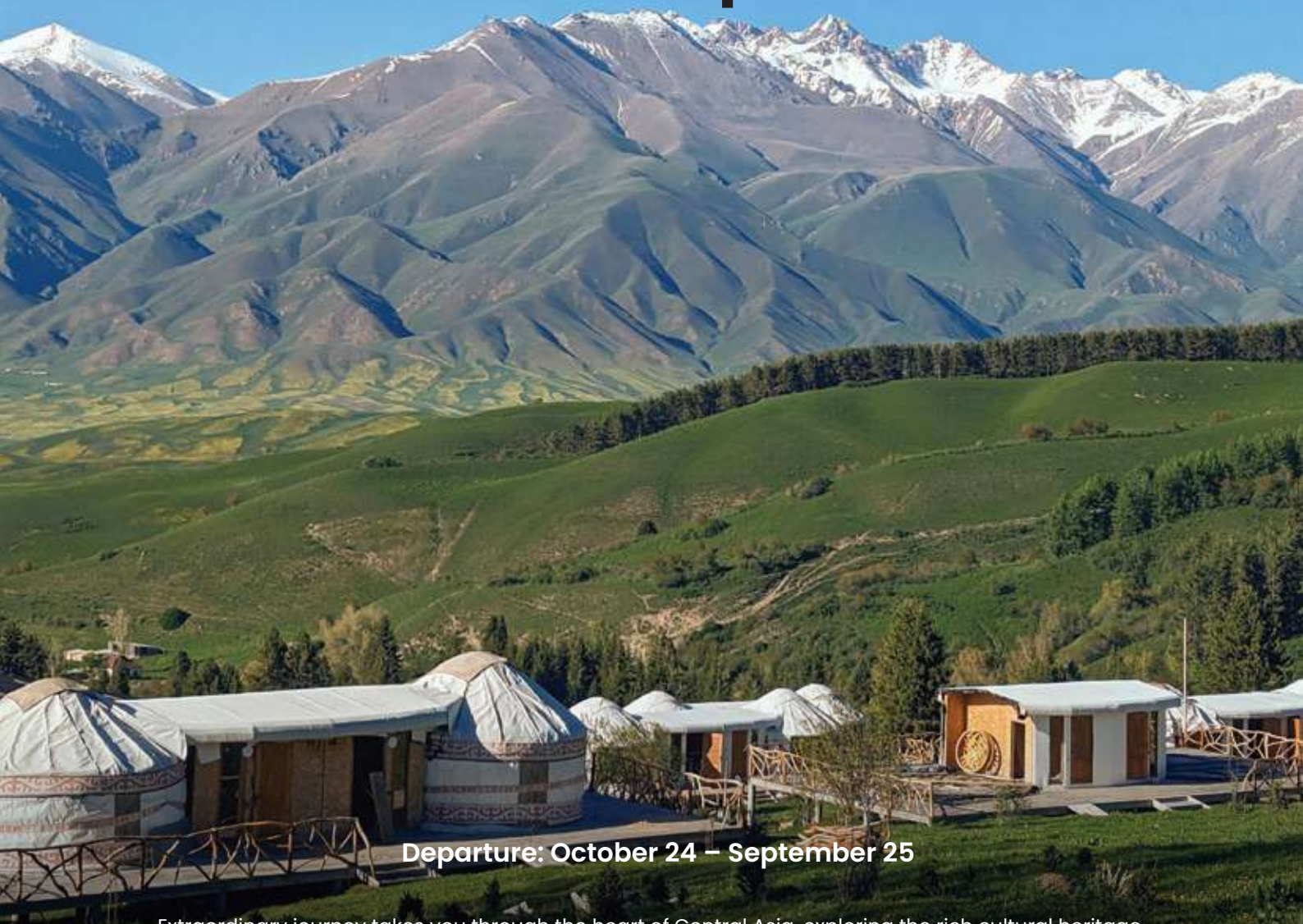


Central Asia

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Epic Silk Road



Departure: October 24 – September 25

Extraordinary journey takes you through the heart of Central Asia, exploring the rich cultural heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and ancient cities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Experience the grandeur of the Silk Road as you traverse bustling bazaars, majestic mountains, and historical sites that have stood the test of time. Each day unveils a new chapter in the fascinating history of the region, offering you an exclusive and immersive experience like no other.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE CA2ISSG

Tour is conducted on a private tour basis with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 9 travellers accompanied by driver-guide throughout in a car or minivan.

