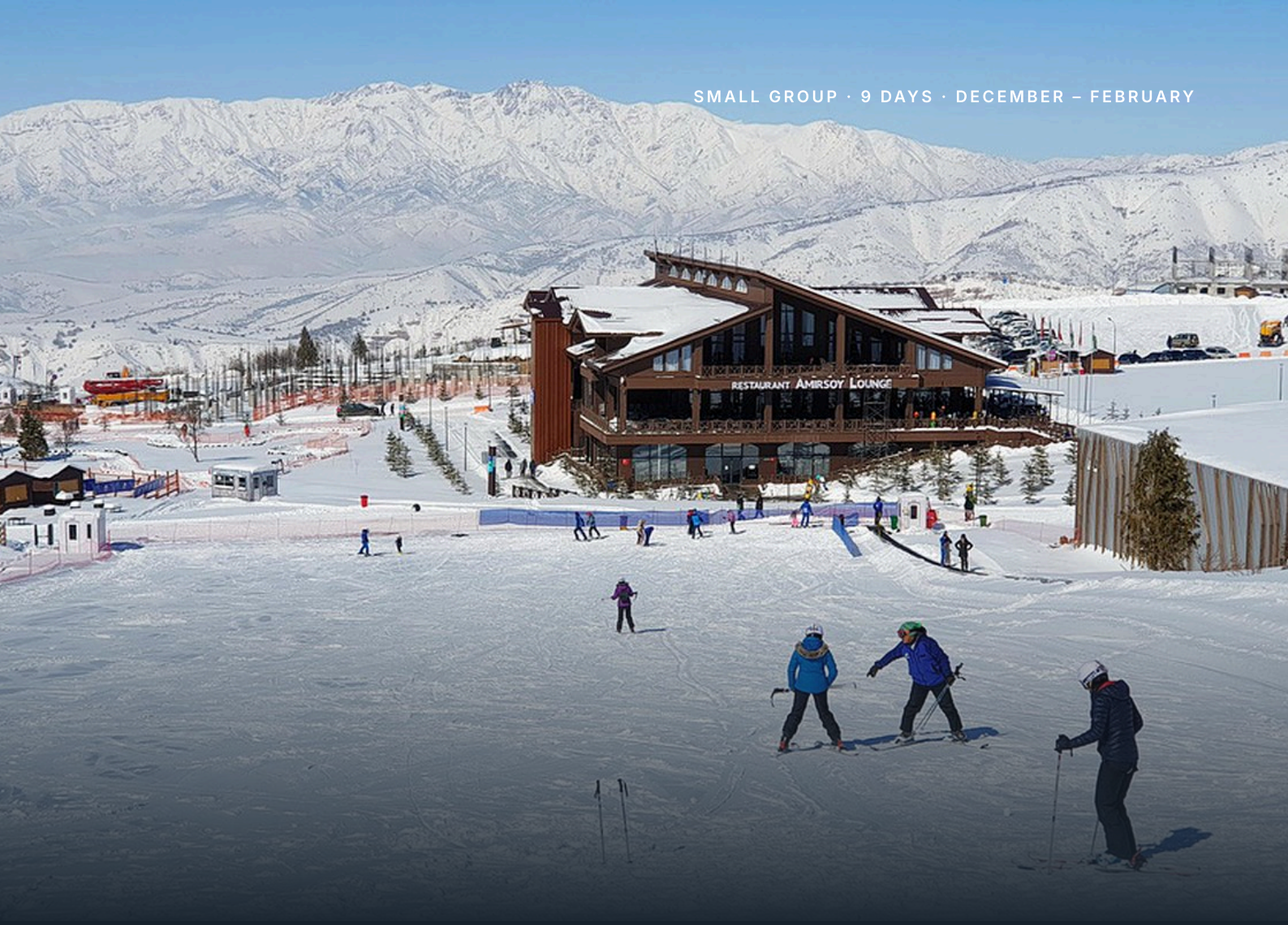


SMALL GROUP · 9 DAYS · DECEMBER – FEBRUARY

Travel Bliss

TASHKENT · CHIMGAN · BUKHARA · NURATAU MOUNTAINS · SAMARKAND

Winter Uzbekistan

Snow in the Chimgan mountains with the Amirsoy gondola and the Chimgan chairlift, a night with a village family and horse riding in the Nuratau mountains, and the Silk Road cities of Bukhara and Samarkand – quiet, uncrowded and beautiful in winter.

DURATION	TOUR TYPE	STARTS & ENDS	SEASON
9 days · 8 nights	Small group · 2–14	Tashkent	Mid-December – February

THE JOURNEY

Mountains, villages and the Silk Road

Winter is the quiet season on the Silk Road: no queues at Registan, low hotel prices and crisp, sunny days – and, two hours from Tashkent, real snow.

