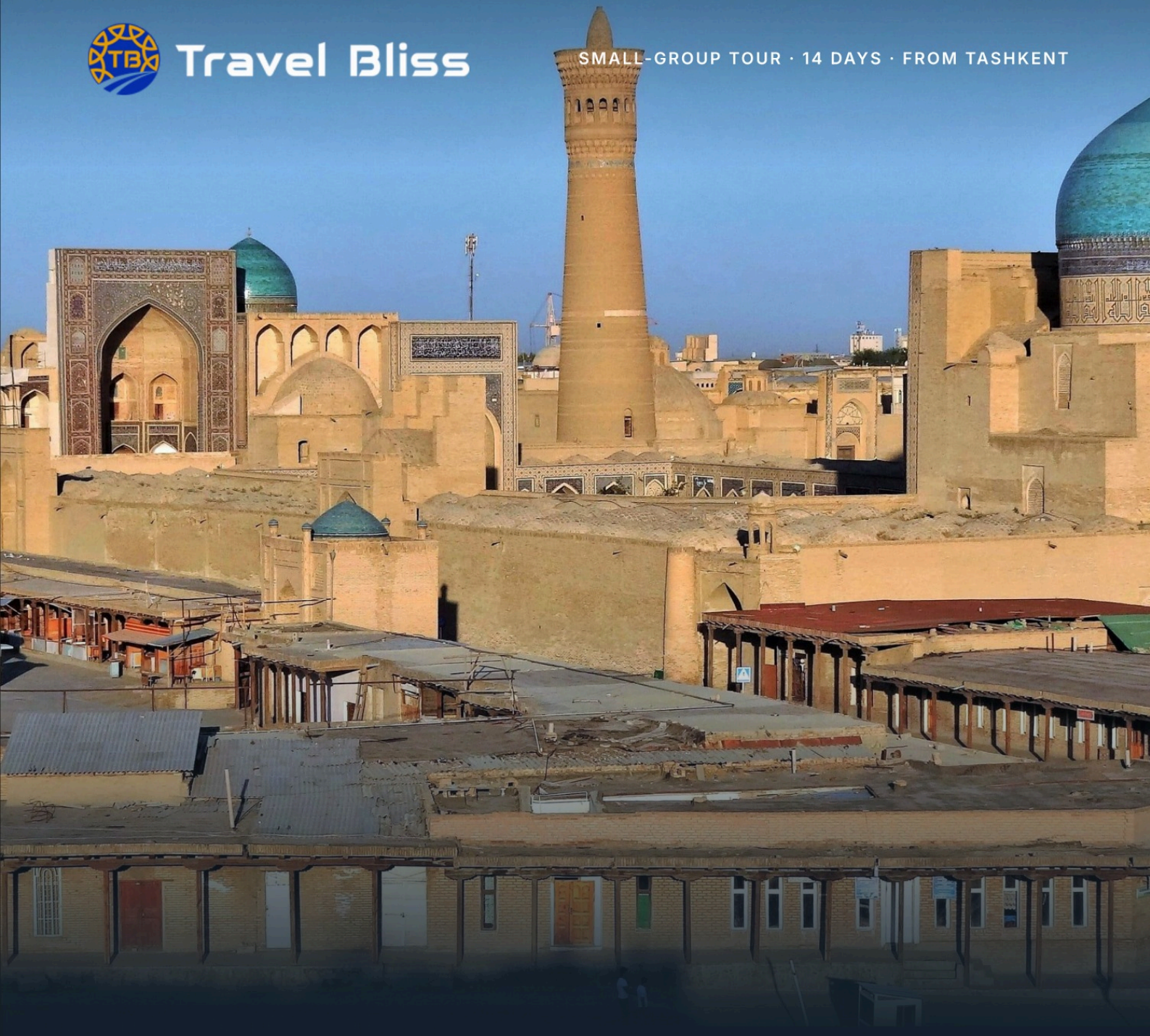
Travel Bliss

SMALL-GROUP TOUR · 14 DAYS · FROM TASHKENT



TASHKENT · KHIVA · BUKHARA · NURATA · YURT CAMP · SAMARKAND

Grand Uzbekistan

Fourteen days across Uzbekistan: Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand, a yurt night in the Kyzylkum, a village homestay, Shakhrisabz and Tashkent.

DURATION	TOUR TYPE	STARTS & ENDS	RUNS
14 days · 13 nights	Small group · max 12	Tashkent	Fixed dates · Saturdays

THE JOURNEY

Grand Uzbekistan in 14 days

Uzbekistan in depth: the great Silk Road cities with an English-speaking route guide, the desert and the mountains in between.

You explore Khiva, with two nights there and a trip to the desert fortresses of ancient Khorezm, then Bukhara and Samarkand. You cross the Kyzylkum Desert, spend a night in a yurt near Aydarkul Lake and live with a host family in Asraf village in the Nuratau mountains, then finish with Shakhrisabz and two days in Tashkent.

