

## Discover the Heart of the Silk Road: Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan **SR-10**



Embark on an extraordinary journey through Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, two of Central Asia's most captivating destinations. From the legendary Silk Road cities of Samarkand and Khiva to the awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage sites of Merv and Nissa, this tour immerses you in centuries of rich history and culture. Explore vibrant bazaars, marvel at architectural wonders, and experience local traditions firsthand. With a thoughtfully designed itinerary, this adventure offers an exceptional opportunity for history lovers and cultural explorers to discover the hidden gems of the Silk Road.

### DEPARTURE DATES:

01.02.2025; 15.02.2025; 22.02.2025; 08.03.2025; 15.03.2025; 22.03.2025; 29.03.2025; 05.04.2025; 12.04.2025; 19.04.2025; 26.04.2025; 03.05.2025; 10.05.2025; 17.05.2025; 24.05.2025; 31.05.2025; 07.06.2025; 14.06.2025; 21.06.2025; 28.06.2025; 05.07.2025; 12.07.2025; 19.07.2025; 26.07.2025; 02.08.2025; 09.08.2025; 16.08.2025; 23.08.2025; 30.08.2025; 06.09.2025; 13.09.2025; 20.09.2025; 27.09.2025; 11.10.2025; 25.10.2025; 08.11.2025; 22.11.2025; 06.12.2025.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - Tashkent

Welcome to Uzbekistan! Upon your arrival in Tashkent, you'll be warmly welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Take some time to settle in, relax, and get acquainted with the vibrant capital city as you prepare for the remarkable journey ahead. Overnight in Tashkent. (Dinner)

#### Day 2 - Tashkent

Begin your day with a guided exploration of Tashkent, Uzbekistan's lively and culturally rich capital. Start in the historic Old Town, where you'll visit the Khast-Imam Complex, home to the venerated Osman Quran. Move on to Amir Timur Square, a prominent landmark honoring the famed ruler, and the Courage Monument, commemorating Tashkent's enduring spirit. Continue to the elegant Opera and Ballet Theater and the expansive Independence Square, showcasing Uzbekistan's journey to sovereignty. Wrap up your tour at the bustling Chorsu Bazaar, a vibrant marketplace brimming with local produce, traditional crafts, and the essence of Uzbek culture. Overnight in Tashkent. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### Day 3 - Tashkent / Samarkand

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, you'll transfer to the train station for a high-speed "Afrosiab" train journey from Tashkent to Samarkand, departing at 08:30 and arriving at 10:40. Upon reaching Samarkand, you'll check into your hotel and prepare for a day filled with remarkable discoveries. Begin your exploration at the iconic Registan Square, famed for its trio of majestic madrassahs - Sherdor, Ulugbek, and Tillya Qory. Continue to the impressive Bibi-Khanum Mosque and the Gur-Emir Mausoleum, the resting place of Timur. Visit Ulugbek's Observatory, a symbol of the region's rich scientific history, and the Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis, an awe-inspiring collection of intricately decorated mausoleums. Conclude your day at the vibrant Siab Bazaar, where the lively

### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

#### Included

International flights  
Domestic flights in Turkmenistan  
Accommodation  
Breakfasts - daily  
Dinners - daily  
English - speaking guides  
Guided tours & entrance fees  
Airport & railway transfers

#### Not included

Personal travel insurance  
Optional excursions

#### Practical information

About Go Russia company  
Accommodation options

atmosphere and local flavors offer an authentic glimpse into Uzbek culture. Overnight in Samarkand. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 4 - Samarkand / Bukhara**

After breakfast, we'll transfer you to the train station for your journey to Bukhara aboard the high-speed "Afrosiab" train, which takes just an hour and a half. Upon arrival, you'll be taken to your hotel to check in and unwind before setting out to explore this historic city. Begin your guided tour at the Lyabi-Khauz complex, a serene area centered around the oldest pool in Central Asia and framed by exquisite medieval structures like the Nadira Divan-begi madrasah and Khanaka, celebrated for their intricate mosaic designs. Next, visit the Kukeldash madrasah, the largest of its kind in Bukhara. Continue to the iconic Poi-Kalyan Complex, home to the towering Kalyan Minaret, the grand Kalyan Mosque, and the still-active Miri-Arab madrasah, all showcasing the city's remarkable blend of architectural and spiritual traditions. After an enriching day, enjoy a relaxing evening with an overnight stay in Bukhara. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 5 - Bukhara**

