



Uzbekistan Tourism





The Pearl of Central Asia



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About Uzbekistan

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Location Map	
National Flag	
Capital	Tashkent
Population	30 Million
Ethnic groups	Uzbek
Languages	Uzbek, Russian, Tajik and Kazakh
Currency	Uzbek Som
USD Conversion	3,244 UZS
Time Zone	UZT + 5
Calling Code	+998
Internet TLD	.uz
Drives On	Right side
Visa On Arrival	No



Flight to Tashkent



- ▶ **Flight Connections** - There are direct flights to Tashkent on Uzbekistan Airways from Delhi as well as Amritsar.
- ▶ **Frequency** - Six times weekly from Delhi and Four times a week from Amritsar.

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- ▶ The Republic of Uzbekistan is **situated in** the central part of Central Asia between two rivers: Amu Darya and Syr Darya. Uzbekistan borders with Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. The capital is Tashkent. Uzbekistan is a multination country. The main historical cities for tourism are Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva.
- ▶ The **climate** of Uzbekistan is extremely continental with a great number of sunny days. For centuries, Uzbekistan sat at the intersection of the Great trade routes along which merchants and discoverers, geographers and missionaries, invaders and conquerors passed cross each other on their journeys to east or west. Uzbekistan is gently proud of its traditionally classic architecture. The Ichan-Kala complex in Khiva, and the historical centers of Bukhara, Shakhrisabz and Samarkand are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

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- ▶ Passionate travelers have always been very attracted by Uzbekistan's exotic nature with its contrasts, diverse flora and fauna, abundance of sunny weather all the year round, and friendly climate.
- ▶ In 2016 about 15,700 tourists travelled from India alone and this number is only going up each year.
- ▶ As part of the tourism development plan numerous hotels, a new state-of-the-art airport coming up in Tashkent and better highways and railways are being built for the purpose.

Tashkent City

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- ▶ **Tashkent is the Capital of Uzbekistan** and one of the ancient cities of the world. An important international transport junction, both in ancient past and in the present, nowadays directly linked to many countries of the world by local carrier Uzbekistan Airways and international airlines.

Tashkent City



- ▶ No other Central Asian town has been studied so thoroughly by scientists as this modern capital of Uzbekistan. Today the images of olden times such as mosques, madrasahs, and minarets stand in elegant grandeur among parks, museums, fountains, modern skyscrapers made of glass and metal, and highway flyovers. Today in Uzbekistan there are about 100 museums with almost half of them being located in the capital of the country. Each of them reflects Uzbek land's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

Tashkent City



- ▶ Tashkent is one of the most greenest and the most beautiful cities in Central Asia. Streets are lined with boulevards and every street has a park that is well taken care of!

Samarkand Tour



- ▶ Over the centuries, Uzbekistan's cities played a major role in the life of the Great Silk Road, the ancient, transcontinental thoroughfare. But, one city stands out as being "the Heart of Great Silk Road"; that city is **Samarkand**. It is home to UNESCO World Heritage sites and many unique monuments and architectural constructions still remain genuine and are samples of an era that played a significant role in history. It was made the capital of ruler Amir Timur's powerful empire and its majestic monuments are testimony to the skills of the architect and artisans.

Samarkand Tour



- ▶ Tourists can take a 2:30 hours **Bullet train** ride from Tashkent city to Samarkand in the morning and return by evening after a day tour in Samarkand.
- ▶ Or you may stay overnight in Samarkand and move to the next destination the following morning.

Samarkand Tour



- ▶ **Mausoleum of Amir Temur** the Turco-Mongol conqueror and the founder of the Timurid Empire in Persia and Central Asia. The first Mughal king in India, Babur, was one of his descendants.

- ▶ The stunning interiors of Amir Temur's Mausoleum in Samarkand.

Samarkand Tour



- ▶ A walk through the ancient marketplace in [Samarkand](#) takes you back in time a thousand years. If you're looking to buy interesting souvenirs, you may just find a great bargain!



- ▶ Brisk business at the traditional Uzbek market which, once was a trading hub in the days of the fabled [Silk Route](#).

Chimgan Mountains & Charvak Lake



- ▶ **Chimgan mountains** in the Chatkal range, about an hours drive from Tashkent is one of the most popular excursions and has a popular tourist ski resort. For non skiers the cable-chair ride to the top and the breath-taking scenery from there is equally exciting!
- ▶ You may take a day tour to Chimgan Mountains and return to Tashkent or stay over at quiet and serene **Charvak Lake**.

