

Detailed Itinerary

Trip Name: [16 days] Wander to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan (2021)

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

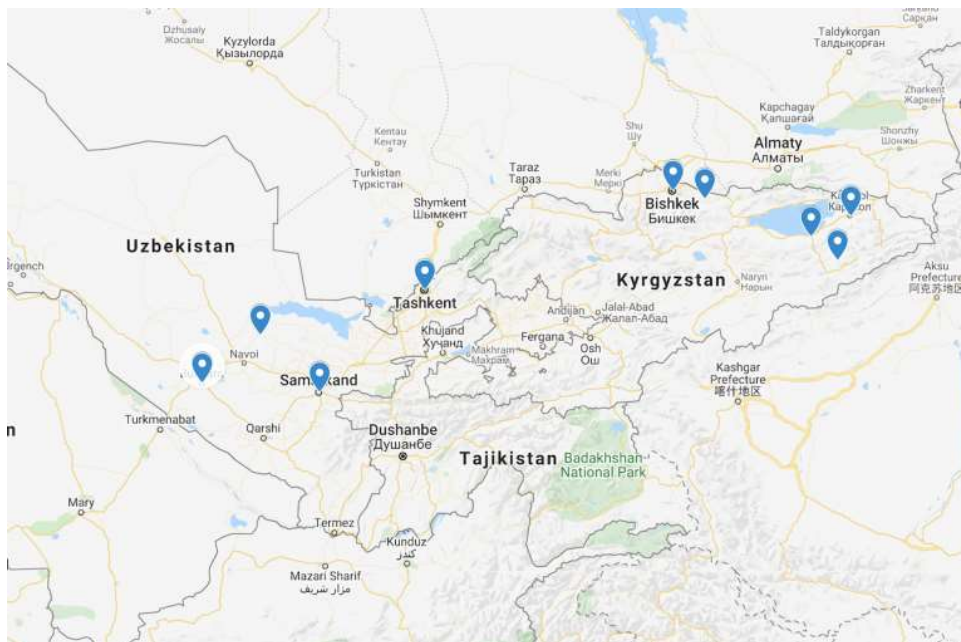
Dates: June 13th – 28th, 2021

Head into Central Asia for an adventure through mountains, remote villages, deserts, ancient cities, gorgeous lakes, yurt camps and more. This itinerary is packed with traditional experiences and local interaction, making it ideal for any traveler who wishes to truly explore these mysterious lands.

Main Stops:

Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek – Tamga – Issy-kul Lake – Jety Oguz – Karakol

Uzbekistan: Tashkent – Samarkand – Nurata – Bukhara



About the Tour:

All of our unique tours focus on local interaction, local activities and education and we keep our itineraries flexible so that you always get the absolute most out of your trip! We also see the main stuff too, but these are not standard, cookie-cutter group experiences. Always small groups, always laid-back, always diving straight into the heart of every destination we visit!

June 13th: BISHKEK (KYRGYZSTAN) – ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrival into Bishkek
- Airport pickup and private transfer to our hotel (based on your arrival time)

Accommodation: Hotel

June 14th: BISHKEK

- Group orientation meeting in the morning
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Full walking tour of the city through central Bishkek, the markets, monuments, city secrets

Accommodation: Hotel



June 15th: TAMGA

- Drive to the remote town of Tamga with stops along the way
- Stop for a walk through the gorgeous Skazka Canyon
- Incredible views of the mountain-backed Lake Issy-Kul (second largest mountain lake in the world)

(Total driving time to Tamga can be 7 hours including all stops, but it's a gorgeous drive!)

Accommodation: Guest House



June 16th: TAMGA

- Lake activities and a nature walk
- The old sanatorium for a 'step back in time' Russian spa experience
- Visits to local homes in order to meet Tamga's residents and learn about their remote culture

Accommodation: Homestay/Guest House

June 17th: JETY OGUZ

- Beautiful drive to visit this stunning mountainous region
- Explore the green valleys and deep red rock formations
- Overnight in a quiet yurt camp away from civilization

Accommodation: Yurt



June 18th: KARAKOL

- Late morning arrival
- Complete walking tour of this quaint, traditional town
- Russian Orthodox wooden church and Dungan Mosque

Accommodation: Guest House

June 19th: KARAKOL

- Local food tour focusing on regional specialties
- Learning traditional crafts from local artisans
- Free time in the afternoon

Accommodation: Guest House



June 20th: KARAKOL / BISHKEK

- Visit to the traditional Sunday morning Animal Market
- Full day of driving with stops along the way
- Burana Tower
- Cholpon Ata Petroglyphs

(Total driving time to Bishkek can be 9 hours including all stops, but it's another gorgeous drive on a different route!)

Accommodation: Hotel or Guesthouse

June 21st: TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

- Short flight from Bishkek to Tashkent
- Transfer to our hotel in Tashkent
- Evening wander and dinner

Accommodation: Hotel or Guesthouse

June 22nd: SAMARKAND

- Guided city tour of Tashkent
- Tashkent's main bazaar
- Afternoon drive to Samarkand (4 hours)
- Orientation walk and local dinner

Accommodation: Hotel or Guesthouse

June 23rd: SAMARKAND

- Full tour of Samarkand
- Registan
- Bibi-Khanum mosque
- Ulugh Bek observatory
- Afternoon free time (optional visit to an ancient hamam/bathhouse)
- Evening visit/traditional dinner with a local family

Accommodation: Hotel or Guesthouse



June 24th: NURATA YURT CAMP

- Drive to Nurata yurt camp
- Travel through the Uzbek steppes and desert
- Time to explore the camp surroundings (interact with camels, light hiking)
- Night in a traditional Uzbek yurt

Accommodation: Yurt

June 25th: BUKHARA

- Morning drive to Bukhara (one of the most beautiful cities in Uzbekistan!)
- Afternoon tour of the ancient mosques, caravanserais, monuments and more
- Evening out in town for a local experience

Accommodation: Hotel



June 26th: BUKHARA

- Walking tour inside the old city walls
- Kalyan minaret
- Bolo Haus mosque
- Main bazaar
- Local crafts and jewelry market

Accommodation: Hotel

June 27th: TASHKENT

- Morning high speed train to Tashkent
- Afternoon around Tashkent
- Local restaurant for dinner, drinks and conversation about the adventure!

Accommodation: Hotel

June 28th: TASHKENT – DEPARTURE DAY

- Transfer to the airport based on your flight time

PRICING

Tour cost:

- \$3545 USD per person, single room (there are 5 single rooms available on this trip)
- \$2845 USD per person, twin-share room (solo travelers will be paired together in a room with two beds)

***BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE:** To reserve your spot on a tour, a \$500 deposit will be required. However, you can book with complete peace of mind as this deposit will be 100% refundable until 3 months prior to the trip start date.

INCLUSIONS

- **Accommodation:** All accommodation (15 nights – 3* hotels, guesthouses, homestays and yurt camps)
- **Meals:**
 - Breakfast every day, 5 lunches and 12 dinners (the exact days on which the lunches & dinners will be provided in the final trip details that will be sent 6 weeks prior to departure)
 - Bottled water throughout the trip
- **Transportation:**
 - All transportation in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan
 - All airport transfers
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:**
 - Tour guide & local guides throughout
 - All entrance fees for sights visited
- **Other:** All activities mentioned

EXCLUSIONS

- **Meals:** Any meals not mentioned as covered above
- **Transportation:** Flights to/from Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:** Passport/visa fees
- **Other:**
 - Any activities not mentioned in Detailed Itinerary
 - Travel insurance
 - Gratuities