After breakfast, we'll gather in the hotel lobby to embark on another day of uncovering Bukhara's rich history. Our journey begins at the Samanids Mausoleum, a masterpiece of early Islamic architecture renowned for its intricate brick patterns and as the final resting place of the influential Samanid dynasty. Next, we'll visit the Ark Citadel, a fortress that once served as the residence of Bukhara's emirs. As we explore this historic stronghold, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the city and gain insights into its centuries-old role as a center of governance and culture. We'll then marvel at the unique Chor-Minor, a charming structure distinguished by its four intricately adorned minarets, each with a distinct design. Our day concludes with a visit to the elegant Sitorai-Mohi-Khosa Palace, the emirs' summer retreat. Surrounded by lush gardens, the palace showcases a captivating blend of traditional Bukhara and European architectural influences. After a day rich with exploration, we'll return to the hotel for an overnight stay in Bukhara. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 6 - Bukhara / Border Crossing / Mary**

Begin your day with free time to soak in the charm of Bukhara at your leisure. Take a final stroll through its atmospheric streets, revisit your favorite landmarks, or simply unwind in one of its tranquil courtyards before we set off for Mary in Turkmenistan. Upon arrival in Mary, embark on an introductory tour of this intriguing city. Highlights include the History Museum of the Mary Region, which offers insights into the area's rich past, the elegant Russian Orthodox Church, and the vibrant local bazaar, where you can experience the daily life and culture of the region. We'll also visit the striking Gurbanguly Haji Mosque, a modern masterpiece of Turkmen architecture. After the tour, transfer to your hotel to settle in and relax. Overnight in Mary. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 7 - Mary / Merv / Ashgabat**

After breakfast, we'll set off to explore the Ancient City of

Merv, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a key hub of the historic Silk Road. This vast historical park is home to an array of remarkable landmarks, including the majestic Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum, the monumental Large and Small Gyz Gala, Erk Gala, Gyaurla Gala, the Keshk Fortresses, and the Muhammed ibn Zaid Mausoleum. Each site offers a glimpse into the city's illustrious past and its significance as a cultural and trade center. Following our deep dive into Merv's rich history, we'll return to Mary for a short flight (approximately 40 minutes) to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan's vibrant and modern capital. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to your hotel, where you can unwind and settle in for the evening. Overnight in Ashgabat. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 8 - Ashgabat / Nissa / Ashgabat**

After breakfast, embark on a full-day city tour of Ashgabat to uncover its most iconic landmarks and unique character. The journey begins at the National Museum, where you'll delve into Turkmenistan's rich cultural and historical heritage. Next, visit Independence Park, adorned with grand monuments that celebrate the nation's sovereignty, and marvel at the Rukhnama Monument and the impressive Neutrality Arch. Continue with a scenic ride on the Ferris Wheel, offering stunning panoramic views of the city, and stop by the Magtymguly Monument, dedicated to the renowned Turkmen poet. A highlight of the day will be a visit to the ancient ruins of Nissa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site showcasing remarkable Parthian architecture. Conclude the day at the magnificent Turkmenbashi Mosque-Mausoleum, an extraordinary blend of spiritual significance and architectural splendor. After an enriching day of exploration, return to the hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Ashgabat. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 9 - Ashgabat / Dashoguz**

