

UZBEKISTAN

Textiles Arts & Crafts of The Silk Route

March 21 - April 6, 2023

Optional: 7 days Kyrgyzstan April 6 - 12

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...

Since the Middle Ages, Uzbekistan was the center of the Silk Road whose rulers left behind impressive art and architecture. From weaving to embroidery, pottery to papermaking against the backdrop of awe-inspiring architecture, it's a country full of many generations of applied artistry.

Our tour tells the tale of one of humankind's most important arteries of trade and culture. Skirting deserts, loping over mountains, delving into fabled cities, join us as we explore thousands of years in seventeen leisurely days.

Highlights

The most comprehensive Uzbekistan tour out there

- Echoes of the Silk Road in **Khiva, Bukhara, Shahrissabz, Samarkand, and Tashkent** for arts, culture, textiles
- 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
- Isolated, semi-autonomous **Karakalpakstan** for the stupendous **Savitsky Collection**, a treasure trove of modernist Russian art spirited away from the Soviet revolution
- Visit **award-winning artisans** for traditional block printing, ikat weaving, rug making, embroidery, ceramics, and contemporary fashion. **Hands-on workshops** and several demos.
- Exclusive viewing at **private collections** of textiles
- **Culinary** beats, desert **fortresses**, wild and windswept **landscapes**



AT A GLANCE...

(16 nights/17 days March 21 – April 6, 2023)

- 2 nights Tashkent
- 2 nights Fergana Valley
- 1 nights Nukus
- 2 nights Khiva
- 3 nights Bukhara
- 4 nights Samarkand
- 2 nights Tashkent
- Depart Tashkent

Cost

USD 4650 pp double occupancy

USD 1395 single supplement

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“Who goes to Uzbekistan? You will get that question. I certainly never expected to visit, let alone fall in love with it. Drawn by the textiles, it turns out everything captivates me: the markets, mosques and monuments exceed expectation; there are lush valleys and rugged mountains in contrast to the expected desert expanses. It is so different and yet it feels familiar; a reminder that life and culture have persisted for millennia, evolving through incredible hardship, invasion and plunder.”



The most vivid memories are, of course, the people: the curiosity, the warmth, and the gratitude that you are visiting their country. I am so happy to return again and again.”

-- Dana Davies, trip leader





Kyrgyzstan Extension - Textiles and nomadic culture | April 6 – 12, 2023

6 nights, 7 days following main tour, fully escorted by expert guide. Detailed itinerary click [here](#).

Day 1: April 6, 2023

Arrival in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan.

Day 2: April 7, 2023

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

Day 3: April 8, 2023

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

Day 4: April 9, 2023

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: April 10, 2023

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: April 11, 2023

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: April 12, 2023

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

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Read about our trip leader Dana Davies [here](#)

For your complete peace of mind, we are TICO (Travel Industry of Ontario) accredited #50023991

COSTS

Uzbekistan

USD 4650 pp double occupancy

USD 1395 single supplement

Kyrgyzstan extension

USD 1720 pp dbl. occ. (group size 3-8)

USD 1650 pp dbl. occ. (group size 9-12)

Single supplement USD 580

What's included:

- Uzbekistan tour co-led by Dana Davies who travelled extensively in Uzbekistan, and one of Uzbekistan's most experienced guides in specialty arts and crafts
- Visa support letter
- All internal travel and transfers (flights, trains, sedans, minibuses)
- Accommodation in select 4-5* family-run and heritage properties
- Breakfast and lunch or dinner daily
- Silk tie-dye workshop in Fergana
- Suzani embroidery masterclass
- Bread making masterclass
- 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