

From Kabul to Kandahar: The Great Afghan Trip (10 days, 9 nights)

Itinerary

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Day	Starting Place	Day plan	Afternoon plan	Evening plan	Ending place	Accommodation	
1	Kabul Afghanistan	Arrival in Kabul Meet and greet with the local team, transfer to hotel and check-in.	KABUL WALKING TOUR Visit Chicken Street , Kabul's famous market street known for carpets, antiques, crafts, and souvenirs. Explore Bird Street , a colourful local market where Kabul's bird-keeping traditions remain alive. Visit the Afghanistan National Museum , home to archaeological treasures from Afghanistan's Buddhist, Islamic, and Silk Road past.		Kabul Afghanistan	Hotel	
2	Kabul Afghanistan	KABUL WALKING TOUR Visit Babur Garden , a restored Mughal garden and the final resting place of Emperor Babur. Explore Kabul Old City , where crowded bazaars, historic lanes, and traditional street life remain. Visit Flag Hill , a prominent viewpoint offering sweeping views across Kabul's rugged urban landscape. Visit Kart-e-Sakhi Shrine , an important Shia shrine known for devotion, colour, and Afghan religious life. Explore local markets and interact with artisans.		Evening tea with local people and join community events.	Kabul Afghanistan	Hotel	
3	Kabul Afghanistan	Morning departure from Kabul to Bamiyan by road. (4-5 hours) En route, enjoy scenic views of central Afghanistan's highlands.	Arrival in Bamiyan BAMIYAN VALLEY Visit Bamiyan Valley , a dramatic highland landscape shaped by Buddhist heritage, Silk Road history, and Afghan mountain life. Visit the Buddha niches , monumental cliffside cavities where Bamiyan's giant Buddhas stood before Taliban demolition in 2001. Explore centuries-old abandoned Buddhist monasteries that were carved into the rugged cliffsides of Bamiyan. Explore the local bazaar , a modest yet lively market that reflects Bamiyan's crafts, produce, and everyday community life.		Bamiyan Afghanistan	Hotel	
4	Bamiyan Afghanistan	Morning drive from Bamiyan to Band-e-Amir (2 hours)	Arrival in Band-e-Amir BAND-E-AMIR VALLEY Visit Band-e-Amir's natural lakes , Afghanistan's first national park, famed for deep-blue travertine lakes. Take short walks around the lake area , passing limestone cliffs, mineral dams, and sweeping highland views.	Return from Bamiyan to Band-e-Amir (2 hours)	Bamiyan Afghanistan	Hotel	
5	Bamiyan Afghanistan	Morning drive from Bamiyan to Ghazni (5 hours)	Arrival in Ghazni HAZNI WALKING TOUR Visit the Ghazni Minarets , towering remnants of Ghazni's medieval Islamic golden age. Explore historical ruins and the old city area , where ancient walls, tombs, and Soviet-era scars remain. Learn about Ghazni's Ghaznavid-era history , when the city was a major centre of Persianate culture and power. Take a short walk through local markets , experiencing Ghazni's everyday life, traders, and traditional Afghan street scenes.		Ghazni Afghanistan	Hotel	
6	Ghazni Afghanistan	Travel to Kandahar by private-hire vehicle (6 hours) Take a scenic drive through southern Afghanistan , crossing dry plains, mountain edges, and historic tribal landscapes.	Make short stops near villages and rural areas , observing everyday life, farming communities, and roadside scenes. Arrival in Kandahar	Enjoy an evening walk around Kandahar city centre, exploring local streets, markets, and southern Afghan atmosphere.	Kandahar Afghanistan	Hotel	
7	Kandahar Afghanistan	KANDAHAR WALKING TOUR Visit Kandahar Citadel , an ancient fortress site tied to the city's strategic and military history. Visit the tomb of Mirwais Nika , founder of the Hotak dynasty and a revered Afghan national figure. Visit the Tomb of Ahmad Shah Durrani , resting place of Afghanistan's founder and the Durrani Empire's first ruler. Explore local bazaars and artisan workshops. Evening tea with local people and join community events.			Kandahar Afghanistan	Hotel	
8	Kandahar Afghanistan	Travel to Kabul by private-hire vehicle (7 hours)	Enjoy the overland journey from Kandahar to Kabul , crossing historic routes through southern and eastern Afghanistan. Make scenic stops for photography , capturing rugged landscapes, roadside life, and dramatic Afghan terrain. Enjoy short local community interactions where possible , offering glimpses into village life, hospitality, and daily routines.	Arrival in Kabul	Kabul Afghanistan	Hotel	
9	Kabul Afghanistan	Morning departure to Panjshir Valley (2 – 3 hours) Arrival in Panjshir Valley	PANJISHRI VALLEY Visit scenic viewpoints, rivers and valleys , taking in Panjshir's dramatic mountain scenery and fertile river landscapes. Meet local communities , experiencing village hospitality, everyday rural life, and the region's proud local identity. Learn about Panjshiri culture and traditions , shaped by mountain life, resistance history, and strong community ties.		Return from Panjshir Valley to Kabul (2 hours)	Kabul Afghanistan	Hotel
10	Kabul Afghanistan	Tour ends – Transfer to Kabul Intl. Airport for departure from Afghanistan					

