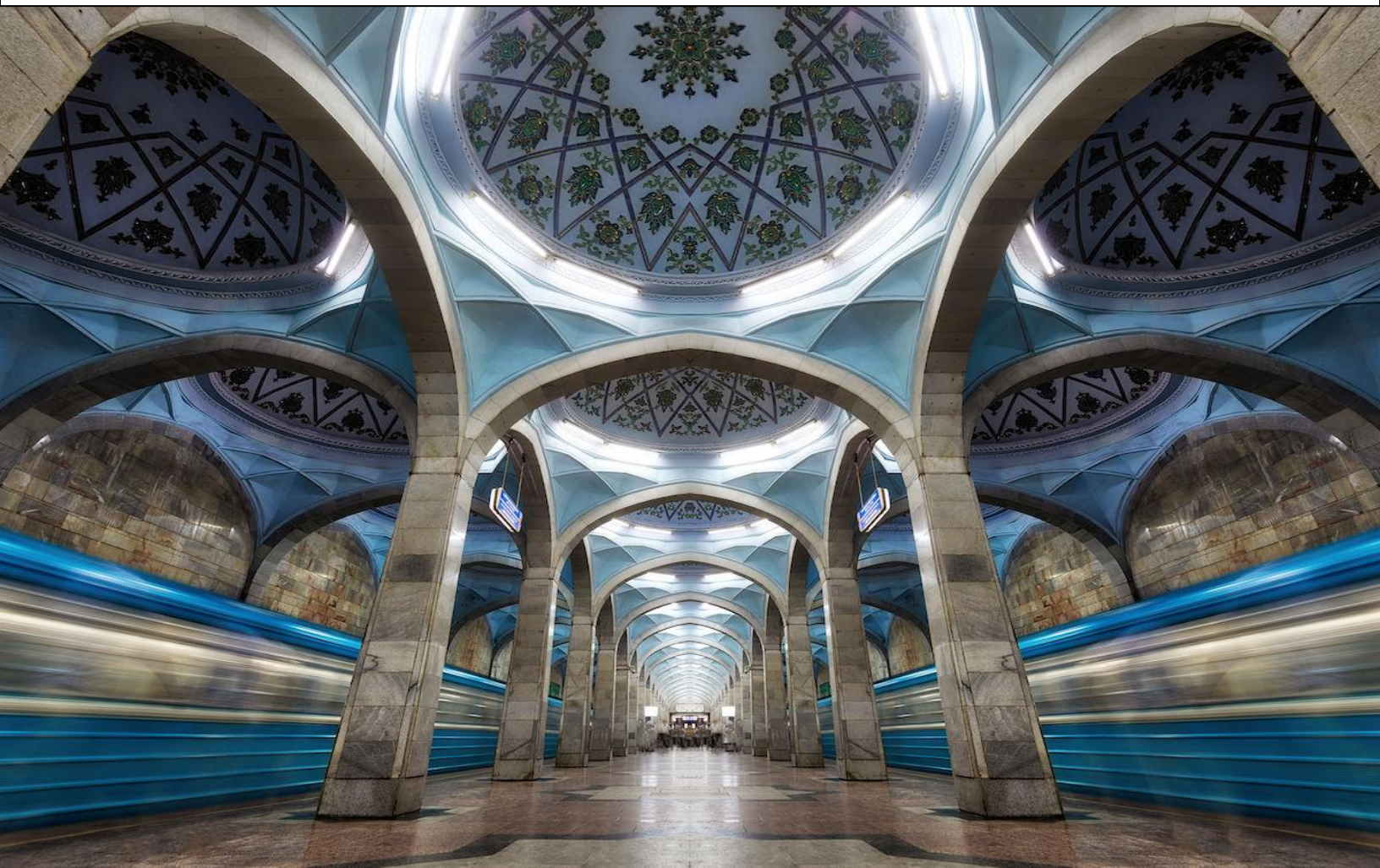




Azerbaijan & Uzbekistan





Customized Tours to Silk Route

Azerbaijan & Uzbekistan

Baku – Quba – Tashkent – Bukhara - Samarkand

12 Days / 11 Nights

D E T A I L E D P R O G R A M

DAY 01, SUNDAY

DELHI – BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)

Late evening depart from New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport - Terminal 03 to Baku.

By Flight: Emirates (EK 2125)

DEPART: NEW DELHI AT 04:10 HRS

ARRIVE: DUBAI AT 06:50 HRS

LAYOVER 01HRS 20 MINUTES

DEPART: DUBAI AT 08:10 HRS

ARRIVE: BAKU AT 11:05 HRS

Pick up the group at the airport Heydar Aliyev International Airport (Baku) and transfer to the hotel.

