history of silk and its role as Silk Road currency, and have the opportunity to try traditional silk weaving on an actual loom.

Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring **Khiva** before dinner.



Silk Museum



Pahlavon Mahmud Mausoleum

DAY 4 Khiva - Bukhara

431KM

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Enjoy a scenic 6-hour desert drive from Khiva to **Bukhara**, passing vast steppe landscapes and glimpses of remote Uzbek villages.

Lyabi-Khauz Complex - Stroll the 17th-century poolside square where history meets daily life, before enjoying dinner amidst the atmospheric surroundings.

Proceed for an overnight stay in **Bukhara**.



Lyabi-Khauz Complex



Sarazm Archaeological Site



Samarkand Night Light Show



Silk Road Tea House

DAY 5 Bukhara

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Shirin Village - Step into local life with a Plov-making demonstration and lunch at the **Shirin Ethno House**, a heartfelt cultural encounter that captures the authentic warmth of Uzbekistan's countryside.

AUTUMN SPECIAL INCLUSION

Cotton Picking - Join the seasonal harvest in Uzbekistan's cotton fields. **Available only in September and October.*

Sitora-i Mokhi Khosa (Entrance Included) - Visit the Summer Palace of the Bukharan Emirs, a blend of Oriental and European elegance surrounded by peaceful gardens, showcasing royal art, furnishings, and architectural beauty from the 19th century.

Silk Road Tea House - Experience one of Bukhara's well-known traditional tea houses, famous for its local teas, spices, sweets, and Silk Road atmosphere.

Savour authentic Uzbek cuisine and local specialities before proceeding with an overnight stay in **Samarkand**.

DAY 6 Bukhara Samarkand

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Bukhara Old City [UNESCO] Guided Tour

The Ark Citadel (Entrance Included) - Admire the massive fortress that once housed emirs and royals, with the elegant **Bolo-Khauz Mosque** just opposite.

Kalon Complex (Entrance Included) - Marvel at the enduring **Po-i-Kalyan Minaret**, untouched by Genghis Khan, and explore the adjoining **Kalon Mosque**, one of the largest in Central Asia.

Trade Domes & Caravanserai - Wander through the historic trading domes and nearby caravanserais, once vibrant Silk Road marketplaces filled with merchants, craftsmen, and travellers from across Asia.

High Speed Train to Samarkand (Included) - Relax aboard Uzbekistan's high-speed train for a smooth journey to the iconic Silk Road city.

Wrap up the day's journey with dinner and overnight in **Samarkand**.

DAY 7 Samarkand

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Samarkand [UNESCO], where Silk Road caravans once converged, remains a living museum of Islamic architecture and tradition.

Samarkand Guided Tour (Entrance Included)

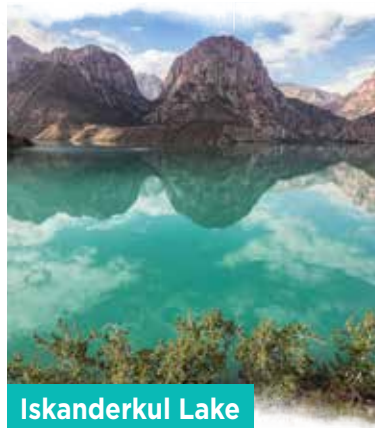
Gur-Emir Mausoleum - Start the day with an exterior view of Timur's mausoleum, resting place of the 14th-century conqueror.

Registan Square - Step into the heart of ancient Samarkand, surrounded by three grand madrasahs adorned in blue mosaics and majestic arches.

Shakh-i Zinda Necropolis [UNESCO] - Stroll through the sacred avenue of tombs, where intricate tilework reflects centuries of artistry and devotion.

Konigil Village (Entrance Included) - Afternoon visit to this serene village, home to the **Meros Paper Mill** where artisans preserve the ancient craft of handmade silk paper.

Return to **Samarkand** and enjoy free time for dinner on your own. In the evening, witness the dazzling **Night Light Show** at Registan Square, where the iconic blue domes and madrasahs come alive in a spectacular display.



Iskanderkul Lake



Iskanderkul Lakeside Guesthouse

DAY 8 Samarkand - Panjacent - Iskanderkul Lake

213KM

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Cross the border into **Tajikistan**, the world's most mountainous country, where every turn reveals breathtaking scenery and dramatic peaks. After crossing the border, with a mix of smooth highways and short off-road stretches.

Stop at **Panjacent**, known as the Pompeii of Central Asia.

Sarazm Archaeological Site [UNESCO] (Entrance Included) - Explore the ruins of this Bronze Age settlement, dating back over 5,000 years.

