

YOUR JOURNEY, THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED

Uzbekistan, with time to understand.

Three routes to shape around your dates, companions and priorities. Each includes daily visits, overnight stops and time for rest.



Itchan Kala, Khiva. Photograph by Nassima Chahboun. Full photo credit and licence on the final page.

7 days / 6 nights / Classic ziyorat

9 days / 8 nights / Four cities including Khiva

14 days / 13 nights - example / Umrah + Uzbekistan

Planning examples, not confirmed bookings. Prepared 9 September 2026. Services, access and prices require individual confirmation.

7 days / 6 nights / DAYS 1-3

The classic Uzbekistan ziyorat journey

A thoughtful introduction to Uzbekistan's scholarly heritage, with Imam al-Bukhari, Shah-i-Zinda and Bahauddin Naqshband at the heart of the journey.

Tashkent → Samarkand → Bukhara → Tashkent

Tashkent 2 nights · Samarkand 2 nights · Bukhara 2 nights

DAY 01 / Arrive in Tashkent

Meet your arranged driver and transfer to the hotel. Keep the first day for rest, a relaxed meal and a short neighbourhood walk if your arrival time allows. Agree the next morning's meeting time with your guide.

Overnight: Tashkent

Early check-in is a request until the hotel confirms it; an overnight flight may require an extra booked night.

DAY 02 / Old Tashkent, then Samarkand

Spend the morning at Hazrat Imam, with an introduction to Kaffal Shashi and the ensemble's places of worship and learning. Leave time for lunch, luggage collection and the station transfer. Take a suitable confirmed afternoon train to Samarkand and settle into your hotel.

Overnight: Samarkand [1] [2]

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DAY 03 / Imam al-Bukhari and Shah-i-Zinda

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Overnight: Samarkand [3] [4]

Confirm admission arrangements at the renewed Imam al-Bukhari complex for your travel date. Shah-i-Zinda has steps and uneven surfaces; tailor the walk to your group.

7 days / 6 nights / DAYS 4-7

The classic Uzbekistan ziyorat journey - continued

DAY 04 / Samarkand heritage, then Bukhara

Choose a focused morning visit to Registan or Gur-e-Amir. Your guide can connect the monument with Samarkand's wider history without filling the day with stops. Continue to Bukhara on your confirmed train; include a station-to-hotel transfer and a quiet evening.

Overnight: Bukhara [5] [2]

Keep luggage and transfer time in the plan. Add a Samarkand night if you want both monuments and a fuller city visit.

DAY 05 / Bahauddin Naqshband and old Bukhara

Travel outside the old city to the Bahauddin Naqshband memorial. Allow time for its scholarly and Sufi context, personal reflection and a break. Return for lunch and a gentle walk around the historic centre, choosing the Poi Kalon area or Lyabi Hauz to suit your pace.

Overnight: Bukhara [6] [7]

This day includes one principal regional memorial. A complete Seven Pirs journey needs its own agreed programme and extra time.

DAY 06 / A final Bukhara morning, then Tashkent

Enjoy a free morning for a favourite old-town quarter, a small craft purchase or a leisurely breakfast. Take a suitable afternoon or evening train back to Tashkent. Transfer to the hotel and keep the evening simple before your flight home.

Overnight: Tashkent [2]

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DAY 07 / Depart from Tashkent

Transfer to the airport for your confirmed departure. Keep this day free of essential sightseeing so the programme also works with an early flight. If you are continuing elsewhere, request a separately planned extension.

Overnight: Departure

Airport transfer timing is based on the airline's check-in requirements and the hotel location.

Shape the route around you

Add a Tashkent night for the Islamic Civilization Center; add Samarkand time for more heritage visits. An Imam al-Maturidi visit can be requested after checking current access. A fuller Seven Pirs programme around Bukhara requires additional days.

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9 days / 8 nights / DAYS 1-3

Four cities, with Khiva in the story

Follow the classic ziyorat route west to Khiva, with a full day inside Itchan Kala and a dedicated day for the longer journey from Bukhara.

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Confirm admission arrangements at the renewed Imam al-Bukhari complex for your travel date. Shah-i-Zinda has steps and uneven surfaces; tailor the walk to your group.

