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DAY 1

Destination	Nur-Sultan (Astana)
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Welcome to Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm in the hotel lobby. Recently renamed Nur-Sultan in honour of the long serving first president, the city was purpose built to become the capital city of Kazakhstan in 1997. Similar to Washington D.C. in the United States or Canberra in Australia, Nur-Sultan is a planned city with the Japanese architect Kisho Kurokawa as its master mind. Now, Nur-Sultan is one of the most vibrant cities in Central Asia. If you arrive early, take the time explore and admire the futuristic city skyline. Join your leader in the evening for an included local dinner tonight.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Dinner

Special Information It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.

DAY 2

Destination	Nur-Sultan (Astana)
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, head off on a city tour with your leader and see some of the most impressive designs of this ambitious new city. Visit Nur-Astana Mosque, built in 2005 – with its capacity of 5000 worshippers inside and an additional 2000 outside it is one of the largest mosques in Central Asia. Then you'll stop at Palace of Peace & Reconciliation, a pyramid shaped conference hall that's considered to be Astana's symbolic center. You'll also visit the President's Culture Center which houses an array of exhibits that tell of the past, present and future of Kazakhstan, and of course, as its name suggests, the many achievements of its President. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Nur-Sultan - City tour

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Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 3

Destination Nur-Sultan (Astana) ✈️ Kyzyl Orda 🚗 Baikonur

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Today, take an early morning flight from Nur-Sultan to Kyzyl Orda (approximately 1.5 hrs) and from here you'll head to one of the most unique destinations on this trip, Baikonur (approximately 3.5 hrs). Located on the desert steppe of Kazakhstan, Baikonur has been leased to the Russian Federation until 2050. The town was originally constructed to service a huge space base that dispatches astronauts and supplies (and during the Soviet Union, cosmonauts) to the International Space Station. Firstly named Zarya (Russian for sunrise) it was renamed Baikonur by Russian president Boris Yeltsin in 1995. We will have some free time this afternoon and evening before our in depth tour of the sights tomorrow.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 4

Destination Baikonur

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Get ready for a full day of exploration today. Visit the Baikonur Cosmodrome, the world's first and largest operational spaceport. Sputnik 1, the first artificial Earth satellite, was launched from here. Stop in at the nearby museum where you'll see a range of space artifacts, and check out the cottage once occupied by Russian astronaut Yuri Gagarin, the first human to ever venture into outer space.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Baikonur - Yuri Gagarin Museum & House Baikonur - Cosmodrome Baikonur - Space Museum

Meals Included Breakfast

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DAY 5

Destination Baikonur 🚆 Kyzyl Orda 🚆 Turkistan

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Today is another travelling day, this time by train. Drive back to Kyzyl Orda and from there it's around 7 hours to the next destination – Turkistan. Grab some snacks, sit back and relax as the epic landscape rushes by. Located in southern Kazakhstan, the city of Turkistan contains more historical relics and cultural sites than any other place in the country. Your train will arrive in the late afternoon. We'll visit the main attraction of the Yasai Mausoleum tomorrow morning, but you'll have the option to see it illuminated at night today.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 6

Destination Turkistan

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Head out on a city tour this morning, the highlight of which is a visit to the Kozha Akhmed Yasai Mausoleum, Kazakhstan's most iconic building. The blue and white-tiled Mausoleum is the final resting place of a great Turkic holy man and Sufi. Built by Tamerlane, it is said that three visits here are equal to one visit to Mecca. As it is a religious site, we recommend that women wear a headscarf when entering. In the surrounds you'll find a rose garden, other monuments, an archeological museum and a mosque, which are all included in the entry ticket. Continue the journey to Shymkent (approximately 4 hours) by private vehicle, stopping at the ancient settlement of Otrar on the way. It was first excavated in 1969 and has a history dating back to the first century AD. Remnants of palaces, mosques and bathhouses can still be seen today. It is also where Genghis Khan's army is said to have fought heroically (though unsuccessfully) when the Mongols first invaded Central Asia. There'll be some time to spend in Shymkent before boarding the overnight train (approximately 11 hours) to Almaty.

