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## «**CERAMICS TOUR IN THE LAND OF TAMERLANE**»

**TASHKENT – KOKAND – FERGHANA – MARGILAN – RISHTAN –  
TASHKENT – URGENCH – KHIVA – BUKHARA – GIJDUVAN –  
SAMARKAND – SHAKHRISABZ – SAMARKAND – TASHKENT**

**13 DAYS - 12 NIGHTS**

<b>DAYS</b>	<b>ITINERARY</b>	
<b>DAY 01</b>	<p><b>HOMELAND – TASHKENT</b></p> <p><b>Flight from Homeland to Tashkent and arrival. Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel.</b></p> <p><b>FREE TIME (UNDERGROUND, TASHKENT TV TOWER AND CHARSU BAZAAR).</b></p> <p><b>DINNER AT RESTAURANT OF “TASHKENT TV TOWER”.</b></p> <p><b>OVERNIGHT IN TASHKENT.</b></p>	

## TASHKENT



### **BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.**

**Sightseeing tour of Tashkent:** **A. Museum of Applied Arts** – Samples of the works of masters from almost all the pottery centers of the Republic are collected in this museum.

**B. Amir Temur square and Museum, V. School of ceramics of Rakhimov's family** – Mukhiddin

Rakhimov's(1903-1985) dynasty is one of the famous ceramic masters dynasty in Tashkent and has over six generations of masters. Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov are continuing the traditions of ceramic master dynasty now. Mukhiddin Rakhimov studied ceramics of various historic periods and by restoring ancient designs he created his own masterpieces which are being sold in leading museums as Hermitage, Museum of East at the moment.

### **LUNCH AT RESTAURANT “BAHODIR”.**

**Sightseeing tour of Tashkent:** **C) ARCHITECTURAL COMPLEX KHAZRATI IMAM:** **1) The Mausoleum of Imam Abu Bakr Muhammad-El-Kaffal Shashi** – he was one of the first imams of Muslims (XVI c.). **2) Mosque of Namazgah** (XV-XIX c.). **3) Madrassah Barak Khan** – was built by Suyunuj Khan – first Khan of Uzbek dynasty (XVI c.). **4) Madrassah Tilla Sheykh** (XIX c.). **5) Mosque of Muyi Mubarek**(XX c.) – the oldest copy of “Koran” of Khazrati Usman is being kept. **6) Mosque of Khasti Imam** (2005). **D) Navoi Grand Opera and Ballet Theatre.**

### **DINNER AT RESTAURANT “PADISHAH”.**

### **OVERNIGHT IN TASHKENT.**

**TASHKENT – KOKAND – FERGHANA****BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.**

**Drive to Ferghana Valley via Kokand (300 km). Arrive in Kokand.**

**LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT.**

**Sightseeing tour of Kokand:** **A. The Palace of Khudayar Khan** – was constructed in 1871-1873 by the masters of Kokand, Kanibadam, Chust, Namangan and Uratyube, which attracts tourists by its 70 m high facade. **B. Complex of Dakhmai Shokhon:** **1. Mausoleum of Modari Khan** – this interesting islamic architecture was built in 1825 by Umar Khan for the honor of his mother. **2. The Mosque of Norbutabiy(1799).** **3. Madrassah of Mir.** **4. The tomb of Dakhmayi Shokhon** - is a tomb of the Kokand rulers, which sits in the graveyard. It was built during Umar's reign for the Khans and their family members. **C. Juma Mosque (1800)** – Friday praying («namaz» from uzbek)s are being held in this mosque.

**Transfer to Ferghana (90 km).**

**Accommodation in the hotel.**

**DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT.**

**OVERNIGHT IN FERGHANA.**



**DAY 04**



**FERGHANA – MARGILAN – RISHTAN  
– TASHKENT**

**BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.**

**Transfer to Margilan (10 km).**

**Sightseeing tour of Margilan:**

**1. “Yodgorlik”-** silk weaving factory which is known for its goods made of silk by hand. **2. Mosque Chakar (1911).** **3. Madrassah of Said Akhmad Khodja (XIX)** – the main composition of this complex consists of hall and veranda with painted ceilings, **Mosque of Burhaniddin Margilaniy.**

**LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT.**

**After the lunch transfer to Rishtan (50 km).**

**Visit the Family of Ceramists in Rishtan. Visit to the ceramics workshop of Abdullo Narzullaev and the preparation of making ceramics.**



