

## Highlights of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva **SR-04**



Uzbekistan stands out as the region's prime destination, offering a wealth of captivating attractions. As a significant Silk Road hub, it allows you to witness the profound influence of various cultures, beliefs, and ideas on its cities, shaped by the merchants and traders who traversed this historic route. Our classic Silk Road journey through Uzbekistan, at the heart of Central Asia, will guide you through the intricate tapestry of history, revealing the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Silk Road while unveiling centuries-old treasures.

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### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Saturday - Tashkent

Khush Kelibsiz - welcome to Uzbekistan! Transfer to your hotel in Tashkent.

#### Day 2 - Sunday - Tashkent

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby to embark on your Tashkent sightseeing adventure. Discover the historic Old Town, Khast-Imam architectural complex, and explore highlights like Amir Timur Square, Courage Monument, Opera and Ballet Theater, and Mustaqillik (Independence) Square. Dive into the vibrant "Chorsu" Eastern Bazaar, known for its rich collection of Uzbekistan's craftsmen's artistry.

#### Day 3 - Monday - Tashkent - Samarkand

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll transfer you to the train station for your journey from Tashkent to Samarkand on the "Afrosiab" train departing at 08:30 and arriving at 10:40. Upon arrival in Samarkand, we'll take you to your hotel.

Your Samarkand exploration begins at the iconic Registan Square, featuring three majestic madrassahs (XIV-XVI centuries): Sherdor, Ulugbek, and Tillya Qory. You'll also visit Bibi-Khanum Mosque (XV century), Gur-Emir Mausoleum, Ulugbek's observatory, Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis (XI-XVIII centuries), and the bustling Siab Bazaar.

#### Day 4 - Tuesday - Samarkand - Bukhara

After breakfast at the hotel until 09:00, we'll transfer you to the train station for your journey from Samarkand to Bukhara on the "Afrosiab" train, departing at 10:50 and arriving at 12:15. Upon your arrival in Bukhara, we'll take you to your hotel.

At 14:00, your guided tour of Bukhara begins with a visit to the historic and architectural complex of Lyabi-Khauz. This includes Central Asia's oldest pool (XIV-XVII centuries) surrounded by medieval structures, like the Nadira

### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

#### Included

International flights  
Accommodation  
Breakfasts in the hotels  
High-speed day train  
English - speaking guides  
Guided tours & entrance fees  
Airport & railway transfers

#### Not included

Personal travel insurance  
Optional excursions  
Lunches & dinners

#### Optional extras and upgrades

Optional excursions

#### Practical information

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Accommodation options

Divan-begi madrasah and khanaka (XV-XVI centuries) with stunning mosaic facades. You'll also explore the Kukeldash madrasah (XV century), the largest in Bukhara. Later, you'll visit the Poi-Kalyan Complex, featuring the iconic Kalyan minaret (XII century), the Kalyan Friday mosque (XV century), and the active Miri-Arab madrasah (XVI century).

#### Day 5 - Wednesday - Bukhara

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby at 09:00 to resume your Bukhara sightseeing adventure. Explore the historical sites, including the Samanids Mausoleum (IX-X centuries), the Ark Citadel (IV-XX centuries), which served as the oldest Emir's residence, the distinctive Chor-Minor with its four minarets (XIX century), and the Sitorai-Mohi-Khosa Palace (XIX-XX centuries), the Bukhara Emirs' country summer retreat.

#### Day 6 - Thursday - Bukhara - Khiva

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. At 09:00 or 10:00, embark on a transfer from Bukhara to Khiva, crossing the Kyzyl-Kum desert (480 km; approximately 7-8 hours). Along the way, take a brief break to stroll through the Kyzyl-Kum desert and enjoy the scenic views along the Amudarya river.

Upon reaching Khiva, check in at your hotel and have some free time to relax.

#### Day 7 - Friday - Khiva

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby at 09:00 for a Khiva sightseeing tour, exploring the wonders of Ichan Kala, a museum preserved under the UNESCO World Heritage designation. Highlights include the Kalta-Minor Minaret (1855), a remarkable but incomplete structure with a height of 26 meters and a base diameter of 16 meters, originally planned to be the tallest minaret in Central Asia. You'll also visit Kunya-Ark (XVII-XIX centuries), the first palace of Khiva's khans, Pahlovan Mahmud Mausoleum (XIV-XIX centuries), Islam Khodja Madrassah and Minaret (1908), and the unique Juma Mosque (1789) known for its flat roof supported by 218 intricately carved wooden columns (X-XIX centuries) with exceptional acoustics.

#### Day 8 - Saturday - Khiva

Your Silk Road journey has come to an end. We'll arrange your transfer to Urgench Airport for your return flight home. Alternatively, you have the option to return to Tashkent and catch your international flight from there.

### AVAILABLE PACKAGES

#### COMFORT - 3\* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
25/05/2024 - 01/06/2024	£995	£1695	£195
01/06/2024 - 08/06/2024	£995	£1695	£195
08/06/2024 - 15/06/2024	£995	£1695	£195
15/06/2024 - 22/06/2024	£995	£1695	£195
22/06/2024 - 29/06/2024	£995	£1695	£195
29/06/2024 - 06/07/2024	£995	£1695	£195
06/07/2024 - 13/07/2024	£995	£1695	£195
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20/07/2024 - 27/07/2024	£995	£1695	£195

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26/10/2024 - 02/11/2024	£995	£1695	£195
09/11/2024 - 16/11/2024	£995	£1695	£195
23/11/2024 - 30/11/2024	£995	£1695	£195
07/12/2024 - 14/12/2024	£995	£1695	£195

#### PREMIUM - 4\* PACKAGE

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25/05/2024 - 01/06/2024	£1145	£1845	£295
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#### ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Great Mongolian Discovery: Ulan Bator, Terelj, Gobi Desert, Karakorum, Hustai \(MN-01\)](#), Price from £3,195, 15 days
- > [Best of Kyrgyzstan: Discover Finest Lakes, Steppe Land & Historic Towns - 8 days \(SR-05\)](#), Price from £1,395, 8 days
- > [Great Uzbekistan Discovery: from Fergana to Khiva \(SR-06\)](#), Price from £1,695, 13 days
- > [Best of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Chimgan, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara, Khiva \(SR-07\)](#), Price from £1,395, 10 days

## INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

### **UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents**

We have in-house visa teams in the UK, USA, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two - three weeks for each visa application to be processed. The actual visa processing times are published on our website. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

### **Non-UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents**

If you are not resident in the above countries, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa, processing times and application forms on our website:

[www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa\\_services.html](http://www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_services.html)

## HOW TO BOOK

### **Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates**

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

### **Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form**

**Online:** log on to [www.justgorussia.co.uk](http://www.justgorussia.co.uk) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@justgorussia.co.uk](mailto:info@justgorussia.co.uk), or

**Phone:** call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

### **Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking**

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

### **Step 4 - Payment**

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour.

The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