After breakfast, continue exploring Ashgabat, a city where modern innovation meets deep-rooted traditions. Start the day with a visit to the renowned Ahalteke horse stables to learn about Turkmenistan's prized horses, celebrated for their beauty and strength. Next, marvel at the stunning Ertogrul Ghazi Mosque, a striking example of Islamic architecture. Stop by the historic Lenin Monument and dive into the lively atmosphere of the Russian Bazaar, a vibrant hub of local life. Visit the poignant Earthquake Monument, a tribute to the resilience of the Turkmen people, and the Soviet War Memorial Complex, commemorating significant moments in the nation's history. Wrap up your day with a tour of the Carpet Museum, home to exquisite examples of Turkmen craftsmanship, and end with a visit to the Wedding Palace viewpoint, where you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the city. In the evening, transfer to the airport for a short flight (approximately 50 minutes) to Dashoguz. Upon arrival, you'll be met and taken to your hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Dashoguz. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Optional - Darvaza Gas Crater. For those seeking an extra thrill, an optional adventure to the Darvaza Gas Crater, also known as the "Door to Hell," is available. You can choose between a day trip or an overnight stay at a

traditional yurt camp near the crater. The journey to the crater takes you on a 275 km (172 miles) drive, with an additional 300 km (188 miles) to Dashoguz. If you decide to stay overnight, you'll spend the night in a yurt camp, offering a unique opportunity to experience the vast desert and its eerie, surreal landscape. At night, you'll witness the crater's fiery glow-an unforgettable sight under the starry desert sky. This excursion provides an incredible chance to immerse yourself in the otherworldly beauty and mystique of Turkmenistan's desert environment.

**Day 10 - Dashoguz / Kunya Urgench / Border Crossing / Khiva**

In the morning, we'll begin our journey to Kunya Urgench, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most significant historical locations in Turkmenistan. Here, we'll explore the fascinating historical park, which features the towering Kutlug Timur Minaret, the graceful Mausoleum of Turabek Khanum, the Mausoleum of Tekesh, the Mausoleum of Il Arslan, and the Caravansaray Gateway, among other remarkable landmarks. Afterward, we'll head to Dashoguz for a leisurely lunch and explore the city, including the History Museum of Dashoguz Region, the Central Mosque, and the bustling local bazaar. In the afternoon, we'll cross the border into Uzbekistan and make our way to Khiva, a beautifully preserved Silk Road city brimming with history and charm. Upon arrival, we'll check in to our hotel and enjoy an overnight stay. Overnight in Khiva. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 11 - Khiva**

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a fascinating sightseeing tour of Khiva, where we'll delve into the treasures of Ichan Kala, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our tour begins at the Kalta-Minor Minaret, an impressive yet unfinished structure that reaches 26 meters in height with a base diameter of 16 meters. It was originally envisioned as the tallest minaret in Central Asia. Next, we'll visit Kunya-Ark, the first palace of Khiva's khans, and the Pahlovan Mahmud Mausoleum, a stunning example of Islamic architecture. We'll then explore the Islam Khodja Madrassah and Minaret, completed in 1908, followed by the unique Juma Mosque, famous for its flat roof supported by 218 intricately carved wooden columns, known for their exceptional acoustics. This tour will offer you a deep appreciation of Khiva's rich cultural and architectural heritage. Overnight in Khiva. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 12 - Khiva**

The tour concludes with a transfer to the airport for your flight back home, bringing to a close your unforgettable journey through the captivating cities and landscapes of Central Asia. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you on your next adventure! (Breakfast)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3\* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Incl. flights*	Single suppliment
01/02/2025 - 12/02/2025	Rs 229500	Rs 299500	Rs 22500



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#### PREMIUM - 4\* PACKAGE

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## ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Discover the Silk Road: a Journey across 5 Stans \(SR-08\)](#), Price from Rs 469,500, 23 days
- > [Bishkek to Almaty: a Journey through Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan \(SR-09\)](#), Price from Rs 179,500, 8 days
- > [Great Uzbekistan Discovery: from Fergana to Khiva \(SR-06\)](#), Price from Rs 169,500, 13 days
- > [Best of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Chimgan, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara, Khiva \(SR-07\)](#), Price from Rs 139,500, 10 days

## INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

### India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in India, US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

### Non-India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in India, USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:

[www.justgorussia.in/in/visa\\_services.html](http://www.justgorussia.in/in/visa_services.html)

## HOW TO BOOK

## Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

## Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to [www.justgorussia.in](http://www.justgorussia.in) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@justgorussia.in](mailto:info@justgorussia.in), or

**Phone:** call us on 000 800 050 24 14

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

## Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

## Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum Rs15,000) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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