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Bukhara City Tour

A private day in the old town of Bukhara with your own guide — from the Ark and the Kalyan minaret to Lyabi-Hauz and the four towers of Chor-Minor.

DURATION	TYPE	STARTS	RUNS
About 5–7 hours	Private, on foot	Your hotel, Bukhara	Daily

THE TOUR

Two thousand years in a few streets

Bukhara has been a city of scholars, merchants and rulers for more than two thousand years, and its historic centre has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993. Mosques, madrasahs, covered bazaars and old caravan-route landmarks stand close together, so the old town is best explored on foot.

Your TravelBliss guide meets you at your hotel and walks with you through the old centre: from the Ark, the citadel of Bukhara's rulers, and the Bolo-Hauz mosque to the Kalyan minaret and Poi-Kalyan square, the domed bazaars, the Lyabi-Hauz pool and the four towers of Chor-Minor.

The tour takes about five to seven hours, with a lunch break at a local restaurant. The pace is yours: your guide explains who built what and why, and adapts the route to what interests you most.

AT A GLANCE

DURATION
About 5–7 hours, with a lunch break

FORMAT
Private walking tour — your party only

MEETING POINT
Your hotel in Bukhara

GUIDE LANGUAGE
English, Russian, German or French

AIRPORT OR STATION START
On request, small extra charge

HIGHLIGHTS

- A guide for your party only — no strangers, no fixed group pace
- The Ark fortress, the Kalyan minaret and the Poi-Kalyan ensemble — the heart of old Bukhara
- The Bolo-Hauz mosque, with its carved wooden columns reflected in the pool
- Lyabi-Hauz, the domed bazaars, the Magoki-Attori mosque and the Bukhara synagogue
- Chor-Minor, the small gatehouse with four turquoise domes

Your guide, your pace

A private walk for your party only: your guide follows your rhythm — linger in the bazaars, go inside the monuments that interest you, or stop for tea by Lyabi-Hauz. Ask anything along the way.

A TYPICAL ROUTE

What you will see

The order depends on the time of day, the light and what interests you most. These are the places the tour covers.

1 **The Ark**
For centuries the fortress and residence of the rulers of Bukhara, with its courtyards, throne room and museums.

2 **Bolo-Hauz mosque**
The Friday mosque of the emirs, opposite the Ark, with a terrace of tall carved wooden columns reflected in its pool.

3 **Kalyan minaret and Poi-Kalyan**
The minaret of 1127, about 46 metres tall, with the Kalyan mosque and the Mir-i-Arab madrasah facing each other across the square.

4 **Domed bazaars and Magoki-Attori**
16th-century covered markets, still full of craftsmen and traders, and one of the oldest mosques in the city.

5 **Lyabi-Hauz**
A 17th-century pool shaded by old trees, framed by the Kukeldash madrasah and the Nodir Divan-begi madrasah and khanaqah.

6 **Bukhara synagogue**
A house of prayer of Bukhara's centuries-old Jewish community.

7 **Chor-Minor**
The gatehouse of a former madrasah, built in the early 19th century, with four towers crowned by turquoise domes.

Lunch
A lunch break at a local restaurant fits in along the way — tell your guide what you like to eat.

What to wear
Comfortable walking shoes, a hat and water in summer, and clothing that covers shoulders and knees for the mosques.

Your pace
A private tour: stay longer where you like, skip what you do not, and choose which monuments to go inside.

ROUTE AT A GLANCE

- Your hotel
- The Ark
- Bolo-Hauz mosque
- Kalyan minaret · Poi-Kalyan
- Domed bazaars · Magoki-Attori
- Lyabi-Hauz
- Bukhara synagogue
- Chor-Minor

BEFORE YOU GO

Good to know

INCLUDED

- A professional private guide for the whole tour, in the language you choose
- Meeting at your hotel in Bukhara

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance tickets
- Lunch
- Start from the airport or railway station (on request, small extra charge)
- Personal expenses

Prefer not to pay on the spot? Choose the All-inclusive option when you book: the entrance tickets on the route (Ark, Kalyan mosque, Lyabi-Hauz khanaqah, Chor-Minor) and a local lunch are then arranged for you, for a fixed amount per person.

How long is the tour and what do we see?

About five to seven hours in the old town: the Ark, Bolo-Hauz, the Kalyan minaret and Poi-Kalyan, the domed bazaars, Magoki-Attori, Lyabi-Hauz, the synagogue and Chor-Minor, with a lunch break.

In which languages is the guide available?

English, Russian, German or French — choose the language when you book.

Where does the tour start?

At your hotel in Bukhara: your guide meets you there. To start from the airport or the railway station, contact us and we will arrange it for a small extra charge.

Is it a lot of walking?

Yes, the old town is explored on foot, on stone paving, with stops along the way. Comfortable shoes are best; in summer bring a hat and water.

Can I cancel or change the date?

Cancellation is free up to 24 hours before the tour, and changing the date is free.

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