- Throughout local deluxe accommodations
- Hop on bullet train ride from Bhukhara to Samarkand
- Savor the Rhythms and Flavors of Uzbekistan with Fok show dinner
- Kok-Tobe Scenic Cable Car Ride:
- Experience the Majesty of the Golden Eagle with Berkut (Golden Eagle)
- Partake Nomadic Life with Yurt Setup Demonstration and unique lodging!
- Shopping Spree at Syob and Chorsu Bazaars
- Picturesque chairlift ride up the Chimgan Mountains, the Swiss-like haven of Uzbekistan
- Serene boat ride in Samarkand's Eternal City

SPECIALTY MEALS

- 100% meals with 4 different cuisines inclusions



SIGNATURE HIGHLIGHTS

UZBEKISTAN

KHIVA

- Ichan Kala
- Kalta Minor Minaret
- Kunya-Ark Fortress

BUKHARA

- Bukhara's Old Town
- Ark Citadel
- Ismail Samani Mausoleum
- Chashma Ayub Mausoleum

SAMARKAND

- Gure Amir Mausoleum
- Registan Square
- Bibi khanum Mosque
- Shakh-i-Zinda Necropolis

TASHKENT

- Museum of Victims of Political Repression
- Besh Qozon – Plov kitchen
- Tashkent TV Tower
- Chimgan Mountains



DAY 01

SINGAPORE > KUALA LUMPUR
(Meals on Board)

Assemble at Changi International Airport for your flight to Kuala Lumpur.

DAY 02

KUALA LUMPUR > ASHGABAT (TURKMENISTAN)

(Meals on Board / Lunch / Dinner with National Dance Show)

Assemble at Kuala Lumpur International airport for your flight to **Turkmenistan**. Upon arrival at Ashgabat International Airport, you'll be warmly welcomed by our representatives and whisked away to your hotel for an early check-in. Delve into history with a visit to the ancient **Nissa Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site** just 18 km from Ashgabat. Founded by Arsaces I around 250 BC, Nissa offers a fascinating glimpse into the **Parthian Empire**. Next, proceed for **Ashgabat city** tour, exploring landmarks like the **Wedding Palace, Constitution Monument, and Ertugrul Gazy Mosque**. End the day with dinner and a captivating National Dance Show, immersing you in Turkmenistan's vibrant culture.

Accommodation :
Ashgabat Hotel or Similar

TURKMENISTAN

ASHGABAT

- Nisa Fortress
- Parthian Empire
- Wedding Palace
- Constitution Monument
- Ertugrul Gazi Mosque
- Turkmen Carpet Museum
- Gulistan Bazaar

MERV

- Seyit-Jemai-Ad-Din Mosque
- Mary
- Ancient Merv
- Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum

DARVAZA

- Darvaza Gas Crater

KAZAKHSTAN

PENJAKENT

- Kok-Tobe
- Almaty TV tower
- Medeu stadium and Dam
- Historical Museum
- Republic Square
- Panfilov Park
- National Museum of Music Instruments

CHARYN

- Charyn Canyons
- Sharyn River
- Charyn National Park



DAY 03

ASHGABAT > MERV > ASHGABAT

(BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER)

Start your day with a scenic drive to Merv, stopping at the historic **Seyit-Jemal-Ad-Din Mosque** along the way. Once in **Mary**, you'll be greeted with local treats at the '**Ancient Turkmen Hearth**' Tourist Zone. Explore the museum, snap photos with national animals like the Alabai and Ahal-Teke Horse, and watch traditional handicrafts in action. After lunch, dive into the rich history of **Ancient Merv**, one of Islam's key capitals, and explore sites like the **Sultan Sanjar mausoleum**. End the day with a relaxing drive back to Ashgabat.

