

## Great Uzbekistan Discovery: from Fergana to Khiva

SR-06



Embark on an enchanting journey through the heart of Central Asia with our "Great Uzbekistan Discovery" tour, where every step unveils centuries of history, artistry, and hospitality. Over 13 days, immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Uzbekistan's most iconic destinations. Begin your adventure in the picturesque city of Fergana, where lush landscapes and bustling markets await exploration. Traverse the legendary Silk Road, pausing to marvel at architectural wonders in Margilan, Kokand, and Rishtan. As your journey unfolds, discover the timeless allure of cities like Samarkand, Bukhara, and Shakhrisabz, each steeped in legend and tradition. Throughout the tour, engage in hands-on experiences that offer insights into Uzbekistan's vibrant culture. From silk weaving in Margilan to pottery making in Gijduvon, each activity promises to deepen your appreciation for the country's artistic heritage.

Join us as we uncover the Best of Uzbekistan, where every moment is an opportunity to create lasting memories and forge connections with the past.

**Note: we have minimised travel by car and utilise trains where possible, as it is more convenient, relaxing, and reduces our environmental footprint. However, if you prefer to travel by car all the way, please let us know and we will arrange accordingly.**

### DEPARTURE DATES:

05.15.2024; 05.22.2024; 05.29.2024; 06.05.2024; 06.12.2024; 06.19.2024; 06.26.2024;  
07.03.2024; 07.10.2024; 07.17.2024; 07.24.2024; 07.31.2024; 08.07.2024; 08.14.2024;  
08.21.2024; 08.28.2024; 09.04.2024; 09.11.2024; 09.18.2024; 09.25.2024; 10.09.2024;  
10.23.2024; 11.06.2024; 11.20.2024; 12.04.2024.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Fergana

Upon your arrival, you'll receive a warm welcome at the airport and be transferred to your hotel in Fergana. Take some time to settle in and unwind after your journey. Enjoy a peaceful overnight stay in Fergana, preparing for the adventures that await you.

#### Day 2 - Fergana / Margilan / Andijan / Fergana

After breakfast, embark on a guided city tour of Fergana, exploring landmarks like Central Park, where you can immerse yourself in the lively ambiance and engage with locals. Next, head to Margilan, renowned for its silk industry. Wander through bustling bazaars and witness silk weaving at the Margilan Silk Factory, where artisans showcase intricate techniques. In the afternoon, visit Andijan, known for its captivating Jami Mosque and vibrant bazaar. Immerse yourself in the bustling marketplace, then explore the Babur Museum, dedicated to the founder of the Mughal Empire. After a day of exploration, return to Fergana for a tranquil overnight stay, reflecting on the day's adventures and looking forward to tomorrow's discoveries.

#### Day 3 - Fergana / Rishtan / Kokand

Today, set off on a scenic journey to Kokand, passing through the charming town of Rishtan en route. Renowned for its vibrant ceramics, Rishtan offers the chance to visit a ceramics center, observe local artisans at work, and acquire exquisite pieces as souvenirs. Upon arrival in Kokand, delve into the city's rich history and cultural

### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

#### Included

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

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heritage. Explore landmarks like the Khudoyar Khan Palace and the Jami Mosque, marveling at their architectural splendor. Enjoy an overnight stay in Kokand, immersed in the beauty and history of this fascinating city.

#### **Day 4 - Kokand / Tashkent**

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely morning to explore Kokand at your own pace. Wander through its charming streets, soak in the unique atmosphere, and uncover hidden treasures. Whether you visit local markets, interact with friendly locals, or simply take a leisurely stroll, Kokand offers a delightful experience. Later in the day, as the sun begins to set, board a comfortable train bound for Tashkent. Departing at 5:30 PM, the journey promises a scenic ride through the Uzbek landscape, allowing you to unwind and appreciate the views. Relax onboard, anticipating the adventures awaiting you in Tashkent.

