



Z A A N H A

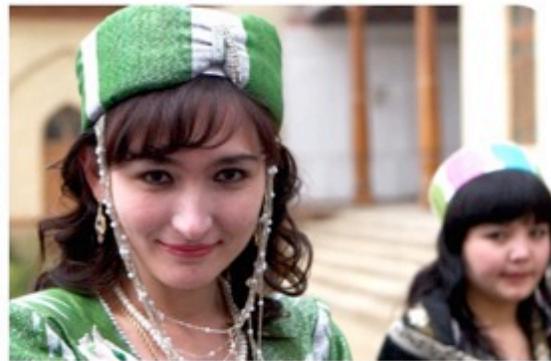
GLAMOUR. FOR GOOD.

Master Artisans & Culture in Uzbekistan

April 19, 2018 – May 2, 2018

14 days; 13 nights

Experience the cultural wealth, ancient caravan cities, hospitable people and striking natural scenery of Uzbekistan, one of Central Asia's most fascinating countries.



Day 1. Arrival in Tashkent

Arrival in Tashkent in the evening. Transfer to hotel. Check-in. Overnight in Tashkent.

Day 2. Tashkent

City sightseeing in Tashkent will include a visit to the Museum of Applied Arts and the State Art Museum to see embroideries and other fine crafts, visit Abdul Khasim Medrassah with its hujra cells used as metalwork craft workshops to produce jewellery and other goods. Lunch at a nice local restaurant. After lunch visit the private studio with museum & workshop of Akbar Rakhimov, a local potter and one of the finest ceramic artists in the country. Dinner and overnight in Tashkent .

Day 3. Tashkent – Kokand – Margilan

Morning depart by road to Kokand, capital of the Kokand Khanate in the 18th and 19th centuries. Visit the Khan's palace museum, mosques and madrassahs. Lunch in the Palace.

Continue driving to Fergana where we will spend the next 2 nights.

Day 4. Fergana – Margilan - Fergana

We'll devote the whole day by visiting Margilan, well-known for its Fergana style architecture and silk weaving process. We will visit Yodgorlic factory to have a chance to see the age-old process of silk production and learn more from the masters about the distinctive colors and patterns. We will be able to visit the craft center of local artists located in the 19th century madrassah. The craft center is run by the master weaver of Margilan Town – Rasuljon Mirzaakhmedov. Rasuljon's family has been in the weaving business for generations. We will also visit the workshop of Fazlitdin Dadajanov – also a well known weaver in Fergana Valley.

Overnight in Fergana.

Day 5. Fergana – Kum-Tepa Bazaar – Rishtan Town - Fergana

Today we will visit the one of most colorful places in Margilan – Kum-Tepa Bazaar. It is a Sunday and Thursday Market and the huge market area will be occupied by a great variety of artists and traders. Continue to Rishtan, one of the most important ceramic centers in Central Asia. We'll visit the private studio of a master ceramic artist and learn about the traditional floral designs native to the region. Lunch at the potter's home.

Early evening train to Tashkent (at 04.00 PM). Arrival in Tashkent at 09.30 PM. Transfer to hotel. Overnight in Tashkent.



Day 6. Tashkent – Samarkand

After breakfast continue by road on to legendary Samarkand, the grand capital of the emperor Tamerlane. The road goes through Tashkent, Sirdarya regions and mountainous countryside of Jizzah region of Uzbekistan where you may want to make spontaneous stop for photographing. After arriving and checking in the hotel lunch at a nice local restaurant.

After lunch we'll visit continue sightseeing Registan Square with its majestic madrassah and numerous shops. Dinner and overnight in Samarkand.

Day 7. Samarkand

After breakfast sightseeing program to Gur-Emir, where Tamerlane is buried, to Bibi-Khanum Mosque and also visit the nearby market, after that visit Shaki-

Zinda ensemble of the Mausoleums. This unusual necropolis has monuments of the 14th and 15th centuries, reflecting the development of the monumental art and architecture of the Timurid dynasty. After lunch at local restaurant we'll visit silk carpet weaving workshop to see how local craftsmen create the wonderful patterns. Dinner and overnight in Samarkand.

