# Uzbekistan and Tajikistan

Textiles Arts & Crafts of The Silk Route
October 3 – 22, 2025
Optional: 7 days Kyrgyzstan September 26 – October 2, 2025

The Silk Route was a place where culture and commerce intersected. A sense of exploration mixed with the exchange of things and ideas." -- Ron Pompeii





# **Your Destination Awaits...**

Our tour tells the tale of one of humankind's most important arteries of trade and culture. Since the Middle Ages, Turkic Uzbekistan and Persian Tajikistan were the center of the Silk Road. Generational artisans forged a legacy of impressive arts, architecture, and textiles. Interrupted by the Soviet occupation, now making an exciting comeback. Look forward to exceptional weaving, embroidery, pottery, and papermaking, against the backdrop of awe-inspiring architecture and natural beauty.

Skirting deserts, loping over mountains, crossing borders, and delving into fabled cities – join us as we explore thousands of years in twenty leisurely days.

# **Highlights**

# Two regions, two cultures, two takes on the riches of the Silk Road

- Silk Road riches in Turkic Khiva, Bukhara, Shahrisabz, Samarkand for renowned architecture, culture, textiles
- Time warped travel in Persian Tajikistan: uncover deserted **UNESCO archeological sites**, visit artisans just hitting the radar, authentic markets and a slow-paced way of life
- Tajikistan highlights of Panjikent, Iskanderkul, Istaravshan, Dushanbe, and Khujand
- Beautiful Fergana Valley in easternmost Uzbekistan for outstanding ikat, suzani, and ceramics
- Buzz of markets in Urgut and Margilan teeming with all manner of goods, especially textiles
- Award-winning artisans for block printing, ikat weaving, rug making, embroidery, ceramics
- Exclusive viewing at private collections of textiles
- Culinary beats, desert fortresses, wild and windswept landscapes



# AT A GLANCE... (20 days October 3 – 22, 2025)

Start in Khiva\* (see flights info)

- 2 nights Khiva
- 3 nights Bukhara
- 4 nights Samarkand
- 2 nights Panjikent
- 3 nights Dushanbe
- 2 nights Khujand
- 2 nights Margilan, Fergana Valley
- 1 night Tashkent

### Cost

# USD 5200 pp double occupancy USD 1550 single supplement

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#### Shila's take

Who goes to Uzbekistan? More to the point, who goes to Tajikistan?

You, if you're the sort of traveller who searches on the edges of the map. You've heard of Uzbekistan. Now fall in love with Tajikistan. You'll discover ethnic cultures, textiles, arts, crafts, and time warp travel experiences. Follow the beacons of ancient cities strung along the medieval Silk Road. Explore architectural riches and natural beauty amidst a grand setting for the story of one of humanity's greatest arteries of trade. Teeming bazaars are still conducted much like they were hundreds of years ago, and hospitality hasn't changed much either. Undiscovered Tajikistan is the perfect counterpoint to Uzbekistan's razzmatazz. Tack on a few more days in untouched Kyrgyzstan and you'll have the Silk Road at your fingertips.



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## **Enquiries**

To register or questions, please email: shila@eyhotours.com

## **Terms and Conditions**

For complete peace of mind, EYHO is TICO (Travel Industry of Ontario) accredited #50023991

# **COSTS**

### Uzbekistan

USD 5200 pp double occupancy USD 1550 single supplement

Kyrgyzstan extension 7 days pre tour

USD 1950 pp dbl. occ. (minimum group size 04 pax)

Single supplement USD 790

#### What's included:

- Experienced guides in specialty textiles, arts, and crafts
- EYHO trip leader
- All internal travel and transfers (flights, trains, sedans, minibuses)
- Accommodation in select 3-5\* family-run and heritage properties
- Breakfast and lunch or dinner daily
- Silk tie-dye workshop in Fergana
- Suzani embroidery masterclass
- Plov making masterclass
- Several arts and crafts demos, including carpet weaving, wood carving, papermaking, and ceramics
- Daily bottled water
- · Admission to museums and other sites
- All taxes and fees

#### What's not:

• International flight, gratuities, and beverages at meals