

ROUTE 3
"The Great Silk Road "with camel safari (14 days /13nights)
Tashkent - Urgench - Bukhara - Nurata (Camel Safari) - Shakhrisabz - Samarkand -
Tashkent - Ferghana Valley – Tashkent

ROUTE 3 *"The Great Silk Road "with camel safari* was specially elaborated for you to discover main destinations of Great Silk Road in Uzbekistan. This trip combines big variety of fascinating monuments in every city, beautiful nature including plains, mountains and desert.

Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan and understandably modern city but still has old sights and interesting museums, which will impress you. Samarkand – city of fairy-tales, world famous Registan square, observatory of Ulugbek, Gur-Emir – burial place of Tamerlane, a real eastern bazaar that will not leave your heart indifferent. Shakhrisabz – birth city of one of the greatest rulers in Central Asia Amir Timur. Later on Amir Timur made Samarkand the capital of his country, however he never forget about his motherland. He re-named Kesh as Shakhrisabz (Green City), he built his biggest palace here plus a mausoleum for himself and his favorite son. Bukhara was once the most noble and interesting city in the world. The holiest city in Central Asia, it had 217 mosques and 80 madrasas. It was famous for trade, education and religion. Still Bukhara has the only Central Asian old city inhabited by locals and is considered to be the historic core of Uzbekistan. Khiva is like a city-museum under the open sky. The old city of Khiva was the object of some of the most intrepid overland expeditions of the 18th and 19th centuries. Khiva was the most remote and is now the most complete of the old Silk Route's oasis cities. Its walls are intact. Today, when you enter the old inner city you will feel like you are in the fairy-tale *1001 Nights*. In Ferghana Valley you will see mountains and a different sort of nature of Uzbekistan, silk production and ceramic workshops of one of the most famous schools in Uzbekistan called Rishtan. To make your trip more alive and interesting we have added a camel safari in the Kyzylkum desert with accommodation in a yurt. Discover a different Uzbekistan on this route!

However, we are always open for your suggestions and improvements of your individual itinerary.

For more information, please, feel free to contact our tour – operator at: info@komiltravel.com

The ROUTE 3 can be arrange even for 1 person.

Day 1. Tashkent. Pick up from airport. Accommodation in hotel. PM Flight to Urgench. Pick up from Urgench airport. Transfer to Khiva. Overnight (O/N) in hotel

Day 2. City tour in Khiva. The Ichan-Kala (Old Inner City), Kunya Ark - Old fortress (XVII - XIX), Alla-Kuli-Khan ensemble (XVII - XIX), Palvan-Darvaza – knight's gate (XIX), Pahlavon – Makhmud complex (XIII-XIV), Islam-Hoja Medrese and Minaret(early XX), Palvan-Kari Minaret(early XX), Juma Mosque. O/N in the hotel

Day 3. Transfer Khiva - Bukhara (500km ~ 6hours). Accommodation in hotel. Rest and walking tour around old city, diving into the historical sights.

Day 4. Bukhara. City Tour: Lyabi – Hauz complex (XVI - XVII), 1st/2nd /3rd Trading Domes (XVI), Magoki-Atori mosque (XII), Ulugbek Madrassah (XIV), Abdulaziz Khan Madrassah (XVII), Poi Kalon square (XII-XVI), Fortress Ark (IVBC - XXAC). O/N in the hotel

Day 5. Bukhara. Tour Around the city: Architectural Memorial Complex Of Bahoudin Naqshbandii (XIV), Summer Palace of Last Emir "Sitorai-Mohi-Xosa" (XX), Necropolis "Chor - Bakr"(XVI), Mausoleum of Ismail Samanii (IX-X), Shrine of Chashmai – Ayub (XII -XVI), Old city wall (XVI), Chor Minor (XVIII) entrance to Madrassah, O/N in the hotel

Day 6. Transfer from Bukhara to Kyzylkum Desert(300km ~ 3,5 hours drive). and visit on the way: Vabkent minaret (brief stop); Gijduvan: ceramics workshop of Abdullo Nurzullaev; tomb of Khoja Abdulhalik Gijduvani and Ulug Beg madrassah; Rabat-i-Malik caravanserai (brief stop)
Accommodation in yurt. Free time. Rest. Camel riding in the desert, staring into the beautiful sky. Dinner. Live national music. O/N in the yurt.