Accommodation Overnight sleeper train (1 night)

Included Activities Otrar - Ancient settlement Turkistan - Yasui Mausoleum

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Meals Included Breakfast

Special Information We travel in kupe class, which is 4 berths per compartment with a lockable door. There are toilets and hot water for drinks at the end of each carriage. While we aim to group our travellers together, please be aware that compartments are not segregated by gender and you may be sharing with other travellers.

DAY 7

Destination	Turkistan 🚗 Shymkent 🚗 Almaty
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Arrive in Almaty, grab some breakfast and drive the 240 km (approximately 3.5 hours) out of town to the spectacular Altyn-Emel National Park, where you will spend the next two days exploring. This is the largest national reserve in the country and preserves many rare plants and animals, including zheyran (goitred gazelles), argali sheep and kulan (wild donkeys), which you may be lucky enough to spot during your time here. The program may vary depending on the weather and season. Taigak Gorge houses the Kyzyl Lauyz Petroglyphs where you can make out ancient Tibetan inscriptions of the words 'Om Mani Padme Om', as well as images of hunting, farming and celebrations. There are also the Besshatyr Burial Mounds, which date from the sixth century BC when this area was a shrine of the ancient Saks people. Tonight you'll stay in a simple guesthouse within the national park where lunch and dinner is included.

Accommodation Guesthouse (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 8

Destination	Almaty 🚗 Altyn-Emel National Park
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Explore the sights not visited yesterday, of which the best-known is the Singing Barkhan – a sand dune extending 3km and up to 120m high. It gets its name from the way the fine sand hums in windy weather and the view from the top gives a great panorama of the surrounding Djungarian Alatau, Sogety, Boguty and other mountains. In dry, windy weather, the sand dune's song can be heard up to a few kilometres away. These mountains have revealed preserved remains of prehistoric animals including giant rhinos, crocodiles and turtles, and many compare the huge, conical mountains to the man-made Egyptian pyramids. Return to Almaty tonight after a full day in the park.

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Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 9

Destination	Alтын-Emel 🚗 Almaty
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today embark on a full-day guided city tour of Almaty. The development and wealth you'll see on display as you walk the streets comes from the country's main export – oil. Kazakhstan is one of the world's top five oil-producing nations in the world. Visit Central Square and the colourful Zenkov Cathedral in historic Panfilov Park, dedicated to the 28 guardsmen who died defending Moscow against German tanks in WWII. Check out the fascinating Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments and the State Historical Museum, which features a great collection of ancient relics. Finally, summit Kok Tobe Hill for great views over the city before returning to the hotel after a long but fulfilling day.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Almaty - Central State Museum Almaty - Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments Almaty - Kok Tobe Hill Almaty - Panfilov Park Almaty - Medeu Almaty - Zenkov Cathedral

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 10

Destination	Almaty 🚗 Border crossing 🚗 Karakol
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today before saying goodbye to Kazakhstan, stop at spectacular Charyn Canyon (approximately 4 hours' drive). The colorful formations of different shapes and sizes are no less impressive than the Grand Canyon in the United States, (though it's much smaller!). Continue to the border and enter the mountainous nation of Kyrgyzstan. Tonight you'll stay in the peaceful town of Karakol.

Accommodation Guesthouse (1 night)

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Included Activities Charyn Canyon - National Park

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 11

Destination	Karakol
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This mainly Russian town was officially founded on 1st of July in 1869 by the military. At this time the town already had a large population of military officers, explorers from the Russian Geographical society, merchants and artisans. The town's Soviet name was Przhevalsk after the Great Russian explorer of Central Asia and China, Nikolai Przhevalsky. His last expedition ended here and he is buried on the lakeshore near Karakol. Stroll along Karakol's streets spotting Russian-style 'gingerbread' houses. Visit the Dungan Mosque, Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, a local market and the Przhevalsky Museum. After lunch, drive for about 1 hour for a hike (approx. 2 hours) in the picturesque Jety Oguz Valley, aka Seven Bull Valley. Your leader will guide you through the forest to a waterfall (with jaw dropping panoramic views). Return to Karakol for the night.

