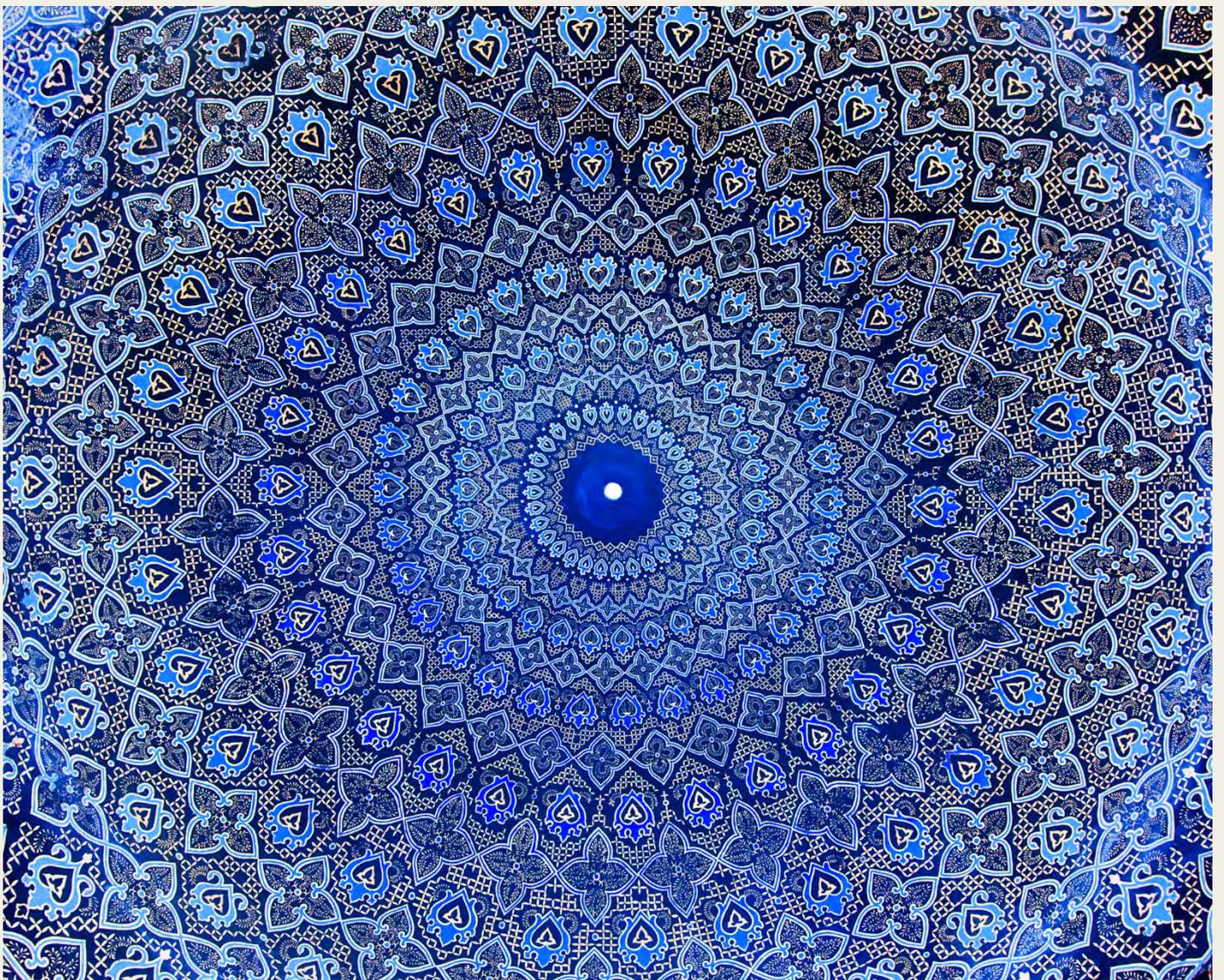


UZBEKISTAN & TURKMENISTAN

A JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA

MAY 14-31, 2019

TOUR LEADER: BEN CHURCHER



TAILORED SMALL
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TRAVEL

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Tour dates: May 14-31, 2019

Tour leader: Ben Churcher

Tour Price: \$8,875 per person, twin share

Single Supplement: \$1,175 for sole use of double room

Booking deposit: \$500 per person

Recommended airline: Korean Airlines

Maximum places: 20

Itinerary: Tashkent (2 nights), Samarkand (3 nights), Bukhara (4 nights), Mary (2 nights), Ashgabat (3 nights), Nukus (1 night), Khiva (2 nights)

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OVERVIEW

With their long history, impressive sites and exotic ambiance, the central Asian caravan cities of Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara have long attracted intrepid travellers from the west. Over the last decade or so travel to Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan has opened up and tourist infrastructure has developed, making not only these legendary cities more accessible to travellers, but also the archaeology, history and culture of more remote places in these countries.

