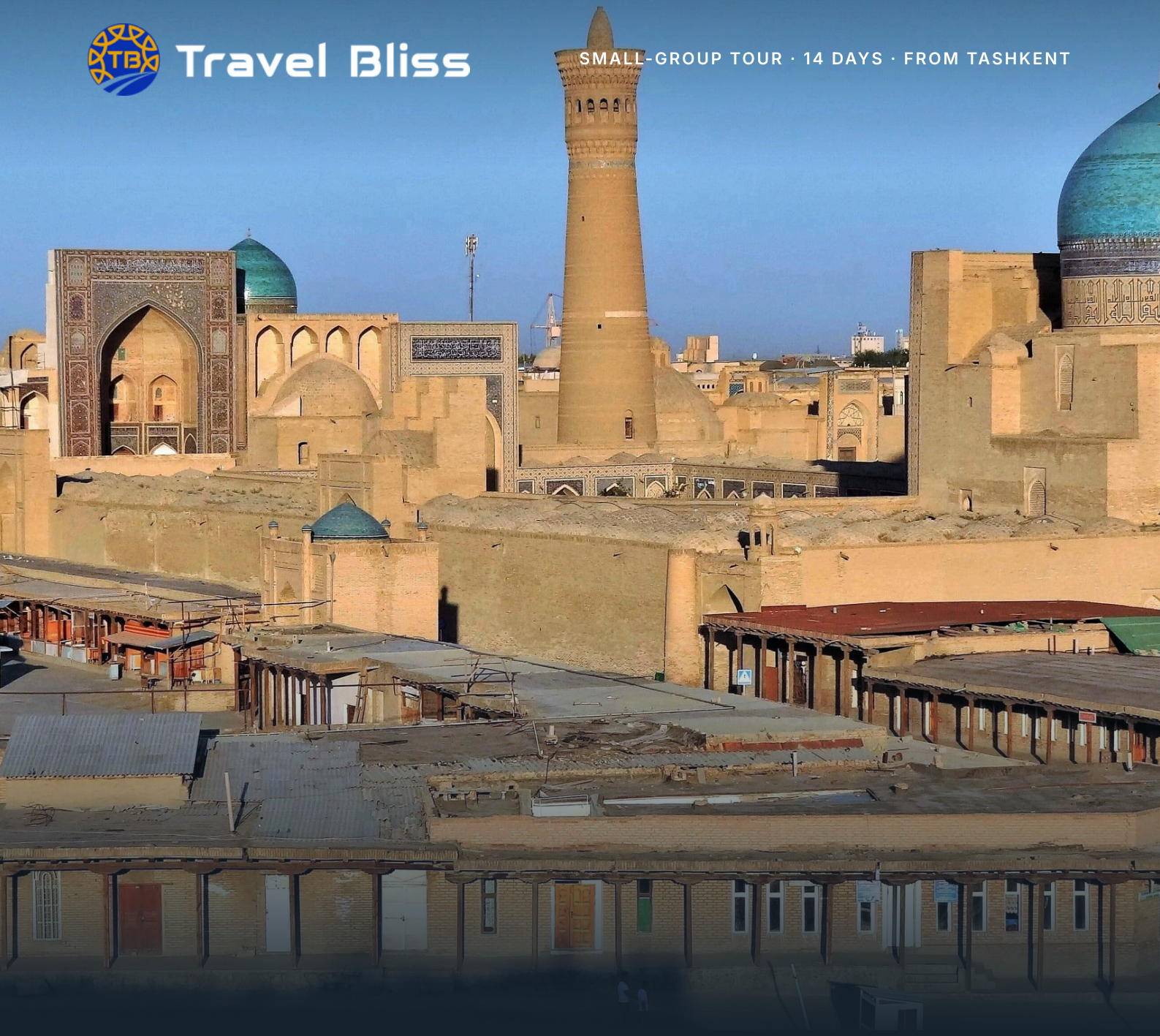
Travel Bliss

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 local guides, the desert and the mountains in between.

You explore Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand, 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, the Imam al-Bukhari complex and two days in Tashkent.

1 Tashkent ---- **2** Khiva ---- **3–5** Bukhara ---- **6** Yurt camp ---- **7** Asraf ---- **8–11** Samarkand ---- **12–14** Tashkent

AT A GLANCE

START AND FINISH
Tashkent

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

GUIDES
Local guides in Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz and Tashkent

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
- 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
- Shakhrisabz and the Imam al-Bukhari Memorial Complex
- Shah-i-Zinda 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. Optional sunset from the city walls.

Day 3 — **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 4 — **Bukhara: the old city** — BUKHARA

Morning tour with your local 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.

Day 5 — **Bukhara: palaces and shrines** — BUKHARA

Morning tour with an English-speaking local guide: Sitorai Mohi Hosa, the last emir's summer palace; the Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum, a famous Sufi shrine; and the Ismail Samani Mausoleum. Afternoon free for the bazaar or a spa.



The Kalyan Minaret, Bukhara



The Itchan Kala at sunset, Khiva

DAY BY DAY

Desert, village and Samarkand

Day 6 **Nurata and a night in the desert** — YURT CAMP

Drive by air-conditioned transport with a stop at a ceramics workshop. A walk in Nurata town and lunch at a local restaurant, then on to the yurt camp near Aydarkul Lake. Camel ride, dinner by the campfire and live Kazakh folk music.

Day 7 **Asraf village homestay** — HOMESTAY

After breakfast, drive to Asraf village in the Nuratau mountains. Home-cooked lunch with your host family, a walk through the village and its daily life, then watch, or join, the cooking of dinner. Live local music in the evening.

Day 8 **Village morning, on to Samarkand** — SAMARKAND

Breakfast with the host family and a morning walk through farms, gardens and the village surroundings. Lunch in the village, then a scenic countryside drive to Samarkand with photo stops.

Day 9 **Samarkand: Registan and Gur-Emir** — SAMARKAND

The historic heart of Samarkand: Gur-Emir, the mausoleum of Amir Timur, and the Registan Square. After lunch, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque and the lively Siyob Bazaar. Free evening.

Day 10 **Day trip to Shakhrisabz** — SAMARKAND

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



Campfire night at the yurt camp



The Ak-Saray Palace, Shakhrisabz

DAY BY DAY

Samarkand to Tashkent

Day 11 Shah-i-Zinda and silk paper

SAMARKAND

The Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and the Ulugbek Observatory in the morning; after lunch, the Konigil workshop, where paper is still made by hand. Free time for souvenirs.

Day 12 Imam al-Bukhari, train to Tashkent

TASHKENT

Check-out and a visit to the Imam al-Bukhari Memorial Complex. 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.

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.



Registan Square in the evening, Samarkand



The Kukeldash Madrasah, Tashkent

BEFORE YOU GO

What's included

INCLUDED

- 13 nights: 3★ B&B hotels, 1 night in a yurt camp near Aydarkul Lake, 1 night in a village guesthouse in Asraf
- Local guides for the city tours
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flight Tashkent → Khiva
- A/C transport: 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
- 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
- Free cancellation 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: the whole deposit is refunded
- 44 to 15 days before: half of the deposit is refunded
- Less than 15 days before: the deposit is not refunded
- 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.

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.

What hotels do you use?

3★ hotels in the cities.

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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