Accommodation Guesthouse (1 night)

Included Activities Karakol - Dungan Mosque Karakol - Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral Karakol - Przhevalskiy Museum Karakol - Jety Orghuz Canyon Hike

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 12

Destination	Karakol 🚗 Bishkek
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today is a full day's drive to Bishkek along the northern shore of Issyk Kul – the second largest alpine lake in the world after lake Titicaca in South America. The views are lovely along the way, especially seeing Issyk Kul surrounded by snow capped mountains. On the way, you'll stop at Cholpan Ata, visit a petroglyph's site and take a short boat ride onto the lake to enjoy its sheer size and scale. Arrive in Bishkek in the late afternoon.

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Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Cholpan Ata - Petroglyphs

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 13

Destination	Bishkek
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Take a trip down memory lane today with a city tour showcasing the country's fascinating history. The centre of the city is Ala-too Square, which was known as Lenin Square in Soviet times. Lenin used to stand in his concrete overcoat in the middle of this square, proudly gesturing towards the mountains. A great place for a wander is Dubovy (Oak) Park, where you'll find a few open-air cafes. The century-old oaks here and all along Freedom Avenue make Bishkek one of the greenest cities in Central Asia. In the afternoon, you'll have some free time to further explore Bishkek. Quite the contrast to the relaxed quiet streets, square and parks in the city center, Osh Market is noisy, crowded, and a perfect peek into local life. You'll find all kinds of things on sale here from spices and fruits to clothes and carpets. Get together with your travel mates and enjoy an optional dinner together tonight to celebrate a great journey through Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Bishkek - City Tour

Optional Activities Bishkek - Osh Market - Free

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 14

Destination	Bishkek
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your adventure ends after breakfast today and you can depart at any time. Hotel checkout time is 12 noon.

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Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 15

Destination	Bishkek
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Bishkek - City Tour

Optional Activities Bishkek - State Historical Museum - KGS150

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 16

Destination	Bishkek 🚗 Don Aryk - Issyk Kul 🚗 Kochkor
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Drive 60 km to the 11th-century Burana tower, an ancient minaret from the Silk Road period. In the nearby village of Don Aryk, visit a local home. Reflecting the important role horses have played in the traditional Kyrgyz nomadic life style, the country is famous for at least four types of horse games such as odarysh or wrestling, tiyin-enish, where riders try to pick up coins at full gallop and kok buru or buzkashi, a type of goat-snatching polo. We'll take the chance here to watch the how the locals play some of these horse sports here and enjoy a tasty lunch with the family. Continue to Issyk Kul lake –

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the second largest alpine lake in the world. This beauty is one of the biggest natural water reservoirs in the world, at 170 km long and 70 km wide. A combination of extreme depth, thermal activity and mild salinity means the lake never freezes. Next, continue to Kochkor. Explore a small local market in the centre of the village, and, depending on our arrival time, a local co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts.

Accommodation Guesthouse/Homestay (1 night)

Included Activities Shamsy Valley - Burana tower Don Aryk - Local home visit & horsemanship demonstration Kochkor - Market Kochkor - Women's Felt Co-op

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 17

Destination	Kochkor 🚗 Son-Kol
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Make the 130 km drive to Son-Köl, one of the largest lakes in the country. This beautiful alpine lake is considered a sacred place for many Kyrgyz people as well as one of the best summer pastures for nomadic herders. In the middle of the summer, you'll see nomadic herdsman and their families watching over goats, sheep, and horses. Enjoy exploring your surroundings for the rest of the day. There are many beautiful lake trails to hike along. Alternatively you may be able to visit some ancient petroglyphs in the local area, or visit a nomad camp for a first-hand look at nomadic life. Simply sit and take in this beautiful corner of the world. Tonight we stay in yurts set up along the lake shore. Made of felt and tarpaulins on a round frame, yurts are the traditional dwellings of the Kyrgyz people. Sleeping arrangements are on a multi-share, mixed-gender basis with mattresses on the floor. It can get very chilly in the evenings, so there's a stove for heating and plenty of blankets. There are no bathroom facilities inside the yurts, so outdoor toilets are to be expected. Those daring enough for an invigorating morning splash can use the lake nearby. All meals are included during our stay here.