We are delighted to offer an 18-day tour, led by well-known Australian archaeologist and tour leader, Ben Churcher. The itinerary combines multi-night stays in Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara and Ashgabat with trips into the desert, encounters with nomadic groups, and the opportunity to learn about traditional crafts such as carpet making and textiles, for which the region is justly famous, and pottery. The sites visited cover a wide historical span, from the ancient Parthians to 19th-century rulers.

Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan are challenging destinations. While we have selected reputable hotels, standards are variable and many of the comforts of travel which we have come to expect are simply not available. A good level of physical fitness, patience in dealing with border crossings and a preparedness to accept last-minute changes to the travel program are required to participate in this tour.

YOUR TOUR LEADER



Ben Churcher is an educator and archaeologist who, since 1994, has led tours to Central Asia, Jordan, Greece, Syria, Egypt, China and Morocco.

Ben works both in the Near East, as well as with Aboriginal archaeology in Australia. He has a strong personal interest in history and archaeology, primarily of the Muslim world, but not exclusively. Ben holds the position of Field Director at the University of Sydney's archaeological excavations at Pella in Jordan. Ben holds a BA

(Hons) from the University of Queensland and a Dip. Ed from the University of Sydney. In 1983, Ben received a travelling grant from the Alumni Association at the University of Queensland to participate at the excavations at Pella in Jordan and he has been involved in archaeology ever since.

In between digs, Ben worked as a secondary teacher for five years at both public and private high schools and in 1993 he brought together his love of teaching and archaeology by founding Astarte Resources, a company producing and distributing educational resources specialising in history. While running Astarte Resources, Ben has been involved with adult education lecturing on a range of historical subjects and graduate teaching duties at the University of Canberra in their cultural heritage degree.



ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS



For further information and to secure a place on this tour please contact **Jamal Fairbrother** at Academy Travel on 9235 0023 or 1800 639 699 (outside Sydney) or email jamal@academytravel.com.au

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



SAMARKAND

Evoking a mythical resonance, the Silk Road Town of Samarkand has been romanticised in the imagination by generations of poets and playwrights. Explore Samarkand's ancient origins at Afrosiyab, travel to the archaeological sites at Shar-i-Sabz and visit the larger than life monuments constructed by the formidable Tartar warrior Tamerlane, the most powerful ruler in the Muslim world.



BUKHARA

Visit Bukhara, an architectural preserve of Samanid monuments, linked with the last Persian dynasty to rule Central Asia and inhabited for at least five millennia and see the ninth-century Ismail Samani mausoleum. Discover a heritage-listed city-museum full of madrasas and minarets reflecting Bukhara's long-standing history on the Silk Route as a centre for trade, scholarship, culture and religion.



MERV

Admire outstanding examples of Sassanid and Achaemenid cities at the oasis city of Merv on the Silk Road and occupied at various times by Persians, Arabs, Turks, Mongols and Uzbeks. Uncover over 4000 years of human habitation from e Bronze and Iron Age remains to Medieval ruins and one of the Islamic world's largest and most important cities at the large archaeological park that makes up the site.



KUNYA URGENCH

Explore the restored Central Islamic architecture at the World Heritage listed site of Kunya Urgench, located to the north of Ashgabat. The first century capital of Northern Khorezm, Kunya Urgench was conquered by the Arabs and became the 'heart of Islam'. The sites' mausolea and minarets survive despite being largely destroyed by Ghengis Khan and his Mongol hordes in the 13th century.



KHIVA

Delve into a brutal history of barbaric cruelty and slave trading cravens in the walled city of Khiva, a trading post and fort dating back to the 8th century. Enter through the city gates into the fabled *Itchan Kala* or old town and exploring the dark alleys, labyrinthine narrow streets surrounded by the high fortress walls. Venture the short distance outside the city to explore the summer residences of the Emirs of Khiva.



Above: Amir Timur Square is dominated by this statue of Timurid leader Amir Timurid on horseback

Below: Exploring the Shah-i-Zinda mausoleum, Samarkand, which contains some of the richest tile work in the Muslim world



DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L and D.

TOUR START & FINISH TIME

The tour starts in the evening on Tuesday May 14 at the Lotte City Hotel, Tashkent.

The tour ends on Friday May 31 at the Lotte City Hotel, Tashkent.

