



Kazakhstan | Kyrgyzstan | Uzbekistan | Tajikistan

# CENTRAL ASIA TRAIN ADVENTURE

*FROM ALMATY TO TASKENT*

*Explore the ancient and modern Silk Road on this unique journey through one of Asia's most historically dynamic regions.*

15D/14N  
 Legendary  
 Silk Road by private train  
 03-17 Oct | 15 - 29 Oct (2024)

starting from

**RM 39,600**

per person  
 (Ali Baba category)

*Other cabin categories available based on your own comfort*



# **ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN TO TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN**

## **Day 1 Flight to Almaty, Kazakhstan. (MOB)**

Today 03 Oct 2024, you fly to Almaty on your preferred airline.

## **Day 2 Almaty - "Father of Apples" (B/D)**

In the early morning, you will arrive in Almaty and be taken to your comfort hotel. After a morning of relaxation, you will meet your tour guides and fellow travellers in the afternoon. An impressive start to your voyage is a trip to Medeo, where the highest ice-skating rink in the world is located. From here, you take the cable car to a ski resort at 2,200 m and continue to the Talgar peak at 3,200. You enjoy the crisp air and the breath-taking view before ending the day with a welcome dinner.

*Overnight: Hotel in Almaty*



## **Day 3 Almaty, Kazakhstan (B/D)**

In the morning, a city tour with Russian Orthodox wooden cathedral, wedding palace, circus and central mosque (from the outside). Lunch at the local yurt restaurant. In the afternoon, your journey with the special train begins. A welcome drink and a short lecture await you on board.

*Overnight: On board*



## **Day 4 At Issyk Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan) (B/L/D)**

This morning you will reach the breathtaking Issyk Kul Lake. A visit to the Center of Nomadic Culture will bring you closer before you have time for a walk, or perhaps a small swim in the Issyk Kul. After a boat trip on the Issyk Kul, your train makes its way to Bishkek.

*Overnight: On board*



## **Day 5 Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (B/L/D)**

After breakfast on board you will reach the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek. On a tour, you will discover their numerous sights. With about 100m<sup>2</sup> of green space per inhabitant, Bishkek is one of the greenest cities in the world! And of course the Ala-Archa National Park is also part of the programme. You spend the night in a comfort hotel in Bishkek.

*Overnight: Hotel in Bishkek*



## **Day 6 Train Day to Samarkand (B/D)**

After breakfast, your train is leaving. Enjoy a relaxing day of lectures as your special train travels to Samarkand, Uzbekistan

*Overnight: On board*

### **Day 7 Samarkhan, Uzbekistan (B/L/D)**

Today, you will experience the sights of this renowned and historic site, which was known under the rule of Timur as the most beautiful and important city in the world: the burial town of Shah-i-Zinda ("The Living King"), the excavation sites of Afrasiyab (with museum tour) and Registan Square were certainly the most impressive construction ensemble in Central Asia. Registan Square is surrounded by three mighty madrasas. The huge and magnificent portals impressive in terms of decoration and colour. In the background, the domes of the mosques glitter like in the Middle Eastern fairy tale. In 1917, the women of Uzbekistan burned their face veils at this historic site and embarked on a new era. Here in Samarkand you will spend the next two nights in a mid-range hotel.

*Overnight: Hotel in Samarkand*



**Registan Square,  
Samarkand**

### **Day 8 Samarkand, Uzbekistan (B/D)**

Today, you visit a silk carpet manufactory and a Uzbek artisan family that makes paper from mulberry tree bark, you will see the Ulugh Beg Observatory and the ruins of the Bibi-Khanym Mosque. The palace-like Gur-i-Amir mausoleum complex can be visited from the inside. It houses the tomb of Timur, who made his capital a paradise as a famous builder, but also went down in history as a feared conqueror.

*Overnight: Hotel in Samarkand*

### **Day 9 Train day - Samarkand to Dushanbe (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, your special train will continue on its way. Today, you will see a folklore show of the unique tradition of this region that seems to have fallen out of time. Afterwards you will go to Shahrissabz in the birthplace of Timur. In the evening, you travel with the special train to Dushanbe, Tajikistan. *Overnight: On Board*

### **Day 10 Dushanbe, Tajikistan (B/L/D)**

After arriving in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, in the morning, you will discover numerous sights on a tour. Among the many parks in the city, a visit to Rudaki Park is a great way to relax in the countryside. In the late afternoon you will return to your special train and head towards Samarkand.

*Overnight: On board*

### **Day 11 Bukhara, Uzbekistan (B/L/D)**

Located in the middle of the Kyzylkum Desert, Bukhara has about one thousand monuments that recall the glory days of the Great Silk Road. In the old town you can see the almost 50 m high Kalyan minaret and the Lab-i Hauz ensemble at the pond. In front of the Nasreddin monument listen to some of his stories and legends. In the courtyard of a madrasa, you will experience a folklore show with music, local dances and a presentation of colourful national costumes. Overnight at a mid-range hotel in Bukhara.