9 days / 8 nights / DAYS 4-6

Four cities, with Khiva in the story - continued

DAY 04 / Samarkand heritage, then Bukhara

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Keep luggage and transfer time in the plan. Add a Samarkand night if you want both monuments and a fuller city visit.

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Overnight: Bukhara [6] [7]

This day includes one principal regional memorial. A complete Seven Pirs journey needs its own agreed programme and extra time.

DAY 06 / Travel west to Khiva

Dedicate this day to the Bukhara-Khiva journey. Select an available train or an agreed private road transfer for your dates, with meal and rest stops appropriate to the service. On arrival, check into the hotel and enjoy a quiet evening.

Overnight: Khiva [2]

Treat this as a substantial transfer day. No high-speed service, exact journey time or same-day sightseeing is promised.

9 days / 8 nights / DAYS 7-9

Four cities, with Khiva in the story - continued

DAY 07 / Within the walls of Itchan Kala

Explore Khiva's historic inner city on foot. Make the Pahlavan Mahmud memorial a main focus, with time to learn about the poet and revered local figure. Continue to the Juma Mosque and selected courtyards when open, with a lunch break and free time before an evening stroll.

Overnight: Khiva [8] [9]

Agree which admissions are included. Some interiors and monuments have separate access arrangements; uneven paving may affect the walking route.

DAY 08 / Return to Tashkent

Transfer to Urgench airport for a domestic flight to Tashkent if a suitable service is confirmed. After arrival, transfer to the hotel and leave the rest of the day flexible. This city overnight gives the international departure its own day.

Overnight: Tashkent

Do not book around an assumed flight. If the date needs a rail or road alternative, extend or revise the itinerary rather than compressing this day.

DAY 09 / Depart from Tashkent

Transfer to the airport for your international flight. Take home a journey that connects Uzbekistan's living religious heritage with four distinct historic cities.

Overnight: Departure

Ask about a longer Bukhara stay or a slower route if your group would value fewer hotel changes.

Shape the route around you

Add nights in Bukhara for a fuller Seven Pirs programme or in Khiva for a slower pace. If a suitable Urgench-Tashkent flight is unavailable, request a longer programme using the transport that can actually be booked.

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14 days / 13 nights - example / DAYS 1-3

Umrah + Uzbekistan: one journey, two chapters

An illustrative journey with seven nights in Saudi Arabia and six in Uzbekistan. Shape the Uzbekistan extension around confirmed Saudi services, permits and flights.

Madinah → Makkah → Tashkent → Samarkand → Bukhara → Tashkent

Madinah 3 nights · Makkah 4 nights · Tashkent 2 nights · Samarkand 2 nights · Bukhara 2 nights

DAY 01 / Arrive in Madinah

Arrive on the flight agreed with your Saudi provider and transfer to the confirmed hotel. Rest after travel. Leave any first visit to the Prophet's Mosque flexible around your arrival, the group's energy and current visitor arrangements.

Overnight: Madinah [10]

Saudi hotels, transfers and support must be confirmed with an authorized provider. This itinerary is a planning example.

DAY 02 / Madinah: time for worship

Keep the day centred on worship and personal time. If visiting the Rawdah is important to you, your provider should explain the official booking process and any current eligibility requirements before departure.

Overnight: Madinah [10]

A Rawdah visit is not guaranteed; include it only after the necessary reservation or permit is obtained.

DAY 03 / Madinah at your own pace

Leave another unhurried day for worship and rest. An optional short heritage visit can be discussed with your Saudi guide, provided it suits your group and current access. Prepare for the journey to Makkah the next day.

Overnight: Madinah

Madinah is an optional part of this travel programme and is not a requirement for performing Umrah.

14 days / 13 nights - example / DAYS 4-7

Umrah + Uzbekistan - continued

DAY 04 / Madinah to Makkah

Travel using the confirmed rail or road service arranged by your Saudi provider. Receive guidance on the relevant miqat and ihram arrangements before travelling. Check into your Makkah hotel; coordinate the timing of Umrah with your guide and your confirmed permit.

Overnight: Makkah [11]

Do not fix worship timing around an unconfirmed transfer or permit. Religious guidance should come from a qualified adviser you trust.