Iskanderkul Lake - Unwind beside the tranquil turquoise waters of this legendary alpine lake, surrounded by Tajikistan's majestic mountain scenery, before settling in for an authentic local overnight stay in nature. **Guesthouse facilities in remote mountain regions may be simpler compared to city hotels.*

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Iskanderkul Waterfall - Take a leisurely walk to the scenic waterfall surrounded by beautiful mountain landscapes. **Moderate hiking required. Travellers who prefer not to continue to the top may return earlier and enjoy free time at the hotel.*

Journey to Dushanbe, the capital city of Tajikistan, via a scenic mountain route through the Shahrستان Pass, passing valleys, mountain landscapes, and local villages along the way. **Mountain roads with winding routes involved.*

Navruz Palace - Admire the grand cultural palace renowned for its magnificent architecture, intricate decorations, and impressive Tajik design elements.

Rudaki Park - Stroll through the city's elegant central park, known for its fountains, gardens, and views of the surrounding mountains.

Ismoil Somoni Monument - Visit the iconic monument dedicated to the founder of the Tajik nation, one of Dushanbe's most recognisable landmarks.



Iskanderkul Waterfall



Shahrستان Pass

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Depart to **Almaty** by flight.

Almaty, the vibrant cultural and financial heart of Kazakhstan.

Almaty Guided Tour

Panfilov Park - Photostop at one of Almaty's oldest parks, named after the Panfilov Heroes of WWII.

Zenkov Cathedral - Admire one of the world's tallest wooden churches, built entirely without nails.

Green Bazaar - Wander through Almaty's colourful local market known for its authentic atmosphere, local snacks, and traditional Central Asian sweets and chocolates.

Enjoy dinner featuring local specialities such as **Shashlik** and **Plov** before proceeding with your overnight stay.



Zenkov Cathedral



Turgen Gorge Waterfall

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

Huns Ethno Village (Entrance Included) - Step back in time as you're greeted by Kazakh warriors in traditional armor and welcomed with the national ritual "Shashu". Watch cultural demonstrations of nomadic life including Boursaks (Kazakh puffy bread) making, hand-flour grinding, wool whisking, cradle-swaying rituals, and Syrga Salu, the traditional ceremony of preparing the bride for marriage.

Turgen Gorge Waterfall (Entrance Included) - Located in Ile-Alatau National Park, this scenic gorge features lush forests, alpine meadows, springs, and scenic waterfalls. Continue to the **Trout Farm (Entrance Included)** for a relaxing fishing experience, ending with freshly grilled trout served for dinner amidst nature. **Moderate hiking required.*

Return to **Almaty** for dinner and an overnight stay.



Huns Ethno Village



Shashlik



Plov

DAY 12 Almaty - Charyn Canyon - Saty 307KM

🍴 Breakfast 🍽️ Lunch 🍷 Dinner

📍 **Charyn Canyon** - Explore the otherworldly canyon that's often compared to the Grand Canyon, and its famed **Valley of the Castles**. Board a **Soviet Truck (Return Trip Included)** for a thrilling ride to the gorge, then indulge in a little luxury amidst the stunning scenery. ***Moderate walking is required.**

Black Canyon - Witness the dramatic rock formations and deep gorges carved by time, a striking contrast to the lush alpine lakes.

Proceed to dinner and overnight in **Saty**.



Kolsai Lake



Soviet truck

DAY 13 Saty - Kolsay Lake Town - Saty 55KM

🍴 Breakfast 🍽️ Lunch 🍷 Dinner

Kolsai Lake - Wander the tranquil mountain lake nestled between forested slopes. Enjoy a gentle walk, sip coffee with a view, shop for local crafts, or **take a boat ride*** across crystal waters. ***Suggested activities are not included in the tour price.**

📍 **Kaindy Lake** - An adventurous ride by **4WD and Horseback Riding Experience (Included)** leads you to a stunning alpine lake, where ghostly sunken trees rise from crystal-clear waters. ***Access to Kaindy Lake is subject to trail conditions. Alternative arrangements may be made for travellers not participating in horseback riding.**

DAY 14 Saty - Karakol 207KM

🍴 Breakfast 🍽️ Lunch 🍷 Dinner

Enter **Kyrgyzstan** via the scenic **Karkara Valley** and continue to **Karakol**, a charming mountain town where alpine landscapes meet a unique blend of nomadic, Russian, and Dungan cultures. Upon arrival, savour local favourites such as **Ashlan-fu, Piroshki**, or the town's famous **Karakol Fried Chicken**.

Dungan Mosque (Entrance Included) - Explore Karakol's diverse heritage through its pastel-hued Chinese-style mosque built entirely without nails.

The Russian Orthodox Church (Entrance Included) - The wooden church with colourful windows and a golden dome is one of the oldest buildings in Karakol.

Ak Suu Hot Spring (Included) - Relax amidst peaceful mountain surroundings at this natural hot spring area, popular for its mineral-rich thermal waters and scenic alpine atmosphere.