*Overnight: Hotel in Bukhara*



**Bukhara**

### **Day 12 The Samanid Mausoleum (B/D)**

Today, you explore Bukhara during a full-day tour. The entire city seems like a large, unique, and authentic architectural museum that has retained its old Middle Eastern countenance. In the morning we will take you to the magnificent Mir-i-Arab and the most valuable building in Central Asia, the Samanid Mausoleum. Then take a tour through the mighty fortress of Ark, a city in the city that was once the seat of government of the rulers of Bukhara. Overnight on board.

*Overnight: On board*

**Day 13 Khiva, Tajikistan (B/L/D)**

**Fairy Tale from 1001 Nights** Today, visit the Khiva Oasis, from one of the best-known fairy tales from 1001 Nights. You will stand in front of the mighty city wall of Khiva with its gates and bastions of clay bricks, you will think you've been transported to another world: Around the Kalta Minor Minaret, life still pulsates today just as it did in ancient times. During a walking tour you can enjoy all the sights: Palaces, mosques, minarets, mausoleums and madrasas form one of the best-preserved ensembles of medieval Middle Eastern town planning. You will spend the night on board.

*Overnight: On Board*



**Day 14 Tashkent, Uzbekistan (B/L/D)**

In the early afternoon your special train arrives in Tashkent. City tour of Kukeldash Madrasah, the Kavoj and Amir-Timur monuments, and the typical clay houses. After the goodbye dinner, you will spend the night in a mid-range hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Tashkent

**Day 15 Tashkent (Fly out from Tashkent anytime on 17 Oct 2024)**

Hotel room extension being arranged as majority flight schedule are midnight / early morning. Airport transfer service will be arranged.



# DIFFERENT SLEEPING CABIN CATEGORIES (TRAIN)

## HABIBI

(3 or 4 persons per cabin) **ECONOMY**

- Cabin size: approx. 2.2 sqm
- 2 lowed & Upper beds: / 67 × 184 cm each

The Habibi compartment lower and upper berths on either side. Each car has nine compartments; combined toilet and washing facilities are located at both ends.

\*Common washroom/toilet in the train shared among 9 cabins in 1 compartment . NO shower facilities on train.



*Habibi*

## ALI BABA

(2 persons per cabin) **COMFORT**

- Cabin size: approx. 2.2 sqm
- 2 lowed beds: /67 × 184 cm each

The Ali Baba compartment features two comfortable lower beds. There is a table below the window and various options to stow belongings or luggage.

\*Common washroom/toilet in the train shared among 9 cabins in 1 compartment . NO shower facilities on train



*Ali Baba*

## ALADDIN

(2 persons per cabin) **POPULAR**

- Cabin size: approx. 2.2 sqm
- 2 lower beds: 67 × 184 cm each

This category has a small table and storage space. Each car has eight compartments and a shared shower access on board of the train, together with washroom & toilet facilities at both ends . Guests in this category also receive one bathrobe per compartment.



*Aladdin*

## KALIF

(2 persons per cabin) **EXTRA-COMFORT**

- Cabin size: approx. 6.32 sqm
- Upper bed: 80 × 174 cm / Lower bed: 110 × 184 cm

The Orient Silk Road Express' grandest accommodation. Each compartment includes a closet, safe and private bathroom with a separate shower cabin. Each car in this category is limited to four compartments and a maximum of just eight guests.



*Kalif*

### Note :-

- Our program combine few nights in hotel and few nights in the train.
- Book the package based on the train cabin category that you prefer
- Shower facilities on train is limited to Aladdin and Kalif categories.
- All guests will be able to use hotel shower & WIFI during the overnight in the hotel.

### ***Highlights of Your Journey:-***

- Delight in Central Asia's natural beauty— including the Karakum and Kyzylkum deserts, the Tian Shan Mountains and Lake Issyk-Kul
- Witness archaeological excavations at the ancient Afrasiab site in Samarkand
- Observe the making of traditional silk, carpets, paper and more with local
- Marvel at ancient architecture like the Kalta Minor Minaret and the Ulugh Beg
- Witness archaeological excavations at the ancient Afrasiab site in Samarkand
- Explore 4 Central Asian countries— Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- Enjoy local cuisine, wine and vodka aboard your private train

### ***Package includes: -***

- 7 nights' on the private train according to the booked category
- 7 nights' hotel (1 night in Almaty, 2 nights each in Tashkent, Samarkand & Bukhara)
- Expert Tour Director, Group Guide and English speaking local guides
- All excursions and sightseeing as per itinerary, including all entrance fees
- Meals stated as per itinerary
- Local culinary specialties prepared freshly on board.
- Porters at all stations
- Entertaining and enlightening lectures on history and culture of the region
- Doctor on board
- Return airport transfer

### ***Package Excludes & to be quoted seperately: -***

- International air ticket
- Visa fees for non-Malaysian (No visa required for Malaysia passport holder)
- Gratuity (Recommended U\$200 per person)
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses
- Other items not mentioned

### ***Important Notes:-***

- We regret that due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable
- This journey is generally not for guests with limited mobility or who depend on CPAP machines. Please contact us for more information about your specific requirements before booking