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

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Day 1: Arrival in Kabul, Afghanistan

Arrive in Kabul, meet the local team, and transfer to your hotel. Begin your first glimpse of Afghanistan through Chicken Street, Bird Street, and the Afghanistan National Museum.

Day Activities:

- Arrival at Kabul International Airport.
- **Meet and greet** with local team, based in Afghanistan, at the airport.
- Visit **Chicken Street** and **Bird Street**, known for their unique array of poultry and pets on sale.
- Visit the **Afghanistan National Museum**.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Hotel in Kabul.



Day 2: Capital Explorations

Explore Kabul's gardens, old streets, shrines and markets. Visit Babur Garden, Kabul Old City, Flag Hill and Kart-e-Sakhi Shrine, with time for local food and tea.

Activities:

- Visit **Babur Garden**, gardens built by the moguls with majestic mountains views.
- Explore **Kabul Old City**, home to storied bazaars and the hub of daily life in the capital.
- Visit **Flag Hill**.
- Visit **Kart-e-Sakhi Shrine** a major religious site of pilgrimage in Afghanistan
- Explore **local markets** and **artisan areas**.
- Evening tea with local people or community groups.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle, walking

Accommodation: Hotel in Kabul.



Day 3: Bamiyan, Afghanistan's ancient Buddhist past

Travel from Kabul to Bamiyan through the central Afghan highlands. Visit Bamiyan Valley, the famous Buddha niches, and the local bazaar after arriving in this historic mountain town.

Morning:

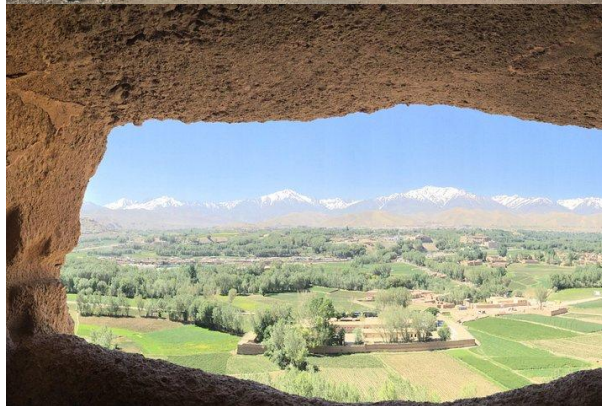
Travel from Kabul to Bamiyan by road (4 to 5 hours)

Activities:

- Visit **Bamiyan Valley**, a dramatic mountain valley steeped in Buddhist, Silk Road, and Afghan history.
- Visit the **Buddha niches** – Monumental cliffside cavities where Bamiyan's giant Buddhas stood before Taliban demolition in 2001.
- Visit neighbouring abandoned **Buddhist monasteries** that were carved into the rugged cliffsides of Bamiyan

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Hotel or guesthouse in Bamiyan.



Day 4: Band-e-Amir National Park

Spend the day at Band-e-Amir National Park, known for its deep-blue lakes and limestone cliffs.

