

10D Classic Uzbekistan Islamic Tour (Minimum 2 Pax) B514



Day 1: Singapore <> Transit <> Tashkent

Arrival at Tashkent airport. Our staff will meet you with a "Ghifari Xclusive Travel" signboard. Dinner is at local restaurant. Direct transfer to the hotel, check in, and overnight.

Day 2: Tashkent – Urgench – Khiva (flight)

In the morning, you will have a flight to Urgench, then transfer to Khiva. Today you will have a wonderful sightseeing tour in the oldest city in Uzbekistan. It will be inside of Ichan-Qala, the inner city of Khiva rounded with strong walls. Centuries old, sound buildings, palaces, mosques, madrasahs, mausoleums, minarets, caravan-sarais, and bathhouses transformed Ichan-Qala into a unique city-monument. Ichan-Qala consists of over 400 traditional dwelling houses and about 60 architectural monuments. In 1969, Ichan-Qala was designated a historical and architectural conservation area. The most remarkable sites in it are the Kunya-Ark fortress, dating back to the 17th century, found by Muhammad Arang Khan, the Kalta Minor minaret and the Tash Khovli palace, an incredible sample of Khorezm architectural mastership of the 1830s. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 3: Khiva – Bukhara (440 km, 8 hours)

Early in the morning, we will transfer to the fascinating city of Bukhara. With more than 140 architectural monuments, Bukhara is a "town museum" dating back to the Middle Ages. The city consists of narrow streets, green parks and gardens, and historical and architectural monuments that belong to different epochs but are located very close to each other. The road from Khiva to Bukhara goes through the famous Kizilkum desert. On the way, we will enjoy the view of the Amu Darya River, the deepest river in Central Asia, formed by the confluence of the Panj and Vakhsh in Tajikistan and flowing into the Aral Sea. Upon arrival in Bukhara, you will have free time. Overnight is at the hotel.

Day 4: Bukhara

Today you will have a full day of sightseeing in the fascinating city of Bukhara. First, you will visit the most ancient citadel in Bukhara, dating back to the 4th century, named Citadel Ark, which served as a palace for several dynasties of the Bukhara Empire. Then you will see the Samanids' mausoleum, a real masterpiece of architecture of the 9th–10th century. Then the tour continues to Chashma Ayub, meaning Job's well, and Bolo-Hauz Mosque, also known as the mosque of forty columns, built in honor of Bukhara governor Abu-Fayud Khan. Then you have a chance to walk along the shopping domes and visit one of the most famous madrasahs in Bukhara called Nodir Divan Begi, which is also a part of the Lyabi House Ensemble, the famous central sightseeing of Bukhara. The tour will end with a visit to the Poi Kalon complex, a unique example of the architectural art of Bukhara. It consists of three structures built in the 12th–16th centuries: the Kalon minaret, the Kalon mosque, and the Mir Arab Madrasah. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 5: Bukhara

Today you will have a sightseeing tour in the surrounding area of Bukhara. First you will visit Bahauddin Naqshbandi complex, located few kilometers from Bukhara. It is a memorial complex of famous Sufi Leader and Philosopher, one of the Muslim pilgrimage places for all people of Islamic world. Sheikh Bakhauddin Nakshbandi was one of the spiritual masters of Amir Timur. Today complex consists of mosques of Kushbegi and Muzafarohana, courtyard with pool, madrasah, and burial vault of Bukhara rulers and Dakhma upon the tomb of Saint Bakhauddin Nakshbandi. Then you will drive to see the countryside residence of Bukhara Emirs named Sitorai Mohi Hosa complex. The palace is the sample of combination of various architectural styles. Emir named the palace on behalf of his wife who died young “Star - like and moon- like Palace”. At last you will drive to Sumiton village to find Chor Bakr memorial complex, the town of the dead. Complex symbolizes the four sides of the earth and interprets that all people are equal. Construction of the complex began during the Samanids reign until the 16th century. After excursions you will return to city. Night is at the hotel.



Day 6: Bukhara – Shahrissabs – Samarkand

After breakfast, we will start our drive towards the birthplace of Amir Timur, the town of Shahrissabs. Upon arrival, you will have a sightseeing tour. First, you will visit a palace that had no equal in its grandeur and beauty, called Ak Saray Palace, built by Amir Timur. On the main portal of the palace was written: "If you want to know about our power, look at our buildings." Then you will see the Jahongir Mausoleum, dedicated to the eldest son of Amir Timur, who died in battle when he was twenty years old. When his son died, the ruler mourned for a long time (many say that his grief lasted for 30 years). The final sites to see in Shahrissabs are the Dorus Siadat and Dorus Tillavat memorial complexes, where all descendants and relatives of Amir Timur were buried. After the excursion, you will drive to Samarkand. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 7: Samarkand

Samarkand is situated in the valley of the river Zerafshan. It is the second largest city in Uzbekistan and is of the same age as the cities of Babylon and Rome. Today you will visit its most outstanding sights, such as Registan Square, Shakhi-Zindeh, Mausoleum of Guri Emir and Bibi Khanum Mosque. Registan Square, a complex of three fascinating Madrasahs dating back to the 15th and 17th centuries, is the main highlight of Samarkand and no one can stop admiring its beauty and majesty. The architectural complex of Shakhi-Zindeh represents a large collection of mausoleums dating back to the 11th–15th centuries, being a part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After his successful campaign in India, Bibi Khanum Mosque was built in honor of her favorite, Tamerlane’s wife. Overnight is at the hotel.