Accommodation Yurt Camp (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information Notes: The pass to Son-Köl is not open all year round. When the road is impassable, an alternative destination will be arranged for this day of the trip. In September and October, depending on the temperature, we may only make a day trip to Son-Köl and return to Kochkor for the night.

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DAY 18

Destination Son-Kol 🚗 Kyzyl-Oi

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Today you travel along gravel roads to the tiny village of Kyzyl-Oi squeezed between the mountains. On our way, we will pass large coal deposits and travel along the Kökömeren river which feeds into the Syr Darya - one the major rivers of Central Asia that used to fill the Aral Sea. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the river in the shade of the trees and use your free time to explore the village once we arrive.

Accommodation Guesthouse/Homestay (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Special Information After heavy rains the road near Kara Keche may be washed out and impassable. When this occurs, you will return to Kochkor from Song Kul lake and then drive from there to Kyzyl Oi. The driving time today will increase for a couple of hours if not taking the original planned route.

DAY 19

Destination Kyzyl-Oi 🚗 Suusamyр Valley 🚗 Chychkan 🚗 Kok-Bel

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

A full day of driving though big, beautiful landscapes today. As the roads in Kyrgyzstan see little regular maintenance, even short distances on a map can take hours. The road crosses the Suusamyр Valley – a high steppe plateau situated at around 2,200 metres above sea level. The mountainous, lush surroundings are often photogenically dotted with yurts. We then follow the Chychkan river that cuts through the Tien Shan range. Stop here for a while and soak up the amazing scenery. You will arrive at tonight's accommodation in Kok-Bel sometime in the early evening.

Accommodation Guesthouse/Homestay (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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DAY 20

Destination Kok-Bel 🚗 Osh

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation N/A

After breakfast, get ready for another all-day journey to the second-largest city in Kyrgyzstan – Osh. Located in the Fergana Valley in the south of the country, Osh is often referred to as the 'Capital of the South'. With a history that dates to the 500 BC. Stop en route at Uzgen, an ancient trading town and handicrafts center on the Silk Road. Although much of the ancient city has been destroyed, a minaret and three mosques that have survived to this day remain important examples of medieval Central Asian architecture.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Uzgen - Uzgen Minaret & Complex

Meals Included Breakfast Lunch

DAY 21

Destination Osh

Meals included Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

Rise and shine for a visit to the only World Heritage Site in Kyrgyzstan – Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain, also known as Solomon's Throne. For centuries Silk Road travellers have sought out the mountain's caves and their petroglyphs in the belief that they would be blessed with longevity. Visit the National Historical & Archaeological Museum Complex. In the afternoon, enjoy some free time. Perhaps visit the Jayma Bazaar, where you might pick up an interesting souvenir or two. Or maybe take a self-guided tour of the remnants of Osh's soviet past with a walk to the giant Lenin statue in the city square. The many murals praising the Soviet Union also give an idea of just how deeply these ties went.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Osh - Sulaiman-Too Mountain Osh - National Historical and Archaeological Museum Complex

Optional Activities Osh - Bazaar - Free

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Meals Included Breakfast Dinner

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Destination Osh 🚗 Border crossing 🚗 Andijan 🚗 Tashkent

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

This morning we drive to Kyrgyz – Uzbek border which is just outside of the city. After passing through the border (approx. 1-2 hours), we meet farewell our Kyrgyz guide, meet our new Uzbek guide and transfer to Andijan. From here we take a local train to Tashkent (approx. 5.5 hrs). Arrive at our Tashkent hotel in the evening.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 23

