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PRIVATE DAY TOUR · FROM SAMARKAND



SAMARKAND → SHAKHRISABZ → MIRAKI → SAMARKAND

Shakhrisabz and the Miraki Mountains

Over the Takhtakaracha Pass to Amir Timur's home town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and on to a mountain village in the Gissar foothills.

DURATION	HOTEL PICK-UP	TOUR TYPE	RUNS
8–9 hours	09:00	Private	Daily, all year

THE TOUR

History and mountains in one day

This private day tour joins the two sides of the Shakhrisabz road: the history of Amir Timur's home town and the mountains behind it.

You cross the Takhtakaracha Pass, with stops in the Devil's Valley and at the viewpoint, and a local guide walks with you through the old centre of Shakhrisabz. Then the road climbs about 33 km into the Gissar foothills to Miraki, a village at about 1,000 m on the Aksu river, for lunch and a walk before the drive back.

AT A GLANCE

PICK-UP
Your Samarkand hotel, 09:00

DURATION
8–9 hours

GUIDE
English- or Russian-speaking, in Shakhrisabz

TRANSPORT
Private car with driver

RUNS
Daily, all year

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cross the Takhtakaracha Pass with stops in the Devil's Valley and at the viewpoint
- See the giant arch of Ak-Saray, Amir Timur's White Palace
- Visit Dorus Saodat and the crypt Timur prepared for himself
- Drive into the Gissar foothills to the mountain village of Miraki
- Private car from your hotel, at your own pace





A TYPICAL DAY

Day plan

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

1 **09:00 · Samarkand**
Pick-up at your hotel in Samarkand.

2 **Devil's Valley and Takhtakaracha Pass**
A stop among the granite boulders of the Devil's Valley and a photo stop at the viewpoint on top of the pass.

3 **Shakhrisabz · Ak-Saray**
About an hour further on, your guide joins you at the giant arch of Amir Timur's White Palace (45 minutes).

4 **Dorus Saodat**
The mausoleum of Timur's eldest son Jahongir and the crypt Timur prepared for himself (45 minutes).

5 **Dorut Tilovat**
The complex with the blue-domed Kok Gumbaz Mosque (30 minutes).

6 **Drive to Miraki**
40–50 minutes into the foothills of the Gissar Range.

7 **Miraki**
Lunch at a local cafe (about 1 hour, paid on the spot) and a short walk along the Aksu river.

8 **Back in Samarkand**
About 2.5 hours' drive, arriving in the early evening.

In winter

The pass and the road to Miraki can have snow and ice. Ask us about the road conditions when you book.

What to wear

Comfortable shoes for the walks, and warm layers: the mountains are cooler than Samarkand.

Shorter day?

Our Shakhrisabz day tour covers the pass and the old town in 6–7 hours.



BEFORE YOU GO

Good to know

INCLUDED

- Private car with driver, round trip from your hotel in Samarkand
- Local English- or Russian-speaking guide in Shakhrisabz
- Bottled water

NOT INCLUDED

- Entrance tickets to the monuments
- Lunch in Miraki (paid on the spot)
- Personal expenses

How is this different from the Shakhrisabz day tour?

It adds the Devil's Valley and a drive into the Gissar foothills to Miraki, with lunch there. The day is 8–9 hours instead of 6–7.

Where is Miraki?

In the Kitab district of Kashkadarya, about 33 km from Shakhrisabz at around 1,000 m, on the Aksu river at the foot of the Gissar Range.

Is there a guide all day?

A local guide joins you in Shakhrisabz. On the road and in Miraki you travel with your driver, who speaks Uzbek and Russian.

Can I cancel or change the date?

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

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