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Silk Road and Beyond: Historical and Environmental Treasures

MARCH 10 - 21, 2023

WYOGLOBAL STUDY TOUR FOR
ALUMNI AND UW FRIENDS

TASHKENT • KHIVA • BUKHARA • SAMARKAND
FERGANA • TASHKENT



MEET THE FACULTY LEADERS:



FACULTY EXPERT, DR. JOHN L. KOPROWSKI, DEAN & WYOMING EXCELLENCE CHAIR OF THE HAUB SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES.

Dr. Koprowski's research program has focused on the ecology, conservation and management of biodiversity through community-based approaches in the United States, Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Nepal, China, Mongolia, South Africa and numerous other international locations. He has taught international courses in Ecuador, Mongolia, China and Italy. He brings a passion for interdisciplinary teaching that is rich in experiential learning in order to immerse students in the grand challenges that our society faces.



CULTURAL EXPERT, DR. DILNOZA KHASILOVA, GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT FELLOW, ALUMNI RELATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS, WYOGLOBAL OFFICE.

Dr. Khasilova grew up and finished her high school in Uzbekistan (Tashkent and Fergana Valley). She holds her Ph.D. in Literacy Studies, Curriculum & Instruction from the College of Education, University of Wyoming. Dr. Dilnoza is an advisor of Central Asian Student Association and organizes events to bring Central Asian awareness at UW. Dr. Khasilova's research focuses on teaching and learning world languages and cultures, lifelong learning, and nonformal education. As a result of her culminative master's project, she created UW's World Language and Culture Program where she teaches the Uzbek language and brings awareness of Central Asian cultures as part of her service to UW and Wyoming community.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL:

- Learn about the history, geography and natural resource management of Uzbekistan.
- Explore the beautiful sights, smells, tastes, and culture of Silk Road cities.
- Participate in hands-on workshops, such as the creation of silk textiles, paper-making, cooking and ceramics.
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Tashkent, Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand and the Fergana Valley.
- Experience the varying landscapes of central Asia in Ugam Chatkal National Park and Kyzil-Kum (Red Sand) areas.
- Gain a deeper understanding of Uzbekistan and its people from local experts and professionals.

DAY 1 MARCH 10 | Flight to Uzbekistan and arrival in Tashkent

Arrive in Tashkent (10 AM), welcome at the airport and transfer to the hotel for check-in. Time for rest. Light walk around. Dinner on own. Overnight in Tashkent.

DAY 2 MARCH 11 | TASHKENT, SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, your guide will give a preview of the program of the day and then you will start the guided tour of Tashkent:

- The immense Chorsu Bazaar - Chorsu was the main place where the caravans of the Silk Road went in Tashkent. Now it is a traditional, colorful bazaar with plenty of food, fruits and vegetables. The highlights of the visit: we will visit the huge dome in the center of Chorsu where we can taste dry fruits and we will make our way to the area of the bakers to taste Uzbek bread and to see the preparation of Uzbek bread in traditional clay ovens- tandoor.
- The Kukeldash madrasa;
- Khastimam complex and the oldest Qur'an (the Koran) publicly available in the world;
- Place of Independence and Amir Temur Square.

Welcome dinner (Navvat Restaurant). Overnight in Tashkent.

DAY 3 MARCH 12 | TASHKENT -KHIVA

Early breakfast. Transfer to the Tashkent domestic airport. Flight for Urgench (07:50). Arrival in Urgench (09:20). Transfer to the city of Khiva (35km). Full day trip for discovering the fantastic citadel in Khiva where we will see 3000 years of history, and more than 250 monuments protected by the state and UNESCO. Khiva is the city of the founder of Algebra, Al Khorezmi. A complete day dedicated to the highlights tour of Khiva:

- The West Gate - Ota Darvoza
- Kalta Minor - the blue minaret
- The Ark citadel with its beautiful summer mosque, Reception Hall, and the Observation Tower (climbing to the observation tower is optional)
- Madrasas Muhammad Amin Khan and Muhammad Rakhim Khan
- Mosque Juma
- The palace Tash Khovli with its Harem, Receptions Hall, and Judgement Hall
- The caravanserail Allakuli Khan
- The madrasa and minaret of Islam Khodja
- The East Gate & the slave market

Lunch "Shivit Oshi (traditional meal with dill)" in a local restaurant.

