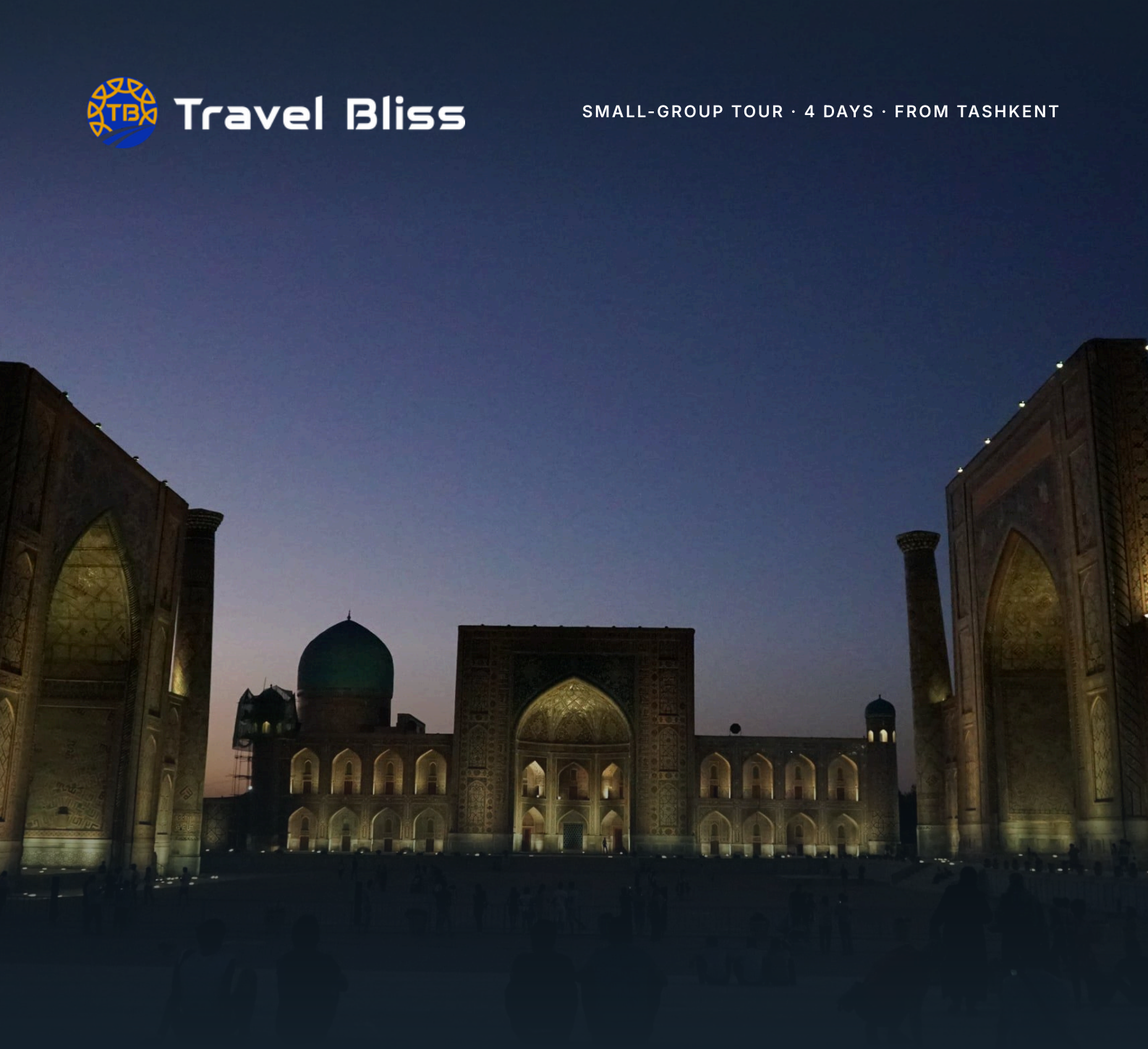
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SMALL-GROUP TOUR · 4 DAYS · FROM TASHKENT



TASHKENT · BUKHARA · SAMARKAND · TASHKENT

Samarkand & Bukhara Express

Four days on the Silk Road: Bukhara and Samarkand by Afrosiyob high-speed train from Tashkent, with local guides in each city.