Baku, the capital and commercial **hub of Azerbaijan**, is a low-lying city with coastline along the Caspian Sea. It's famed for its medieval walled **old city**, which contains **the Palace of the Shirvanshahs**, a **vast royal complex**, and the iconic stone Maiden Tower. **Contemporary landmarks include the Zaha Hadid–designed Heydar Aliyev Center, and the Flame Towers, 3 pointed skyscrapers covered with LED screens.**



Later depart to visit **Absheron Peninsula**, the ancient settlement, has the history dating to BC. **The temple of fire worshippers Ateshgah (XVII century) has Persian and Indian inscriptions. The temple was used as a Hindu, Sikh, and Zoroastrian place of worship.** Hereinafter we proceed with “Yanardag” excursion. It’s the Magic Burning Mountain on the emerging fuel gases from below the earth. **You could also do some adventure activities here.**

The modern Azerbaijan is recognized in the world through its national leader Heydar Aliyev. And the Center bearing the name of **Heydar Aliyev has become a symbol of modern Azerbaijan and modern Baku.** We will visit the wonderful architecture of Heydar Aliyev Center - probably the most photogenic place in Baku.

Dinner today is planned at an Indian restaurant, with some folk and belly dances.

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight at hotel

DAY 02, MONDAY

IN BAKU

Breakfast is at the hotel.

Departure for old city excursion which includes the monuments such as Maiden Tower XII, Shirvanshah Palace XVI, Karvansarays XVII.



The “**Baku Acropolis**”, “**Old Town**”, “**Inner Town**” – these are the names for this unique historical ensemble located right in the center of Baku. “**Icheri Shekher**” is the heart of the city. **It was declared a historical and cultural reserve in 1977, and was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2000.** The territory of Icheri Shekher was inhabited with people as early as in the Bronze Age.

Next is visit to miniature book museum, Juma mosque and a walk through the ancient streets in Inner city. We would then visit the **Shirvanshahlar Palace- a 15th-century palace built described by UNESCO as "one of the pearls of Azerbaijan's architecture".**

National Seaside Boulevard and a walk on the Nizami street is a must too.

By late evening we would return back to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 03, TUESDAY

IN BAKU

After breakfast, depart for Gobustan.

In 1966 **Gobustan** was **declared a national historical landmark of Azerbaijan** in an attempt to preserve **the ancient carvings, relics, mud volcanoes and gas-stones in the region.** These mountains are located near the Caspian Sea, in the southeast part of Gobustan.

Then visit Ancient **Petroglyphs at Gobustan National Park is UNESCO World Heritage site,** considered to be of "outstanding universal value" for the quality and density of its rock art engravings, rock art images presents for hunting, fauna, flora and lifestyles in pre-historic times.



Later visit the **Mud Volcanoes** and then return hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 04, WEDNESDAY

BAKU – QUBA – BAKU

After breakfast, depart for day trip to landscapes of northern Azerbaijan. On this day trip to **Quba (168 kms/0230hrs-one way)** where you'll explore the region's capital and the **village of Khinalug**.

Quba Day Trip

First, we'll head through the **Khizi region** while admiring the landscapes of the **famous Red Mountains**.

We'll drive through the centre of the town of **Quba to reach the Qecresh Forest**, where we'll have an hour of free time to discover its natural beauty. **When we arrive, you'll also get to taste some Samovar tea, a typical drink inherited from Russia.**

Next, we'll get back on the bus and head towards **Khinalug, a charming**, picturesque village nestled in the **mountains at over 2000 metres high. It's said to be the highest village in Europe!** We'll learn about its customs and traditions at the Historical-Ethnographic. M



Lastly stop for an hour at the Mestergah Waterfall to admire the beautiful landscape. pm.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 05, THURSDAY**BAKU – TASHKENT**

Breakfast at the hotel, departure transfer to Baku airport to board the flight for Tashkent.

On arrival at Tashkent International Airport, you will meet our tour representative who helps you with an assisted transfer to the hotel in Tashkent. Check-in at a pre-booked hotel and settle down. Take some rest and after having breakfast you will embark on a sightseeing tour of the city.

Your guide will take you through the history of **Uzbekistan** and the top attractions of the **city of Tashkent**. You will visit the **Independence Square** is a central square of Tashkent and it hosts celebrations and military parades in the days of special occasions and public holidays, **Tashkent Broadway** is another tourist attraction in Tashkent and connects the two main squares Amir Temur Square and Independence Square in the city. This is also one of the greenest parks covering with lots of trees and fountains.

Next, **visit the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial is a city landmark**, however for any Indian, he is a great figure and a memorial is built in the center of Tashkent, Monument of Courage is dedicated to the 1966 earthquake in Tashkent is one of the important cenotaphs in today's city.

