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PRIVATE TOUR · SAMARKAND



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Samarkand City Tour

The great monuments of Samarkand in one day, with your own guide and car — from the tomb of Amir Timur to the tiled avenue of Shah-i-Zinda.

DURATION	TYPE	STARTS	RUNS
6–7 hours	Private, guide + car	Your hotel, Samarkand	Daily

THE TOUR

The heart of the Silk Road

Samarkand is one of the most important cities of the Great Silk Road and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This tour takes you to its most iconic monuments, combining the history of the Timurid era with the lively atmosphere of modern Samarkand.

Your TravelBliss guide and driver pick you up at your hotel. You see the mausoleum of Amir Timur, the three madrasahs of Registan Square, the monumental Bibi-Khanym Mosque and the tiled avenue of Shah-i-Zinda, and experience everyday life at Siab Bazaar.

The guide speaks English, Russian, German or French: choose the language when you book. Arriving that day? We can also start from the airport or the railway station for a small extra charge.

AT A GLANCE

DURATION
About 6–7 hours; we recommend starting between 08:30 and 09:00

TRANSPORT
Air-conditioned sedan, Hyundai Staria or bus, depending on group size

MEETING POINT
Pick-up and drop-off at your hotel

GUIDE LANGUAGE
English, Russian, German or French

RUNS
Daily, as a private tour

HIGHLIGHTS

- Registan Square and its three madrasahs (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Gur-Emir, the mausoleum of Amir Timur
- The tiled avenue of Shah-i-Zinda
- The monumental Bibi-Khanym Mosque
- Local life at Siab Bazaar
- Medieval astronomy at the Ulugh Beg Observatory

Your guide, your pace

A private tour for your party only: your guide and driver follow your rhythm — start early for the light at Registan, linger at Shah-i-Zinda, or take a long lunch. Ask anything along the way.

A TYPICAL ROUTE

What you will see

The order depends on the day and on what interests you most. These are the places the tour covers.

1 **Gur-Emir Mausoleum**
The resting place of Amir Timur (Tamerlane), his son Shah Rukh and his grandson Ulugh Beg — a 15th-century masterpiece with a turquoise ribbed dome and a richly ornamented interior.

2 **Registan Square**
The heart of medieval Samarkand, framed by three madrasahs: Ulugh Beg (15th century), Sher-Dor and Tilla-Kori (17th century).

3 **Bibi-Khanym Mosque**
Built in the reign of Amir Timur and once among the largest mosques of the Islamic world: an enormous portal, a great courtyard and domes.

4 **Siab Bazaar**
Samarkand's traditional market: Samarkand bread, dried fruit, nuts, spices, sweets and handmade goods.

· **Lunch break (optional)**
If you wish, your guide and driver stop at a local restaurant for plov, manti or shashlik.

5 **Shah-i-Zinda Necropolis**
An avenue of mausoleums built between the 11th and 15th centuries, famous for its blue and turquoise tilework and long a place of pilgrimage.

6 **Ulugh Beg Observatory**
Where the 15th-century astronomer and ruler Ulugh Beg carried out his research — Samarkand as a centre of science as well as of power.

What to wear
Comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sun protection, and clothing that covers shoulders and knees for the mosques and Shah-i-Zinda.

Start time
Flexible. We recommend 08:30–09:00, before the midday heat and the busiest hours at Registan.

Your pace
A private tour: stay longer where you like, skip what you do not, and ask your guide anything along the way.

ROUTE AT A GLANCE

- Your hotel
- Gur-Emir
- Registan Square
- Bibi-Khanym Mosque
- Siab Bazaar
- Lunch (optional)
- Shah-i-Zinda
- Ulugh Beg Observatory
- Back to your hotel

BEFORE YOU GO

Good to know

INCLUDED

- A professional guide in the language you choose
- Air-conditioned transport (sedan, Hyundai Staria or bus, depending on group size)
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Bottled water

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance fees to the monuments
- Lunch
- Start from the airport or railway station (on request, small extra charge)
- Personal expenses

Prefer not to pay on the spot? Choose the All-inclusive option when you book: the entrance tickets on the route (Gur-Emir, Registan, Bibi-Khanym, Shah-i-Zinda, Ulugh Beg Observatory) and a plov lunch are then arranged for you, for a fixed amount per person.

How long is the tour and when does it start?

About 6–7 hours. The start time is flexible; we recommend starting between 08:30 and 09:00. We pick you up at your hotel and bring you back.

In which languages is the guide available?

English, Russian, German or French — choose the language when you book.

What should I wear and bring?

Comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sun protection, clothing that covers shoulders and knees, and some cash for entrance fees and lunch.

Can we start from the airport or the railway station?

Yes — contact us and we will arrange it for a small extra charge.

Can I cancel or change the date?

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

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