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11 Days 9 Nights Highlights of Uzbekistan (HUZ11H)

Highlights

Bukhara

- Labi Hauz Ensemble
- National House of Rakhmon with Uzbek Lunch
- Ark Fortress
- Bolo Hauz Mosque
- Ismail Samani Mausoleum
- Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum
- Mausoleum of Bahauddin Naqshbandi
- Nadir Devanbegi Madrasah with folk music and dance performance

Gijduvan

- Alisher pottery-making demonstration with homecooked Uzbek lunch
- DIY Bread Baking and Pottery Making class

Samarkand

- Registan Square
- Ulugbek Madrasah
- Tillya Kori Madrasah
- Sher Dor Madrasah
- Gur Emir Mausoleum
- Bibi-Khanum Mosque
- Siab Bazaar
- Shakh-i Zinda Necropolis

Tashkent

- Khazrati Imam Architectural Complex
- Kukeldash Madrasah
- Chorsu Bazaar
- Museum of Applied Arts
- Mustakillik Square
- Tashkent Metro
- Amir Temur Square

Chimgan

- Chair lift ride to Chimgan Hills
- Charvak Reservoir

Khiva

- Itchan Kala
- Pakhlavan Mahmoud Mausoleum
- Islam Khodja Minaret
- Juma Mosque
- Tash Hauli Mosque

Chan Brothers Travel Differences

Top Class Accommodation

- 1 Night stay at Chimgan Mountain Resort

Exclusive Experiences

- Bread Baking & Pottery Making Experience
- Folk Music and Dance Performance at Nadir Devanbegi Madrasah
- Train ride from Samarkand to Tashkent

25 Meals Included

9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 9 Dinners

Specialty Meals

National House of Rakhmon Uzbek Pilaf Lunch
 Dinner with Traditional Folk Show

DAY 1 SINGAPORE – TASHKENT

(Meals On Board/Dinner)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Tashkent**, capital of **Uzbekistan** and the region's premier metropolis via Kuala Lumpur. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel.

DAY 2 TASHKENT – URGENCH – KHIVA

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, transfer to domestic airport for your flight to **Urgench**. Upon arrival, embark on a scenic drive to Khiva, an atmospheric city widely regarded as the hometown of the Zoroastrians. Visit the UNESCO-listed **Itchan Kala**, the walled inner town of the city of Khiva. Some of the mahot sights include Kalta Minor, Kunya Ark citadel and Muhammed Rakhimkhon. Continue to see **Pakhlavan Mahmoud Mausoleum** and climb to the top of **Islam Khodja Minaret**, where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the whole of ancient Khiva. Later in the afternoon, continue your city tour with a visit to **Juma Mosque**, with its distinctive 218 wooden columns, and **Tash Hauli Palace**, a former royal residence ornamented with brightly coloured tiles, pillars and domes.

DAY 3 KHIVA – BUKHARA

(Breakfast/Packed Lunch/Dinner)

Today, enjoy a scenic drive to **Bukhara** via the famed **Kyzylkum Desert**, also known as the red sand desert in Turkic. Enjoy a couple of photo stops along the way to marvel at desert flora and fauna such as the saiga antelope and the transcasian desert monitor, which can grow up to a length of 1.6 metres. Stop by the Amu Darya river bank for lunch before continuing to Bukhara.

DAY 4 BUKHARA

(Breakfast/ National House of Rakhmon Uzbek Pilaf Lunch/Dinner)

Bukhara, former capital and a centre of Islamic learning, has over 300 mosques and was known as the holiest city in Asia with its 80 madrasahs. Start your tour with a visit to **Labi Hauz Ensemble**, an ancient architectural complex of mosaic-decorated religious buildings framing a central pond. Some of the major sights include Nadir Divanbegi Khanagha, Mogaki Attari Mosque and Poi Kalon Minaret. Enjoy an **Uzbek Lunch** at **National House of Rakhmon**, an authentic restaurant decorated ornately with a unique collection of ancient embroidered wall hangings. Later, visit **Ark fortress**, **Bolo Hauz Mosque**, **Ismail Samani Mausoleum** and **Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum**. Next, go on an excursion to the **mausoleum of Bahauddin Naqshbandi**, the final resting place of the famous Sufi spiritual leader in the 14th century. In the evening, enjoy a **folk music and dance performance** at **Nadir Devanbegi Madrasah**, one of the most beautiful medieval madrasahs in Bukhara, in which you will have the unique opportunity to learn more about the culture of the Uzbeks.

