

Discover the Heart of the Silk Road: Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan **SR-10**



Embark on an unforgettable journey through Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, two of Central Asia's most fascinating destinations. From the ancient Silk Road cities of Samarkand and Khiva to the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage sites of Merv and Nissa, this tour immerses you in centuries of history and culture. Explore bustling bazaars, architectural masterpieces, and vibrant local traditions while enjoying a seamless travel experience. Perfect for history enthusiasts and cultural explorers, this carefully crafted itinerary offers an unparalleled opportunity to uncover the treasures of the Silk Road.

DEPARTURE DATES:

04.01.2025; 18.01.2025; 01.02.2025; 15.02.2025; 22.02.2025; 08.03.2025; 15.03.2025; 22.03.2025; 29.03.2025; 05.04.2025; 12.04.2025; 19.04.2025; 26.04.2025; 03.05.2025; 10.05.2025; 17.05.2025; 24.05.2025; 31.05.2025; 07.06.2025; 14.06.2025; 21.06.2025; 28.06.2025; 05.07.2025; 12.07.2025; 19.07.2025; 26.07.2025; 02.08.2025; 09.08.2025; 16.08.2025; 23.08.2025; 30.08.2025; 06.09.2025; 13.09.2025; 20.09.2025; 27.09.2025; 11.10.2025; 25.10.2025; 08.11.2025; 22.11.2025; 06.12.2025.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Tashkent

Welcome to Uzbekistan! Upon arrival in Tashkent, you'll be warmly greeted and transferred to your hotel. Take some time to settle in and relax as you prepare for the exciting journey ahead. Overnight in Tashkent. (Dinner)

Day 2 - Tashkent

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby to begin your sightseeing tour of Tashkent, Uzbekistan's vibrant capital. Explore the historic Old Town and the Khast-Imam architectural complex, home to the revered Osman Quran. Continue to key landmarks such as Amir Timur Square, the Courage Monument, the Opera and Ballet Theater, and Independence Square, each offering a unique glimpse into the city's rich history and culture. Conclude your tour with a visit to the lively Chorsu Bazaar, where you can experience the vibrant energy of local markets and admire the artistry of Uzbekistan's talented craftsmen. Overnight in Tashkent. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 - Tashkent / Samarkand

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll transfer to the train station for your journey on the high-speed "Afrosiab" train from Tashkent to Samarkand, departing at 08:30 and arriving at 10:40. Upon arrival in Samarkand, we'll take you to your hotel to check in and prepare for an exciting day of exploration. Your tour of Samarkand begins at the legendary Registan Square, renowned for its three magnificent madrassahs-Sherdor, Ulugbek, and Tillya Qory. You'll continue to the grand Bibi-Khanum Mosque, the historic Gur-Emir Mausoleum, and Ulugbek's observatory, a testament to the region's scientific heritage. The journey also includes a visit to the Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis, an extraordinary complex of mausoleums, and the bustling Siab Bazaar, where the vibrancy of local life and culture comes alive. Overnight in Samarkand. (Breakfast, Dinner)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Domestic flights in Turkmenistan
Accommodation
Breakfasts - daily
Dinners - daily
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions

Practical information

About Go Russia company
Accommodation options

Day 4 - Samarkand / Bukhara

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll transfer you to the train station for your journey to Bukhara on the high-speed "Afrosiab" train, a trip lasting just an hour and a half. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel to check in and relax before beginning your exploration of this ancient city. Your guided tour of Bukhara starts with the Lyabi-Khauz complex, home to the oldest pool in Central Asia, surrounded by remarkable medieval structures, including the Nadira Divan-begi madrasah and Khanaka, both known for their stunning mosaic facades. Next, visit the Kukeldash madrasah, the largest in Bukhara. Later, explore the magnificent Poi-Kalyan Complex, which features the iconic Kalyan Minaret, the Kalyan Friday Mosque, and the active Miri-Arab madrasah, offering a rich insight into the architectural and spiritual heritage of this Silk Road gem. Conclude your day with an overnight stay in Bukhara. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Bukhara

After breakfast, we'll meet in the hotel lobby to continue our exploration of Bukhara's fascinating history. We'll begin by visiting the Samanids Mausoleum, one of the city's oldest and most revered landmarks, known for its intricate brickwork and its role as the resting place of the Samanid dynasty. Next, we'll head to the Ark Citadel, the historic residence of Bukhara's emirs, where we'll enjoy stunning views over the city and learn about its role as the political and cultural heart of the region for centuries. We'll then visit the Chor-Minor, a distinctive structure with four minarets, each uniquely decorated. To conclude our day, we'll explore the serene Sitorai-Mohi-Khosa Palace, the summer retreat of Bukhara's emirs, surrounded by beautiful gardens and showcasing a fascinating mix of local and European architectural styles. After a day full of discovery, we'll return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Bukhara. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 - Bukhara / Border Crossing / Mary

Start your day with some free time to explore the captivating city of Bukhara at your own pace. Wander through its charming streets, revisit your favourite spots, or relax in one of its peaceful courtyards before we depart for Mary in Turkmenistan. Once we arrive in Mary, we'll enjoy an introductory tour, which includes visits to the History Museum of the Mary Region, the beautiful Russian Orthodox Church, and the bustling local bazaar. We'll also take time to appreciate the impressive Gurbanguly Haji Mosque, a modern architectural marvel. After the tour, we'll transfer to your hotel to relax and settle in. Overnight in Mary. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 - Mary / Merv / Ashgabat