Accommodation :
Ashgabat Hotel or Similar

TAJIKISTAN

PENJAKENT

- Ethnographic Museum
- Sogdian City
- Varzob Gorge
- Istikial Tunnel
- Iskandarkul Lake

DUSHANBE

- Rudaki Avenue
- Independence Square
- Hissor Fortress
- Tajikistan United Museum
- Dusti Square
- Botanical Garden
- Bazaar Mehran

KYRGYZSTAN

BISHKEK

- Turkish Mosque
- Victory Square
- Manas Statue
- Historical Museum
- Lenin Statue

ISSYK-KUL

- Issyk-kul Lake
- Burana
- Buzkashi show
- Tian-Shian Mountain Range
- Cholpon-Ata city

KARAKOL

- Mountain Village

CHON-KEMIN VALLEY



DAY 04

ASHGABAT > DARVAZA

(BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER)

Today, you will proceed to the **Turkmen Carpet Museum**, home to over 2,000 exquisite carpets, including the world's largest hand-woven carpet. Explore the vibrant **Gulistan Bazaar**, where you can find handmade carpets, camel fiber goods, and traditional textiles. This noon, journey to the captivating **Darvaza Gas Crater**, a natural wonder burning in the Karakum Desert for over 50 years. Experience the serene desert as you camp in traditional yurts or tents, enjoy a barbecue dinner, and be mesmerized by the glowing crater under the night sky.

Accommodation :
Unique Ger Lodging

DAY 05

DARVAZA > DASHOGUZ > KHIVA (UZBEKISTAN)

(Picnic Style Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Enjoy a delightful picnic-style breakfast in the unique setting of Darvaza before we embark on a long morning drive to the **Turkmen-Uzbek border**, covering 309 km. Upon reaching the Shavat-Dashoguz border point, you'll go through the necessary customs and passport controls. Welcome to **Khiva, Uzbekistan** and from there, you'll be transferred to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is yours to relax and enjoy at your leisure.

Note:

The drive from Darvaza to Uzbek border is about 6hrs drive through mountainous windy road, please bring along own motion sickness medicine, if required.

Accommodation :

Khiva Favoron or similar



Kunya Ark Fortress

DAY 08

BUKHARA > SAMARKAND

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

A morning exploration of Bukhara start with **Poi Kalyan complex**, an architectural masterpiece showcasing Islamic design. Marvel at the towering **Kalyan Minaret** and the grand **Kalyan Mosque**, each telling tales as old as Aladdin. Next, visit the **Ark Fortress**, a symbol of Bukhara's enduring legacy, where each stone narrates a story of power and resilience. Just nearby, take a stroll to the serene **Bolo Haouz Mosque**, known for its tranquil pond and striking pillars. Wander through the bustling **Trading Domes**, alive with the vibrancy of the Silk Road, and perfect for picking unique souvenirs. Let's journey on to Samarkand after lunch. You will experience a bullet train to Samarkand. As evening sets in, be mesmerized by the **Musical Light Spectacle at Registan Square**, a fitting end to a day rich in history and beauty.

Note :

Please prepare a day bag for your essentials as your main luggage will be send to Samarkand in the morning and will arrival in the evening.

Accommodation :

