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PRIVATE DAY TOUR · FROM SAMARKAND



SAMARKAND → IMAM AL-BUKHARI COMPLEX → SAMARKAND

Imam al-Bukhari Ziyarat Tour

A private day trip to the resting place of Imam al-Bukhari, compiler of Sahih al-Bukhari, with visits to the mausoleums of Imam al-Maturidi and Khoja Daniyar in Samarkand.

DURATION	HOLY SITES	HOTEL PICK-UP	RUNS
5–6 hours (short: 3–4)	3 sites	9:00	Daily, all year

THE TOUR

A visit to the Sultan of Hadith Scholars

Imam Muhammad ibn Ismail al-Bukhari (810–870) compiled **Sahih al-Bukhari**, regarded by Sunni Muslims as the most authentic book after the Qur'an.

From the age of 16 he travelled through Mecca, Medina, Baghdad, Damascus and Egypt collecting hadith. He died in Khartang near Samarkand and rests in Khoja Ismail village, 25 km from the city. His memorial complex, built in 1998 and recently renovated, has a grand new mosque, courtyards and a museum of his life.

AT A GLANCE

PICK-UP
Your Samarkand hotel, 9:00

DURATION
Full tour 5–6 hours
Short tour 3–4 hours

SITES
Imam al-Bukhari Complex, Imam al-Maturidi, Khoja Daniyar

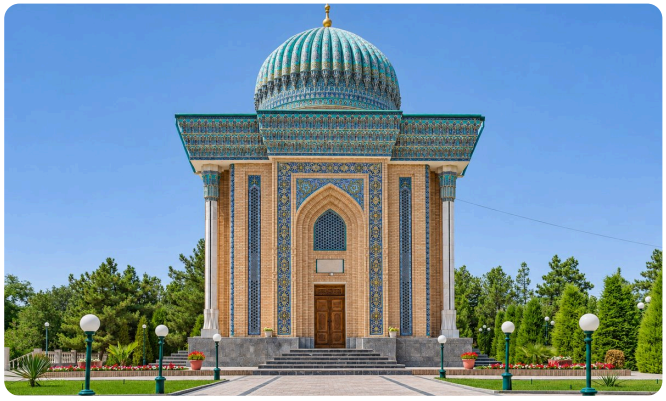
TRANSPORT
Private car with driver

GUIDE
Local guide, English or Russian

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pay your respects at the tomb of Imam al-Bukhari in the renovated memorial complex
- Time for prayer and reflection, at your own pace
- Visit the mausoleum of Imam al-Maturidi in Samarkand
- See the 18-metre tomb of Khoja Daniyar on the Afrosiyob hill
- Private car and local guide, door to door from your hotel





A TYPICAL DAY

Day plan

A private tour: we agree the pick-up time with you before the day.

1 **9:00 · Samarkand**
Your driver and guide pick you up at your hotel.

2 **Imam al-Bukhari Memorial Complex · 1.5–2 hours**
A 40-minute drive to Khoja Ismail village. Visit the mausoleum, the mosque, the courtyards and the museum, with time for prayer and reflection.

3 **Back to Samarkand · lunch break**
Return to the city around noon. Lunch at a local halal restaurant if you wish (at your own expense).

4 **Mausoleum of Imam al-Maturidi**
The resting place of Imam Abu Mansur al-Maturidi, founder of the Maturidi school. **Under renovation, expected to reopen in December 2026**; until then we visit the site from outside.

5 **Shrine of Khoja Daniyar**
The long tomb of the Prophet Daniel on the Afrosiyob hill, holy to Muslims, Christians and Jews, with a sacred spring below.

6 **Back at your hotel**
Drop-off in Samarkand at about 15:00.

Short on time?
Choose the short tour: Imam al-Bukhari Complex only, back at your hotel in 3–4 hours.

What to wear
Shoulders and knees covered. Women are kindly asked to bring a headscarf. Shoes come off inside the mosque and mausoleums.

Fridays
We plan the visit around the midday Friday prayer.





BEFORE YOU GO

Good to know

INCLUDED

- Local guide (English or Russian)
- Private car with driver: Samarkand – Imam al-Bukhari Complex – Samarkand
- Pick-up and drop-off at your hotel in Samarkand

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fees
- Lunch
- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities

Can non-Muslim travellers join?

Yes. All three sites welcome respectful visitors who follow the dress code.

Is there time to pray at the complex?

Yes. The tour leaves time for prayer, and the timing can be adjusted to prayer times.

Can I combine it with the Samarkand City Tour?

Yes, on the same day after the short tour, or on the next day.

Can I cancel or change the date?

Free cancellation up to 24 hours before the tour. Free date change.

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