Chimgan Mountains & Charvak Lake



- ▶ The stunning Charvak Lake in the [Chimgan mountains](#) is a huge reservoir and offers beautiful sceneries and the stunning blue waters make you fall in love with the place.
- ▶ [Charval Lake](#) is arguably one of the most romantic places in the world and much sought after by honeymooners.

Chimgan Mountains & Charvak Lake

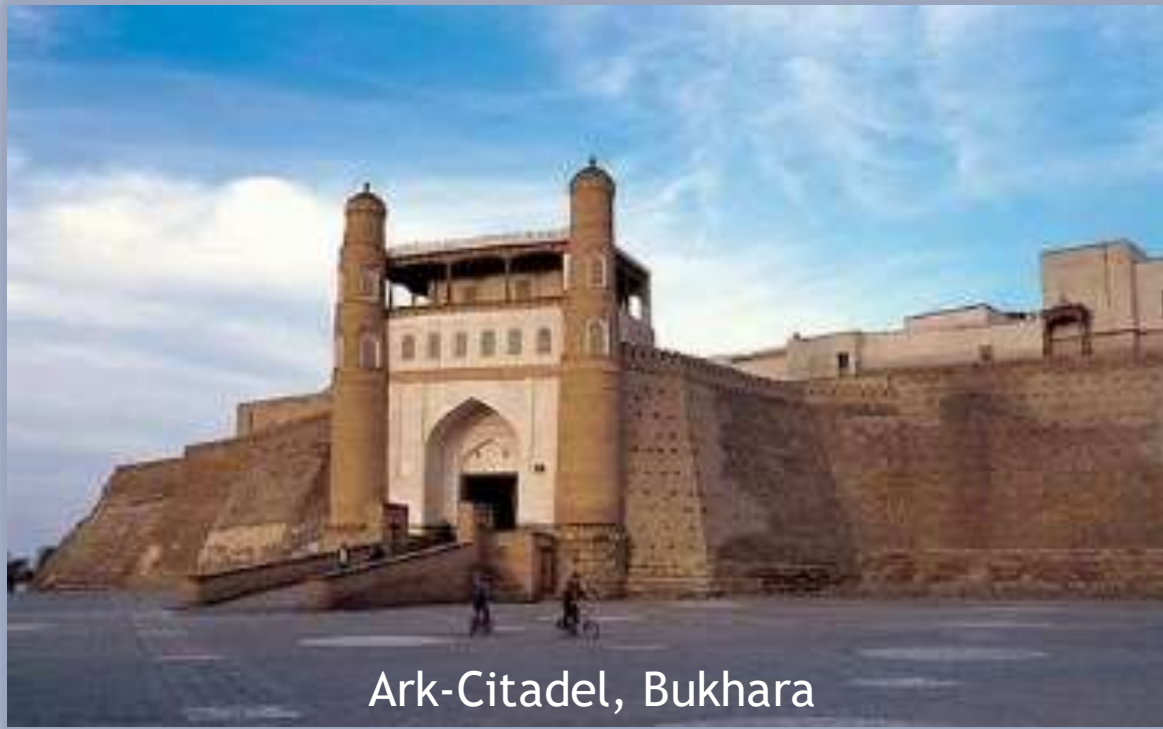
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- ▶ You may take a day tour to [Chimgan](#) Mountains and return to Tashkent or stay over at a resort on the shores of the quiet and serene [Charvak Lake](#).

Bukhara Tour

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Ark-Citadel, Bukhara



Naqishbandiy Masoleum

Bukhara, the famous trading post on the Silk Road, stirs the romance in many travelers. With over 2500 years of history and a welcoming atmosphere, **Bukhara** is one of the tourists' favorites. Bukhara offers a walk through 140 monuments of ancient architecture.

Bukhara Tour



Lyabi Haus monument

The old city of Bukhara was founded 2,500 years ago. Within its ancient city walls and gates are 500 standing monuments. The restoration programme began in the late 1960's under the USSR, and has been continued by Uzbekistan govt.

Lyabi-Khauz is formed with three large monumental buildings. The name «Lyabi-Khauz» means «at reservoir». The reservoir was built on the site of a Jewish woman's house who refused to sell the house. The authorities built a channel next to the walls which eventually washed away her house. It is one of many ponds built in Bukhara for water supply.