TUESDAY MAY 14

ARRIVAL IN TASHKENT

Tour leader Ben Churcher and your local tour manager will meet you on arrival at Tashkent Airport shortly after the arrival of the Korean Airlines flight from Seoul. After a coach transfer to the hotel and time to check in and freshen up, there is dinner in our hotel. Overnight Tashkent. (D).

WEDNESDAY MAY 15

EXPLORING TASHKENT

One of the most important trading posts in Central Asia, Tashkent was known to the Chinese in the 5th century, sacked by Ghengis Kahn in the 13th century, occupied by the Russians in the 19th century and became the capital of an independent Uzbekistan in 1991. Our day's sightseeing concentrates on the Old Town, visiting the Chor-Su bazaar (possibly the oldest in Central Asia), the wonderful tiled domes of the 16th-century Kukeldash Madrasa and the Khast-Imam complex. After lunch in a local restaurant we continue with some more recent sites, including a monument dedicated to World War II victims and the Applied Arts museum, with its displays of ceramics, jewellery and rugs. There is a welcome dinner at a local restaurant tonight. Overnight Tashkent. (B, L, D)

THURSDAY MAY 16

TASHKENT-SAMARKAND

This morning we take the train (3½ hours) to Samarkand, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Uzbekistan's second-largest city. After lunch and checking in to our hotel we visit the Registan, the heart of ancient Samarkand. Surrounding the main square are three imposing madrasahs, dating from the 15th to 17th century. Adorned with large central arches and mosaic panels, Registan for many people epitomises a Silk Road city. Lunch and dinner provided at our hotel. Overnight Samarkand. (B, L, D)

FRIDAY MAY 17

EXPLORING SAMARKAND

Today we continue our exploration of Samarkand. The archaeological site and associated museum at Afrosiyob explore Samarkand's ancient origin. We also stop in at the central bazaar of Samarkand and, after lunch, the 11-domed

mausoleums of the Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis, dating from the 15th century. Dinner and overnight in our Samarkand hotel. (B, L, D)

SATURDAY MAY 18 SHAKHRISABZ DAY TRIP

Today we travel from Samarkand to Shakhrisabz, a 90-minute trip. Shakhrisabz, meaning 'green city' was the birthplace of the great warrior Tamerlane in the 14th century, and most of the monuments we see date from the time of his rule. Our sightseeing includes the ruins of the White Palace, Tamerlane's most ambitious project, the 'House of Contemplation' – two blue-domed 15th century mosques and the mausolea of Jakhongir and Omar-Shaykh. We return to Samarkand in the afternoon. Lunch in Shakhrisabz and dinner in Samarkand. Overnight Samarkand. (B, L, D)

SUNDAY MAY 19 SAMARKAND TO BUKHARA

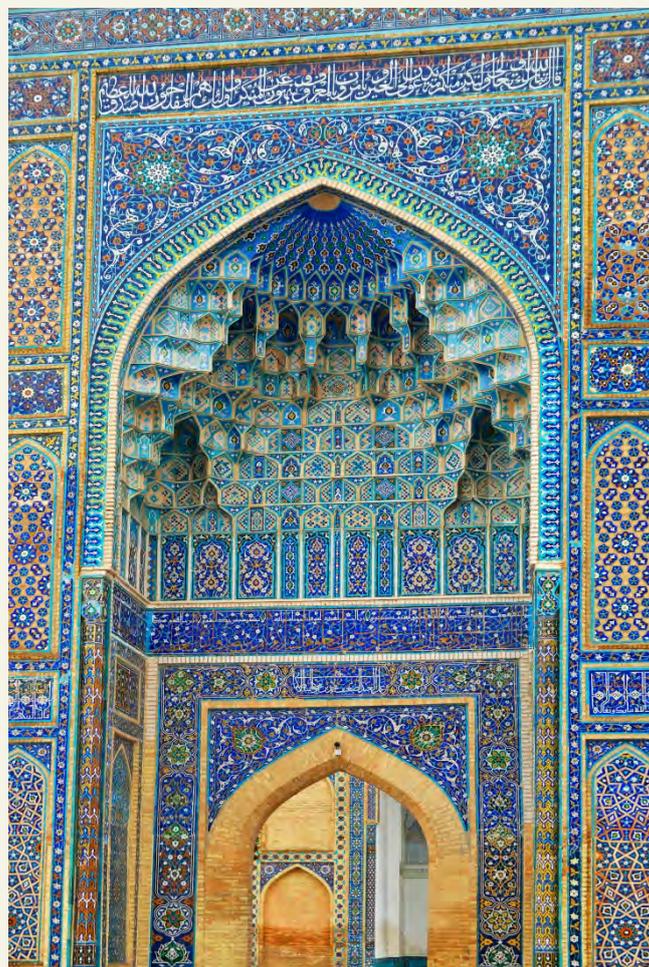
We spend most of the day travelling to Bukhara. En route we make an extended stop at the pottery village of Gijduvan, visiting a pottery master's house to see how popular Uzbek Gijduvan pottery is made. We also share lunch at the house of the potter. We arrive at Bukhara in the late afternoon. There is dinner in our hotel. Overnight Bukhara. (B, L, D)

