

Uzbekistan and Tajikistan

Textiles Arts & Crafts of The Silk Route

October 5 - 25, 2025

Optional: 7 days Kyrgyzstan October 25 - October 31, 2025

The Silk Route was a place where culture and commerce intersected. A sense of exploration mixed with the exchange of things and ideas.” -- Ron Pompeii





Your Destination Awaits...

Our tour tells the tale of one of humankind's most important arteries of trade and culture. Since the Middle Ages, Turkic Uzbekistan and Persian Tajikistan were the center of the Silk Road. Generational artisans forged a legacy of impressive arts, architecture, and textiles. Interrupted by the Soviet occupation, now making an exciting comeback. Look forward to exceptional weaving, embroidery, pottery, and papermaking, against the backdrop of awe-inspiring architecture and natural beauty.

Skirting deserts, loping over mountains, crossing borders, and delving into fabled cities – join us as we explore thousands of years in twenty leisurely days.

Highlights

Two regions, two cultures, two takes on the riches of the Silk Road

- Silk Road riches in Turkic **Khiva, Bukhara, Shahrisabz, Samarkand** for renowned architecture, culture, textiles
- Time warped travel in Persian Tajikistan: uncover deserted **UNESCO archeological sites**, visit artisans just hitting the radar, authentic markets and a slow-paced way of life
- Tajikistan highlights of **Panjikent, Iskanderkul, Istaravshan, Dushanbe, and Khujand**
- Beautiful **Fergana Valley** in easternmost Uzbekistan for outstanding ikat, suzani, and ceramics
- Buzz of markets in **Urgut** and **Margilan** teeming with all manner of goods, especially textiles
- **Award-winning artisans** for block printing, ikat weaving, rug making, embroidery, ceramics
- Exclusive viewing at **private collections** of textiles
- **Culinary** beats, desert **fortresses**, wild and **windswept landscapes**



Shila's take

Who goes to Uzbekistan? More to the point, who goes to Tajikistan?

You, if you're the sort of traveller who searches on the edges of the map. You've heard of Uzbekistan, now fall in love with Tajikistan. You'll discover ethnic cultures, textiles, arts, crafts, and time warp travel experiences. Follow the beacons of ancient cities strung along the medieval Silk Road. Explore architectural riches and natural beauty amidst a grand setting for the story of one of humanity's greatest arteries of trade. Teeming bazaars are still conducted much like they were hundreds of years ago, and hospitality hasn't changed much either. Undiscovered Tajikistan is the perfect counterpoint to Uzbekistan's razzmatazz. Tack on a few more days in untouched Kyrgyzstan and you'll have the Silk Road at your fingertips.

AT A GLANCE...

(20 days October 5 – 25, 2025)

Start in Khiva* (see flights info)

2 nights Khiva

- 3 nights Bukhara
- 4 nights Samarkand
- 2 nights Panjikent
- 3 nights Dushanbe
- 2 nights Khujand
- 2 nights Margilan, Fergana Valley
- 1 night Tashkent

Cost

USD 5200 pp double occupancy USD 1550 single supplement

Optional add on: Kyrgyzstan Oct 25-31

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Kyrgyzstan - Textiles and nomadic culture | September 26 – October 2, 2025

6 nights, 7 days followed by main tour, fully escorted by expert guide.

Day 1: October 25, 2025

Arrival in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan.

Day 2: Oct 26

Spend the day exploring historical sites of Bishkek, including the National History Museum, local bazaars, and the Eternal Flame.

Day 3: Oct 27

Discover the art of felt-making in Kochkor village. Continue on to Issyk Kul lake, nestled in the majestic snow-capped mountains.

Day 4: Oct 28

Visit Cholpon-Ata, a 500BC open-air stone carvings museum. Stroll the heart of Karakol city, taking in its unique architecture and bustling marketplaces. Dinner and folklore performances hosted by a local Kyrgyz family.

Day 5: Oct 29

Eagle hunting show in Jety-Oguz valley. Visit the home and workshop of a local yurt maker – spend the afternoon learning the techniques of yurt making and lunch with the local family.

Day 6: Oct 30

On to Chonkemin valley, for a true taste of the fresh and raw Kyrgyz wilderness. Hike through untouched mountain woods. Continue on to Bishkek, visiting Burana tower along the way. Be treated to Kyrgyzstan's infamous horseback games, *ulak tartysh*.

Day 7: Oct 31, 2025

Final sightseeing in Bishkek, and transfer to airport for onward flight/departure.

** Does not include Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan airfare. Approximately USD 150 one way on Uzbekistan Airways. Please enquire.*



Enquiries

To register or questions, please email:

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COSTS

Uzbekistan

USD 5200 pp double occupancy

USD 1550 single supplement

Kyrgyzstan extension 7 days post tour

USD 1950 pp dbl. occ. (minimum group size 04 pax)

Single supplement USD 580

What's included:

- Experienced guides in specialty textiles, arts, and crafts
- EYHO trip leader
- All internal travel and transfers (flights, trains, sedans, minibuses)
- Accommodation in select 3-5* family-run and heritage properties
- Breakfast and lunch or dinner daily
- Silk tie-dye workshop in Fergana
- Suzani embroidery masterclass
- Tajik cuisine masterclass with chef
- Several arts and crafts demos, including carpet weaving, wood carving, papermaking, and ceramics
- Daily bottled water
- Admission to museums and other sites
- All taxes and fees

What's not:

- International flight, gratuities, and beverages at meals