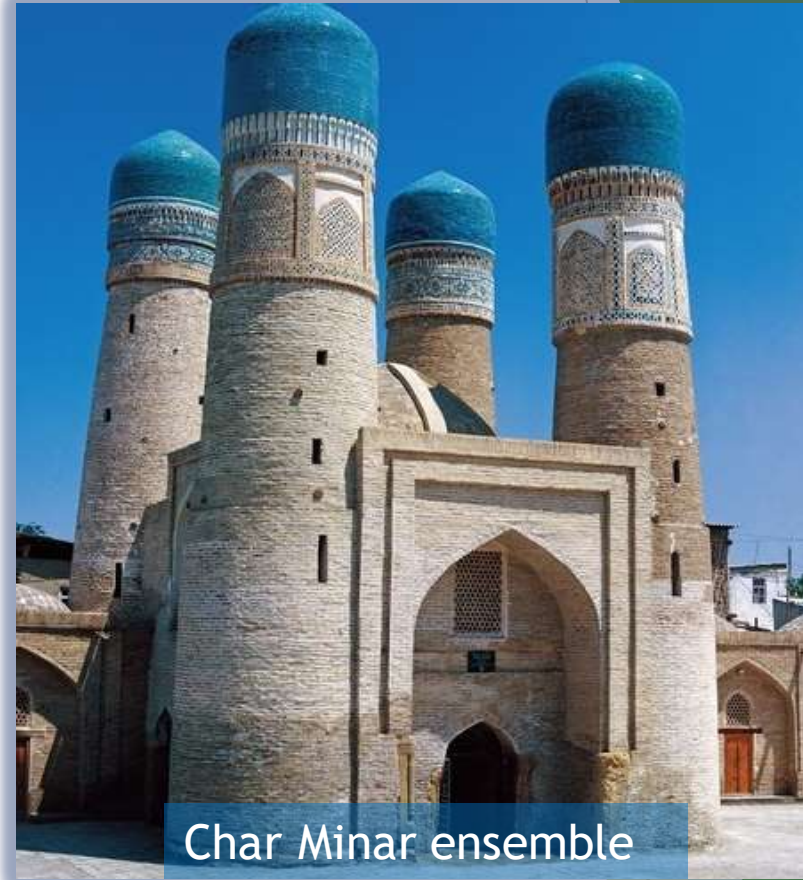


The Old Town of Bukhara

Bukhara Tour



Ismail Samani Mausoleum



Char Minar ensemble

- ▶ **Ismail Samani Mausoleum**, the 9th-century monument whose exterior is an intricate pattern of delicate masonry resembling the lace; majestic Ark fortress, once a fortified residence of the rulers of Bukhara; Kalyan Minaret whose vertical lines mark the city skyline at about 50 metres; a living maze of numerous mosques and madrasahs, caravanserais, baths and multi-domed market buildings - all these monuments are inimitable gems of Holy Bukhara.

Khiva Tour



Wall of the Old Town



Kalta Minar Minaret

Khiva, “the museum in the open”, is the only town along the Great Silk Road, which has remained intact through centuries and has retained the exotic flavour of a medieval town, Khiva offers the visitors the most stunning homogeneous collection of architecture of the late 18th century - the first half of the 19th century. Khiva is crammed with historic buildings; City’s ancient gates, a chain of minarets, including the 45-metre tall Islam-Hojja Minaret, the architectural complex of Pakhlavan-Makhmud, the patron saint of Khiva, congregational Juma Mosque with carved columns of astonishing beauty, the exquisite Tash-Hauli Palace built in the 19th century as a residence for the emir, his entourage and harem.

Khiva Tour



Khiva town



Islamkhodja minaret

- ▶ You would need days rather than few hours to discover this 'museum in the open', to explore its tiny streets, to lose yourself hundreds of times and "find" yourself gazing at another splendor. The traditional idea of an oriental bazaar as a place of abundant merchandise, brightness of colours and lively bustle finds its embodiment in Uzbekistan.
- ▶ There are flights connecting Tashkent and Khiva.

Highlights of Uzbek Itinerary

DAY - 1

- ▶ 14:10 - Arrival at Tashkent airport and transfer straight to Indian restaurant for Hi-Tea with snacks.
- ▶ 16:00 - Transfer to hotel and check in after welcome drink.
- ▶ 18:00 - Evening **City Tour** with English speaking guide who shows you Independence Square, Tashkent Broadway, Amir Temur Square etc.
- ▶ 20:00 - Transfer to an Indian Restaurant for Grand Gala Dinner with Veg , Non Veg Snacks, local vodka and exclusive Belly Dance show.