Day 8. Samarkand – Bukhara

After breakfast depart Samarkand as we continue tracing the Silk Route to holy Bukhara by the Royal Road (one of the most important of the Silk Route connecting Samarkand and Bukhara) making a stop in Gizhduvan to visit the most important ceramic center of Bukhara region. If we're lucky we'll have the opportunity to see centuries old tradition of using a donkey for spinning the millstones during the process of natural dyes grinding. Lunch at the local potter's home. Continue afternoon drive on to Bukhara. Arriving in Bukhara early evening. Dinner and overnight in Bukhara.

Day 9. Bukhara

After breakfast we'll start full day walking tour of Bukhara to include a visit to the 2000 year-old Fortress Ark where Emirs once lived. Visit Poi-Kalon, or "Pedestal of the Great", the heart and focal point of all Bukhara then continue to the Ismail Samani Mausoleum, dating from the early 10th century and to Chashma Ayub - the Spring of Job, where according to the old Testament, Job caused water to gush from the desert. After lunch in a local teahouse or restaurant, continue sightseeing to Magoki - Attori mosque, dating from 12th century, Madressahs of Ulug-Bek and Abdul-Aziz Khan, Visit Magoki-Attori mosque, dating from 12th century, Madrassahs of Ulug Bek and Abdul-Asis Khan. You will also see Lyabi-Khaus otherwise known as The Shore of the Pool, an architectural complex consisting of the 16th century madrassah and a mosque and the nearby dome covered markets. Dinner and overnight in Bukhara.

Day 10. Bukhara

After breakfast you're invited to visit the most important craft places of Bukhara. We'll start at the Craft Center situated in an old caravan-saray, where we'll have an opportunity to see demonstration of many Uzbek crafts, then continue to the Museum of Blacksmith's Art. We will complete the morning session at carpet weaving center. After lunch at very nice local restaurant we'll drive to the Sitorai Mohi Hosa (5 km north of the city). The former summer residence of the last ruler, it has beautiful stucco plaster interior decorations, huge banquet halls, and a large collection of costumes, silver and Ming china. You will see Bukharan textiles exhibition situated in the building of the former Harem of the last emir. Dinner and overnight in Bukhara.



Day 11. Bukhara – Khiva

After breakfast we'll continue our drive to Khiva, the last great oasis on the old caravan route that will lead us through the Kizil Kum (Red Sands) desert to this remote desert city. Lunch en route. Continue drive to Khiva and arrive late afternoon. The rest of the day we'll do some walking sightseeing of old Khiva. Traditional dinner and overnight in Khiva.

Day 12. Khiva

After breakfast you're welcome to continue sightseeing of Khiva, the most intact and remote city of Central Asia. Experience the richness of this museum city that houses the most homogenous collection of architecture in the Islamic world. Lunch at the local restaurant. In the evening dinner with folk music and dance. Overnight in Khiva.

Day 13. Khiva – Tashkent

After breakfast drive to Urgench (capital of Khoresm region) to depart for Tashkent by air. Upon arrival in Tashkent we'll visit the exciting Chor-Su market to see cradles, hand-made musical instruments, and fruit and vegetable market. To conclude the journey, we'll have a final feast of Uzbek national dishes and farewell toasts. Overnight in Tashkent.

Day 14. Tashkent

Morning transfer to the airport. Departure home.

THE FINE PRINT:

Trip Cost:

8-10 persons: \$4,900 per person double occupancy

6-7 persons: \$5,300 per person double occupancy

The trip is arranged through ZAANHA and includes a \$500 tax deductible contribution to ZAANHA Fund. Rates are quoted per person, based on sharing double accommodations. The cost has been calculated on the existing rates/tariffs and any changes in the costs or modification in tax structure will oblige us to revise the same.

Single Supplement:

If you are traveling alone and would like to share a room, please let us know and we will do our best to find you a roommate. If, however, that can't be accomplished, then you will be required to pay the single supplement.