**Transfer to Tashkent through the Kamchik Pass (300 km).**

**Arrival in Tashkent and accommodation in the hotel.**

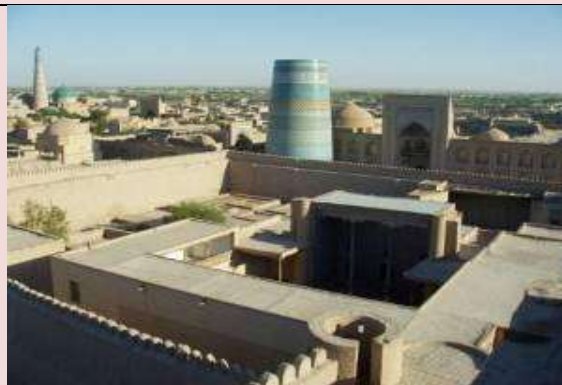
**DINNER AT RESTAURANT “SIM-SIM”.**

**OVERNIGHT IN TASHKENT.**

## TASHKENT – URGENCH – KHIVA

### EARLY BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL

Transfer to Tashkent Airport at 05.30. Flight to Urgench with **HY 1051** at 07.00 and arrival in Urgench at 08.40. Transfer to Khiva (30 km) and accommodation in the hotel.



**Visiting the oldest part of Khiva:** **A. Ichan Kala** (literally "internal fortress") – forms the internal city of Khiva. The borders of Khiva coincided with that in the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries. The clay wall over 2,200 m in length and 7-8 m in height surrounded Ichan-Qala. This fortress is consisted of 4 gates: **1. Ota Darvoza** (*father's gate*), **2. Tash Darvoza** (*stone gate*), **3. Kosh Darvoza** (*double gate*), **4. Polvon Darvoza** (*strong gate*); **B. Madrassah of Mukhammed Amin Khan** – One of the biggest madrassahs in Central Asia, was built in 1851 by Mukhammad Amin Khan. **C. Kalta Minor** (*Short minaret*); **D. Kunye Ark** (*old citadel*) – one of the oldest fortresses of Khiva: **1. Kurinishkhane**. **2. White Mosque**. **3. Zarbkhona**. **4. Hill of Ak Shaykh Baba**. **E. Madrassah of Mukhammed Rakhim Khan**; **F. Mausoleum of Pakhlavon** - (Pakhlavon Makhmud was famous poet and wrestler (1247-1326); **G. Madrassah and Minaret of Islam Khodja** –It's the longest minaret in Uzbekistan with a height of 45 m.

### LUNCH AT RESTAURANT OF "ZAYNAB".

**After the lunch continuation of Khiva tour:** **H. Mosque Juma** – one of the oldest mosques in Khiva. This mosque was built at XIX century by Mukhammad Rakhim Khan; **I. Tash Khauli** – more than 1000 slaves worked in building of this fortress; **J. Madrassah of Allakulikhan**; **K. Caravanserail of Allakulikhan**; **L. Tim of Allakulikhan**; **M. Polvon Gate**.

### DINNER AT RESTAURANT "OZODA", Concert of national folklore music.



**DAY 06**



## **KHIVA – BUKHARA**

### **BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.**

**Transfer to Bukhara by special bus (450 km, 6-7 hours). On the way stop on the beach of Amudarya and take a photo.**

On the way from Khiva to Bukhara pass through rice and cotton fields, passing upon Amu-darya

river before going through the Kyzyl-Kum desert. Kyzyl-Kum is the largest desert in Central Asia, fauna: desert tortoises, desert monitors, snakes, eagles.

### **PICNIC.**

**Arrival in Bukhara. Accommodation at the hotel.**

### **FREE TIME AROUND LYABI KHAUZ.**

### **DINNER AT GUESTHOUSE “DOSTON”.**

### **OVERNIGHT IN BUKHARA.**

## **BUKHARA**

### **BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.**

**Visiting the oldest part of Bukhara: 1) Mausoleum of Samanids {(10 c) – the pearl of architecture of Central Asia}. 2) Mosque of Chashmayi Ayyub (12-16 c.). 3) Mosque of Bolo Khauz (XVIII c.). 4) Madrassah of Abdulla Khan (XVI c.) 5) Madrassah of Modarikhan (XVI c.)**