Destination Tashkent

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Begin your introduction to Uzbekistan by exploring the capital today. Our sightseeing today in Tashkent will include a visit to State History Museum, the Abdul Khasim Medrassah with its hujra cells used as metalwork craft workshops to produce jewellery and other goods, and the Khast Imom Complex. After lunch, lose yourself in the exciting Chorsu Bazaar, browsing traditional wooden cradles, handmade musical instruments, and the extensive vegetable and spice markets.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Tashkent - Chorsu Bazaar Tashkent - Khast Imom Complex & Moyie Mubarek Library Museum
Tashkent - History Museum of the People of Uzbekistan

Meals Included Breakfast

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Destination Tashkent 🚗 Samarkand

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Transfer to the station for the high speed train to fabled Samarkand (approx 2 hours). This city is located at the very centre of the ancient Silk Road. Enjoy some free time in the city on arrival, saving some of the key sights for our tour tomorrow. Maybe inspect the remains of the remarkable medieval observatory developed by Ulug Beg, Tamerlane's (Amir Timur) brilliant astronomer grandson. These days, only half of the below-ground semi-circular track can be seen, but there is an excellent small museum close by. Or visit the Afrosiab Museum with its fine collection of treasures unearthed from the site, including world famous 10th century frescoes.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities Samarkand - Ulugbek's Observatory - UZ\$22000 Samarkand - Afrosiab Museum - UZ\$22000

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 25

Destination Samarkand

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation N/A

Be blown away by the sights you'll take in today. First, the great central square of Samarkand, the Registan. Then, Guri-Amir, where Tamerlane is buried, and finally the enormous Bibi-Khanum Mosque. Then we drive to Konigil village in the outskirts of the city for a special lunch with a family who have been making paper by traditional methods as long as they can remember. After lunch we'll learn about this unique way of paper making from mulberry. Returning to Samarkand, visit the impressive Shak-i-Zinda ensemble of mausoleums. This unusual necropolis has monuments from the 14th and 15th centuries, reflecting the development of the monumental art and architecture of the Timurid dynasty and is photo worthy at every turn.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Samarkand - Bibi-Khanym Mosque Samarkand - Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum Samarkand - Shakh-I-Zinda Samarkand - Registan Samarkand - Paper making workshop & home cooked lunch

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Meals Included Breakfast Lunch

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Destination Samarkand 🚗 Shahrissabz 🚗 Bukhara

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Continue tracing the Silk Road towards Bukhara. One of the most important portions of this ancient route connects these two major cities of the area and takes us through the town of Shahrissabz - the home town of revered national hero Tamerlane. Sadly, Shahrissabz has recently lost much of its authentic flavour through over enthusiastic restoration works. We make a stop here, visiting the legendary Ak Saray Palace, Dor-ut Tilovat Memorial Complex, Dorus Saodat Complex and Kok-Gumbaz Mosque. Then we'll continue to Bukhara where we stay for the night.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Shahrissabz - Ak Saray Palace Shahrissabz - Kok-Gumbaz Mosque Shahrissabz - Dor-ut Tilovat Memorial Complex Shahrissabz - Dorus Saodat Complex

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 27

Destination Bukhara

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Today, we'll enjoy a full day of sightseeing in beautiful Bukhara. First, you'll visit the lovely Sitora-i Mohi Khosa, once the summer residence of the last Emir. Designed by Russian architects, it has lavish interiors decorated with traditional filigree plaster, mirrored surfaces and delicate floral wall paintings by local artisans. Then to the peaceful 16th century Chor Bakr necropolis, where you'll enjoy the simplicity of the Khonako-Medressa & Mosque complex that is typical of Bukharian style. In the afternoon, visit the Ark Fortress and Kalon Mosque, the symbol of Bukhara, then to one of Central Asia's oldest and most exquisite structures, the 10th century Ismail Samani Mausoleum, whose superb decorative brickwork has survived 1,000 years of rugged history. From here it is only a short distance to the Lyabi-Haus area. After dinner, there's time to wander the small craft studios tucked into the ancient nearby madrassas and trading domes.