DAY 05 / Makkah: Umrah and reflection

Allow a flexible day for Umrah, if not completed on arrival, in line with your confirmed arrangements. Keep the remaining time for worship, meals and rest. Avoid adding an ambitious sightseeing circuit.

Overnight: Makkah [11]

Permit dates and time slots must be checked through the official Saudi process. This programme does not guarantee issuance.

DAY 06 / Makkah: a quieter day

Spend the day according to your personal worship plans. Agree practical meeting points and assistance needs within the group. Any optional outing should leave sufficient time and energy for the purpose of your stay.

Overnight: Makkah

Confirm actual hotel distance, transport arrangements and mobility support with your provider.

DAY 07 / Makkah: worship and onward preparation

Keep a final flexible day in Makkah. Confirm the next day's airport transfer, luggage allowance and flight connection to Uzbekistan. Rest before the international travel day.

Overnight: Makkah

The example assumes the next day's routing reaches Tashkent that day. An overnight connection may require another day or night.

14 days / 13 nights - example / DAYS 8-11

Umrah + Uzbekistan - continued

DAY 08 / Saudi Arabia to Tashkent

Transfer from Makkah to the departure airport specified in your confirmed tickets, then travel to Tashkent. On arrival, meet your arranged Uzbekistan driver and transfer to the hotel. Keep the evening for rest.

Overnight: Tashkent

This is a dedicated international travel day. Direct flights, through-ticketing and same-day arrival are not assumed; adapt dates to the actual routing.

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Umrah + Uzbekistan - continued

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Shape the route around you

Reverse the country order if flights and permits make that more practical. To include Khiva, replace the seven-day Uzbekistan chapter with our nine-day four-city route, giving a 16-day example before any extra flight nights.

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BEFORE YOU BOOK

Ask for a clear proposal.

Share your dates, departure city, number and ages of travellers, preferred guide language, room arrangement, walking needs and budget range. Allow pauses for prayer, meals and rest. Ask for extra nights if you prefer a slower pace.

1. Named hotels, locations, room categories and exact number of nights; breakfast and any other meals listed individually.
2. Airport and station transfers, vehicle type, train class and the tickets actually included.
3. Guide language, guiding days and any required religious adviser or group assistance.
4. Admissions, meals, portage and local fees, each clearly marked included or excluded.
5. Total price and currency, payment schedule, cancellation terms and responsibility for changed transport.

What is included?

International and domestic flights, visas, permits, insurance, early check-in, late check-out, meals and optional visits are included only when expressly listed in your written quotation.

For Umrah + Uzbekistan

Saudi services must be confirmed separately with an authorized provider. Request the provider's name, service agreement and exact inclusions before booking. This is an illustrative programme, with Uzbekistan planning available by enquiry. Check the official Nusuk platform and the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah for your dates and nationality. Umrah arrangements are distinct from Hajj arrangements.

A comfortable pace

Confirm walking distances, stairs, places to rest, meals and prayer breaks before accepting the programme. Named hotels, guide credentials and transport standards should appear in the final written proposal.

Start a conversation

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SOURCES & PHOTOGRAPHY

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- [1] [Uzbekistan Travel: The complex of Khazrati Imam](#)
- [2] [Uzbekistan Railways: official ticket search](#)
- [3] [Uzbekistan Travel: renewed Imam Bukhari complex, 25 March 2026](#)
- [4] [Uzbekistan Travel: The memorial ensemble Shakhi-Zinda](#)
- [5] [UNESCO: Samarkand - Crossroad of Cultures](#)
- [6] [Uzbekistan Travel: 7 saints of Bukhara](#)
- [7] [UNESCO: Historic Centre of Bukhara](#)
- [8] [UNESCO World Heritage Centre: Itchan Kala](#)
- [9] [Uzbekistan Travel: Paklavon Makhmud Mausoleum](#)
- [10] [Nusuk Umrah: official Saudi platform](#)
- [11] [Ministry of Hajj and Umrah: Umrah permit application](#)

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Skyline of Itchan Kala, Khiva, Uzbekistan; Kalta Minor at right, with Islam Khodja minaret and the Pahlavan Mahmud dome towards the centre.

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