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CLASSIC INDEPENDENT JOURNEYS

Essential Central Asia

MARKETS AND MINARETS OF UZBEKISTAN AND TURKMENISTAN

Explore the markets, mosques and minarets of oasis towns on the fringes of the Kyzyl Kum and Kara Kum deserts. Here spiritual beliefs were the greatest commodities to flow along trade routes, and civilizations blossomed amidst austere natural beauty.

Days 1-7: Tashkent, Samarkand, Shakrisabze, Bukhara In Uzbekistan's capital, wander the Chorsu Bazaar and visit the studio of a master ceramics craftsman. Tamerlane transformed Samarkand into one of the most beautiful cities along the Silk Road. Visit his hometown, UNESCO-listed Shakrisabze, before continuing to Bukhara to admire the peaceful Lyabi-Hauz Plaza, embodying the soul of pre-Soviet Central Asia.

Days 8-9: Khiva Continue to Khiva, a living museum with its dun-colored city walls, merchants hawking their wares from each side, and distinctive minarets watching over the whole scene.

Days 10-13: Tashauz, Ashkabad In Turkmenistan, marvel at the meeting of ancient traditions and modern mores at Ashkabad's sprawling Alтын Asyr Market. Explore UNESCO-listed Nisa, once a major center of the ancient Parthian Kingdom.

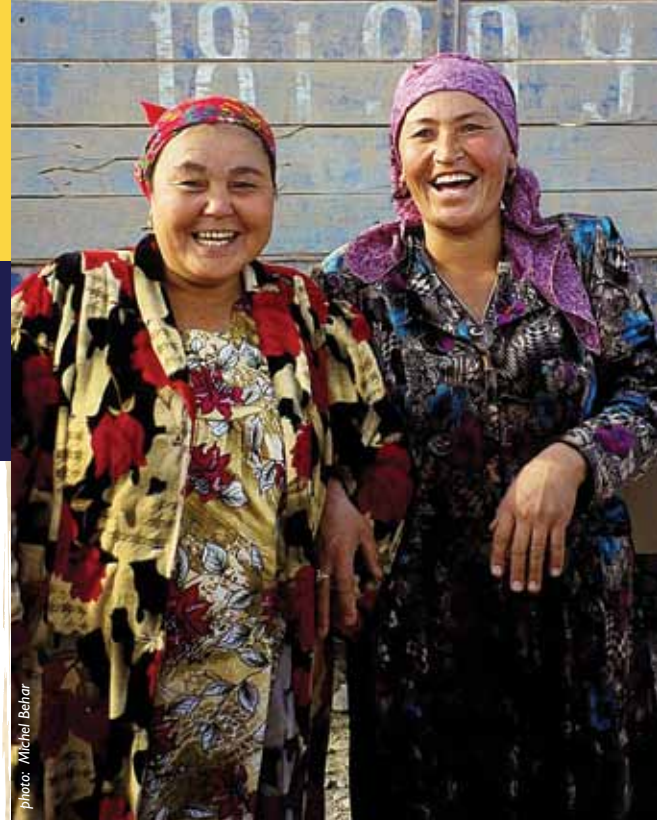


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Vibrant dress in Uzbekistan

PRIVATE JOURNEY



13 Days

Private Journey - 2 traveler minimum

From \$3,995 per person, double occupancy

Plus internal air \$50 (economy class, subject to change)

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Khiva's Khalta Minor (Short Minaret)

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