MONDAY MAY 20 EXPLORING BUKHARA

The city of Bukhara has been inhabited for at least five millennia. It has long been a centre of trade, scholarship, culture and religion, and the historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our sightseeing today includes the 9th-10th century Ismail Samani mausoleum, one of the most highly-regarded expressions of Central Asian architecture (Samani was the founder of the Samanid dynasty, last Persian dynasty to rule Central Asia). We also visit the 14th century Chashma-Ayub, Kalon Mosque, the 12th century Kalon mosque complex and the Jewish quarter (Bukhara has a significant Jewish population). Lunch is in the old town today. This evening's dinner is complemented by a folk dance performance. Overnight Bukhara. (B, L, D)

TUESDAY MAY 21 THE EMIRS OF BUKHARA

The last Emirs of Bukhara ruled until the early 20th century, and today we travel a few kilometres outside Bukhara to view their summer palace, in an attractive lakeside setting, with a park, fountains, loggias and pergolas. The palace's interiors are richly decorated with frescoes, mother-of-pearl screens and stucco carvings – an unusual mix of European and Asian styles. We then visit the village of Sumitan to view the Chor-Bakr Necropolis, a monumental cemetery that sprung up around the tomb of the much-revered Abu Bakr Sayed (a descendent of the prophet Mohammed). The later afternoon is free in Bukhara. Overnight Bukhara. (B, L, D)



Above: Extraordinary tile work on the entrance to the Mausoleum of Gur Emir, Samarkand

Below: The last emir of Bukhara, Alim Khan, photographed (below) by Prokudin-Gorskii in 1911





Above: The Char Minar stands in a maze of alleys between Pushkin and Hoja Nurabad in Bukhara. Its name means "four minarets", but was once a gatehouse of a medressa

Below: the recently restored Mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar in Merv



WEDNESDAY MAY 22 FREE DAY IN BUKHARA

Today is completely free to relax or undertake further independent sightseeing in Bukhara. Lunch and dinner are provided in our Bukhara hotel. (B, L, D)

THURSDAY MAY 23 INTO TURKMENISTAN

We depart Bukhara this morning and cross the border into Turkmenistan. (Lengthy border formalities need to be undertaken at both sides of the border and you should expect a delay of around three hours). We continue to the city of Turkmenabat, where we stop for lunch. We continue for another five hours by coach until we reach the town of Mary, our base for the next few nights. On arrival we visit the historical museum, providing an introduction to the ancient city of Merv. Dinner and overnight in Mary. (B, L, D)

FRIDAY MAY 24 EXCURSION TO GONUR

In the morning we depart Mary and drive through fields along an asphalt road corresponding partly to the Old Caravan Route from Merv to Kunya Urgench. We enter the desert and continue to the archaeological excavations of Gonur, the capital city of ancient Margush. Dating from the third millennium BC, the site has clear evidence of the practice of the Persian religion of Zoroastrianism. We inspect the Palace of the City, Fire and Water Temples and Royal Necropolis. We return to Mary in the afternoon. Today we enjoy a picnic lunch in the desert and dinner in our hotel in Mary. (B, L, D)

SATURDAY MAY 25 MERV AND ON TO ASHGABAT

Half an hour from modern Mary is the ancient city of Merv. Strategically located at an oasis, the city's origins go back to the third millennium BC and it is even claimed that in the 12th century AD, Merv was briefly the largest city on earth. It has been occupied by just about everyone – Persian, Arabs, Turks, Mongols and Uzbeks. Today the site has been designated a historical park and we spend the morning among its ancient remains and medieval fortresses. This afternoon we fly from Mary to Ashgabat, 400km to the west. Lunch is in Mary and dinner in our hotel in Ashgabat. (B, L, D)