#### **Day 5 - Tashkent**

Today's agenda is all about immersing yourself in the dynamic cityscape of Tashkent, where a blend of modernity and tradition awaits. Start your city tour at Independence Square, a poignant symbol of Uzbekistan's sovereignty, before moving on to the iconic Amir Timur Square and the grandeur of the Tashkent Metro, famed for its intricate architecture. Next, delve into the rich history of the Old Town and the architectural wonders of the Khast-Imam complex. Then, prepare for a sensory adventure at the vibrant "Chorsu" Eastern Bazaar, where you can indulge in exquisite crafts and savor the diverse flavors of Uzbekistan. After a day filled with exploration and discovery, retreat to your accommodation in Tashkent for a restful overnight stay, ready to continue your Uzbekistan adventure tomorrow.

#### **Day 6 - Tashkent / Ugam-Chatkal National Park / Tashkent / Samarkand**

After breakfast, prepare for an unforgettable day trip to Ugam-Chatkal National Park, a pristine wilderness celebrated for its breathtaking landscapes and diverse flora and fauna. Marvel at the turquoise waters of the Charvak Reservoir and immerse yourself in the tranquility of nature as you explore the park's scenic trails. In the evening, board a high-speed train to Samarkand, one of the oldest inhabited cities in Central Asia. Relax and enjoy the comfortable journey, which takes approximately two hours. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay in Samarkand.

#### **Day 7 - Samarkand**

Today, prepare to be enchanted by the ancient wonders of Samarkand as you embark on a guided city tour. Begin your exploration at Registan Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site adorned with stunning madrasahs and mosques. Continue to the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, a sacred site featuring intricately decorated mausoleums and tombs. Marvel at the grandeur of the Bibi-Khanym Mosque and immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of the Siab Bazaar, where you can sample local delicacies and shop for souvenirs. Conclude your day with a visit to

the Ulugh Beg Observatory, an ancient astronomical marvel built by the Timurid ruler Ulugh Beg. Enjoy an overnight stay in Samarkand, filled with memories of your exploration of this historic city.

#### **Day 8 - Samarkand / Shakhrisabz / Samarkand**

Embark on an enthralling day excursion to Shakhrisabz, the renowned birthplace of the legendary conqueror Timur. Delve into the UNESCO-listed historic heart of Shakhrisabz, where an abundance of architectural marvels awaits, including the grand Ak-Saray Palace and the esteemed Dorus-Saodat Memorial Complex. Marvel at the elaborate tilework and intricate designs embellishing these ancient structures, while immersing yourself in the profound history and cultural importance of the city. Conclude your day with a return to Samarkand, where you can reminisce over your unforgettable journey through Shakhrisabz during an overnight stay.

#### **Day 9 - Samarkand / Bukhara**

Following breakfast, hop aboard a morning train bound for Bukhara, a scenic journey spanning roughly 1.5 hours amidst the idyllic Uzbek countryside. Upon reaching your destination, surrender to the timeless allure of Bukhara as you commence a guided walking expedition through the city's historic nucleus. Wander through the UNESCO-designated Old Town, where labyrinthine pathways unveil hidden gems such as mosques, madrasahs, and caravanserais. Behold the majestic Kalyan Minaret, an emblematic icon of Bukhara's skyline, and delve into the opulent architectural legacy that graces every corner of the city. Conclude your day with an overnight sojourn in Bukhara, soaking in the essence of its rich history and captivating ambiance.

#### **Day 10 - Bukhara / Gijduvon / Bukhara**

Embark on an enchanting day excursion to Gijduvon, celebrated for its vibrant cultural tapestry. Traverse its quaint avenues, uncovering treasures like local ceramics ateliers where artisans deftly weave intricate designs. Immerse yourself in the craftsmanship of Uzbekistan as you witness the meticulous artistry firsthand. Following this, indulge in a hands-on Plov cooking masterclass, delving into the traditional techniques that shape this beloved Uzbek delicacy. Collaborate with skilled chefs to prepare and relish the authentic flavors of the region. For those seeking an alternative pursuit, an opportunity awaits to partake in a ceramics masterclass, where you can unleash your creativity under the guidance of seasoned craftsmen, molding your own unique pottery piece. Alternatively, delve deeper into the town's allure, meandering through bustling bazaars, visiting historical landmarks, or simply basking in the local ambiance. As dusk descends, journey back to Bukhara, where you can unwind and contemplate the day's adventures. Cherish a serene overnight respite, brimming with cherished recollections of your Gijduvon exploration.