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DAY 5 BUKHARA – GIJDUVAN – SAMARKAND

(Breakfast/Homecooked Uzbek Lunch/Dinner)

Enjoy a morning drive to **Samarkand** via **Gijduvan**. Stop at Gijduvan to visit the house of famous potter Alisher and view an **Alisher pottery-making demonstration** to learn more about the unique craft that is popular in the region for its vibrant colours and its intricate techniques. Enjoy a **homecooked Uzbek lunch** of shashlyks, or grilled skewed meat, and learn more about traditional bread making from the Alisher family. Get your hands dirty in a **bread baking and pottery making experience** after the lunch. Thereafter, continue towards **Samarkand** for your overnight stay.

DAY 6 SAMARKAND – TASHKENT

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner with Traditional Folk Show)

No name is evocative of the ancient Silk Road as **Samarkand**. It is one of the oldest existing cities in the world and the oldest in Central Asia. Start your sightseeing of this mesmerizing city at the famous **Registan Square**, which is considered to be the heart of Samarkand. View the 3 beautiful madrasahs, the 15th century **Ulugbek Madrasah**, and the **Tillya Kori Madrasah** and **Sher Dor Madrasah**, both built in the 17th century, before visiting **Gur-Emir Mausoleum**, the final resting place of the Asian conqueror, Timur. View the grandest structure of Amir Timur's times, **Bibi-Khanum Mosque**. Next, visit **Siab Bazaar** to shop for traditional snacks and crafts before you head to **Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis**, a complex of ornately decorated mausoleums built in the 14th and 15th centuries. Later in the afternoon, transfer to the railway station for your train ride back to **Tashkent**.

DAY 7 TASHKENT

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, start your day exploring the old town of Tashkent with visit to **Khazrati Imam Architectural Complex**, the religious centre of the city and place of worship for Muslim pilgrims. Some of the surrounding architectural highlights include Barak-khan Madrasah, Tillya Sheikh Mosque, Kaffal-Shashi Mausoleum and Islamic Institute of Imam al-Bukhari, where a rich library of oriental manuscripts can be found. Continue to **Kukeldash Madrasah**, one of the most monumental religious buildings in the whole of Central Asia. After which, head to **Chorsu Bazaar**, the oldest market in Tashkent, to shop for local snacks and crafts. After lunch, proceed to **Museum of Applied Arts** which located in Russian Turkestan governor's old mansion. This museum has over 7,000 pieces of traditional folk art such as ceramic, glass and porcelain, costumes, jewellery and others.

DAY 8 TASHKENT – CHIMGAN

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Today, depart from the town of Tashkent and head toward snowy **Chimgan hills**. Embark on a **chair lift ride** to enjoy the mountain scenery and take breathtaking photo opportunity. You may take a horse ride or exciting ATV ride at your own expense. Next, admire the fascinating view of **Charvak Reservoir**.

DAY 9 CHIMGAN – TASHKENT

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, head back to Tashkent. Visit **Mustakillik (Independence) Square** and the famous **Tashkent Metro** is decorated with local marble and granite like underground palaces. Continue to **Amir Temur Square** is the true center of the city, where stands a famous monument to Amir Temur.

DAY 10 TASHKENT – SINGAPORE

(Breakfast/Meals on Board)

This day, spend the day free at leisure or you may like to join an optional tour to the Ancient Settlements of Tashkent where you will visit the remains of ancient temples and fortresses, built thousand years ago. Uncover the history behind archeological sites of ancient cities from the 5th century at your own expenses, before you're your transfer to the airport for your flight back to Singapore.

DAY 11 ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE

Remarks

Revisions, if any, in itinerary are subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is available at

www.ChanBrothers.com/PackageTourTnCs. In particular, the Customer is requested to note the following:

Itinerary may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond the Company's control.

Accommodation in designated cities is subject to room availability.

Sequence of itinerary may be subject to change.

Different tour groups may be merged.

Proposed changes, if any, that are not accepted will be subject to the refund provisions set out in the Terms and Conditions.

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