1 Tashkent ---- **2–3** Khiva ---- **4–6** Bukhara ---- **7** Yurt camp ---- **8** Asraf ---- **9–11** Samarkand ---- **12–14** Tashkent

AT A GLANCE

START AND FINISH
Tashkent

NIGHTS
11 in comfortable 3★ hotels · 1 in a yurt camp · 1 in a village guesthouse

ROOMS
Shared twin or double rooms; single room with a supplement

GUIDE
English-speaking route guide with the group throughout the tour

GETTING AROUND
Flight Tashkent → Khiva, A/C transport, train Samarkand → Tashkent

MEALS
Daily breakfast, plus 3 lunches and 2 dinners between Bukhara and Samarkand

HIGHLIGHTS

- The UNESCO-listed old towns of Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand
- Two nights in Khiva, with the desert fortresses of Ayaz-Kala and Toprak-Kala
- A night in a yurt camp near Aydarkul Lake, with a camel ride and campfire music
- Village life and home cooking with a host family in Asraf
- Shah-i-Zinda, Shakhrisabz and handmade paper in Konigil
- Two days in Tashkent, with the Metro and Chorsu Bazaar



The yurt camp in the Kyzylkum



The Ulugbek Madrasah, Registan, Samarkand

DAY BY DAY

Khiva and Bukhara

Day 1 — **Arrival in Tashkent** — TASHKENT

Arrive at Tashkent International Airport, where our driver meets you and takes you to the hotel. In the evening, an optional short orientation tour of the city; dinner on your own or at a local restaurant.

Day 2 — **Flight to Khiva and the Itchan Kala** — KHIVA

Early-morning domestic flight to Khiva (hotel departure around 05:00). After check-in, a full-day guided tour of the Itchan Kala, the UNESCO-listed walled city: the Kunya-Ark Citadel, the Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum, the Juma Mosque with its carved wooden columns, and the narrow streets and bazaars.

Day 3 — **Desert fortresses of ancient Khorezm** — KHIVA

A slower morning, then a drive out to Ayaz-Kala and Toprak-Kala, the clay fortresses of ancient Khorezm standing on the edge of the Kyzylkum. Back in Khiva for free time in the Itchan Kala, the view from the Islam Khodja Minaret and sunset from the city walls.

Day 4 — **Across the Kyzylkum to Bukhara** — BUKHARA

Air-conditioned transfer across the Kyzylkum Desert (6–7 hours). Stops in the Red Sands for photos and a short walk, and at the Amu Darya river for fresh local fish and wide river views. Arrival and check-in in Bukhara.

Day 5 — **Bukhara: the old city** — BUKHARA

Morning tour with your guide: the Lyabi-Hauz ensemble, the Kalon Minaret and Mosque, the Mir-i-Arab Madrasah and the Bolo-Hauz Mosque. A walk through the bazaars and craft workshops, lunch with Uzbek cuisine, then free time.



The Kalyan Minaret, Bukhara



The Itchan Kala at sunset, Khiva

DAY BY DAY

The desert, the village and Samarkand

Day 6 — **Bukhara: palaces and shrines** — BUKHARA

Morning tour: the Sitorai Mohi Hosa, the last emir's summer palace, the Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum and the Ismail Samani Mausoleum. Afternoon free for the bazaar or a spa.

Day 7 — **Nurata and the yurt camp** — YURT CAMP

Air-conditioned drive from Bukhara with a stop at a ceramics workshop and a walk through Nurata town. Lunch at a local restaurant, then on to the yurt camp near Aydarkul Lake: a camel ride, a campfire dinner and live Kazakh folk music.

Day 8 — **Asraf village** — ASRAF

After breakfast, drive to Asraf in the Nuratau mountains. A home-cooked lunch with a host family, a walk through the village and the chance to watch or join the dinner preparation. Live local music in the evening.

Day 9 — **Countryside drive to Samarkand** — SAMARKAND

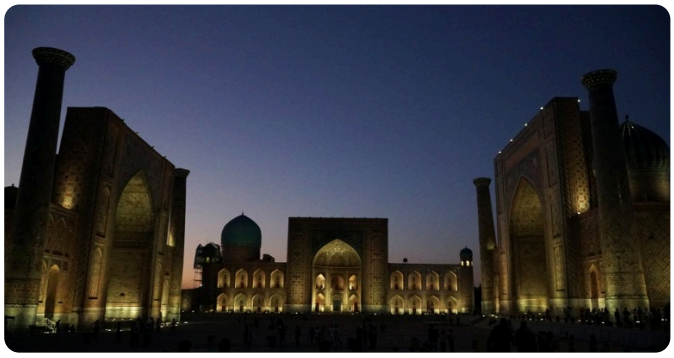
Morning walk through the farms and gardens around the village and lunch in Asraf, then a scenic countryside drive to Samarkand with photo stops. In the evening, see the Registan lit up after dark.

Day 10 — **Samarkand: Registan and Shah-i-Zinda** — SAMARKAND

Guided day in the heart of Samarkand: the Gur-Emir, the mausoleum of Amir Timur, and the Registan Square. After lunch, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the Siyob Bazaar and, right next to it, the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis.



