

13 Days, 12 nights Tajikistan & Turkmenistan: Mountains, Lakes, Sand & Marble						
Day	Start Place	Morning Plan	Afternoon Plan	Evening Plan	End Place	Accommodation
1	Tashkent Uzbekistan	<b>8am – Tour starts</b> <b>Travel by Mashrutka to Oybek Border crossing, and cross the border into Tajikistan. (1 hour)</b>  <b>Then continue the journey to Khujand on shared-taxi. (2 hours)</b>	<b>Arrival in Khujand</b>  1. Sheikh Muslihiddin Mosque and minaret 2. Panjshanbe Bazaar 3. Khujan Fortress 4. Kamoli Khujand Mausoleum	1. Arbob Palace, place where Tajik president during Civil War in Tajikistan.	Khujand Tajikistan	Guesthouse
2	Khujand Tajikistan	<b>Drive to Istaravshan, a town of more than 2500 years of history. (2 hours)</b>  1. Explore Bozor-e-markazi, biggest Bazaar of Central Asia. 2. See crafting of traditional swords and knives (Rastai-e Kord).	<b>Drive to Dushanbe, the Tajik capital (7 hours)</b>  1. Scenic drive to Dushanbe on Soviet-built highways that snakes through mountain and valleys. Highest elevation of 4000 metres, and 2 Soviet-built tunnels of 5-kilometre length.	<b>Arrival in Dushanbe</b>  1. Explore Maydoni Dustii, public square with the tallest flag pole in the world, and Rudaki Park.	Dushanbe Tajikistan	Guesthouse
3	Dushanbe Tajikistan	<b>Drive to Hissor (1 hour)</b>  1. Explore Hissor Fortress and madrassah.	<b>Drive to Iskandarkul Lake via Dushanbe (4 hours)</b>  1. Hike at Iskandarkul Lake 2. Hike up Iskandarkul Lake waterfall	<b>HOMESTAY AT ISKANDARKUL.</b>	Iskandarkul Tajikistan	Homestay
4	Iskandarkul Tajikistan	<b>Drive to Fann Mountains via Panjakent (5 hours)</b>	1. Lunch and hike at Fann Mountains and at Seven Lakes.	<b>HOMESTAY AT SEVEN LAKES</b>	Seven Lakes Tajikistan	Homestay
5	Seven Lakes Tajikistan	1. Breakfast and morning hike at Seven Lakes	<b>Drive from Seven Lakes to Panjakent</b>	<b>Arrival in Panjakent</b>	Penjakent Uzbekistan	Guesthouse
6	Penjakent Uzbekistan	Visit to archaeological site of Sarazm, ruins of 5,500 years old.  <b>Travel from Penjakent to Samarkand via the Tajik-Uzbek border in Penjakent</b>  <b>Arrival in Samarkand</b>	<b>Travel from Samarkand to Bukhara by train</b>  <b>Arrival in Bukhara</b>	1. Explore the historical city of Bukhara through a street and alleyway walking tour.	Bukhara Uzbekistan	Guesthouse
7	Bukhara Uzbekistan	<b>Drive to Farap border crossing (1 hour)</b> <b>Cross Uzbek-Turkmen border at Farap.</b> <b>Drive from Farap to Mary (4 hours)</b>	<b>Arrival in Mary</b> Sightseeing of ancient Merv <b>Ancient Merv</b> 1. Oasis Merv, one of the most ancient regions of Central Asia. 2. Soltan Sanzhar Mausoleum 3. Small and Big Gyz-Kala – 6 <sup>th</sup> century ancient fortress along Silk Road.	4. Ibn Zeid Mausoleum, Sardoba - place of pilgrimage (XII century)  <b>Overnight train to Ashgabat (7 hours)</b>	TRAIN	OVERNIGHT TRAIN
8	TRAIN	<b>Arrival in Ashgabat</b>  ASHGABAT CITY TOUR	<b>ASHGABAT CITY TOUR</b>  1. National Wedding palace of Turkmenistan 2. Arch of Neutrality & Independence Park 3. Ferries Wheel 4. Constitution tower		Ashgabat Turkmenistan	Hotel
9	Ashgabat Turkmenistan	<b>ASHGABAT CITY TOUR</b> 1. Visit National Carpet Museum of Turkmenistan 2. Visit to Gokdepe Private Horse Farm	<b>Drive to Kov Ata (1 hour)</b> 1. Hike and swim in Kov Ata underground lake.  <b>Drive to Nohur village (1 hour)</b>	<b>Arrival at Nohur village for a homestay with a local family. (Dinner included in price)</b>	Nohur Village Turkmenistan	Homestay
10	Nohur Village Turkmenistan	Drive to Yangikala Canyon (4 hours) in Western Turkemenistan.	Arrival at Yangikala Canyon Hike and lunch at Yangikala Canyon ( <b>Lunch included in price</b> )  <b>Travel to the ancient shrines of Gozli Ata and Gaytarmysh Ata shrines pilgrimage (2 hours)</b>	<b>Return to Nohur village, and homestay with a local family. (Dinner included in price)</b>	Nohur Village Turkmenistan	Homestay
11	Nohur Village Turkmenistan	<b>Early morning drive to Ashgabat, the Turkmen capital</b>  1. Visit to the State Historical Museum 2. Visit to Old Nisa, 2300 year old ruins and a UNESCO World Heritage List 3. Visit to “Gulistan” Russian Markent	<b>Drive to Darvaza Gas Crater through the Karakurum Desert (4 hours)</b>  1. Visit and walk along Karakum spark and Darvaza gas crater	Overnight yurt stay in traditional Turkmen desert yurt near Darvaza gas crater. <b>(Dinner included in price)</b>	Darvaza Turkmenistan	Yurt
12	Darvaza Turkmenistan	<b>Drive to Konya Urgench (5 hours)</b>	<b>Visit to old city of Kunya Urgench, UNESCO World Heritage Site 2005):</b> 1. Il Arslan mausoleum - the oldest building in the city (XI century) 2. Fahraddin Razi Mausoleum XII C.... 3 Sultan Tekesh Mausoleum XII C 4. Kutlug Timur minaret - (XII-XIV centuries) - the highest minaret in Central Asia 5. Turabek Hanum mausoleum - (XII-XIV centuries)	Travel to Koneurgench	Koneurgench Turkmenistan	Hotel
13	Koneurgench Turkmenistan	<b>Travel to Dashoguz and cross the Turkmen-Uzbek border.</b> <b>Travel to Urgench, Uzbekistan.</b>	<b>Arrival in Urgench, Uzbekistan</b> <b>Domestic flight from Urgench to Tashkent (2 hours)</b>	<b>7pm – End of tour</b>	Tashkent Uzbekistan	

We will make every effort to keep itineraries as described and to find suitable replacements if needed. However, we reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary without prior notice in response to unforeseeable events and safety concerns. We also reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary should we deem that a certain activity is beyond the capability of any of our travelers.