#### **Day 11 - Bukhara / Khiva**

Following breakfast, embark on a picturesque voyage to Khiva, traversing the expansive Kyzyl-Kum Desert (480 km; 300 miles, approximately 7-8 hours). En route, marvel at

the ever-shifting panorama of sand dunes and verdant oasis settlements. Take a brief respite amidst the desert's vastness to stretch your legs and absorb the awe-inspiring vistas before continuing your journey towards Khiva. Upon arrival, be greeted by the ancient ramparts of the historic Old Town, a testament to Khiva's timeless allure. Check into your hotel and unwind after your travels, immersing yourself in the tranquility of your surroundings. Enjoy an overnight stay in Khiva, ready to embark on further explorations.

Note: For travelers seeking a more convenient option, an overnight train from Bukhara to Khiva offers a comfortable and efficient alternative. Departing at 3 - 4 AM (depending on the schedule), this train ensures arrival in Khiva at 10 - 11 AM the same morning. Though an early departure is required, the journey allows for ample rest onboard, ensuring you arrive refreshed and eager to delve into Khiva's wonders. If opting for the train, depart from Bukhara on the morning of Day 12, allowing for a few hours of sleep until 2:30 - 3 AM at your hotel in Bukhara.

### Day 12 - Khiva

Today beckons you to immerse yourself in the enduring charm of Khiva, navigating its labyrinthine streets and architectural splendors. Embark on a guided walking expedition through the UNESCO-enshrined Old Town, affectionately known as Itchan Kala, where each twist and turn unveils a fresh marvel. Marvel at the mesmerizing tilework adorning the Kalta Minor Minaret, delve into the magnificence of the Mohammed Amin Khan Madrasah, and meander through the vibrant markets surrounding the Tash-Hauli Palace. Delve deep into Khiva's storied past and vibrant cultural heritage, enriching your understanding of this captivating city.

### Day 13 - Khiva / Urgench

As your Silk Road odyssey draws to a close, we'll ensure a seamless transfer to Urgench Airport for your homeward-bound flight. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can opt to return to Tashkent and catch your international flight from there. Whichever route you choose, rest assured that your journey's conclusion will be facilitated with utmost care and convenience.

## AVAILABLE PACKAGES

### COMFORT - 3\* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Single suppliment
05/15/2024 - 05/27/2024	\$2095	\$345
05/22/2024 - 06/03/2024	\$2095	\$345
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11/20/2024 - 12/02/2024	\$2095	\$345
12/04/2024 - 12/16/2024	\$2095	\$345

## ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized 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:

- > [Highlights of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva \(SR-04\)](#), Price from \$1,145, 8 days
- > [Best of Kyrgyzstan: Discover Finest Lakes, Steppe Land & Historic Towns - 8 days \(SR-05\)](#), Price from \$1,595, 8 days
- > [Best of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Chimgan, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara, Khiva \(SR-07\)](#), Price from \$1,745, 10 days
- > [Best of Mongolia Jeep Tour: Ulan-Bator, Gobi Desert, Karakorum \(MN-03\)](#), Price from \$2,495, 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.

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

We have in-house visa teams in the US, UK, 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 weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

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

If you are not resident in the USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, 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 and application forms on our website:

[www.justgorussia.com/us/visa\\_services.html](http://www.justgorussia.com/us/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.com](http://www.justgorussia.com) 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, lecture participation, 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.com](mailto:info@justgorussia.com), or

**Phone:** call us on +1 (917) 259 13 33

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 \$250) 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 or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