Continental Hotel Samarkand or similar

DAY 06

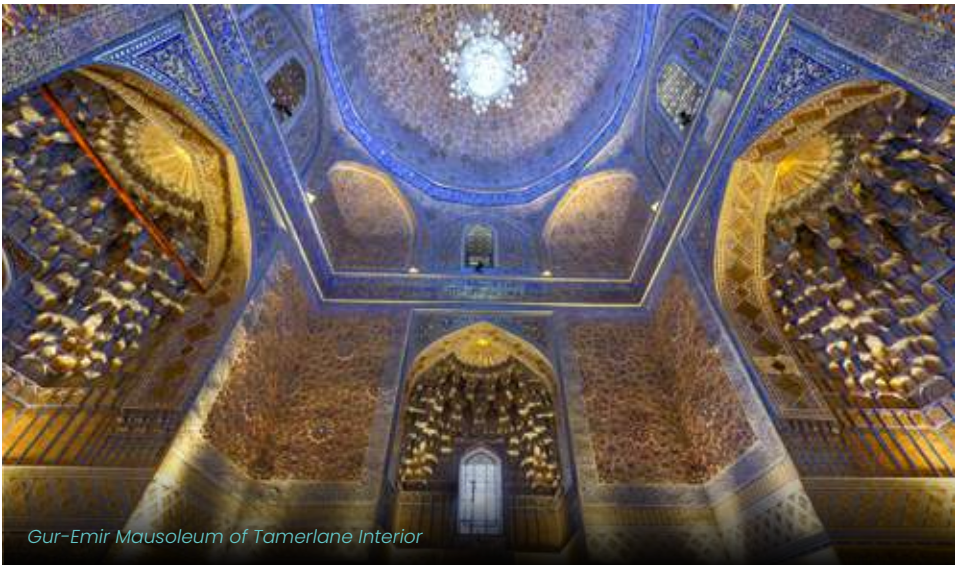
KHIVA

(BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER)

Here at last in **Khiva**, where history and charm blend seamlessly beneath the blue skies. Step into the enchanting **Ichan-Kala**, an inner fortress where history whispers from every corner. Wander through lanes that are a canvas of Islamic architecture and Central Asian elegance. Capture memories at iconic landmarks like the **Kunya-Ark Fortress** and the vibrant **Kalta Minor Minaret**. Every moment here is an Instagram dream come true. As evening descends, find yourself in the mesmerizing Ichan-Kala, a UNESCO treasure in Khiva and indulge in an exclusive dinner, where the rich flavors of Uzbek cuisine await to delight your palate, offering an authentic taste of Uzbekistan's legendary hospitality. Tonight, you don't just dine; you travel through history.

Accommodation :

Khiva Favoron or similar



Gur-Emir Mausoleum of Tamerlane Interior

DAY 09

SAMARKAND > PANAJAKENT (TAJIKISTAN)

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Take a morning serene boat ride in **Samarkand's Eternal City**, exploring 11 hectares of rich Uzbek culture. Wander through artisan shops, visit the stunning **Gur-Amir Mausoleum**, and marvel at the **Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis**. This noon, stroll through the breathtaking **Registan Square** and dive into the vibrant **Syob Bazaar**, where you can pick up local treasures. Discover the grandeur of the **Bibi Khanym Mosque** before crossing into **Panjakent, Tajikistan**. End the day at the ruins of this ancient **Sogdian city** and visit the **Rudaki Historic-Ethnographic Museum**.

Accommodation :

Dushanbe Atlas Hotel or similar

DAY 07

KHIVA > BUKHARA

(Breakfast / Lunch / Insta-Worthy Dining)

Today, you will embark on a scenic 450km drive to **Bukhara**. This route, dotted with quaint villages and sweeping cotton fields, is a scenic bridge between the splendors of Khiva and the timeless charm of Bukhara. As the landscapes unfold, they tell stories of a land suspended between time and tradition. Conclude your day with an Instagram-worthy dining experience in one of Bukhara's most picturesque eateries, where culinary art meets ambiance. Tonight, your meal is not just about taste; it's about capturing moments worth sharing.

Note :

The drive from Khiva to Bukhara is about 6hrs drive through occasionally bumpy road, please bring along own motion sickness medicine, if required.

Accommodation :

Sahid Zarafshon Hotel, Bukhara or similar

DAY 10

PANAJAKENT > DUSHANBE

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, we're heading south toward the relaxed capital of Tajikistan, **Dushanbe**. Our drive will take us through the stunning **Varzob Gorge** and the fascinating **Istiklal Tunnel**. But here's a treat—on the way, we'll stop at the legendary **Iskandarkul Lake**, known as Alexander the Great's Lake. Imagine this: a 340-hectare lake steeped in history, where Alexander himself might have passed by on his way to India. We'll have lunch right on the shore, soaking in those incredible views. You finally reach Dushanbe and the rest of the day is yours to explore. Take a leisurely stroll along Rudaki Avenue, the city's main street, and don't miss the chance to check out Independence Square, where you'll see the world's tallest flagpole, standing at a record-breaking 165 meters!

Accommodation :

Dushanbe Atlas Hotel or similar

DAY 11

DUSHANBE

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, we'll kick off the day with an early morning drive to the **Hissor Fortress**, located just 30 km west of Dushanbe. This historic site is a must-see, offering a glimpse into Tajikistan's rich past. Enjoy delicious lunch at a local restaurant before we proceed to visit the **Tajikistan United Museum**, where you'll find fascinating exhibits on history, natural history, and art—including the impressive Buddha in Nirvana. Next, let's explore **Dusti Square**, home to the monument of Ismoil Somoni and Rudaki's monument in the central park. Take a stroll through the **Botanical Garden**, a lush, serene park filled with ancient trees and a favorite spot for locals. End the day at **Bazaar Mehrgan**, an energetic oriental market that's the busiest place in the city for your shopping spree moment.