DAY - 2

- ▶ 09:30 - Take a day tour to **Charvak & Chimgan**; take a chair lift to view the breathtaking view from the mountain top. 14:30 - Lunch in Pyramids resort in Chimgan Mountains.
- ▶ 15:30 - Free time to explore Charvak Artificial Reservoir before you move back to the hotel around 18:00Hrs.
- ▶ 20:00 - Transfer to Indian restaurant for Gala Dinner with veg/non-veg snacks, free flow of vodka/beer/soft drinks with world class belly dance show followed by main course dinner.
- ▶ 23:00 - Transfer back to hotel.

DAY - 3

- ▶ 7:00 - After early breakfast take a Bullet train to the historic city of Samarkand for a day tour.
- ▶ 14:00 Hrs Lunch in Indian restaurant and continue Samarkand tour.
- ▶ 18:00 - Take the Bullet train to Tashkent and then transfer to Indian restaurant for another awesome Gala Dinner.
- ▶ 23:00 - Transfer back to hotel in Tashkent.

DAY - 4

- ▶ 10:00 - After sumptuous breakfast you have free time on your own to explore or pre-book an exciting days trip to Bukhara or Khiva (optional).
- ▶ 20:00 - Transfer to Indian restaurant for another awesome Gala Dinner.
- ▶ 23:00 - Transfer back to hotel.

DAY 5

- ▶ 10:00 - After breakfast checkout from hotel and go on a shopping tour to Alaskey Bazar and Tsum.
- ▶ 15:30 - After lunch at Indian restaurant transfer to Mega Mall
- ▶ 17:30 - Transfer to Tashkent International Airport for your return flight.

Uzbekistan Visa



- ▶ Visa - Normal visa process takes 10 working days. For urgent visa minimum 5 working days are required.
- ▶ The process is through acquiring Letter of Invitation from Uzbekistan after which Uzbek visas are stamped on passports at the Uzbekistan embassy in Delhi.

Uzbekistan Currency and Prices

Item	Price in Uzbek Som	Price in dollars (\$)
Meal for 2, in inexpensive Restaurant	25000	10.4
Meal for 2, in <u>mid range</u> Restaurant, Three-course	72000	30
Combo Meal at Big Burger	25000	10.4
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught) also called <u>Sharbat</u>	4500	1.9
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	8000	3.3
Cappuccino (regular)	6000	2.5
Coke/Pepsi (0.5 liter bottle)	3000	1.25
Coke/Pepsi (1.0 liter bottle)	5000	2.1
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	1500	0.63
Bottle of local Wine (Mid-Range)	6000	2.5
Pack of Cigarettes (Kent)	4000	1.66
Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	1000	0.42
Taxi 1km (Normal Tariff)	1000	0.42
Taxi 1hour Waiting (Normal Tariff)	1500	0.63



* The currency of Uzbekistan is Uzbek Som.

* **As of July 2017:**

1 USD = 4090 Uzbek Som

1 Indian Rupee = 64 Som

Uzbekistan Interesting Facts

- ▶ 1. Uzbekistan's Muruntan gold mine is one of the largest open pit gold mines in the world.
- ▶ 2. In Uzbekistan, handshakes are only acceptable if it is between two men and you don't shake the left hand.
- ▶ 3. The way to greet an Uzbek woman is by bowing to her with your right hand placed over your heart.
- ▶ 4. It is Uzbek tradition that the most respected guest be seated farthest from the house's entrance.
- ▶ 5. The Uzbeks believe that turning bread upside down will bring you bad fortune.
- ▶ 6. According to an ancient tradition, a member of the family who is set to go on a journey has to take a bite from a small piece of Uzbek bread. The remaining bread is then kept buried or hidden until the traveler returns home.
- ▶ 7. Elders are respected in Uzbek culture. At the dusterhon (a tablecloth on the table), younger guests will not make themselves more comfortable than their elders. The younger person should always greet the older first.
- ▶ 8. Religion: Uzbekistan has almost 88% Muslims, and hardly 5% of them practice it. There is tolerance for all other religions.
- ▶ 9. Parents, when they grow old, live with the youngest son of the family. Rest of the kids will get married and move out to a new place.
- ▶ 10. Uzbekistan produces the world's biggest melons.



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