Tip: Evening walk in the old city can be one of the highlights of your trip. That's the moments when you will find yourself in the stories of 1001 nights.

Option: Before dinner, you can enjoy a Traditional Folklore Dances show in one of the beautiful madrasas of the 19th century. Overnight in Khiva.

DAY 4 MARCH 13 | DRIVE TO BUKHARA (450km, 6-7 hrs)

Breakfast. Bukhara through the vast desert Kyzylkum to Khiva by train.

You will arrive in Bukhara by the end of the day. Your hotel in Bukhara will be in the old city which makes it easy to go out and walk around the monuments. Free time.
Overnight in Bukhara.

DAY 5 MARCH 14 | BUKHARA (visits on foot)

After breakfast, you will visit the heart of the ancient Silk Road. The guided tour of Bukhara includes:

- The Samanids Mausoleum
- Bolo Khauz Mosque
- Kalon complex (12th-16th cent.) - Miri Arab Madrassa, Kalon Mosque and the Minaret Kalon; The mosque Kalon is the biggest Friday mosque in the city which could receive up to 10-12 thousand men. After visiting the mosque, we will go to the Panoramic restaurant in front of the monuments to have a “tea tasting” time. This is a perfect place to see the 288 domes of the Kalon mosque.
- Ulugbek and Abdilazizkhan Madrassa (17th century)
- Magoki Attori Mosque (12th century)
- Lyabi House complex (16th century)
- Ark Fortress
- Chor Minor (19th century)

Typical lunch in a teahouse in front of the palace of the emirs of Bukhara - Ark. Located next to the palace of the emirs and one of the most beautiful mosques of the city, eating in a traditional place with locals, tasting a variety of traditional meals is a great experience!
In the evening you will enjoy a traditional Music & Dance show in the madrasa Nodir Devonbegi.
Overnight in Bukhara.

DAY 6 MARCH 15 | BUKHARA, FREE DAY - lunch not included today

Dilnoza will arrange her birthday party that evening. You will enjoy and join the traditional birthday party.

DAY 7 MARCH 16 | BUKHARA - SAMARKAND (250 km)

After breakfast transfer to Samarkand by car.

Along the way you will visit:

- The necropolis - Naqshbandi
- The summer residence of Bukharan emirs - Sitorai-Mohi Khosa
- Sardoba (water reservoir of the caravans of Silk Road)
- Lunch in a teahouse near Sardoba.
- Arrival in Samarkand in the afternoon. Transfer to hotel for some free time. After having some rest you will go to see some of the most popular monuments of Uzbekistan: The mausoleum of Tamerlan which is extremely richly decorated with ceramics, mosaics, gold, marble, and jade
- Musical Theater of Silk Road History (group leader Dilnoza will arrange)
- Overnight in Samarkand.

DAY 8 MARCH 17 | SAMARKAND - the highlight of your trip

Breakfast. Full day dedicated for visits in the heart of the Great Silk Road - Samarkand. Each monument of the city will amaze you with its beauty and diversity of ornaments. The visits of the day:

- The place of Registan with its 3 magnificent madrasas – Ulugh Bek, Tillakori, Sherdor, Shakh Zinda Necropolis and its 20+ mausoleums
- The grandiose Bibi Khanum Mosque and the Bazar Siab. The bazaar Siab is an ideal place for buying dried fruits and spices. Skilled vendors can prepare you “personalized packs of spices” for cooking plov, for meats, salads, etc. The herbal tea (mint, basil, saffron, etc.) of Samarkand is also something interesting you can find in this bazaar
- The Observatory of Ulugbeg
- Samarkand Silk Paper workshop

At 16:00 you will be transferred to the train station to take the high-speed train to Tashkent (17:00). Arrival in Tashkent (19:15) and transfer to your hotel. Check-in time for rest. Overnight in Tashkent.

DAY 9 MARCH 18 | TASHKENT - KOKAND - MARGILAN (330km)

After breakfast, you will drive towards Ferghana valley through dry steppes and high mountains. Arrival in Kokand (13:30). Lunch in Kokand and then you will visit Khudoyorkhan’s Palace and the beautiful Jome Mosque with its 98 carved wooden pillars. After the visits, you will be transferred to Rishtan – the village of ceramists where you will visit the family workshop of a famous Usta-master Rustam Usmanov. The works of Rustam Usmanov are considered one of the finest and most creative in all Central Asia. After visiting the ceramics workshop you will continue the drive towards Margilan, the city of silk.

