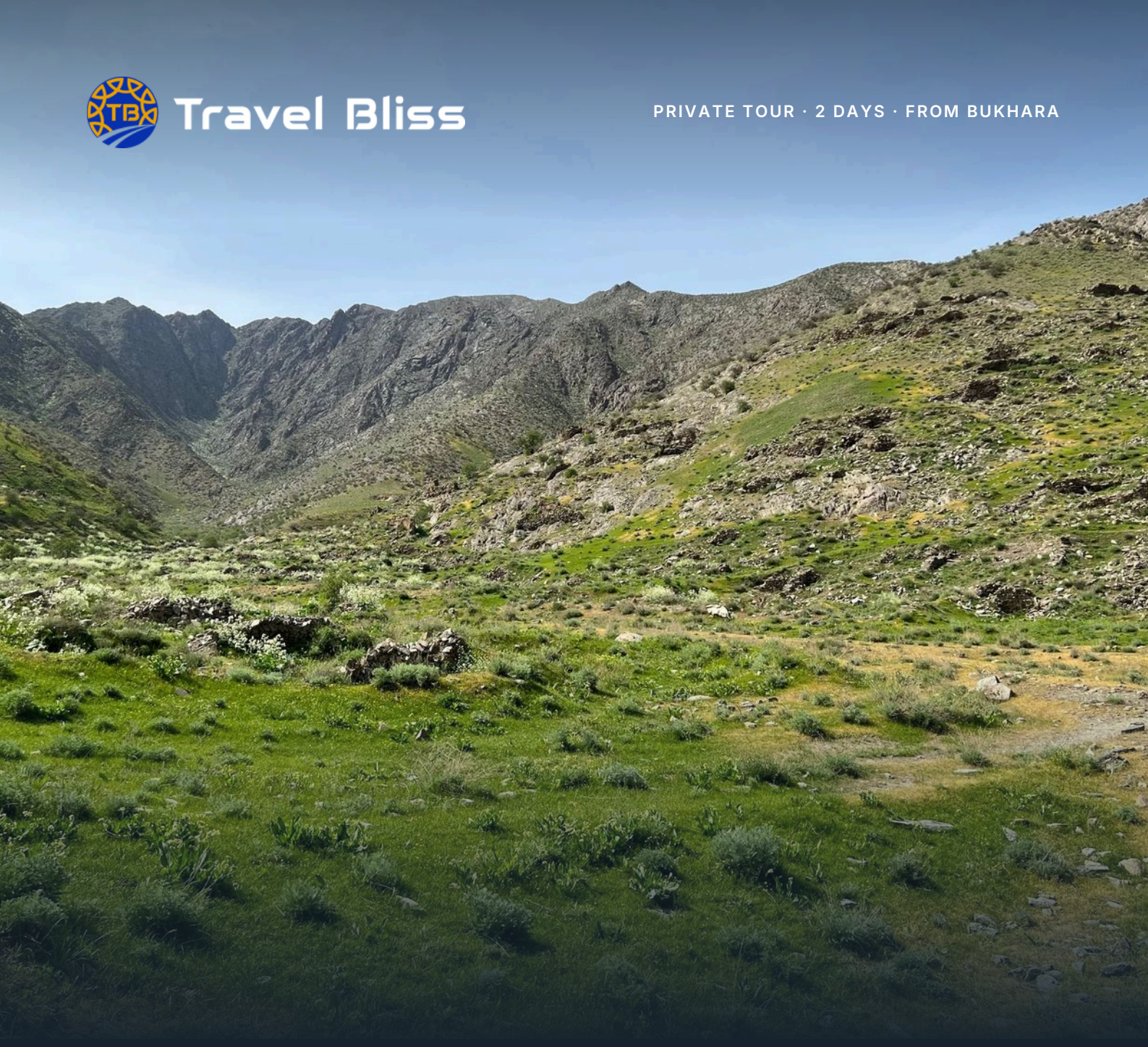
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PRIVATE TOUR · 2 DAYS · FROM BUKHARA



BUKHARA → UHUM → ASRAF → SAMARKAND

Nuratau Villages Homestay

Turn the transfer from Bukhara to Samarkand into two days: a night with a family in Uhum and a morning hike over the mountain to Asraf.

DURATION	NIGHT	PICK-UP	SEASON
2 days / 1 night	Village guesthouse	Your Bukhara hotel, morning	All year

THE TOUR

One extra day, a different journey

On day 1 you stop at Gijduvan and Rabat-i Malik on the way to Uhum. On day 2 you hike to Asraf with a local mountain guide, have lunch with a family and drive on to Samarkand.

