EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS

Experiential journeys for the exploring traveller

UZBEKISTAN DISCOVERY TRAILS

MAY 8 - MAY 15

TASHKENT - BUKHARA - SAMARKAND
NURATAU MOUNTAINS

OVERVIEW

Famous for its incredible historical cities; delightful Uzbekistan is the land of the great Khanates and Sultanates – the kingdoms that controlled the Silk Road of Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand.
Once home of the mighty warlore Timur, Samarkand's highlight is the great Registan Square, surrounded with grand madrassah. Bukhara perfectly captures the atmosphere of Central Asia beforethe Russian domination, and has many spectacular buildings such as the Kalon Mosque and the Ark Fortress. We will also be visiting Tashkent, the countries capital and the most modernUzbeki city. The elaborately decorated metro stations of Tashkent are a sight to be seen, and outside of the cities Uzbekistan is just as full of surprises – like the traditional villages of the Nuratau Mountains, where we will be staying for a night to experience the lifestyle and customs of the Uzbeki and Tajiki people.

This is an experiential journey of Uzbekistan in all its charming glory.



ESSENTIAL INFO

Cost: Rs 79500/- per person

Country: Uzbekistan

Start: Tashkent

End: Tashkent

Start Date: 8th May' 2027

End Date: 15th May' 2027

Duration: 8 Days

Group Size : Min 5 / Max 15

Theme: Culture, Adventure



HIGHLIGHTS



High speed train journey through the Uzbek landscape



Stay one night at a Tajiki village in the Nuratau Mountains



Explore silk road monuments in Tashkent,, Samarkand and Bukhara



Explore the local markets and try mouth watering Uzbeki cuisine



Marvel at the spectacular Registhan Square in Samarkand



See the Soviet era influense in the capital, Tashkent



Day 1 : May 8

TASHKENT ARRIVAL - CITY TOUR

Welcome to the eclectic capital of Uzbekistan where modern skyscrapers mix with Soviet-era architecture and mosaic mausoleums. The largest city in Central Asia, Tashkent is a mix of Russian and Uzbek styles, an indication of the fact that for many years it was a key city of the USSR.

Arrive and transfer to the hotel. **Check in time is 2 p.m.**

Afternoon , we set out to explore Tashkent. You can visit the **Amir Temur square, Chorsu Bazaar, Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church and Independence Square.**
Later you can take a metro train ride to see some of Tashkent’s beautiful subway stations and try some Uzbeki kebabs and pilaf for dinner.

Overnight in Tashkent.



Day 2 : May 9

TASHKENT - SAMARKAND
(310 KMS) HIGH SPEED TRAIN

After breakfast, we take one of Uzbekistan's **high speed train to the ancient Silk Road hub of Samarkand.**

The city has long been a center of artisans and traders as well as the prize for many a conquering army, leaving behind a rich and complex history.

Check into the hotel and after lunch walk around town and free to explore Samarkand.

Overnight in Samarkand.



Day 3 : May 10

SAMARKAND
GUIDED CITY TOUR

Explore the magnificent Silk Road city of Samarkand on a **full-day guided tour** through its most iconic monuments and vibrant local markets. The day begins at the legendary **Registan, the heart of the ancient city,** surrounded by three grand madrassas adorned with intricate turquoise tiles and geometric patterns.

Continue to the majestic **Bibi-Khanym Mosque,** once one of the largest mosques in the Islamic world and built by Timur to honor his favorite wife. A short walk leads to the bustling **Siab Bazaar**, where locals trade fresh fruits, spices, nuts, and traditional Samarkand bread.

After lunch, visit the spectacular **Shah-i-Zinda necropolis**, a stunning avenue of mausoleums decorated with some of the finest tilework in Central Asia. The tour concludes at the elegant **Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum, the resting place of the great conqueror Timur.**

Overnight in Samarkand



Day 4 : May 11

SAMARKAND - NURATAU
180 KMS (3.5 HRS)

After breakfast, we drive out to a mountain village in the **Nuratau mountains** crossing Nurata town.
The mountains overlooking the **Adyar lake i**s one of the highlights of the tour where you stay in a Tajik village and experience the life of the mountain people.

Late afternoon for a **light trek in the village and the hill trails** around it or just explore the oasis of cherry, almond, apricot, apple and berry trees in the village. The mountains are also home to the rare Severtsov's Argali, a wild sheep species that inhabits the rocky slopes of the region, which we can witness on the trek.

Later **traditional Uzbeki home cooked dinner** with the family.

Overnight at Nuratau Mountain Village Homestay.



Day 5 : May 12

NURATAU - GIJDUVON - BUKHARA

350 KMS (5.5 HRS)

After breakfast travel to Bukhara, known as one of the most charming cities in the country.

Stop along the way in **Gijduvan, famous for its ceramic pottery**, where you'll have the chance to visit a pottery workshop. Witness the pottery process from start to finish and see a small museum to uncover the centuries-old history of ceramics in this area. Reach

Bukhara by late afternoon and later free to explore Bukhara.