Day 7. Breakfast. Camel riding (about1 hour). Transfer by car from Yangigazgan-Aidarkul Lake (30km - 30 min) Rest at lake, swimming. Transfer from the Aidarkul Lake to Samarkand (300km ~ 3,5 hours drive). On the way visit Mausoleum of Imam Al – Bukhorii. O/N in the hotel.

Day 8. Samarkand. City Tour: Registan Square (XV-XVII), The Gur-Emir Mausoleum – Tamerlan Tomb(XIV -XV), Bibi Khanum mosque(XV), Shakhi-Zinda(IX- XIV) Architectural –Memorial Complex, O/N in the Hotel

Day 9. Samarkand. Ulugbek Observatory (XV), Syob Bazaar (eastern market). Walking in old part of Samarkand and getting lost in the city of fairy-tales. O/N in hotel

Day 10. Transfer to Tashkent (350km ~ 4 hours). City Tour: Barak-khan Madrassah (XVI), Juma Mosque, Kafal-Shashi mausoleum (XVI), Abdul Kasim Madrassah (XVI), visit to Museum of Applied Arts. O/N in hotel.

Day 11. Transfer to airport for morning flight to Ferghana or transfer by car (375km ~ 5 hours). Arrival in Ferghana. Transfer to the hotel and accommodation. Transfer to Kokand (100km ~ 1 hour). Kokand city tour: Palace of Khudoyar-Khan - architectural complex (XIX), Gishtlik Mosque (beg.XX), Djami Mosque and minaret (beg.XIX), Mulkabad Mosque (beg.XX), Miyen-Hazrat Madrassah (end of XVIII) architectural complex Dahman-Shakhon: Madirakhan Necropolises and cemetery (beg.XIX). Transfer to Rishtan town (50 km). Visit Rishtan pottery workshops of Rustam Usmanov and Japanese School. Transfer to Ferghana (50 km). Dinner. O/N in the hotel in Ferghana

Day 12. Transfer to Margilan town (15 km) - visiting of silk production workshop of Turgunbay Mirzakhmedov and Yodgorlik silk factory. Transfer to ancient settlement Akhsykent (2nd-1st c. BC, 20 km to the West from Namangan, on the bank on Syr-Darya River) (85 km). Transfer to ancient settlement Kuva (Kuva town) (120 km). Return to Ferghana (35 km). O/N in the hotel in Ferghana

Day 13. Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for morning flight to Tashkent or trip to Shakhimardan(for an additional charge), which is a small mountain area, an Uzbek enclave that is located in Kyrgyzstan (75 km). On the way to Shakhimardan, visit Vuadil village to see an 800 year-old tree. Cross the Uzbek-Kyrgyz border. Shakhimardan excursion: a visit to Khamsa Mausoleum, elevation on a 2 km chair lift and mountain sightseeing. Cross the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border. Return to Ferghana. Departure to Tashkent. O/N in the hotel.

Day 14. Good bye dinner. Transfer to airport.

Friendly price:

Trip for 2 persons is only 909\$ per person (double accommodation)

Trip for 3 persons is only 754\$ per person. (1 double +1single room)

*Note: The more people in-group the cheaper the price per person.

Price includes:

1. Letter of invitation / visa arrangements
2. Pick up / drop off services from/to airport
3. Accommodation in conformable private small hotels and B&Bs
4. Transportation the entire route in a Toyota, Hundai, Istana, Ford, or WV minibus, or in a Nexia, which is a comfortable sedan. The price is inclusive of all the driver's expensive. We will arrange a very professional driver for you who has good experience working with tourists. Comfortable mini-buses and cars are at your disposal with radios and air-conditioning.
5. Half board (breakfast + dinner)
6. Sightseeing tours / local guides / camel riding
7. Accommodation in a yurt in the desert.

Not included:

Air ticket Urgench - Tashkent (plus ~ \$50 per person)

Air ticket Tashkent – Ferghana – Tashkent (plus ~ \$75 per person)

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