Morning:

Travel from Bamiyan to Band-e-Amir National Park. (2 hours)

Activities:

- Visit **Band-e-Amir's natural lakes**, Afghanistan's first national park, famed for deep-blue travertine lakes.
- Take **short walks around the lake area**, passing limestone cliffs, mineral dams, and sweeping highland views.
- Enjoy **photography and free time** beside vivid blue waters surrounded by stark mountain scenery.

Morning:

Return from Band-e-Amir National Park to Bamiyan. (2 hours)

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Hotel or guesthouse in Bamiyan.



Day 5: Ghazni, Afghanistan's breadbasket

Depart Bamyán for Ghazni, the breadbasket of Afghanistan. Explore its minarets, historical ruins, old city area and local markets.

Morning:

Travel from Bamyán to Ghazni (5 – 6 hours)

Activities:

- Visit the **Ghazni Minarets**, towering remnants of Ghazni's medieval Islamic golden age.
- Explore **historical ruins and the old city area**, where ancient walls, tombs, and Soviet-era scars remain.
- Learn about **Ghazni's Ghaznavid-era history**, when the city was a major centre of Persianate culture and power.
- Take a **short walk through local markets**, experiencing Ghazni's everyday life, traders, and traditional Afghan street scenes.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Hotel in Ghazni.



Day 6: Journey to the Afghan South

Travel south from Ghazni to Kandahar through open plains and rural settlements. Arrive in one of Afghanistan's most historic cities and take an evening city-centre walk.

Morning:

Travel from Ghazni to Kandahar, a scenic drive crossing dry plains, mountain edges, and historic tribal landscapes. (6 – 7 hours)

- **Make short stops near villages and rural areas**, observing everyday life, farming communities, and roadside scenes.
- Enjoy an **evening walk around Kandahar**, exploring local streets, markets, and southern Afghan atmosphere.

Transportation: Taxi, Train, Private-hire Van

Accommodation: Homestay in Nookat village.



Days 7 : Kandahar, the Pashtun Hearland

Explore Kandahar's citadel, royal tombs, bazaars and artisan workshops. Learn about the city's importance in Afghan history while experiencing southern Afghan food, crafts and local way of life.

Activities:

- Visit **Kandahar Citadel**, an ancient fortress site tied to the city's strategic and military history.
- Visit the **tomb of Mirwais Nika**, founder of the Hotak dynasty and a revered Afghan national figure.
- Visit the **Tomb of Ahmad Shah Durrani**, resting place of Afghanistan's founder and the Durrani Empire's first ruler.
- Explore **local bazaars** and **artisan workshops**.
- **Interaction with local families and artisans.**

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle, walking

Accommodation: Hotel in Kandahar.



Day 8: Kandahar to Kabul, Afghanistan

Begin the long overland journey from Kandahar back to Kabul. Travel through changing Afghan landscapes, with scenic stops for photography and short community interactions where possible

Morning:

Early departure from Kandahar to Kabul (8-9 hours)

Activities:

- Take an **overland journey from Kandahar to Kabul**, crossing historic routes through southern and eastern Afghanistan.
- **Make scenic stops** for photography, capturing rugged landscapes, roadside life, and dramatic Afghan terrain.
- **Enjoy short local community interactions** where possible, **offering glimpses into village life**, hospitality, and daily routines.

Evening:

Arrival in Kabul

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Hotel in Kabul



Day 9: Panjshir Valley, Afghanistan

Head to Panjshir Valley, one of Afghanistan's most scenic mountain regions. Explore rivers, viewpoints and villages while learning about the Panjshiri culture

Morning:

- Travel from Kabul to Panjshir Valley (3 hours)

Activities:

- Visit **scenic viewpoints, rivers and valleys**, taking in Panjshir's dramatic mountain scenery and fertile river landscapes.
- Meet **local communities**, experiencing village hospitality, everyday rural life, and the region's proud local identity.
- Learn about **Panjshiri culture and traditions**, shaped by mountain life, resistance history, and strong community ties.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Hotel in Kabul



Day 10: Kabul, Afghanistan

Transfer to Kabul International Airport for your onward flight. The tour ends after travelling through Afghanistan's cities, valleys, historical sites, mountain roads and local communities.

Activities:

- Transfer to Kabul International Airport.
- Assistance with departure formalities.
- Fly onward to your next destination.

Transportation: Private-hire vehicle

Accommodation: Not included / end of tour.