SUNDAY MAY 26 ASHGABAT

Ashgabat, meaning literally the 'city of love' is the capital of Turkmenistan. Unlike many of the places we have travelled to it is a relatively modern city. Nevertheless, it contains many interesting sites. Today's program takes us to the National Museum of Turkmenistan, a very large complex surveying the country's long history and containing exceptional archaeological finds. We also tour the Turkmen Carpet Museum, the Museum

of Fine Arts, the monumental marble buildings and fountains of the city and Tolkuchka market. Lunch is at a local restaurant and dinner is in our hotel. Overnight Ashgabat. (B, L, D)

MONDAY MAY 27 ASHGABAT

Today we visit sites in the environs of Ashgabat. The highlight of the day is the ruins of the Parthian settlement of Nisa, the residence of the ancient Parthian kings dating from the third century BC. After lunch near Nisa we travel to Gypjak, visiting the spectacular modern Saparmurat Khaji Mosque and the mausoleum of the first President of Turkmenistan. We return to Ashgabat, with dinner in our hotel. (B, L, D)

TUESDAY MAY 28 KUNYA URGENCH AND NUKUS

We rise early this morning to catch our early flight to Dashoguz in the north of the country. On arrival we travel to Kunya-Urgench, a city with ancient origins that was the capital of the thriving Khorezmshakh state in the 10th century. Kunya-Urgench has been designated a UNESCO world heritage site thanks to its fine Central Asian Islamic architecture, and we visit the domed mausolea of Fakhr At-Din, Turabek Khanum and Najmitdin Kubra, among other sites. The latter part of the afternoon sees us cross the border back into Uzbekistan, with the lengthy border-crossing procedures. We continue to Nukus, our stopping point. Lunch today is near Kunya-Urgench and dinner is in our hotel in Nukus. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY MAY 29 NUKUS TO KHIVA

This morning we undertake a short sightseeing tour in Nukus, visiting the Savitsky Museum, which has a collection of unique paintings and applied arts items. We then continue to Khiva, making an extended stop at the Ayaz Qala yurt camp. Here we have time to rest in the traditional yurt dwelling of nomadic central Asian, and we also have lunch. We then visit the ruins of the ancient fortresses Ayaz Qala and Tuproq Qala. We arrive in Khiva in the late afternoon. Dinner is in our hotel in Khiva. (B, L, D)

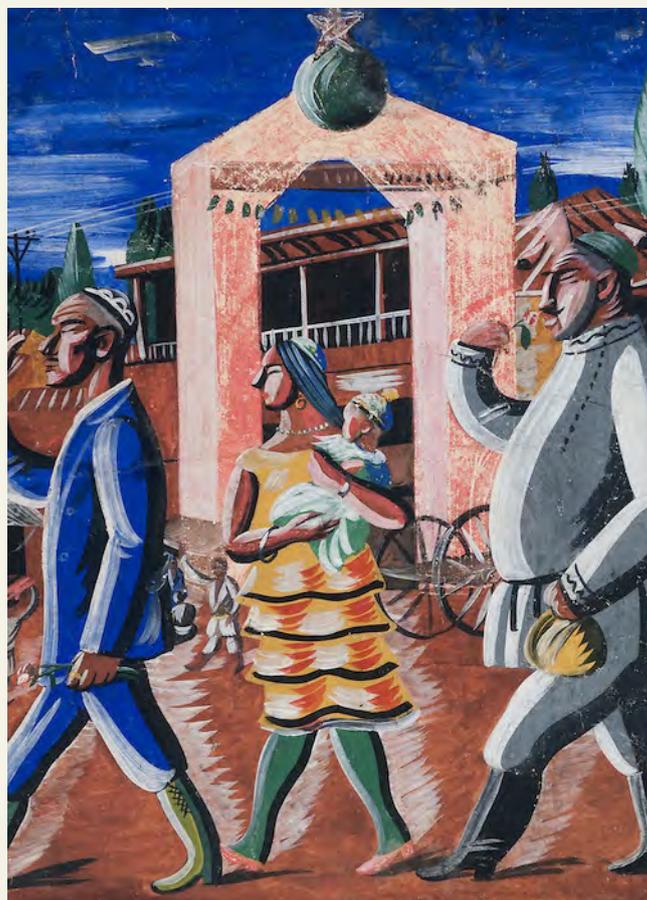
THURSDAY MAY 30 EXPLORING KHIVA

Capital of the Khanate of Khiva and known to Muslim travellers since the 10th century, the walled old city of Khiva will be the highlight of the trip for many travellers. Our tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site includes the houses, squares, mosques and minarets of the old town and the equally impressive outer town, also encircled by protective walls. Lunch in the old town is followed by an excursion to the 19th century summer palace and estate of the Emir Tozabog. Tonight we share dinner in our hotel in Khiva. (B, L, D)