You start in Tashkent and spend a night in the Chimgan mountains, with the Amirsoy gondola to the Kumbel ridge and the Chimgan chairlift included. The train takes you to Bukhara for two days, then you cross the Nuratau mountains, with a night at the Yaxshigul homestay and horse riding in the hills, and finish with two days in Samarkand – only two hours by train from Tashkent.

1 Tashkent ---- **2** Chimgan ---- **3** Tashkent ---- **4–5** Bukhara ---- **6** Nuratau ---- **7–8** Samarkand ---- **9** Tashkent

AT A GLANCE

START AND FINISH
Tashkent

NIGHTS
Tashkent 2 · Chimgan 1 · Bukhara 2 · Nuratau homestay 1 · Samarkand 2

HOTELS
Standard rooms in hand-picked hotels

CABLE CARS
Amirsoy gondola and Chimgan chairlift – included

GUIDE
One professional English-speaking guide with you throughout the tour

GETTING AROUND
Comfortable vehicle with driver; train Tashkent → Bukhara and Samarkand → Tashkent

MEALS
Daily breakfast; cooking class and dinner with the host family in Nuratau

HIGHLIGHTS

- A night in the snowy Chimgan mountains, two hours from Tashkent
- The Amirsoy gondola up to the Kumbel ridge, and the Chimgan chairlift
- Time to ski, snowboard or simply walk in the snow
- A night with a village family in the Nuratau mountains with a cooking class, and horse riding on mountain trails (riding experience needed)
- Registan, Shah-i-Zinda and the old town of Bukhara without the crowds



The Amirsoy gondola to the Kumbel ridge



Registan Square, Samarkand

DAY BY DAY

Tashkent, Chimgan and Bukhara

Day 1 — Arrival in Tashkent

TASHKENT

Arrival at Tashkent International Airport. Our staff meet you with a TravelBliss sign and take you to the hotel, where your guide welcomes the group. A free day to rest after the flight; in the afternoon you can visit the Centre of Islamic Civilization on request.

Day 2 — To the mountains: Amirsoy gondola and Chimgan chairlift

CHIMGAN

Our vehicle takes you with your guide to the Chimgan mountains (about 2 hours). Ride the Amirsoy gondola up to the Kumbel ridge for wide views over the Western Tien Shan, then the Chimgan chairlift. Time to ski, sledge or walk in the snow. Overnight at a mountain hotel.

Day 3 — Charvak Lake and Tashkent city tour

TASHKENT

A free morning in the snow, then a stop at a viewpoint over Charvak Lake and the drive back to Tashkent. Afternoon city tour with your guide: the Khast-Imam complex with the Quran of Caliph Uthman, Chorsu Bazaar, Amir Timur Square and the Tashkent Metro.

Day 4 — Train to Bukhara

BUKHARA

Morning train to Bukhara (about 4 hours). Check-in and an evening walk to Lyabi-Hauz and the lit-up trading domes with your guide.

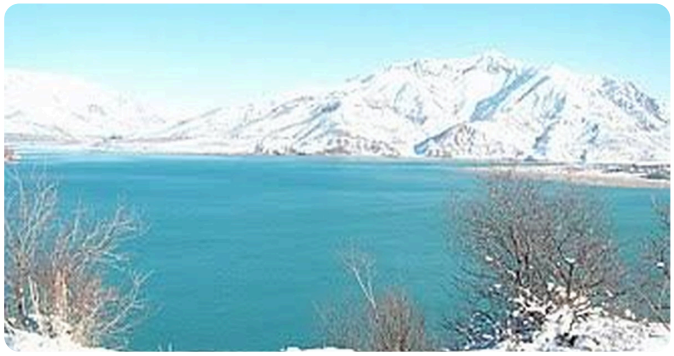
Day 5 — Bukhara city tour, Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa and Bahauddin Naqshband

BUKHARA

In the morning, a walking tour of the old town with your guide: the trading domes, the Magoki-Attari Mosque, Po-i-Kalyan with the Kalyan Minaret and the Ark Fortress. In the afternoon, by car to the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa summer palace of the last emir and the Bahauddin Naqshband complex, with the Samanid Mausoleum and Chor-Minor on the way back.



Ski slope and chairlift in Chimgan



Charvak Lake in winter

DAY BY DAY

Nuratau and Samarkand

Day 6 — Into the Nuratau mountains

NURATAU

After breakfast, our vehicle takes you with your guide from Bukhara into the Nuratau mountains (about 4 hours) to the Yaxshigul homestay, a family home in a mountain village. In the evening, a cooking class with your hosts: prepare dinner together, then dinner and overnight at the homestay.