Accommodation :

Dushanbe Atlas Hotel or similar



Iskanderkul Lake

DAY 14

ALMATY > CHARYN > ALMATY

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Take a morning drive to the breathtaking **Charyn Canyons**, nested at east of Almaty, near the Chinese border. Spend your morning exploring the dramatic landscapes and marveling at the unique geological features. The canyon stretches roughly 154 kilometers along the **Sharyn River**. This natural wonder, part of **Charyn National Park**, established in 2004, lies within the Uyur District, Raiymbek District, and Enbekshikazakh District in the Almaty Region. Though smaller than the Grand Canyon, the Charyn Canyons are equally awe-inspiring, with stunning formations sculpted by the weathering of sedimentary rock. This evening, enjoy leisure time for yet another shopping spree in the city.

Accommodation :

Kazzhol Park / Dedeman Park Almaty or similar

DAY 12

DUSHANBE > ALMATY > KOK-TOBE > ALMATY

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, heading to the airport for your flight to **Almaty, Kazakhstan**. Ready for an adventure? Once you land in Almaty, you'll be greeted and whisked away to **Kok-Tobe Hill**. Hop on a scenic cable car and enjoy the ride up, soaking in the breathtaking views of Almaty below. As you ascend, the city's beauty unfolds beneath you, with the iconic **Almaty TV tower** standing tall against the skyline. It's the perfect spot for some amazing photos.

Accommodation :

Kazzhol Park / Dedeman Park Almaty or similar



Charyn Canyon

DAY 13

ALMATY

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Explore Almaty today starting at **Medeu**, one of the world's most famous ice skating rinks, perched high in the mountains. Imagine gliding under the stars with music and lights, or relaxing in a VIP box with stunning views. Medeu also hosts Almaty's International Medeu-marathon, challenging runners to climb nearly 1000 vertical meters. After savoring the flavors of Kazakh cuisine lunch, we'll dive into **Kazakhstan's** rich history at the **Historical Museum**. Here, the past comes alive with fascinating exhibits that tell the story of this incredible country. Proceed on to **Republic Square**, the bustling heart of Almaty. Feel the city's vibrant energy as you explore this central hub. Next, take a serene stroll through **Panfilov Park**, a green oasis in the midst of the city and feel the tranquility of the park that is a perfect contrast to the bustling square. End the day at **National Museum of Music Instruments**, where you'll discover a captivating collection of traditional Kazakh instruments. Each piece tells a story of the region's rich musical heritage.

Accommodation :

Kazzhol Park / Dedeman Park Almaty or similar



Rudaki Park

DAY 15

ALMATY > BISHKEK (KYRGYZSTAN)

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today, let's journey on to the **Kazakh-Kyrgyz border** for customs clearance entering in to **Kyrgyzstan** and to Bishkek city. Along the way, enjoy photo stops at beautiful scenic spots. Tuck in for some local cuisine lunch before embarking on a city tour. Your first stop is the **Turkish Mosque**, followed by a visit to Victory Square, where you can appreciate the historical significance of this landmark. Next, explore the **Central Square** featuring the impressive **Manas Statue**, and then immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage at the Historical Museum. End the day at the **Old Square** to see the iconic Lenin Statue.

Accommodation :

Damas Bishkek Hotel / Golden Dragon Bishkek Hotel or similar

DAY 16

BISHKEK > ISSYK-KUL

(Breakfast/Kyrgyz Home-Cooked Lunch/Dinner)

After a hearty breakfast, embark on an exciting journey to **Cholpon-Ata** on the northern shores of **Issyk-Kul Lake**. Our first stop is **Burana Tower**, where you can explore the ancient city ruins of Balasagun and climb the 11th-century minaret for stunning panoramic views. Next, enjoy a thrilling Buzkashi show, witnessing horse-mounted players compete in this traditional nomadic game. Marvel at the majestic **Tian-Shan Mountain Range** on a scenic three-hour drive to **Cholpon-Ata**. Wrap up the day at **Museum of petroglyphs**.