Above: beautiful fabrics on sale at the Ashgabat Bazaar

Below: on the Silk Road – the Savitsky Art Museum at Nukus is noted for its collection of modern Russian and Uzbek art from 1918-1935



FRIDAY MAY 31

KHIVA TO TASHKENT, DEPARTURE

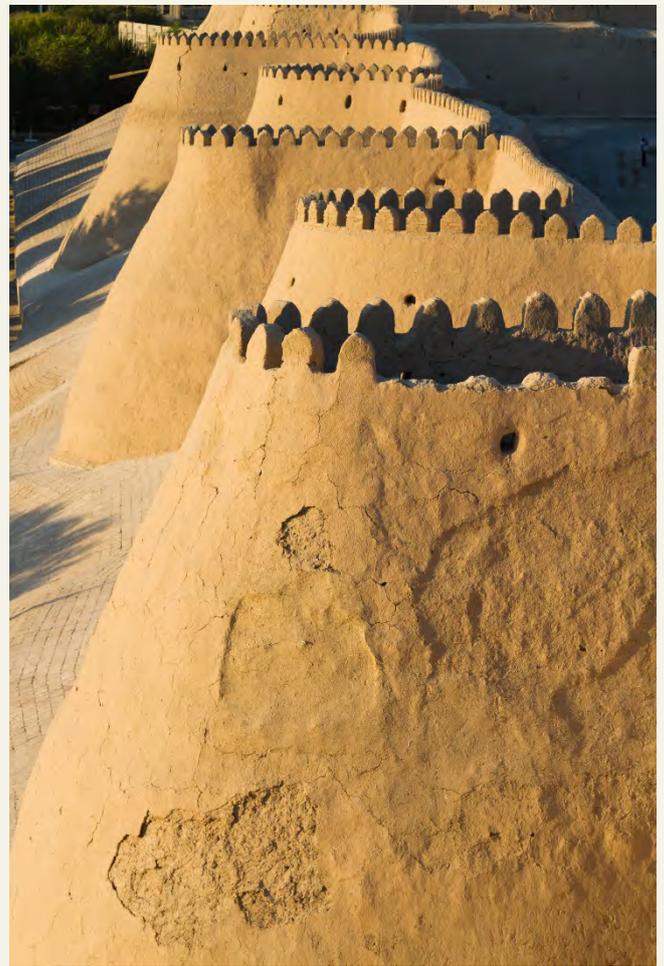
This morning we travel to Urgench airport for the short flight to Tashkent. We transfer to our hotel and share a farewell lunch. The afternoon is free to relax, prepare for the flight home or perhaps do some last-minute shopping. We have arranged day-use of the four-star Tashkent Palace hotel until 7.00pm for those passengers departing this evening. If your flight arrangements require it, you may also stay the night in Tashkent and depart the next day. (B, L)

HOTELS

Hotels on this tour vary from five star to simple three-star hotels according to what is available, and there is an overnight stop in a very simple two-star hotel. Some hotels are large constructions and lack any distinctive atmosphere. Others are small and simple, but well located. Please also note that the overall quality and service standards in the hotels are not necessarily at the same level as other countries. It is not unusual for hotels to change before the departure date, so we have listed a couple of choices in some cities.

- Tashkent, **Lotte City Tashkent Palace** (2 nights)
A large international style five-star hotel located in the central business district
- Samarkand, **L'Argamak** (3 nights)
A small privately-run hotel with only 17 rooms. Recently opened in 2015 the hotel is within walking distance of major attractions such as Registan Square.
- Bukhara, **Asia Bukhara Hotel** (4 nights)
Designated as a four star the hotel is located in the centre of Bukhara.
- Mary, **Mary Hotel** (2 nights)
Three-star hotel located in the city centre. The best hotel in Mary with comfortable rooms.
- Ashgabat, **Yyldyz Hotel** (3 nights)
Large, business-oriented five-star hotel in Turkmenistan's capital.
- Nukus, **Jipek Joli** (1 night)
A very simple two-star hotel for our brief stop here.
- Khiva, **Orient Star Hotel** (2 nights)
A small, three star hotels in a converted madrasa.

Hotels may be subject to change (to another hotel of equivalent quality). Any changes will be advised to all clients booked on the tour.