After appraising the historical part of the city, we are moving to the next attraction **Amir Temur Square is named after the great emperor Amir Temur and a decent attraction in Tashkent, Freedom Square and Memorial Complex of Memory of Repression Victims are also one of the famous tourist attractions in Tashkent.**

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 06, FRIDAY**TASHKENT - BUKHARA**

Breakfast at the hotel, departure transfer to the railway station to board high-speed train "Afrosiyob". to Bukhara

Upon arrival in Bukhara (duration 04hrs), you will transfer to the hotel. After check-in at hotel, start your sightseeing tour in Bukhara.

First visit to **Lyab- i-Hauz Complex** is the name of the area encircling by the ponds and it is the modern center of traditional Uzbekistan.

Later you will proceed to **Magoki-Attori Mosque** which is the unique complex, built on the site of former **Zoroastrian Temple, Chor-Minor Madrasah is the significant mosque of the historic city of Bukhara, Trade domes, Kalyan Minaret is one of the most prominent landmarks in the city** which was built by Mohammad Arslan Khan in 1127 to summon Muslim to prayer five times a day. Apart from, there are also some other famous tourist attractions you can visit the Kalyan Mosque and Miri-Arab Madrasah.

Later visit to **Ulughbek Madrasah** which is one of the earliest buildings, **Abdulazizkhan Madrasah** is an unrestored gem, **Ark Fortress**, **Bolo-Khauz Mosque**, **Chashma-Ayub**, and **Ismail Samani mausoleums**.



Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 07, SATURDAY

BUKHARA – SAMARKAND

After breakfast, leave for the railway station for transfer to the Samarkand.

On the way, we will visit **Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace**- the residence of the last emir of Bukhara.

Continue driving and pay a visit to **Chor-Bakr Necropolis** is one of the most charming and quirky buildings in Bukhara.

Post-lunch at the local restaurant, you will transfer to the railway station at 15:51 for departure from Bukhara by high-speed train "Afrosiyob".

Upon arrival in **Samarkand at 17:20hrs**. You will transfer to the hotel. Check-in into the hotel,

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 08, SUNDAY

SAMARKAND - TASHKENT

After breakfast, check-out from hotel. Then proceed on the city tour. Pay a visit to **Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum also known as Timur in Samarkand**, it is a tomb of King Timur and other member of his family, **Magnificent Registan Square** is a real gem located in the city, **Bibi-Khanum Mosque** is one of the most important monuments of Samarkand and Siab Bazaar is the largest bazaar in Samarkand and is visited not only by local people by also by foreign tourists.

At 13:00 enjoy your lunch at the local restaurant and proceed with the sightseeing tour. You will explore the other major attractions of the city. **Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis** is one of the most enigmatic and unique architectural cenotaphs of Samarkand, **Ulughbek Observatory** is



the finest observatories of the **Islamic world and Carpet factory** which is an important tourist attraction in the city where you can purchase carpets also.

Later in the evening, you will be transferred to the railway station at 17:28 for departure from Samarkand with a bullet train to Tashkent. On arrival at 19:44 to Tashkent, transfer to your hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 09, MONDAY

TASHKENT – CHIMGAN – CHARWAK

After breakfast, leave for a sightseeing tour of the city. The highlights of the day are the **Chimgan Mountains and Charwak resorts.**

Drive to the Chimgan Mountains at 08:30 AM. **Chair lift to reach on top** at 11:30 AM. Enjoy the mountain backdrop and optional activities. You also have an opportunity to take breathtaking pictures of the highlands.

Chair lift to reach down at 12:30 PM and move to **Charvak Resorts.**



Enjoy your free time exploring Resort area and activities on your own.

Departure from the resort at 17:00 and move towards **Tashkent railway station for departure.**

On arrival at 19:00 to Tashkent, you will transfer to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight at hotel

DAY 10, TUESDAY

IN TASHKENT

After breakfast, leave for city tour by visiting the **State Museum of the history Timurids (also called Amir Temir museum)**, **Museum of History of Uzbekistan** previously known as the **National Museum of Tashkent**, Museum of Applied Arts is a grand mansion decorated in traditional Uzbek style and Barak-khan Madrasah.



Kaldosh Madrasah is one of the largest and most famous historical monuments of Tashkent, **Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum** is another one of the most significant cultural and architectural monuments, the complex of Hast Imam is one of the religious heart of Tashkent and a tour along the most beautiful Tashkent metro.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

DAY 11, WEDNESDAY**IN TASHKENT**

Breakfast is at hotel. Rest of the day will be at leisure for relaxation/spa.

Meals included: Breakfast

Late night our representative will escort you to International airport for your flight back Delhi.

DAY 12, THURSDAY**TASHKENT - DELHI**

Late night our representative will escort you to International airport for your flight back Tashkent.

By Flight: EMIRATES (EK 2087)

DEPART: TASHKENT AT 04:05 HRS

ARRIVE: DUBAI AT 06:50 HRS

LAYOVER 03 HRS

DEPART: DUBAI AT 09:50 HRS

ARRIVE: NEW DELHI AT 14:45 HRS

Meals included: None