Accommodation :

Kapriz Issyk-Kul Resort Hotel /
Karven Four Seasons Hotel or similar

DAY 17

ISSYK-KUL > KARAKOL > CHONG-KEMIN VALLEY

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

A day of tradition and tranquility as you take a morning drive to a picturesque **Mountain Village**. En route, enjoy a mesmerizing **eagle show** featuring the Berkut, the revered golden eagle of Kyrgyz culture. This hour-long spectacle of ancient eagle hunting traditions is captivating. Continue your drive through the **Chon-Kemin valley**, a pristine national park with rugged mountains and lush pastures. Arrival at your unique lodging Eco Guest House, known for its traditional craftsmanship. Here, watch a **Yurt setup demonstration**, showcasing the region's nomadic heritage.

Accommodation :

Ashu Guesthouse or similar

DAY 18

CHONG-KEMIN VALLEY > BISHKEK > TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, kick off your day with a visit to a bustling shopping center in **Bishkek**. It's the perfect spot to pick up some local souvenirs to remember your trip. Next, head to the airport for your flight to Tashkent. Upon arrival in **Tashkent**, you'll settle into your hotel and check in. This evening, indulge in a flavorful local dinner soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of the Uzbek capital. It's the perfect way to unwind and savor the rich culture of Tashkent.

Accommodation :

Wyndham / Radisson Blu / Lotte Hotel or similar



Issyk-kul

DAY 19

TASHKENT

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Take a morning scenic drive to the **Chimgan Mountains**, passing through charming villages and peaceful streams along the way. Make a stop at the new Amirsoy Resort, where you'll take a thrilling cable car ride up to **Kumbel Ridge**, offering breathtaking views of the 'Big Chimgan' peak. Here at Chimgan camp, you can take a choice of either cable car ride to the observation deck of Big Chimgan for stunning panoramic vistas, or opt for a horseback ride through the gorge for a closer connection with nature. Next, we'll visit the **Charvak Reservoir**, a popular destination known for its beaches and resorts. After soaking in the beauty, enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant before we head back to Tashkent.

Accommodation :

Wyndham / Radisson Blu / Lotte Hotel or similar

DAY 20

TASHKENT > KUALA LUMPUR

(Breakfast / Plov Lunch / Meals on Board)

Explore the city with delve into the poignant **Museum of Victims of Political Repression**, a tribute to the martyrs who fought for Uzbekistan's independence. Next, lift your eyes and spirits high with a view of the **Tashkent TV Tower**! It stands as one of the tallest towers in the world, silently whispering tales of modern achievements into the cityscape. Take a deep insight into Uzbek culinary culture as you visit the **Besh Qozon**, renowned for its giant Plov kitchen. Plov, a staple Uzbek dish made with rice, meat, vegetables, and a blend of spices, is a national favorite and a symbol of Uzbek hospitality and tradition. See the preparation of Plov in such large quantities is an art form, requiring skill and experience to perfectly balance the flavors and textures. And finally, immerse yourself in the colors, aromas, and lively chatter of **Chor-Su Market**. Where you can wander, shop, and perhaps snack your way through one of the city's most lively spots.

DAY 21

KUALA LUMPUR > SINGAPORE

Arrival in Kuala Lumpur for your connecting flight back home.

Remarks

1. Deposit payment guideline
2. \$1,000 per person for tour fares under \$5,000
3. \$2,000 per person for tour fares over \$5,000.
4. Gratuity guideline: USD 10 per person, per day for both the tour guide and driver.
5. A minimum of 10 passengers is required for a guaranteed departure. Private tour options are available with an additional fee.
6. Tour is conducted in English unless otherwise specified.
7. Any changes to the itinerary will adhere to the Company's Terms and Conditions. Customers should take note of the following:
8. The itinerary may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the Company's control.
9. Hotel accommodations in the specified cities are subject to availability.
10. The sequence of activities in the itinerary may be rearranged. Tour groups may be combined with others.
11. Any proposed changes that are not agreed upon will be subject to the refund policy outlined in the Terms and Conditions.

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