

The fascinating trip along two Asian Republics – Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, and also along Chinese Xinjiang to Kashgar is waiting for you. The ancient cities of the East: Samarkand, Bukhara, Osh, and also picturesque Fergana Valley, high mountainous Alay Valley, hot deserts and eternally snowed Pamir summits will appear in their entire splendor in the face of you. You will travel along that real ancient road, where numerous caravans ran along the Great Silk several ages ago. Also you will visit exotic Sunday Bazaar in Kashgar, from where you will undoubtedly take a lot of unforgettable impressions.

The itinerary: Tashkent – Samarkand – Sarmysh – Nurata – “Aydar” Yurt Camp – Aydarkul lake – Bukhara – Tashkent – Kokand – Margilan – Fergana – Osh – Kashgar – Naryn – Issyk-Kul lake – Bishkek – Tashkent

Duration: 15 days

Number of tourists in group: minimum - 4, maximum - 16

Language: English / Russian

PROGRAM OF THE TOUR

Day 1 Arrival in Tashkent. Rest.

Day 2 Transfer to Samarkand (300 km, ~ 5 hrs). Excursion: Registan square - the "heart" of Samarkand - ensemble of 3 majestic madrassahs (XIV-XVI c.c.) – Sherdor, Ulugbek and Tillya Qory, Bibi-Khanum the gigantic cathedral Mosque (XV c.), Gur-Emir Mausoleum of Timur



(Tamerlan), his sons and grandson Ulugbek (XV c.), Tamerlan’s grandson Ulugbek’s the well-known ruler and astronomer-scientist observatory (1420 y.) - the remains of an immense (30 m. tall) astrolabe for observing stars position, Shakhi-Zinda – “The Living King” (XI-XVIII c.c.) Necropolis of Samarkand rulers and noblemen, consisting of set of superb decorated mausoleums, exotic Siab bazaar.

Day 3 Transfer to Aydar yurt camp in Kyzyl-Kum Desert (300 km, ~ 6 hrs). On the way the excursion to the petroglyphs of Sarmysh Gorge (more 3500 pictures of the Bronze Age – one of the biggest “stone picture galleries” of the world), and also to famous Nur holy complex with the source with holy fish, lunch in Nurata. Riding on the camel-backs along the desert. Dinner at the bon-fire. Overnight in yurts.



Day 4 Rest on Aydarkul Lake. Lunch-picnic. Transfer to Bukhara (250 km, ~ 4 hrs). Walking along evening Bukhara.

Day 5 Excursion program in Bukhara: Chashma Ayub Mazar Burial-vault (XIV-XIX c.c.), Poi-Kalan Complex (XI-XVI c.c.), Miri-Arab Medrese (XVI c.), Lyabi-Hauz Complex (XVI-XVII c.c.), Mausoleum of Samanids (IX-X c.c.), Nadir Divanbegi Medrese (XVI c.), Ark - ancient fortress (VI-VII c.c.), Chor-Minor Minaret (XVIII c.), Sitorai Mokhi Khosa - "Palace of Moon and Stars"- summer residence of the last Bukhara Emir (XIX c). Transfer by night train to Tashkent.



Day 6 Arrival in Tashkent. Breakfast. Excursion along the city: Old city, Barak-Khan Medrese (XVI c.), Yunus-Khan Mausoleum, Kaffal-al-Shashi Mazar Mausoleum (XVI c), Kukeldash Medrese (XVIII), Museum of Applied Art, Independence Square, Peoples Friendship Square, metro, the building of National Theatre of opera and ballet, orient bazaar and shopping.



Transfer to Fergana (312 km, ~ 6 hrs) with excursions in Kokand: Khudoyar-khan Palace (1871) where local historical museum is situated, Norbut-Biy Medrese (XVIII c), Modarikhon Mausoleum (XIX c) and in Rishtan – famous by potters’ dynasties, ceramics masters. Here you can watch their work and buy original earthenware for memory.

Day 7 Excursion in Margilan to Yodgorlic silk factory. Here you can acquaint with a process of hand-made production of silk fabrics, from unwinding silk cocoons till their coloring, and also to buy not expensive souvenirs made of silk. Transfer to Osh (120 km, ~ 2 hrs). Not big excursion



along the city: famous Osh bazaar, Suleyman Mountain, Asaf ibn Burkhiya Mausoleum (XI-XVIII c.c.). After lunch transfer to yurt camp along Pamir Highway (150 km, ~ 4 hrs), overnight stay in yurts.

Day 8 Transfer to Kashgar (270 km, ~ 8 hrs) via famous Alay Valley surrounding with giant snow-icy summits of Zaalay Range with its highest summit – Lenin Peak (7134 m). The changing of transport on Kyrgyz-Chinese border (Irkeshtam Check-point).



Day 9 Excursion along the ancient Kashgar: the biggest mosque in China Id-Kakh Mosque (1442), Mausoleum of Kashgar rulers Apak-Khodja (XVII c), old city, Mao Dze Doon Monument.



Day 10 Visiting famous Kashgar Sunday bazaar that exists more than 1000 years.

Day 11 Transfer via Torugart Pass to Naryn Valley of Kyrgyzstan (350 km, ~ 9 hrs). Overnight stay in Naryn – little town among the mountains of inner Tien-Shan.



Day 12 Transfer to Issyk-Kul Lake (Warm Lake) – a pearl of Central Asia – a huge internal-drainage lake surrounding with magnificent mountains (250 km, ~ 5 hrs). Rest.



Day 13 After lunch transfer to Bishkek (260 km, ~ 4 hrs). Excursion: Alatoo Square, Museum of History, Manas Ethnographical Complex.



Day 14 Flight to Tashkent. Rest.

Day 15 Departure to home.

The tour can be organized in any dates / number of pax, cost & conditions are available upon request.