Kaindy Lake



Morning Eagle Hunting Show

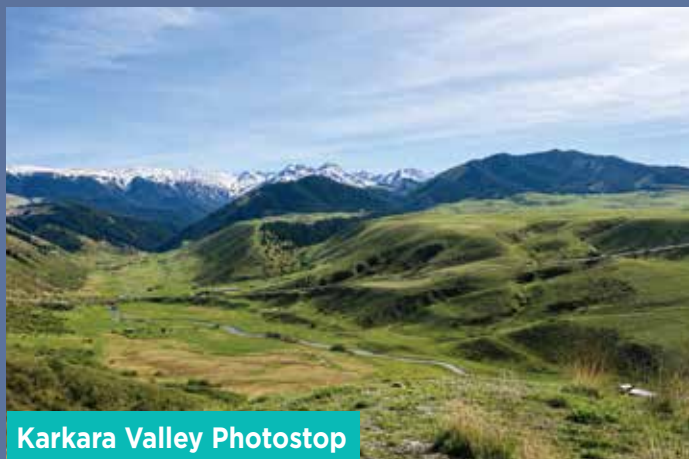
DAY 15 Karakol - Cholpon Ata 142KM

🍴 Breakfast 🍽️ Lunch 🍷 Dinner

📍 **Morning Eagle Hunting Show (Private Show Entrance Included)** - Witness the centuries-old Kyrgyz tradition of hunting with eagles, pose for a photo with the majestic bird, and try your hand at traditional archery. ***Outdoor show subject to weather conditions.**

Grigorievka Gorge - Enjoy a leisurely walk through one of Kyrgyzstan's most scenic alpine valleys, surrounded by pine forests, crystal-clear streams, and mountain landscapes.

Continue to **Cholpon Ata** for dinner and an overnight stay.



Karkara Valley Photostop



Burana Tower

DAY 16 **Cholpon Ata - Bishkek**

261KM

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Issyk-Kul Lake - Enjoy a relaxing **Boat Ride (Included)** across one of the world's largest alpine lakes, renowned for its crystal-clear waters and stunning mountain scenery. **Boat ride is subject to weather conditions.*

Continue to Bishkek through the scenic countryside of northern Kyrgyzstan, passing green valleys, winding rivers, and views of the majestic Tian Shan mountains along the way.

Burana Tower [UNESCO] (Entrance Included) - Stop at this ancient minaret from the 11th century, once part of the Silk Road city of Balasagun. Explore its open-air museum featuring petroglyphs and carved warrior stones.

Overnight in **Bishkek**, Kyrgyzstan's capital.



Issyk-Kul Lake



Ashlan-fu



Piroshki



Osh Bazaar

DAY 17 **Bishkek** → **Tashkent** → **Kuala Lumpur**

Breakfast

Bishkek Guided Tour

Osh Bazaar - Soak up the everyday rhythm of Kyrgyz life in a bustling market filled with fragrant spices, fresh nuts, traditional textiles, felt slippers, local souvenirs, and the famous local white honey.

Ala Too Square - Explore the historical and political core of Bishkek, where locals gather for national celebrations, protests, and festivals.

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight, with a transit in **Tashkent**.

DAY 18 **Kuala Lumpur**

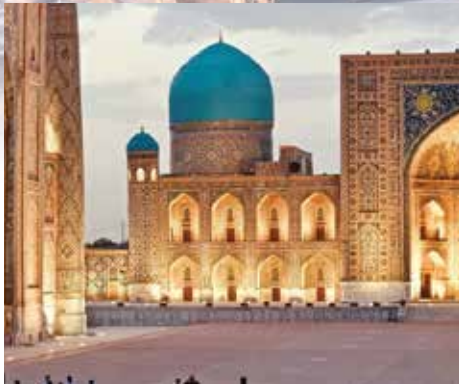
Home sweet home. Till next time!



UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Bukhara

Bukhara, which is situated on the Silk Route, is more than 2,000 years old. It is the most complete example of a medieval city in Central Asia, with an urban fabric that has remained largely intact. Monuments of particular interest include the famous tomb of Ismail Samani, a masterpiece of 10th-century Muslim architecture, and a large number of 17th-century madrasas.



Samarkand

Founded in the 7th century BC, flourished during the Timurid era and is famed for landmarks such as Registan, Bibi-Khanum Mosque, Shakh-i-Zinda, Gur-Emir, and Ulugh-Beg's Observatory.

Sarazm Archaeological Site

One of Central Asia's oldest settlements, dates from the 4th–3rd millennium BCE and reveals early proto-urban life, agriculture, pastoralism, and wide-ranging trade across Central and South Asia.

Burana

Founded in the 6th century AD, became a key Northern Silk Road town, blending Indian, Chinese, Sogdian, and Turkic cultures and serving as a vital cultural crossroads.



Itchan Kala

Khiva's walled inner town, was a key caravan stop and remains a well-preserved example of Central Asian Muslim architecture, featuring the Djuma Mosque, madrasas, mausoleums, and 19th-century palaces.



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Remark:

- Fare excludes Travel Insurance.
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