Overnight in Margilan

DAY 10 MARCH 19 | Margilan - Rishtan - Tashkent (320km)

Breakfast. Today you you will visit the “Yodgorlik” Silk Factory in Margilan. Visiting the silk factory will be very interesting because you will see the full procedure of producing silk products; from the cocoons to dyeing, from embroidery to knitting, etc.

****Silk historical fashion show possibility – Dilnoza has a contact****

If you have time, you can also visit the craft center of Margilan located in a small beautifully decorated madrasa. In the afternoon you will take the road towards Tashkent. Arrive in Tashkent by the end of the day. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Tashkent.

DAY 11 MARCH 20 | Tashkent - Chimgan - Charvak - Tashkent

Breakfast at hotel.

At 08:30 pick-up from hotel lobby and transfer to Beldersay gorge (120 km, 2 hrs) with beautiful views of the mountains and the rural lifestyle of locals.

At 10:30 ascent by chair-lift to the height of 2300 m (25 min.). View of the surrounding area from the top. Descent by chair-lift. Meeting of the group and transfer to Chimgan (15 min.) Time to explore the area (possibilities for horse ride, drive on quadrocycle at extra charge). Photo-stop in Charvak.

13:00 – lunch in a mountain restaurant in the place named “Bochka”.

15:00 – return to Tashkent. Drop off at the hotel.

Overnight in Tashkent.

DAY 12 MARCH 21 | Flight home

6:40 AM Transfer to the International Airport of Tashkent

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Perfectly-located hotels, occupancy including breakfast
- Transportation with domestic Uzbek flights and cars with A/C, throughout the whole trip
- Air-tickets for domestic flights (Tashkent - Urgench)
- Economy class ticket for high-speed train Samarkand-Tashkent
- Professional local tour guides to visit each city
- Welcome dinner (Navvat Restaurant)
- Half board (lunches)
- Chair lift in Chimgan mountains
- A Show of traditional dances and music in the beautiful courtyard of a madrasa in Bukhara
- Samarkand by Night tour
- Photo and camera fees in museums
- Entrance tickets to museums & monuments as per program
- Visa support to Uzbekistan (if required)
- 1 liter mineral water every day
- International air tickets (airfare round trip from JFK to Tashkent)
- Full board – dinners, lunches other than given in the inclusions

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to guide & drivers
- Guides – standard is \$5/day/person
- Drivers – standard is \$3/day/person
- Porters – this is really more individual, related to any heavier luggage a porter may take between bus and hotel – typically \$1 per bag.
- Dinners and Lunches not noted in itinerary
- Single supplement 4* hotels (\$280)
- Domestic U.S. airfare to and from JFK New York airport.



HOTELS:



CITIES

4* HOTELS

TASHKENT

Daniel Hill 4* | Grand Capital | Navruz

KHIVA

Arkanchi 4* | Zarafshon Boutique | Asia Khiva 4* | Erkin Palace | Madrasa Orient Star | Grand Vizir Boutique

BUKHARA

Komil Boutique | MinoraiKalon Boutique | Shahrison 4* | Malika Bukhara | Shohnishin Boutique | Asia Bukhara 4*

SAMARKAND

Emirkhan 4* | Izumrud Palace | City Hotel | Malika Prime

FERGANA

Asia Samarkand 4*

How did you learn about this particular tour?

How many people will be traveling with you?

Your Full name (Participant 1), First name, Middle name, Last name (as it appears on your travel document/passport)

Primary Phone Number (indicate if it is a cell or home phone)

Email

Your Full name (Participant 2), First name, Middle name, Last name (as it appears on your travel document/passport)

Primary Phone Number (indicate if it is a cell or home phone)

Email

Mailing Address (Street Address, Apt/Unit number, City, State, Zip/Postal Code)

Indicated (yes/no) that you are physically able to participate fully on the program and agree with accommodation preferences.

Accommodation Preferences (not guaranteed)

- Single
- Double (one bed)
- Twin (two beds)
- Shared (other participant listed on this form)

Agree or Disagree: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation (unless otherwise noted).

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