DURATION	TOUR TYPE	STARTS & ENDS	RUNS
4 days · 3 nights	Small group · max 12	Tashkent	Fixed dates · Wednesdays

THE JOURNEY

Samarkand & Bukhara Express in 4 days

The essence of the Silk Road in four days: the holy city of Bukhara and Samarkand, Amir Timur's capital, joined by high-speed trains.

In Bukhara you walk through a UNESCO-listed old town that has been a centre of Islamic culture for more than two thousand years. In Samarkand you stand on the Registan Square, walk through the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and visit the Gur-Emir Mausoleum, the resting place of Amir Timur.

1 Tashkent ---- **1–2** Bukhara ---- **2–4** Samarkand ---- **4** Tashkent

AT A GLANCE

START AND FINISH
Tashkent railway station

NIGHTS
3 in 3★ hotels (1 in Bukhara, 2 in Samarkand)

GUIDES
Local guides in Bukhara and Samarkand

GETTING AROUND
Afrosiyob high-speed trains, transfers by car

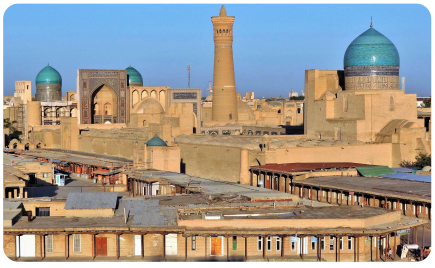
MEALS
Daily breakfast and one dinner with a local family

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bukhara's UNESCO-listed old town with a local guide
- Registan Square, Gur-Emir and Shah-i-Zinda in Samarkand
- Sitorai Mohi Hosa and the Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum
- Handmade paper in Konigil village
- Fast Afrosiyob trains between the cities
- Dinner with a local family



The Kalyan Minaret, Bukhara



Old Bukhara seen from the Ark



The Ulugbek Madrasah, Registan, Samarkand

DAY BY DAY

Bukhara and Samarkand

Day 1 Tashkent to Bukhara

BUKHARA

Transfer to the railway station at 06:30 for the Afrosiyob high-speed train at 07:30, arriving in Bukhara at 11:17. Our driver takes you to the hotel (check-in at noon). Walking tour of the UNESCO-listed historic centre with a local guide: the Lyabi-Hauz ensemble, the Magoki-Attori Mosque, Chor-Minor, the trade domes, the Ulugbek and Abdulazizkhan madrasahs, the Kalyan Minaret and Mosque, the Mir-i-Arab Madrasah, the Ark Fortress and the Bolo-Hauz Mosque. Sightseeing: 6–7 hours.

Day 2 Bukhara to Samarkand

SAMARKAND

Check-out, then outside the city Sitorai Mohi Hosa, the summer residence of Bukhara's last emir, and the Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum. Back in Bukhara, the Ismail Samani and Chashma-Ayub mausoleums. Afrosiyob train to Samarkand at 15:52, arriving at 17:25, and a transfer to the hotel. Sightseeing: 4–5 hours.

Day 3 Samarkand

SAMARKAND

City tour with your guide: the Registan Square, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Siyob Bazaar, the Ulugbek Observatory, the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis and the Gur-Emir Mausoleum of Amir Timur. Sightseeing: 6–7 hours.

Day 4 Samarkand to Tashkent

END OF TOUR

Check-out by noon. The Afrasiab Museum and the Tomb of Saint Daniel (closed on Sundays), then Konigil village, where paper is still made from mulberry bark by hand. Free time with the car and driver; in the late afternoon, the Afrosiyob train to Tashkent and a transfer to your hotel. End of the tour. Sightseeing: 3–4 hours.

> Trains: if the Afrosiyob high-speed train is not available, we arrange the most comfortable alternative. Train times are a guide and can change.



Registan Square in the evening, Samarkand



The Kukeldash Madrasah, Tashkent

BEFORE YOU GO

What's included

INCLUDED

- Train tickets Tashkent → Bukhara → Samarkand → Tashkent (Afrosiyob high-speed)
- 3 nights in 3★ hotels, double or twin room, with breakfast
- Local guides for the sightseeing in Bukhara and Samarkand
- Entrance fees to the sights in the itinerary
- All transfers
- One dinner with a local family

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Lunches and other dinners
- Additional hotel services
- 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/samarkand-bukhara-express-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 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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