Day 8: Samarkand – Tashkent (train)

Today you will continue exploring Samarkand city. You will visit Ulughbek observatory, built in 15th century by Ulughbek, one of the most famous Samarkand rulers and scientists. Working in observatory, Ulughbek created in 1437 the “Zidji Guragoni” catalog, which had information about 1018 celestial bodies. Unfortunately, he was killed by order of his own son. After it you can walk along the local Broadway surrounded by souvenir shops, teahouses, sweets and workshops. Then you can visit national bazaar Siab, oriental bazaar, where it is easy to find Uzbek traditional handmade products and local sweets. In addition, you will see carpet factory, a unique handmade carpet factory where over 400 women sew carpets without using traditional techniques. Afternoon transfer to Tashkent is by train. Night is at the hotel.



Day 9: Tashkent – Chimgan Mountains – Tashkent

In the morning you will transfer to Chimgan Mountains. Upon arrival you will have a chair lift to reach the top to see Beldersay peak 30 min one-way. Here you will have some free time for walking around, enjoying the nature. On the way back you will stop over at Charvak lakeside beach for free time and own water activities (as per season). In Tashkent you will have a half-day tour that includes Independence square (Red square in former USSR, Main Square of the country). Square was erected as a symbol of victory over fascism in World War II. Territory of Independence includes several main administrative buildings. Then you have a chance to walk along the local Broadway, a walking street between independence square and Amir Timur square. The street is so-called show room for local artists and cozy place for tasting European and Uzbek cuisine. Then we will visit Amir Timur square, one of the central squares of Tashkent, erected on behalf of national hero – Amir Timur. Night is at the hotel.

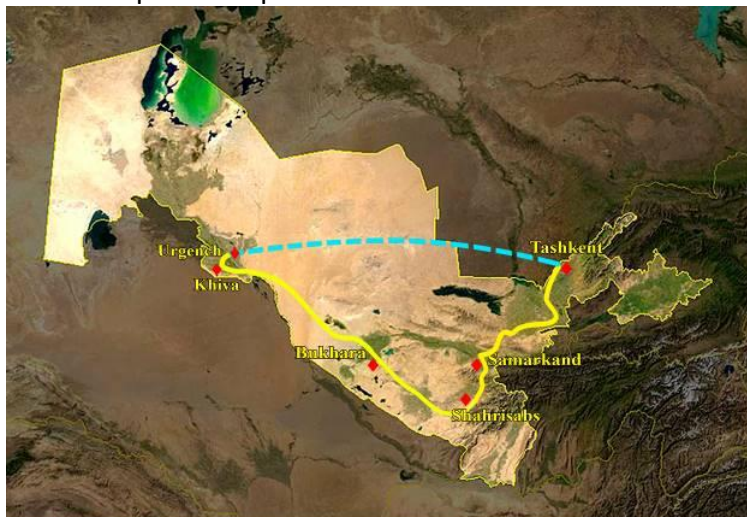


Day 10: Tashkent – Flight

A full day is dedicated to a sightseeing tour in Tashkent. Today you will visit Independence Square, which is the main square of the country and was erected as a symbol of victory over fascism in World War II. Then you will have a chance to walk along the local Broadway, a walking street between Independence Square and Amir Timur Square. Furthermore, you can take a ride on the famous Tashkent metro, among the most beautiful subways in the world. The first line was opened in 1977. Then you will visit the old part of the city, which includes Chorsu Bazaar, Kukaldash Madrasah, and the Hast Imam complex, which consists of several madrasahs, mosques, and mausoleums. The highlight of its exhibits is the Othman Quran, which is the world’s oldest Quran copy, dating back to the 8th century. Last minute is shopping at Tashkent Malls and bazaars. Transfer to airport and flight home.



Travel Map & Transportation





No of pax.	Price per person in \$\$	
	Option A	Option B
2	\$1,680	\$1,800
6	\$1,340	\$1,560
10	\$1,270	\$1,410
Single Supplement	\$140	\$340

Cities	Nights	Option A	Option B
Tashkent	2	Grand Atlas 3*	Milan 4*
Khiva	1	Old Khiva 3*	Zarafshan Boutique 4*
Bukhara	2	Porso 3*	Omar Khayam 4*
Samarkhand	2	Malika Classic 3*	Diyora 4*

Price includes:

- ✓ Accommodation at mentioned hotels on double share basis
- ✓ Transportation per program in comfortable a/c transport with professional drivers
- ✓ 2 pax – Sedan (Lacetti Chevrolet)
- ✓ 4-8 pax – Minivan (Grand Starex, Toyota Hiace)
- ✓ 10-14 pax – Midibus (Mitsubishi Rosa, Sprinter)
- ✓ 15 and more pax – Big Bus (Yutong, Higer)
- ✓ Breakfasts at the hotels & Dinner
- ✓ Tashkent – Urgench air ticket
- ✓ Tashkent - Samarkand bullet train
- ✓ Bukhara-Tashkent economy class train ticket (bullet or normal train, depend to availability)
- ✓ Daily two bottles of 0.5l water per person
- ✓ Escort English / Bahasa speaking guide for entire tour
- ✓ Entrance fees to mentioned sights per program

Price does not include:

- ☒ Visa consular fees and processing expenses
- ☒ Photo and video charges at sights
- ☒ All lunches per program
- ☒ International air tickets to / out of Tashkent
- ☒ Travel Insurance
- ☒ Extras, not indicated in inclusions