

Central Asian Countries at glance

Cultural tour

Duration: 27 Days

Season: June - September

Itinerary

- Day 1** Departure day from Europe, arrival ASHGABAT late evening. Transfer to Hotel
- Day 2** Flight to Tashauz. Upon arrival transfer to Kunya Urgench for excursion. Transfer to Turkmen-Uzbek border "Khojeyli". Departure to Uzbekistan. After border drive to Nukus. Overnight at the hotel
- Day 3** Visit Karakalpakstan Art Museum which is a home of the remarkable collection of Karakalpak ethnographic art (handicraft) At present the museum is a must for any visitor to the city of Nukus. Drive to Khiva. Dinner and overnight at hotel for 2 nights .
- Day 4** Excursion of historical town of Khiva – 6 hours. Lunch and dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel .
- Day 5** Drive to Bukhara with box-lunch. Stop at Chayhana (tea house) en-route in the Kyzyl Kum for lunch. Then drive to Bukhara and transfer to hotel for 2 nights. Dinner at local restaurant
- Day 6** Proceed for full day city tour of Bukhara. Enjoy folk show and dinner at Nadir Divan Begi Madrasa. Overnight at hotel .
- Day 7** Drive to Samarkand. Visiting Shakhribabz on the way. Lunch. Upon arrival transfer to Hotel "Malika" 2* or similar for 2 nights. After lunch visit Imam al Bukhariy. Dinner and overnight at the hotel
- Day 8** Proceed for city tour of Samarkand – FD (6 hours). Visit Gur Emir Mausoleum, Reghistan Square (Ulugbek Madrasah, Sher Dor Madrasah and Tilla Kari Madrasah), Bibi Khanym mosque and bazaar. Lunch at local restaurant. Visit Ulugbek Observatory, Afrosiab Museum, Shakhi Zinda necropolis. Dinner and overnight at hotel
- Day 9** transfer to Uzbek-Tadjik border point "Jartepa" (Pendjikent). Assistance with border formalities. After border formalities goes to Tadjikistan part. Lunch. Transfer to Dushanbe. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 10** Short city tour around Dushanbe. Lunch. Transfer to Komsomolobad and then to Kalai-Khumb. Dinner. Family run accommodation
- Day 11-12** Transfer by Pamir High way. Picnic for lunches. Accommodation and dinner with local families in Khorog and Murgab
- Day 13** Day Transfer to the Tadjik-Kyrgyz border. Lunch on the way. Formalities on the border. Transfer to Sary-Tash Village. Dinner. Accommodation in yurts or with local family
- Day 14** Transfer to Osh by mountain road. Picnic for lunch. If we have time we will visit Uzgen. It will be depends of client's wishes. Short city tour around Osh with visiting Suleiman mount, historical museum. Dinner. Accommodation in the guesthouse
- Day 15** Transfer to the airport. Flight to Bishkek (1 hour). Transfer to Bishkek (30 km). Lunch. Visiting bazaar. City tour around the centre of Bishkek. Accommodation in the hotel
- Day 16** Transfer to Karakol through the Boom canyon and along the North shore of Issyk-Kul lake, that is the second largest mountainous lake in the world on the altitude of 1607 meters above the sea level. Picnic for lunch. Visit Open air museum with petroglyphs in Cholpon-Ata and Tash-Koroo petroglyphs. Dinner. Accommodation in the private guesthouse.
- Day 17** Transfer to start point of the trek (3 km) from town. Four hours trek you will cross Kara-Beletek pass to Ak-suu village. Picnic for lunch on the way. Presentation of Conservation Nature Park "Ak-Suu" about lots of different sorts of the trees from different places of East Europe and Asia. Beginning from blue spruce of Tan-Shan to Karelian birch **OR** Transfer to the Karkara valley (80 km). Flight by helicopter around Merzbaher lake, Enylchek glacier and highest peaks of Kyrgyzstan – Pobeda (7439 m) and Khan-Tengri (7010 m). Lunch. Transfer back to Karakol. Dinner with Kyrgyz folklore program. Accommodation in the hotel

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- Day 18** Transfer to Kochkor village along the South shore of Issyk-Kul. Visit felt carpets workshop on the way. You will test traditional Kyrgyz food Besh-Parmak during the lunch. Transfer to Song-Kul lake (3030 m above sea level). Accommodation and dinner in the yurta camp .
- Day 19** You can do short walking or horseback riding excursion, visit shepherds. Transfer to Naryn. Dinner. Family run accommodation.
- Day 20** Transfer to Kyrgyz-Chinese border. Meeting on the Torugart border about noon. Assistance with border formalities. Transfer to Kashgar. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 21** Sightseeing tour in Kashgar. Visit Idkal Mosque and Abakh Hoja Mosque, Market, Typical Uigur village. Dinner. Accommodation in the Qiniwak Hotel3* hotel.
- Day 22** Visiting Sunday market. Flight in the afternoon to Urumchi. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel World Plaza Hotel4*.
- Day 23** Transfer to the airport. Flight to Dunhuang. Lunch. Sightseeing Magao caves. Flight to Xi'an. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 24** Visit museum of the Terracotta, Pagoda of the Wild Goose, steles in Confucius temple. Lunch and dinner. Evening flight to Beijing.
- Day 25-26** Two days in Beijing to visit the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Tien an Men square, Great Wall. Dongfang Hotel3*.
- Day 27** Transfer to the airport, flight to Europe.

Level of difficulty: This tour is suitable for both children and adults.

Conditions: If you have some specific sicknesses you need to bring own first aid kit with necessary medicaments.