

14 days, 13 nights (The Silk Road and Rural Kyrgyzstan + Mountainous Kyrgyzstan)

WINTER SCHEDULE (OCTOBER – MARCH)

Day	Starting Place	Day plan	Afternoon plan	Evening plan	Ending place	Accommodation	
1	Tashkent Uzbekistan	8am – Tour starts Travel by Mashrutka to Oybek Border crossing, and cross the border into Tajikistan. (1 hour) Then continue the journey to Khujand on shared-taxi. (2 hours)	Arrival in Khujand 1. Sheikh Muslihidin Mosque and minaret 2. Panjshanbe Bazaar 3. Khujan Fortress 4. Kamoli Khujand Mausoleum	1. Arbob Palace, place where Tajik president during Civil War in Tajikistan.	Khujand Tajikistan	Guesthouse	
2	Khujand Tajikistan	Drive to Istaravshan, a town of more than 2500 years of history. (2 hours) 1. Explore Bozor-e-markazi, biggest Bazaar of Central Asia. 2. See crafting of traditional swords and knives (Rastai-e Kord).	Drive to Dushanbe, the Tajik capital (7 hours) 1. Scenic drive to Dushanbe on Soviet-built highways that snakes through mountain and valleys. Highest elevation of 4000 metres, and 2 Soviet-built tunnels of 5-kilometre length.	Arrival in Dushanbe 1. Explore Maydoni Dustii, public square with the tallest flag pole in the world, and Rudaki Park.	Dushanbe Tajikistan	Guesthouse	
3	Dushanbe Tajikistan	Drive to Hissor (1 hour) 1. Explore Hissor Fortress and madrassah.	Drive to Iskandarkul Lake via Dushanbe (4 hours) 1. Hike at Iskandarkul Lake 2. Hike up Iskandarkul Lake waterfall		Iskandarkul Tajikistan	Homestay	
4	Iskandarkul Tajikistan	Drive to Fann Mountains via Panjakent (5 hours)	1. Lunch and hike at Fann Mountains and at Seven Lakes.	Homestay at Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes Tajikistan	Homestay	
5	Seven Lakes Tajikistan	1. Morning hike at Seven Lakes Drive from Seven Lakes to Panjakent (1 hour)	1. Visit to archaeological site of Sarazm, ruins of 5,500 years old. Travel by Panjakent to Samarkand by shared-taxi, crossing at the Panjakent border crossing.	Arrival in Samarkand	Samarkand Uzbekistan	Guesthouse	
6	Samarkand Uzbekistan	1. Visit to Bibi Khanum Mosque 2. Visit to Siab Bazaar	1. Visit to Shah-i-zinda and cemetery 2. Visit to Mausoleum of Islam Karimov	1. Visit to the Registan Mosque and Madrasah Complex	Samarkand Uzbekistan	Guesthouse	
7	Samarkand Uzbekistan	Travel to Bukhara by train	1. Walk the streets and alleyways of the Silk Road city of Bukhara 2. Visit to Bukhara Synagogue, one of the last traces of Bukhara's once thriving Jewish community.	1. Visit to Bozori Kord Hamam, a traditional bathhouse located in the Old City.	Bukhara Uzbekistan	Guesthouse	
8	Bukhara Uzbekistan	1. Visit to Chor Minor Madrasah and abandoned madrasahs located nearby.	1. Visit to Ark of Bukhara, Bukhara's oldest building dating back to the 5 th Century 2. Visit to Kalyan Mosque, 15 th century mosque – one of the largest in Central Asia.	Travel to Tashkent by Sleeper Train	TRAIN Uzbekistan	TRAIN	
9	Train Uzbekistan	Arrival in Tashkent 1. Ride the Tashkent Metro, the biggest metro system in Central Asia and one of the most beautiful in the World.	1. Visit Chorsu Bazar, the largest bazar in Tashkent. Have lunch at the food bazar where a huge variety of local food are sold. 2. Visit the Khast Imam Library to see one of the world's oldest Quran, the Samarkand Kufic Quran.	1. Dinner at the Central Asian Plov Centre, where the national rice dish, Plov, is cooked in large open air wood stoves. 2. Visit to Hotel Uzbekistan and Amir Timur Statue. 3. Viewing of ballet / opera / circus (If available)	Tashkent Uzbekistan	Guesthouse	
10	Tashkent Uzbekistan	Travel to Andijan by train	Travel from Andijan to Borbash by private-hire van	HOMESTAY IN BORBASH VILLAGE	Borbash Kyrgyzstan	Homestay	
11	Borbash Kyrgyzstan	<p align="center">HOMESTAY IN BORBASH VILLAGE</p> <p>Explore nearby canyons, waterfalls, rivers, and mountains. Visits to schools, farms, bazaars, and local villages. Watch nomadic games (Kok Boru) and boxing matches. Learn how to prepare local food, such as Plov and Mantiy. Yurt stay with local family in a valley near Osh, Kyrgyzstan. Horse Riding (optional)</p>				Borbash Kyrgyzstan	Homestay
12	Borbash Kyrgyzstan					Borbash Kyrgyzstan	Yurt Stay
13	Borbash Kyrgyzstan					Borbash Kyrgyzstan	Homestay
14	Borbash Kyrgyzstan					Travel to Andijan by private-hire van	Travel from Andijan to Tashkent by train

We will make every effort to keep itineraries as described and to find suitable replacements if needed. However, we reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary without prior notice in response to unforeseeable events and safety concerns. We also reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary should we deem that a certain activity is beyond the capability of any of our travelers.