Overnight in Bukhara



Day 6 : May 13

BUKHARA
GUIDED CITY TOUR

Today we go a **guided city tour of Bukhara.**

Visit the historic **Ark of Bukhara,** the former residence of the city's emirs, and the elegant Bolo Hauz Mosque.

Continue to the impressive **Po-i-Kalyan Complex,** home to the iconic **Kalyan Minaret, Kalyan Mosque, and Mir-i-Arab Madrasa.** Walk through Bukhara's traditional trading domes before arriving at the lively **Lyabi-Hauz Ensemble**, a charming square surrounded by historic madrasas and teahouses.

The tour concludes at the beautiful **Ismail Samani Mausoleum, one of Central Asia's oldest architectural masterpieces.**

Overnight in Bukhara



Day 7 : May 14

BUKHARA - TASHKENT
470 KMS - HIGH SPEED TRAIN

Ater breakfast transfer to the railway station to take the **Afrosiyob train to Tashkent.**

Arrive in Tashkent by late afternoon.

Evening free to explore Tashkent and visit Khast Imom Complex including the Barak Khan madrassa (a college for Islamic instruction).

Overnight in Tashkent.

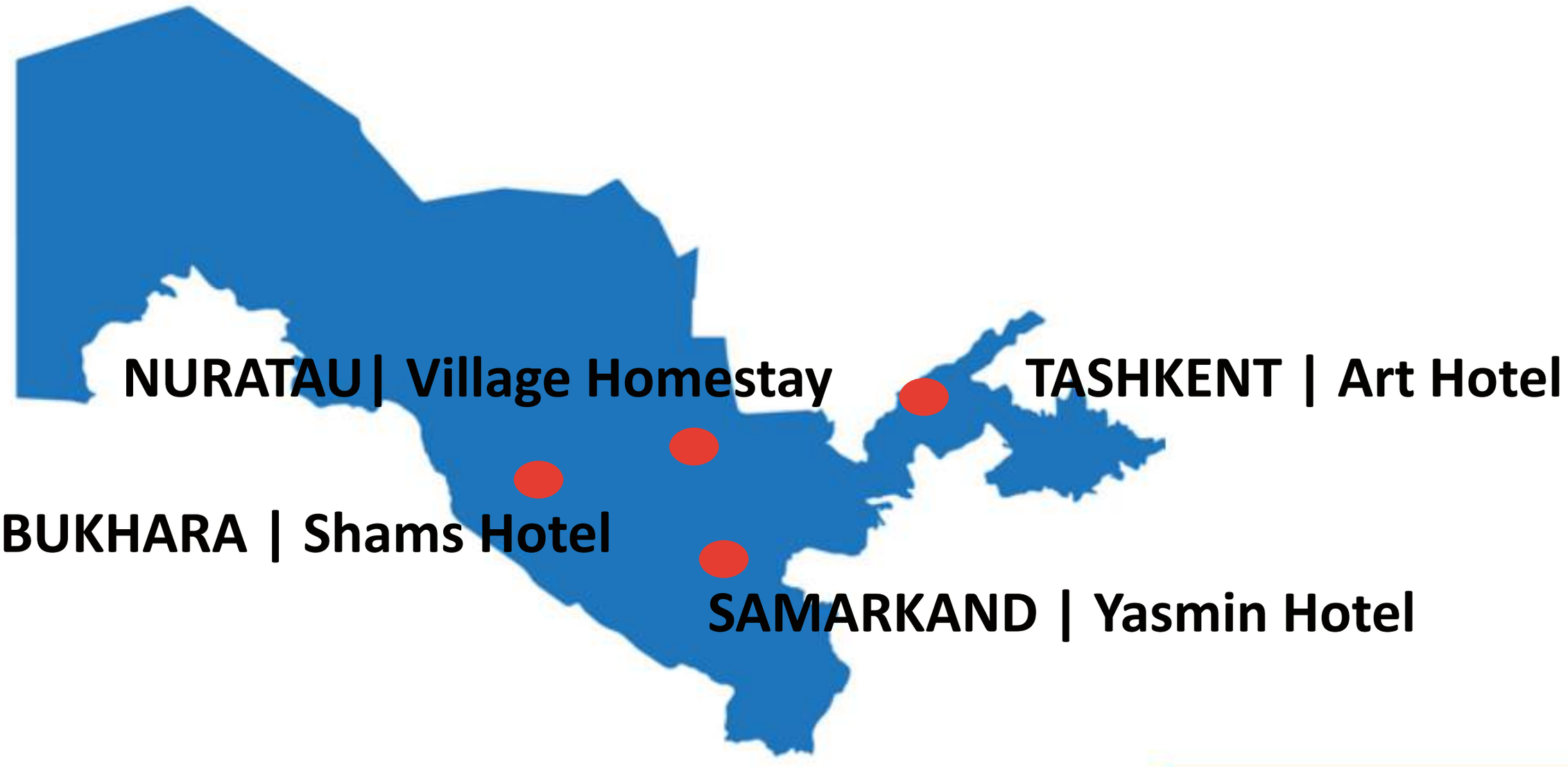


Day 8 : May 15

TASHKENT DEPARTURE

This day marks the end of our Uzbekistan adventure. Go back with beautiful memories, stories and new friendships that you have made on the journey.