After breakfast, we'll head out to explore the Ancient City of Merv, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most significant cities along the ancient Silk Road. We'll wander through the expansive historical park, visiting the impressive Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum, the monumental Large and Small Gyz Gala, Erk Gala, Gyaurl Gala, the Keshk Fortresses, and the Muhammed ibn Zaid Mausoleum, among other remarkable landmarks that highlight the city's rich cultural and historical heritage. After immersing

ourselves in Merv's fascinating history, we'll return to Mary for a short flight (approximately 40 minutes) to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan's modern capital. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to your hotel and you'll have time to relax and settle in for the evening. Overnight in Ashgabat. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Ashgabat / Nissa / Ashgabat

After breakfast, we'll set out on a full-day city tour of Ashgabat, discovering the most iconic landmarks that define the city's unique charm. Our exploration begins at the National Museum, where we'll gain insight into Turkmenistan's rich history and culture. We'll then visit Independence Park, home to grand monuments symbolising the country's sovereignty, before heading to the Rukhnama Monument and the impressive Neutrality Arch. Next, we'll enjoy a panoramic ride on the Ferris Wheel, offering breathtaking views of the city, and visit the Magtymguly Monument, dedicated to Turkmenistan's revered poet. A highlight of the day will be the visit to Nissa, an ancient UNESCO World Heritage Site that features fascinating remnants of Parthian architecture. Finally, we'll visit the magnificent Turkmenbashi Mosque-Mausoleum, a stunning combination of spiritual significance and architectural beauty. After a day of discovery, we'll transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Ashgabat. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 - Ashgabat / Dashoguz

After breakfast, we'll continue exploring Ashgabat, a city that beautifully blends modernity with tradition. Our day begins with a visit to the Ahalteke horse stables, where you'll learn about Turkmenistan's prized horses, followed by a stop at the stunning Ertogrul Ghazi Mosque. We'll then see the historic Lenin Monument and experience the bustling atmosphere of the Russian Bazaar. Next, we'll visit the moving Earthquake Monument and the Soviet War Memorial Complex, both commemorating significant moments in Turkmenistan's history. The day wraps up with a tour of the Carpet Museum, where you can admire the intricate artistry of Turkmen carpets, followed by a visit to the Wedding Palace viewpoint, offering stunning panoramic views of the city. In the evening, we'll transfer to the airport for a short flight (approximately 50 minutes) to Dashoguz. Upon arrival, we'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Dashoguz. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Optional - Darvaza Gas Crater. For those seeking an additional adventure, there's an option to visit the Darvaza Gas Crater, also known as the "Door to Hell." You can choose between a day trip or an overnight stay in a yurt camp near the crater. The driving distance to the crater is 275 km (172 miles), with an additional 300 km (188 miles) to Dashoguz. If you opt for the overnight trip, you'll stay in a traditional yurt camp, allowing you to experience the desert's unique atmosphere and witness the spectacular sight of the crater glowing under the night sky. This unforgettable experience offers a rare opportunity to immerse yourself in the vast, otherworldly landscape of Turkmenistan.

Day 10 - Dashoguz / Kunya Urgench / Border Crossing /

Khiva

In the morning, we'll set off for Kunya Urgench, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Turkmenistan's most important historical locations. We'll explore the fascinating historical park, which includes the towering Kutlug Timur Minaret, the elegant Mausoleum of Turabek Khanum, the Mausoleum of Tekesh, the Mausoleum of Il Arslan, and the Caravansaray Gateway, among other noteworthy sites. Afterward, we'll head to Dashoguz for lunch and take time to visit the History Museum of Dashoguz Region, the Central Mosque, and the vibrant local bazaar. In the afternoon, we'll cross the border into Uzbekistan and travel to Khiva, a beautifully preserved city on the Silk Road with a wealth of history and charm. Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Khiva. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11 - Khiva

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a Khiva sightseeing tour, where you'll explore the wonders of Ichan Kala, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Start with the Kalta-Minor Minaret, a striking yet incomplete structure that stands 26 meters tall with a base diameter of 16 meters, originally intended to be the tallest minaret in Central Asia. Next, visit Kunya-Ark, the first palace of Khiva's khans, and the Pahlovan Mahmud Mausoleum, a beautiful example of Islamic architecture. Continue to the Islam Khodja Madrassah and Minaret, completed in 1908, followed by a visit to the unique Juma Mosque, known for its flat roof supported by 218 intricately carved wooden columns, offering exceptional acoustics. These historical and architectural gems will give you a deep insight into Khiva's rich heritage. Overnight in Khiva. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12 - Khiva

The tour finishes with a transfer to the airport for your flight back home, marking the end of an unforgettable journey through the captivating cities and landscapes of Central Asia. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you on your next adventure! (Breakfast)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
04/01/2025 - 15/01/2025	£2295	£2995	£225
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PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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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:

- > Discover the Silk Road: a Journey across 5 Stans (SR-08), Price from £4,695, 23 days
- > Bishkek to Almaty: a Journey through Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan (SR-09), Price from £1,795, 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

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 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, 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.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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