Above: a section of the massive walls of the old town, Khiva

Below: the Emirs Summer Palace set on a lake in attractive parklands



TOUR PRICE

The tour price is \$8,875 per person, twin share (land content only). The supplement for a single room is \$1,175 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure a place on the tour.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Included in the tour price

- 17 nights' accommodation in a range of hotels
- One-way economy class air travel from Urgench to Tashkent, Mary to Ashgabat and Ashgabat to Dashoguz
- Train from Tashkent to Samarkand
- All meals (breakfasts, lunches and dinners) in hotels or local restaurants including drinks with dinner
- Services of tour leader from arrival to departure in destination country
- On site background talks and tour notes
- All land travel by private air-conditioned coach
- All entrance fees to sites mentioned in itinerary
- Tips to local guides, drivers and restaurants
- All visa costs and departure taxes

Not included

- International air fares, taxes and surcharges (see below)
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature

AIR TRAVEL OPTIONS

The tour price quoted is for land content only. For this tour we recommend travel with Korean Airlines via Seoul direct to Tashkent. Please contact us for further information on competitive Economy, Business and First Class airfares. Transfers between airport and hotel are included for all passengers booking their flights through Academy Travel. These may be group or individual transfers.

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

For further information and to secure a place on this tour please contact **Jamal Fairbrother** at Academy Travel on 9235 0023 or 1800 639 699 (outside Sydney) or email jamal@academytravel.com.au

WEATHER ON TOUR

The annual temperature range in Central Asia is extreme, with hot, humid summers and cold winters. Travelling in May is relatively pleasant – warm but not too hot. In Tashkent, , temperatures range from an average low of 13 degrees to a high of 26. In Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, average temperatures are a few degrees warmer at this time of year. Rainfall in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan is particularly low.

FITNESS REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TOUR

GRADE THREE ★★ ★

It is important both for you and for your fellow travellers that you are fit enough to be able to enjoy all the activities on this tour. To give you an indication of the level of physical fitness required to participate on our tours, we have given them a star grading. Academy Travel's tours tend to feature extended walking tours and site visits, which require greater fitness than coach touring. We ask you to carefully consider your ability to meet the physical demands of the tour.

Participation criteria for this tour

This Grade Three tour is among our most physically demanding. To participate on this tour, you should be able to comfortably undertake up to seven hours per day, over several days. Activities may include travelling long distances, walking on difficult terrain, climbing stairs, embarking and disembarking trains and/or boats, exposure to varying altitudes and long days of touring. These tours may include one night stops and early starts.

You should be able to:

- keep up with the group at all times
- walk for 5-7 kilometres at a moderate pace with only short breaks
- stand for a reasonable length of time in galleries and museums
- tolerate varying climatic conditions
- a reasonable level of physical and respiratory fitness
- tolerate a diet that can be significantly different from a typical Australian diet, and where some dietary requirements cannot be met
- walk up and down slopes
- negotiate steps and slopes on archaeological sites or mountain paths, which are often uneven and unstable
- get on and off a large coach with steep steps, train or boat unassisted, possibly with luggage
- move your luggage a short distance if required

A note for older travellers

We regret that we are not able to accept bookings on a Grade Three tours from people more than 80 years old, or with restricted mobility.

ABOUT ACADEMY TRAVEL

Each year Academy Travel organises around 60 journeys to Europe, the Mediterranean, Asia and the Americas, each focusing on a distinctive historical, artistic or cultural theme. The aim of every Academy Travel journey is to combine the pleasures of independent travel with the benefits and shared enjoyment of a group. Academy Travel is an Australian-owned travel company, founded in 2004. The company's staff includes both academic experts and travel professionals with over two decades' industry experience. We also have our own office in Rome which organises our tours in Western Europe. This means we have direct control over the selection of hotels, restaurants, coaches and local guides, guaranteeing superior quality.

GREAT ITINERARIES

Academy Travel works hard to create itineraries that provide a balanced experience – walking tours, museum and gallery visits, live performances, city and countryside. We're proud to be constantly innovating, from opening up new destinations, creating tours around festivals and special exhibitions, to providing unrivalled depth in our residential tours.



LIKE-MINDED GROUPS

Over the years we've been in operation, we've developed a loyal band of Academy Travellers, some of whom have travelled with us more than 10 times. They say the small groups (maximum 20, average 17) and distinct themes of our tours attract like-minded travellers and create a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.



LONG STAYS

Feedback from our clients consistently tells us that creating itineraries with three and four-night stops, or even longer, is far more appealing than rushing from place to place. Wherever possible, we plan our tours around a limited number of stops, making your travels more relaxed and more meaningful.



SPECIAL EVENTS

A private viewing of the Sistine Chapel? Tickets to a sold-out concert by the Berlin Philharmonic? A world-famous art fair? Access to private homes and gardens? Behind-the-scenes visits? Many of our tours feature access to places and events that are usually not offered on most group tours.