Campfire night at the yurt camp



Registan Square in the evening, Samarkand

DAY BY DAY

Shakhrisabz and Tashkent

Day 11 Shakhrisabz day trip

SAMARKAND

Scenic drive over the mountains to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Amir Timur: the Ak-Saray Palace ruins, the Dorus-Saodat and Dorut-Tilovat complexes and a walk through the historic centre. Lunch in Shakhrisabz, then back to Samarkand.

> **Optional: the Seven Lakes (Tajikistan) instead of Shakhrisabz.** The whole group travels together, so this swap is possible only when every traveller in the group chooses it; the group is not split between the two trips. Extra cost applies; please tell us when booking.
>
> **Tajikistan visa:** many nationalities can enter visa-free. If you need a visa, you can apply online yourself at evisa.tj (allow at least 7 days), or we can arrange your e-visa within 24–48 hours for USD 100 per person, government fee included. If you are travelling on an Uzbek e-visa, you will need a multiple-entry visa to return to Uzbekistan.

Day 12 Samarkand to Tashkent

TASHKENT

Check-out, then the Ulugbek Observatory and the Konigil workshop, where paper is still made by hand. Lunch in Samarkand, then the afternoon train to Tashkent (around 16:00; Afrosiyob high-speed, or the Sharq train if it is not available). Transfer to the hotel on arrival. The Imam al-Bukhari Memorial Complex can be added on request.

Day 13 Tashkent city tour

TASHKENT

The Khast-Imam complex with the Quran of Caliph Uthman; after lunch, Chorsu Bazaar, a ride on the Tashkent Metro with its decorated stations, and Amir Timur Square.

Day 14 Departure

END OF TOUR

Breakfast and check-out. Transfer to Tashkent International Airport for your flight. End of the tour.

> Trains: the Samarkand – Tashkent leg is by Afrosiyob high-speed train; if it is not available, we use the Sharq train. Timings are approximate.



The Ak-Saray Palace, Shakhrisabz



The Kukeldash Madrasah, Tashkent

BEFORE YOU GO

What's included

INCLUDED

- 13 nights: 11 in comfortable 3★ hotels, 1 in a yurt camp near Aydarkul Lake, 1 in a village guesthouse in Asraf
- Accommodation in shared twin or double rooms
- English-speaking route guide throughout the tour
- Entrance tickets to the sights in the programme
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flight Tashkent → Khiva
- A/C transport: Khiva → Ayaz-Kala and Toprak-Kala → Khiva; Khiva → Bukhara; Bukhara → Nurata → yurt camp → Asraf → Samarkand; Samarkand → Shakhrisabz → Samarkand
- Train Samarkand → Tashkent (Afrosiyob high-speed, or Sharq if it is not available)
- Meals from Bukhara to Samarkand: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, plus daily hotel breakfasts
- Camel ride and folk music at the yurt camp

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Visa fees and visa support
- Travel insurance
- Single room supplement
- Seven Lakes option (extra cost, and a Tajikistan visa if needed)
- Lunches and dinners not listed as included
- Personal expenses and tips

SMALL-GROUP FACTS

- Fixed departure dates
- Small group: up to 12 travellers
- Every date guaranteed from 2 travellers
- 30% deposit by payment link after we confirm your seats; the rest in Uzbekistan, in cash or by card
- Full refund up to 45 days before departure
- One free date change up to 30 days before departure

See dates and prices: travel-bliss.uz/tour/grand-uzbekistan-small-group

Booking

Choose a date and send a request; nothing is paid at this point. We confirm your seats by WhatsApp or e-mail and send a payment link for the 30% deposit. The rest is paid in Uzbekistan, in cash or by card.

Cancellation and changes

- 45 days or more before departure: full refund (non-refundable tickets excepted)
- 30–44 days before: 25–50% of the total is charged
- 15–29 days before: 50% of the total is charged
- Less than 15 days before: 100% of the total is charged
- One free move to another date of the same tour, up to 30 days before departure

GOOD TO KNOW

Questions and answers

How big are the groups?
Up to 12 travellers. Every date is guaranteed once 2 travellers have confirmed.

I travel alone. Can I join?
Yes. Choose a shared room and we will look for a roommate. If we cannot find one, you pay only half of the single-room supplement. A single room is also possible.

Who guides the group?
An English-speaking route guide travels with the group throughout the tour, from Khiva to Tashkent.

What hotels do you use?
Comfortable, centrally located 3★ hotels in the cities, in shared twin or double rooms. Sample hotels (or similar): Khiva – Polvon Qori Boutique Hotel; Bukhara – Fatima Boutique Hotel or Komil Boutique Hotel; Samarkand – Samaria Boutique Hotel or Bibikhanum Hotel.

Can we see the Seven Lakes in Tajikistan?
Yes, as an option instead of Shakhrisabz on day 11, when the whole group chooses it. Extra cost; see day 11 for the visa details.

Can we do this tour privately?
Yes. The tour also runs as a private tour on the dates you choose. Ask us, or see the private version on travel-bliss.uz.

Are international flights included?
No. International flights, visa and travel insurance are not included.

WHAT TO BRING

- Passport (needed for hotels, the flight and trains)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Clothes that cover shoulders and knees for mosques and mausoleums
- A warm layer for cool evenings
- Sun protection: hat, sunglasses and sunscreen

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