Day 7 — Horse riding, Samarkand and Registan by night

SAMARKAND

After breakfast, ride horses into the mountains around the village with a mountain guide (about 2–3 hours). The trails are rough and steep, so some riding experience is needed; if you are not fully confident on a horse, please tell us before the tour and we will arrange a village walk instead. Then drive to Samarkand (about 3–4 hours) and check in at your hotel. In the evening, see Registan Square lit up after dark.

Day 8 — Samarkand city tour

SAMARKAND

A full day with your guide: the Gur-Emir Mausoleum, Registan Square, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the Siyob Bazaar and the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis.

Day 9 — Free morning in Samarkand, train to Tashkent and departure

END OF TOUR

A free morning in Samarkand, with your guide, a car and a driver with you until the train. Tell your guide what you would like to see or try, and together choose where to go within the city – a museum, a workshop, a bazaar or a café. (Trips outside Samarkand are not included.) Afternoon high-speed train to Tashkent (about 2 hours) and transfer to the airport for your evening flight.



Tilya-Kori, Registan Square, Samarkand



Po-i-Kalyan, Bukhara

BEFORE YOU GO

What's included

INCLUDED

- 7 nights in standard rooms with breakfast: Silkway (Tashkent), Archazor (Chimgan), Fatima Boutique (Bukhara), Jahongir Premium (Samarkand), or similar; 1 night at the Yaxshigul homestay in the Nuratau mountains
- Nuratau mountains: homestay, cooking class, mountain guide, horse and horse riding
- Chimgan and Amirsoy: Amirsoy gondola and Chimgan chairlift for the mountain day
- Meals: daily breakfast; dinner and breakfast with the host family in Nuratau
- Comfortable vehicle with driver for all transfers, the mountain days, Bukhara → Nuratau → Samarkand and the free morning in Samarkand (within the city): sedan for 1–3 travellers, minivan (Hyundai Starex or similar) for 4–6, Toyota Hiace for 7–9, Mercedes Sprinter for 10–14
- One professional English-speaking guide with the group throughout the tour, from Tashkent to Samarkand
- Trains Tashkent → Bukhara and Samarkand → Tashkent (economy)
- Entrance tickets to the sights in the programme
- Tourist tax

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Tashkent
- Ski pass, ski or snowboard equipment, instructor
- All lunches and dinners, except the dinner in Nuratau
- Anything not listed under Included
- Uzbekistan e-visa (if required)
- Photo and video fees (professional cameras)
- Travel insurance, tips and personal expenses

SMALL-GROUP FACTS

- Fixed winter departures, mid-December to February
- Guaranteed from 2 travellers · max 14
- One professional guide throughout
- 30% deposit to book
- Full refund up to 45 days before the start
- Free date change to another departure

	PRICE PER PERSON
Twin or double room	**$1,890**
Single room supplement	**on request**

Travelling alone? Share a twin room with another traveller of the same gender, or book a single room.

Booking

Choose a departure date and send us your request; nothing is paid at this point. We confirm your seats by WhatsApp or e-mail, then send a link for the 30% deposit.

Good to know

- Winter days are mostly sunny: around 0 to +10°C in the cities, colder in the mountains
- The cable cars may stop in strong wind, and horse riding depends on the weather; we then adjust the day
- If a train is not available, we travel by comfortable private car

GOOD TO KNOW

Questions and answers

Do I need to ski?

No. The cable cars, the views and the snow are for everyone. Ski pass, equipment and an instructor can be hired at the resort if you want to try.

Is there always snow in Chimgan?

The ski season usually runs from mid-December to early March. Early in December or in a warm year the snow may be thinner; we tell you before you book.

Do I need riding experience?

Yes. The ride goes over rough, steep mountain and hill trails, not flat ground. If you are not 100% confident on a horse, please let us know in advance and we will replace the ride with a walk in the hills.

What is the homestay like?

A simple, warm family home in a mountain village, with home-cooked meals – you cook dinner together with your hosts. Bathrooms may be shared. It is the most authentic night of the trip.

YOUR HOTELS · STANDARD ROOMS

CITY	HOTEL	NIGHTS
Tashkent	Silkway Hotel	2
Chimgan	Archazor	1
Bukhara	Fatima Boutique Hotel – one of the top boutique hotels in Uzbekistan	2
Nuratau mountains	Yaxshigul homestay (family home)	1
Samarkand	Jahongir Premium	2

Standard rooms with breakfast in all hotels. In Chimgan we book rooms with a balcony and a panoramic mountain view whenever possible; if no balcony room is available, we let you know in advance. If a hotel is fully booked on your dates, we book one of the same standard.

WHAT TO BRING

- A warm winter jacket, hat, gloves and waterproof shoes for the mountains
- Sunglasses and sunscreen – the snow is bright
- Clothes that cover shoulders and knees for mosques and mausoleums

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