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Khiva Walking Tour

The walled old town of Khiva on foot, with your own guide — about five hours among its minarets, palaces and craft workshops.

DURATION	TYPE	STARTS	RUNS
About 5 hours	Private, on foot	Your hotel, Khiva	Daily

THE TOUR

A whole city inside one wall

Itchan Kala, the old town of Khiva, is a city of clay-brick walls, madrasahs, palaces and minarets, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1990. Everything stands within walking distance, which makes it the best place in Uzbekistan to explore on foot.

On this private walk your TravelBliss guide takes you through its gates, squares and narrow lanes, explains who built what and why, and helps you choose which monuments are worth going inside.

The walk takes about five hours, at your pace. Some guests want every museum; others prefer the streets, the craft workshops and a long tea break. You only buy entrance tickets for the places you decide to enter.



TravelBliss guests and guide in front of Khiva's blue majolica tiles.

HIGHLIGHTS

- A guide for your party only — no strangers, no fixed group pace.
- The main sights of Itchan Kala: Kalta Minor, Kunya-Ark, the Juma Mosque, the Islam Khoja minaret, Tash-Hauli palace and the Pahlavan Mahmud mausoleum.
- A view over the rooftops and minarets of the old town from above.
- Craft stalls and workshops along the way, including Khiva's carved woodwork.
- Flexible: you choose which monuments to enter and where to stop for lunch.

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 most guests choose.

1 West Gate and Kalta Minor

Enter through the main gate to the short, wide minaret covered in turquoise tiles. It was begun in the 1850s and never finished.

2 Kunya-Ark

The fortress and residence of the khans of Khiva: courtyards, a summer mosque and the throne room — and the town walls seen from above.

3 Juma Mosque

A great hall held up by more than two hundred carved wooden columns, some of them centuries old.

4 Islam Khoja minaret

Khiva's tallest minaret, built in the early 20th century with bands of blue and white tiles. It is visible from almost every lane.

5 Pahlavan Mahmud mausoleum

The resting place of Khiva's patron saint, a poet and wrestler, behind one of the finest tiled interiors in the town.

6 Tash-Hauli palace

The 19th-century palace of Allakuli Khan, with courtyards lined in blue majolica and carved wooden columns.

7 Lanes, walls and workshops

Quieter streets, the clay walls of the old town, and craftsmen at work — the best time for photos and questions.



A tiled courtyard inside the old town.



A wood carver's stall in Itchan Kala.



Under the clay walls of Khiva.

BEFORE YOU GO

Good to know

INCLUDED

- A professional guide for your party, for about five hours, in the language you choose
- Meeting at your hotel in the old town

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance tickets — paid on the spot, only for the monuments you choose
- Lunch
- Personal expenses

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 Khiva's old town, or another place in the city you tell us. To start from the airport or railway station, contact us and we will arrange it for a small extra charge.

Is it a lot of walking?

About five hours on foot, on stone paving and some steps, with stops along the way. Comfortable shoes are best; in summer bring a hat and water.

Can we choose what to see?

Yes. Tell your guide what interests you: the route, the museums you enter and the lunch stop are up to you.

Can I cancel or change the date?

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



TravelBliss guests in Itchan Kala.

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