The train from Bukhara to Samarkand takes a morning and shows you the country through a window. This trip takes one day more. On the way to the mountains you meet the Gijduvan potters and see the Rabat-i Malik caravanserai, and you reach Uhum for a late lunch. In the evening you cook and eat with the family you stay with. The next morning a local guide walks with you over the mountain to Asraf, about 3–4 hours. After lunch the road takes you over the pass to Samarkand.

AT A GLANCE

START
Your Bukhara hotel, morning

FINISH
Samarkand, evening of day 2

NIGHT
Guesthouse in Uhum with a local family

GUIDE
Driver only; guide on the hike only

MEALS
1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

HIGHLIGHTS

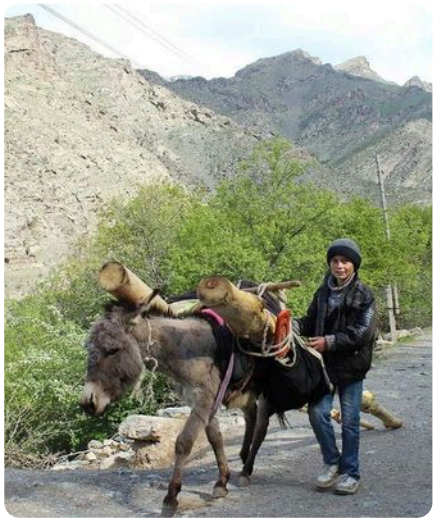
- A pottery workshop in Gijduvan
- The Rabat-i Malik caravanserai
- Dinner and a night with a family in Uhum village
- A 3–4 hour morning hike from Uhum to Asraf with a local guide
- Lunch with a family in Asraf after the hike



A village guesthouse



A shared meal in a village garden



Village life: firewood by donkey

DAY BY DAY

Itinerary

Day 1 Bukhara – Gijduvan – Rabat-i Malik – Uhum village

GUESTHOUSE

- Pick-up at your Bukhara hotel
- A pottery workshop in Gijduvan
- The Rabat-i Malik caravanserai; short stop
- Drive into the Nuratau mountains to Uhum village; late lunch with your host family
- Evening cooking class and dinner with the host family (whatever is on the menu that day); night in the guesthouse

Day 2 Uhum – Asraf – Samarkand

END OF TOUR

- Breakfast
- Hike from Uhum to Asraf with a local mountain guide: about 3–4 hours on a mountain path; your luggage goes by car
- Lunch with a host family in Asraf
- Drive to Samarkand over the mountain pass (about 220 km, about 4 hours)
- Arrival in Samarkand in the evening; drop-off at your hotel, the train station or the airport

WHAT TO BRING

- A small overnight bag, so the main luggage can stay in the car
- Flip-flops or slippers for the courtyard and the shared shower
- A quick-dry towel if you prefer your own
- A warm layer: evenings and mornings in the mountains are cooler than in the cities
- Good hiking shoes, water, a hat and sun cream

GOOD TO KNOW

- You sleep in Uhum and hike to Asraf the next morning with a local mountain guide.
- Day 2: a 3–4 hour hike, then about 4 hours of driving to Samarkand.
- Take your shoes off when you enter the house; your hosts will show you where. Ask before photographing family members.



On foot in the Nuratau mountains



Hikers near Asraf



A Nuratau mountain village

BEFORE YOU GO

Good to know

INCLUDED

- 1 night in a village guesthouse
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Private car, Bukhara to Samarkand
- Cooking class with the host family
- Mountain guide who shows the way (no English)

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fees
- Guide throughout the tour
- Horse or donkey rides (optional, paid locally)
- Other personal expenses

Can we start in Samarkand?

Yes. The same tour also runs from Samarkand to Bukhara: write to us.

Where do we sleep?

In a village guesthouse with a local family, with hot water. Bathrooms and showers are shared: one shower and toilet for 2–3 rooms.

Is there Wi-Fi?

Yes, at the guesthouses. Mobile internet may be limited in the mountains.

How hard is the hike?

A moderate 3–4 hour hike on a mountain path. Wear good shoes, drink plenty of water and take breaks.

Is there a guide?

No guide travels with you. A local mountain guide only shows the way on the hike; he speaks little English.

How do I book and pay?

Send a booking request on our website or write to us on WhatsApp. There is no payment when you book: we contact you to confirm the details. You can pay in cash or by bank transfer.

Can we bring children?

Yes. In the booking form, travellers aged 6 and older count as adults, and children under 6 are listed separately.

Can I cancel or change the date?

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

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