Single Supplement: \$550.

What's Included:

- Accommodations
- All meals
- Entrance to all events as outlined in the itinerary
- Ground Transportation
- All beverages except alcohol
- Transfers to and from airport
- Loads of FUN and LAUGHS!

What's Excluded:

- International airfare to and from Tashkent
 - Please do not make your airline reservations until you have received written confirmation of your registration from ZAANHA.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls etc.

- Medical or evacuation expenses
- Insurance for self, baggage and liability. There are other companies offering this, so please check for yourself.
 - *Please note that ZAANHA runs this tour personally and will not have insurance for individuals. The insurance is the responsibility of the participants. A list of insurance providers follows:*
 Travelex Travel Select
<http://www.travelexinsurance.com>
 (800) 228-9792

Travel Guard
<http://www.travelguard.com/> or Travel Insurance Services
<http://www.travelinsure.com>.

Travel Insurance Services
<http://www.travelinsure.com/cobrand/select/photoex>

Atlas International Insurance
 (HCC Medical Insurance Services) and underwritten at Lloyd's of London
<http://www.visitorsmedical.com/atlasinternational.html>

American Express

Seven Corners
<https://www.sevencorners.com/insurance/HW7C6YH>

Note on the Itinerary: We will do our best to adhere to the itinerary as indicated, but it is always subject to change for circumstances that occur beyond our control.

Conditions of Participation: Participation is subject to signing an Agreement and Release from Liability and the Booking Conditions. All participants are responsible for their own travel and liability insurance.

ZAANHA Terms and Conditions

Bookings and Payments

All trips are booked on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Payments

- The final payment is due 60 days before the departure date.
- Checks should be made payable as follows:
 - Upon booking, a \$500 non-refundable check made payable to ZAANHA

- should accompany your application.
- 90 days prior to departure, an additional 50% or \$2,200 (for 8-10 people) or \$2,400 (for 6-7 people) in the form of a check made payable to ZANHA should be made.
 - 60 days prior to departure, the remaining balance of \$2,200 (for 8-10 people) should be paid in 2 separate checks as follows:
 - \$1,700 (for 8-10 people) or \$1,900 (for 6-7 people) payable to ZANHA and \$500 payable to ZANHA Fund.
 - The ZANHA Fund portion is tax deductible as permitted by law.

Cancellation

- The booking deposit is non-refundable if you cancel your reservation
 - **ZANHA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ALL PARTICIPANTS TO PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PROTECT AGAINST CANCELLATIONS DUE TO ILLNESS AND INJURY.**
- From 75+ days prior to your departure date, there is a 25% cancellation fee.
- From 45-74 days prior to your departure date, there is a 50% cancellation fee.
- From 44 -0 days prior to your departure date, there is no refund.

Your itinerary and costing is subject to change in the event of extreme currency fluctuations.

Risk and Liability

While participating under ZANHA Adventures, certain unavoidable risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to: accidents, illness, travel by automobile, or other conveyance and the forces of nature.

Neither ZANHA, nor its operators accept responsibility or liability for any injury, loss or damage suffered by any person or property from any cause whatsoever.

Neither ZANHA nor its operators accepts responsibility for any delay prior to or during the course of our trip brought about by strikes, weather conditions or any other circumstances beyond our control.

If ZANHA judges any destination to be unsafe at the time of departure, it will offer to reschedule, relocate, or refund your trip. If conditions should not be optimum due to weather conditions, operators reserve the right to change the itinerary at any time.

All individuals come on this trip at their own risk and must therefore provide their own travel, health and accident insurance coverage during the trip. In addition, we strongly advise guests to take out cancellation insurance to cover any possibilities of personal health or family matters that would result in the inability to travel.

ZANHA is running this tour and will not have any kind of insurance including liability for the trip. In order to go on the trip you must purchase all insurance for yourself I strongly recommend that you self insure for yourself, baggage and liability. Should you decide not to purchase insurance, we require a letter from you stating this.