You will be dropped to the airport as per your individual flight timings.



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HOTELS

what people say about us

shruthi venkatesh
Local Guide · 18 reviews

★★★★★ a year ago

Arunachal Pradesh, November 2024.
I travelled to Arunachal Pradesh with Santhosh aka Exotic Expedition. One of the best trips filled with exhilarating and fascinating experiences. I usually travel solo and this was my first organized tour experience. Now I would like to explore many such possibilities. EE not covers all the important and famous sites but ensures that you experience the local culture and cuisine. You get to stay in some amazing homes stays and heritage homes. Each day is exciting and the flexibility element makes it more special. The stay, food and the evenings spent with fellow travellers makes the tour memorable and incredible. Each day is well planned and

Tarini Mukherji recommends **Exotic Expeditions**.
18 Dec 2023 ·

I recently embarked on a mesmerizing journey with exotic expeditions to Nagaland, and it wa an adventure like no other. The tour seamlessl blended cultural immersion with breathtaking landscapes, offering an authentic glimpse intc Nagaland's rich heritage.
Santosh navigated us through vibrant local markets, where we indulged in delicious Naga cuisine and interacted with warm, welcoming locals. The highlight was the Hornbill Festival, a kaleidoscope of traditional dances, indigenous crafts, and the vibrant N... See mor

Jaclyn Desouza
Local Guide · 15 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ a day ago **New**

I had an absolutely fantastic experience travelling with Exotic Expeditions to Western Arunachal, Nagaland, Ubekistan and Bali. If you're someone who prefers meaningful, offbeat journeys over crowded tourist checklists, Exotic Expeditions truly delivers.

What stood out for me the most was how thoughtfully the itinerary was designed — unique locations, authentic local experiences, and hidden gems I would never have discovered on my own. Every detail from Home-stays in the north east to scenic routes in Bali to interactions with local communities in Ubekistan made the trips feel personal and

XO
2 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ 2 years ago

3 trips with them ... Meghalaya, Vietnam & recently Nagaland !
Each one simple , perfect & memorable.
It's about an experience of the lifestyle and culture which is perfectly curated ... More



Sandhya Pulaskar
Local Guide · 40 reviews · 63 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

We booked our Bali trip for 10 days with Exotic Expeditions.
The service and itinerary was designed as per our needs. Hotels and cab was booked by Santosh. The hotels were good, close to the beautiful landscapes, In Ubud, he booked a stay in between rice fields, in Amed, we had a beach front place. Loved all the stays!
The itinerary was off beat and covered some of the best locations. We could not have discovered these hidden gems had we not chosen Exotic Expeditions.
Thanks for making our Bali trip and the overall experience memorable!
Looking forward to visit Ladhak with you guys

Vijay Pravin Iyer
Local Guide · 6 reviews · 26 photos

★★★★★ Edited 7 months ago

Santosh Nair's remarkable endeavor in orchestrating the exotic Nagaland expedition deserves the greatest encomium. Exploring the resplendent locales and immersing ourselves in the vibrant cultural milieu has been nothing short of ... More



100% recommend (82 reviews)

Divya Mehta Suri recommends **Exotic Expeditions**.
29 Jun 2024 ·

Two things aptly define Exotic Expedition - affordable and safe

I did four trips with Santosh so far-Nagaland, Leh Ladakh, Vietnam and Cambodia
Nagaland was on my list for a long time but due to its remote location I was hesitant to attempt it. But he made it memorable for us by adding the interior, non touristy and unexplored locations along with the World famous Hornbill festival in the itinerary.... See more

Devesh Arora
Local Guide · 22 reviews

★★★★★ 6 years ago

First things first, I love solo travelling! I never thought that group travelling can be as much fun as travelling by yourself, I was wrong. First time I traveled with Exotic Expeditions was in late 2016 (to Bhutan), since than I have done 6-7 trips (Bali, Andaman, Vietnam, Cambodia, North-East, Sri Lanka) with Santosh (Yes, he is the guy), and every trip has been an Experience! The places Santosh try to cover in his trips you will not find with any other tour company/guide. If I can try to sum-up travelling with E-E in one line, Exotic Expeditions is for real travelers, and may be for some tourists also, only if you know the difference ;) Cheers - Devesh

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INCLUSIONS

– 2 nights stay each in Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara AND
1 night stay in Nuratau Mountain Homestay.
– Breakfast on all days (7 Breakfast)
– All airport transfers during tour in Suv / Mini Van
– Walking Tour
– City tours and Nuratau Mountain Homestay Tour in Suv / Mini Van
– High Speed Train – Tashkent to Samarkand
AND Bukhara to Tashkent
– E-Visa
– Service charges
– Taxes

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EXCLUSIONS

– Flight Charges (Your city to Tashkent and back)
– Entry tickets and camera charges (wherever applicable)
– Dinner & Lunch
– Other than those mentioned

STAYS

TASHKENT - Art Hotel

SAMARKAND - Yasmin Hotel

NURATAU - Village Homestay

BUKHARA - Hotel Shams

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