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Included Activities Bukhara - Ismail Samani Mausoleum Bukhara - Sitorai Mohi Hosa Palace Bukhara - Chor-Bakr Necropolis Bukhara - Ark Fortress Bukhara - Kalon Mosque

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 28

Destination	Bukhara 🚗 Gijduvan 🚗 Bukhara
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Historically, Gijduvan was one of the caravan stops on the way to Bukhara. Ulugbek, the famous astronomer ruler of Samarkand and grandson of Tamerlane, built a medrasah here, just next to the grave of a Sufi saint. The town gained further fame as a centre of glazed pottery production. Visit the private studio of a local ceramic artist, meet the family and watch them at work. Later you can have some free time to explore this small town. For lunch we recommend the juicy kebabs of Gijduvan that are famous throughout Uzbekistan. On your way back, stop to see a minaret from the late 12th century in Vobkent.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities Vobkent - Minaret Gijduvan - Ceramics workshop

Meals Included Breakfast

DAY 29

Destination	Bukhara 🚗 Tashkent
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy some free time for your own optional sightseeing in Bukhara. In the afternoon, take a fast train back to Tashkent followed by an optional farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included Breakfast

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Destination Tashkent

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

There are no activities planned for the final day and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time.

Meals Included Breakfast

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TOUR ITINERARY

Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Small, personal group experience – no more than 12 people
 Experienced Tour Leader throughout
 Accommodation: Hotel (20 nights), overnight train (1 night), Homestay/Guesthouse (7 nights), Yurt (1 night)
 28 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
 Transport: Private vehicle, Plane, Train, High Speed Train, Metro, Overnight sleeper train
 Nur-Sultan city tour, Baikonur, Turkistan, Almaty, Charyn Canyon National Park, Karakol, Bishkek city tour, horshmansip demonstration in Don Aryk, Kochor, Osh, Taskent, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara

Fine Print

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
 Personal Expenses
 Travel Insurance
 Optional activities
 Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

OPTIONAL TOURS

Bishkek - Osh Market (Day 13) - Free
 Bishkek - State Historical Museum (Day 15) - KGS150
 Osh - Bazaar (Day 21) - Free
 Samarkand - Ulugbek's Observatory (Day 24) - UZS22000
 Samarkand - Afrosiab Museum (Day 24) - UZS22000

HOTEL LIST

Hotel (20 nights), overnight train (1 night), Homestay/Guesthouse (7 nights), Yurt (1 night)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation
 The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

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Single Travellers

This trip is designed for shared accommodation and doesn't involve a compulsory single supplement. Single travellers share with people of the same gender in accommodation ranging from twin to multishare. This only applies to accommodation during the tour - pre-trip and post-trip accommodation will be booked on a single room basis.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$2030 subject to availability. Please note the single supplement excludes the nights in homestays, guesthouses, yurt and the overnight train.

Triple Share

On Request

Passport copy required

Please send us a scanned, color copy of your passport info page and the application form for us to purchase the permits for Baikonur, no later than 60 days before departure. This permit is date specific and non-refundable. Please request the application form with your agent.

Border Crossing

As Central Asian immigration and customs officials are notoriously strict, please make sure you keep all forms for when you exit the country. A lost customs or immigration form could result in a fine or being detained at the border. You must also declare ALL currency when entering and exiting the country; keep all currency exchange slips or ATM receipts.

Combination trip

As this is a combination of 2 Central Asian trips, the composition of your group may change in Bishkek

Children

Children must be 15 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Space launches from Baikonur

As the schedule is subject to frequent changes and cancellations, this trip is not scheduled to coincide with any space launches from Baikonur.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$200 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$2100 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

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