### **LUNCH AT RESTAURANT “DOLON”.**

**After the lunch continuation of Bukhara tour: 6) Arc Citadel (1 BC - 19 c) – Palace of Amir Alimkhan. 7) Complex of Poyi Kalon: a) Mosque Kalan {(16c)}; b) Active Madrassah Miri Arab {(16 c)}; c) Minaret Kalan {symbol of Bukhara. Another name of the minaret is “minaret of death”}; d) Madrassah of Amir Alimkhan (XIX c.). 7) Bazaar of Tok-i Zargaron. 8) Madrassah of Ulughbek {(15 c), was built by the grandson of Amit Timur. In the entry written as: “Learning is farz for every muslim man and woman”}. 9) Madrassah of Abdulazizkhon {(17 c)}. 10) Tim of Abdulla Khan (XVI c.) 11) Bazaar of Tok-i Telpakfurushon.**



### **DINNER AND FOLKLORE SHOW AT “MADRASSAH OF NADIR DIVAN BEGUI”.**

### **OVERNIGHT IN BUKHARA.**

**DAY 07**

**BUKHARA****BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.**

**Visiting the outside of Bukhara:** **12) Khodja Mukhammad Bakha-ad-Din Nakshband** {1318-1389, 12 km from Bukhara, in the village of Khasri Orifon. Mukhammad ibn Jaloliddin

Khodjai Buzrug became famous under the name of Bakhouddin Nakshbandi – founder one of the most famous branches of Sufism – branch of “Nakshbandiya”

**13) Sitara-i Mokhi Khosa** {(4 km from Bukhara) – summer palace of last emir Bukhara Amir Alimkhan (19C)}. **14) Mosque Chor Bakir (9-10 c)**

**LUNCH AT RESTAURANT “DAVRON”.**

**After the lunch continuation of Bukhara tour:** **15) Mosque Magoki Attori** {12-16 c)} **16) Bazaar of Tok-i Sarrofon** **17) Complex of Labi Khauz:** **a) Khonako of Nadir Divanbegi; b) Madrassah of Nadir Divanbegi; c) Madrassah od Kukeldash.**

**DINNER AT GUESTHOUSE “DOSTON”****OVERNIGHT IN BUKHARA.**



## BUKHARA – GIJDUVAN – SAMARKAND

### BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.

**Transfer to Samarkand via Gijduvan (275 km).**

**Gijduvan** is one of the most famous “ceramic” cities in Central Asia. Gijduvan ceramics is solid dark or brown-green glaze in combination with simple engraved ornament.

**Visit to the ceramics workshop of Abdullo Narzullaev and watch the preparation of making ceramics.** Abdullo Narzullaev is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation master potter working in the Gijduvan tradition, one of the principal schools of traditional

ceramics in Uzbekistan and Central Asia. In **2000** he founded the Gijduvan Glazed Ceramics Centre, where he now works with his family, apprentices and assistants. In **1995** Alisher was awarded the Master’s Diploma of **UNESCO** and the following year, the **Dustlik** Order of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The women of the family, under the guidance of the grandmother, **Mustapshira Barakaeva**, also produce the traditional silk **embroideries** characteristic of Gijduvan. The Centre incorporates a ceramic museum exhibiting the traditional styles of Central Asia, a gallery dealing in the traditional crafts of the region, a traditional ceramic workshop producing wood-fired glazed earthenware, an embroidery workshop and the **Narzullaev** family home. It also includes facilities for visiting ceramicists.

### LUNCH AT MASTER NARZULLAEV’S HOUSE.

**After the lunch transfer to Samarkand (180 km).**

**Sightseeing tour: Mausoleum of Imam Al-Bukhary** – {(Al-Bukhari Mukhammad bin Ismail Abu Abdallah al-Djufi (810-870)}. (The second place on sanctity among Moslems after Mecca and Medina).



**Arrival in Samarkand and accommodation at the hotel.**

**Visit:- Konigil - Shop the oldest a method on release Samarkand silk papers (XV century)**

**FREE TIME.**

**DINNER AT RESTAURANT “KARIMBEK”.**





## SAMARKAND

### BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.

**Sightseeing tour of Samarkand:** **1) Gur-Emir Mausoleum** – the burial place of the Great Amir Timur and his dynasty (XIV-XV c.). **2) Rukhobod Mausoleum** – the tombs of Sheikh Burkhaniddin Sogarji and his family are found in this mausoleum. According to legends under the domes there is a box with 7 hair of Prophet Mokhammed (XIV c.). **3)**

**Registan square** – the main square of Samarkand. It consists of **Madrasah Ulughbek** (XV c.), **Madrasah Sherdor** (XVII c.) and **Madrasah Tilla Kori** (XVII c.).