EXPERT TOUR LEADERS

We work closely with a team of academically qualified and highly experienced tour leaders. They don't just 'rattle off the facts' – they help us plan our itineraries and, on tour, freely share their deep knowledge and genuine passion. Most of our tour leaders are still teaching at an advanced level and many are still undertaking academic research.



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Academy Travel was founded in 2004 by a team with decades of prior experience in small group travel. On average, our tour leaders have over 11 years' experience, some with 25 or more years. To ensure quality, we have our own office in Rome, Italy and a network of trusted suppliers around the world.



TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOKING:

- Complete form on screen. Simply click in the box to fill in your details and press "Tab" to progress to the next box. Save the completed form and email it to us.
- Or print the form, complete the fields and send it back to us.

Name of tour:

Departure date:

A YOUR DETAILS

This is my first tour with Academy Travel

I have previously travelled with Academy Travel

PASSENGER 1

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc): Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

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Frequent flyer number(s)

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Name of next of kin (not travelling with you):

Relationship to you:

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PASSENGER 2

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc): Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

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PROOF OF IDENTITY Please provide a photocopy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.

ROOMING PREFERENCES I am travelling: on my own with a friend or family member. Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

I/we would like: a room for sole occupancy a twin-bedded room a double-bedded room

B YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

MEAL REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on all flights and group meals based on this information.

PASSENGER 1

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies

PASSENGER 2

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

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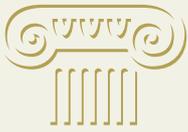
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Academy Travel needs to know about the following medical condition(s)

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C YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

I/we wish Academy Travel to arrange air travel from Australia.

Economy Class. Premium Economy Class. Business Class.

I/we will organize our own air travel.

I/we are undecided about air travel. Please contact us to discuss the available options.

I plan to leave Australia before the tour commences.

Planned departure date:

I intend to take part in the extension tour offered in the itinerary (if applicable).

I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Academy Travel to organise this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below).

To discuss your travel arrangements please contact the travel consultant for your tour. You can also email enquiries to info@academytravel.com.au.

D YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Final payment of the tour fee, insurance and any additional travel will be due 60 days before departure.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 60 days before departure: \$500*

60-45 days before tour start: 25% of total amount due

44-15 days before tour start: 75% of total amount due

14 days or less before departure: 100% of total amount due

*This amount may be credited to another Academy Travel tour within 12 months of the original tour you booked.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Academy Travel requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. We offer a comprehensive policy with a reputable insurer if required.

PASSPORT AND VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel. If you do not hold an Australian passport you may require a re-entry permit. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. We will advise you of all passport and visa requirements, but it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet passport and visa requirements before you depart.

WILL THE TOUR PRICE CHANGE?

If the number of participants in a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates Academy Travel reserves the right to amend the advertised price. If this occurs you will be given the option of canceling your booking and obtaining a full refund. If an Academy Travel tour is forced to cancel you will get a full refund of all monies paid.

WILL THE ITINERARY OR AIRLINE CHANGE?

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Academy Travel make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make slight amendments to daily itineraries. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

FINAL PAYMENT

Full and final payment for the tour, airfare travel, insurance and any additional travel you book is due 60 days before departure. Payment may be made by bank deposit, cheque, cash or credit card. Please note there is a surcharge for payments made by credit card.

Academy Travel reserves the right to decline the booking or terminate the holiday of any traveller.

I/we accept the conditions on this booking form

I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I/we are able to meet these requirements.

Date:

AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions above and on our website, and the inclusions and non-inclusions listed in the detailed itinerary for the tour.

E DEPOSIT PAYMENT

A non-refundable \$500 deposit is required for each person listed on this booking form. Please indicate which method you have chosen to pay your deposit:

Number of passengers: Amount of deposit: \$

Paid directly by cheque (Please make cheques payable to Academy Travel)

Paid by credit card (Please complete details below)

MasterCard Visa American Express

Card Number:

3 or 4 digit security code:

Expiry date:

Name on card:

Amount: \$

Date:

AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form you are authorising us to charge the cost of deposits for booking on this tour. No further charges will be made without your prior authorisation.

F HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR?

Please select where you first heard about this tour:

I receive the Academy Travel tour program

I receive the Academy Travel weekly emails

I saw an advertisement online... please specify

I saw an advertisement in... please specify

I attended a lecture at... please specify

Searching the internet... please specify

A friend recommended Academy Travel tours

Other... please specify

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