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Program

Cities of the Legend

Tashkent – Samarkand – Bukhara – Tashkent

2019

2 days / 1 night



Day 1 12.09.19 Thursday Tashkent – Bukhara



06:30 – Transfer to train station by bus from one hotel.

07:28 – Departure to Bukhara by high-speed train “Afrosiob” (583 km) *(subject to change)*.

11:19 – Arrival in Bukhara. Meeting with a local guide at the train station. Hotel check in is after 14:00.

Walking excursion along old city

Complex “Poi Kalon” (“Beneath the Great”): “Kalyan Minaret” - the main symbol of sacred Bukhara that symbolized authority and power of spiritual governors. (12th c), “Kalyan Mosque” - its area of 130x80 m surpasses Bibi-Khanym mosque in Samarkand, “Miri Arab Madrassah” - active madrassah is one of the most esteemed spiritual Islamic universities (16th c), “Taki Zargaron” - the dome of jewelers (15-16th cc), “Ulugbeg Madrassah” - one of the 3 madrassahs constructed by grandson of Tamerlan - Ulugbeg (15th c), “Abdulaziz-khan Madrassah” - a traditional madrassah with 2 floors of hudjras and a mosque on the central axis (mid. of 17th c), “Tim of Abdullah-Khan madrassah” (1588-1590), atlas shops, “Magoki-Attari Mosque” - the most ancient mosque in Bukhara (12th c) is considered a masterpiece of Bukhara architecture, “Khanaka and madrassah of Nadir Divan-Beghi” - a massive rectangular structure that was a place for the refuge and meditation of Sufis (17th c), “Kukeldash Madrassah” (16th c) - one of the biggest Bukhara madrassah, “Lyabi-Hauz” ensemble - the largest artificial reservoir of medieval Bukhara - is very popular among tourists (14-17th cc). “Bolo-Houz Mosque” - the only monument of medieval Bukhara (beg. of 20th c), “Ark fortress” - the center of Bukhara statehood (4th c BC).



Lunch is in local restaurant (Uzbek/European cuisine) between excursions.

Dinner is in local restaurant (Uzbek/European cuisine).

Overnight is in **Bukhara**.



Day 2 13.09.19 Friday Bukhara – Samarkand – Tashkent

Breakfast is in boxes.

03:30 – Transfer to train station by bus.

04:55 – Departure to Samarkand by high-speed train “Afrosiob” (280 km) *(subject to change)*.

06:27 – Arrival in Samarkand. Meeting with a local guide at the train station.

Excursion in Samarkand

The architectural complex Shahi-Zinda (Alive king) - necropolis on the slope of the Afrosiab hill is connected with Kusam ibn Abbas - the cousin of Prophet Muhammad (11-15th c).

Gur Emir Mausoleum - Tamerlan's tomb (14-15th c.) that was built for Temur's grandson Muhammad-Sultan and the tombs of three other Temurids - sons of Temur - Miranshah and Shahruh and his grandson Ulugbek,

Ruhabad Mausoleum ("House of Spirit")(external visit) - the legend says that under the dome there is a box with seven hairs of Prophet Muhammad (14th c.), Registan Square ("A sandy place") - the major square of Samarkand: Ulugbeg Madrassah - Sheikh Khodja Akhbar and poet Djami were among outstanding graduates of the Madrassah (15th c.), Sher-Dor Madrassah ("Having tigers") (17th c.), Tillya-Kari Madrassah ("Coated by gold") - the rich gilding on the dome, walls and mihrab surpassed all other famous buildings in Central Asia (17th c.). Cathedral mosque Bibi-Khanym that was named after the oldest wife of Tamerlan (14th c.).

Lunch is in local restaurant (Uzbek/European cuisine) between excursions.

16:30 – Transfer to train station by bus.

17:28 – Departure to Tashkent by high-speed train “Afrosiob” (350 km) *(subject to change)*.

19:44 – Arrival in Tashkent. Meeting and transfer to international airport by bus.



** Please note that itinerary and visit of sights may be changed due to unforeseen conditions. If so, the visit will be changed for the equal.*

Tour cost in case of group 40-45 pax – 163 USD per pax

Includes:

- Accommodation **in standard double/twin rooms** at the hotel as per program:
- **in Bukhara:** “Grand Bukhara” (3*) (local standard) or similar (1 night);
- Meals: breakfast – 1, lunch – 2 and dinner - 1;
- Transport services throughout program on comfortable bus (up to 45 seats) with A/C;
- English-speaking local guides’ service in Bukhara and Samarkand;
- Entrance fees for the excursion objects mentioned in the program.

Excludes:

- Hotel accommodation in Tashkent;
- Supplement for train tickets to the train “Afrosiob” Tashkent – Bukhara (economy class) – **30 USD per pax**;
- Supplement for train tickets to the train “Afrosiob” Samarkand – Tashkent (economy class) – **20 USD per pax**;
- Charges for entries with photo- & video cameras;
- Tips for guides and drivers.