### LUNCH AT RESTAURANT “PLATAN”

**Continuation of Samarkand Tour:** **4) Observatory of Ulughbek** – The best and famous Observatory of Middle Ages (1428-1429). **5) Mausoleum of Saint Khodja Daniyal** – 18 m long tomb of saint Daniyal is visited by nations of 3 religions (VII BC). **6) Necropolis Shakhi Zinda** {(11-19 c): burial place of Kusam ibn Abbas – cousin of prophet Muhkammad(s.a.v.)}. **7) Museum of Afrasyab** (1970). **8) Afrasyab Hills** (VII BC). **9) Mosque Bibi Khanim** {(1399-1404), was built for the honour of wife of Amir Timur}. **10) Madrasah of Bibi Khanim** (XIV c.). **11) Siyab Bazaar.**

**12) Visit: the vine plant “Khovrenko” built in 1868 by Russian czar tasting Uzbek wines (degustation Uzbek wines)**

**DINNER AT NATIONAL GUESTHOUSE “NIGINA” WITH UZBEK AND TAJIK NATIONAL CONCERTS.**

## SAMARKAND – SHAKHRISABZ – SAMARKAND

### BREAKFAST IN THE HOTEL.

Transfer to Shakhrisabz (150 km).

**Sightseeing tour of Shakhrisabz:** **1) Ak-Saray Palace** – [summer residence of Great Timur (XIV-XV c.)]. **2) Complex of Dar-us Saadat:** a) **Mosque of Imam Khazrat** (XIV c.); b) **Mausoleum of Jakhangir** – the eldest and dearest son of Great Timur (XIV c.); v) **Amir Timur burial vault**(XIV c.).

### LUNCH AT RESTAURANT “HUSEN”.

**3) Complex of Darut-Tillavat:** a) **Mosque of Kok Gumbaz** – [XV c., was built by Ulughbek from the name of his father Shakhruh]; b) **Gumbazi Seiidon Tomb** (15 c).

After the lunch transfer to Samarkand (150 km). Arrival in Samarkand.

**FREE TIME IN LOCAL BAZAAR “SIYAB”.**

**DINNER AT RESTAURANT “REGHISTAN”.**

**OVERNIGHT IN SAMARKAND.**





<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
<b>№</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>A/C</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>Daewoo Nexia</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>Hyundai Starex</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>Ssang Yong Istana</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>9-10</b>	<b>Mercedes Sprinter</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>11-16</b>	<b>Toyote Costre</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>Golden Dragon</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>21-40</b>	<b>Mercedes Benz</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Yes</b>

<b>№</b>	<b>CITIES</b>	<b>CATEGORY OF HOTELS</b>	
		<b>3* HOTELS</b>	<b>4* HOTELS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>TASHKENT</b>		
<b>2.</b>	<b>SAMARKAND</b>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>BUKHARA</b>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>KHIVA</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>FERGHANA</b>		

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- ❖ Uzbekistan visa support(If needed);
- ❖ Accommodation in 3\* or 4\* hotels;
- ❖ Breakfasts at the hotels;
- ❖ Lunches and Dinners at restaurants and guesthouses;
- ❖ Services of the guide-translator in English
- ❖ Entrance fees to mentioned places in the program;
- ❖ Tashkent – Urgench air ticket;
- ❖ Folklore Show and Dinner in Khiva and Bukhara Madrassah of Nadir Divanbegi
- ❖ A farewell Banquet in the national house with concerts.
- ❖ Luggage porters at the hotels and airport.
- ❖ Transport services (long-distance and from the airport to hotel, hotel to the airport)

**PROGRAM EXCLUDES:**

- ❖ **Uzbekistan visa fee;**
- ❖ **All soft and hard drinks;**
- ❖ **Homeland-Tashkent-Homeland flight ticket;**
- ❖ **Fees for photo and video cameras;**
- ❖ **Health Insurance.**

**The note: - At desire of the client the tour program can change.**