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GREAT SILK ROAD AND NOMAD KYRGHYZ LIFE

TASHKENT- SAMARKAND- SHAKHRISABZ-BUKHARA-
KHIVA –TASHKENT-KOKAND-FERGHANA-OSH-
CHYCHKAN-SON KUL-KOCHKOR-BISHKEK

16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

<p>DAY 1 ARRIVAL TO UZBEKISTAN</p> 	<p>Arrival to Tashkent and transfer to hotel. Accommodation to the hotel. Early check. Khast Imam complex, Chorsu bazar, Arts museum, Independence square , Timur`s square Overnight Tashkent</p>
<p>DAY 2 TASHKENT- SAMARKAND</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, drive to Samarkand (280 km) by train Afrasiyab. Accommodation to the hotel. After lunch, half day city tour, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UlugbegObservatory (s.XV) • ShakhiZindaMausoleum • Saint Daniel Mausoleum • <i>Konigil paper factory where they make a paper from mulberry with ancient method.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afrosiab Museum <p>Dinner. Overnight in Samarkand</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 3 SAMARKAND</p> 	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reghistan square • Gur-Emir mausoleum <p>Lunch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibikhanum mosque • Local bazaar • <i>Gastronomy of uzbek kitchen you`ll learn how to cook a famous national dish - plov.</i> <p>Dinner. Overnight in Samarkand</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 4 SAMARKAND – SHAKHRISABZ- BUKHARA</p> 	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Shakhrisabz native city of Great Timur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akaray palace a summer residence of Great Timur • Dorut – Tilovat complex • Dorus – Siadat complex with empty grave of Timur <p>Drive to Bukhara. Accommodation to the hotel. Overnight in Bukhara</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 5 BUKHARA</p> 	<p>Breakfast The visit of sights around the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ismail Samanid's mausoleum the most ancient historical building of Bukhara X –century • Chashma Ayub mausoleum with the museum of water's history of region. • Bolo khauz mosque famous as a mosque of emirs “ title of governors” • Ark fortress residence of emirs • Kalon mosque and minaret the highest in Bukhara 48 m. <p>Dinner. Overnight in Bukhara</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 6 BUKHARA</p> 	<p>Breakfast at the hotel.</p> <p>The excursion along old part of Bukhara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakhavauddin Nakshbandi complex. • Sitorai Mokhi Khosa palace the summer residence of Bukhara emirs • Labi – Khauz complex where you can see 2 medressahs, small lake surrounded with old trees, and Nodir Devonbegi's Kanaga built in XVII century • <i>Atelier of marionettes</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 7 BUKHARA-KHIVA</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Khiva 450 km (7 hours). Lunch picnic on desert.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 8</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">KHIVA</p> 	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. The visit of sightseeings of the city considered as (Museum under the sky): Ichan-Kala internal city surrounded by walls rebuilt in XIX century.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 9 KHIVA- URGENCH- TASHKENT</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Urgench to take a flight to Tashkent. Free -time Overnight in Tashkent</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 10 TASHKENT-KOKAND- FERGHANA</p>	<p>Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Ferghana valley 360 km. Sightseeing tour in Kokand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The palace of Khudayar Khan • Complex of Dakhmai Shokon • Mausoleum of Modari Khan • Mosque of Norbutabiy • Madrassah of Mir • Juma mosque <p>Transfer to Ferghana (90 km) on the way the visit of Rishtan Ceramists house. Accommodation in the hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Ferghana</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 11 FERGHANA-OSH</p>	<p>Your guide will pick you up at Uzbek-Kyrgyz border and accompany you to Osh city (40 min. drive). In Osh city you will go for a walk there and visit the most famous place - Suleiman Mountain. Suleiman Too (Solomon's Mountain) is situated in the center of the city and it is considered to be a pilgrimage place for local Muslims. According to the legend, biblical prophet Solomon (Suleiman in the Koran) was buried at the foot of it. After it we will visit an Asian bazar. Night you will spend in a hotel.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 12 OSH-CHYCHKAN</p>	<p>In the morning we will drive to the calming setting of Chychkan gorge. During your transfer we will travel along astounding mountain gorges where it is possible to meet nomadic families. Many nomads still live in felt dwellings called yurts. Yurts are made of wool and wooden sticks, without using a single nail. In summertime it's very pleasant to live in them and in the winter they are surprisingly warm. Nomads go to high mountains during the summer to breed their cattle. The Kyrgyz nomads are very hospitable and if we meet them we'll be able to communicate with them. Your guide will tell you many fascinating facts about nomadic life. Night is in a guesthouse.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 13 CHYCHKAN- SON KUL</p>	<p>After breakfast we start our drive to the second largest lake in Kyrgyzstan – Son Kul Lake. This lake is surrounded by mountains and it is the highest alpine lake in Kyrgyzstan, situated at an altitude of 3013 meters above sea level. Kyrgyz nomads started to come to this wonderful area with their families for rest and relaxation. Herders of the Naryn region come to the lake to use it as a pastureland. After our arrival, you will be free to explore and enjoy the virgin nature of the lake and its surroundings. Dinner and overnight is in nomadic collapsible dwellings - yurts. They are made of a wooden skeleton, covered with felt</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 14 SON KUL -KOCHKOR</p>	<p>After breakfast you will have free time at Son Kul Lake, to explore nature on your own. You can ride along the lake on a horse, or just relax and soak in the calm atmosphere of the lake side wilderness. Also you will have time to communicate with nomads and have a glimpse into their way of life. Lunch will be served at 2 pm. Then we will drive to the village of Kochkor which is situated right in the gorge. The drive to Kochkor traverses over one of the most beautiful passes, along the top of a mountain. In Kochkor village you will meet a family that will show you the way of how national woolen felt carpets are produced. You even can create your own carpet together with them. Night will be in a home stay.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 15 KOCHKOR-BISHKEK</p>	<p>Today you transfer to Bishkek city. On route you will visit Burana Tower. It is a minaret from the 11th century. Burana Tower was used during the Great Silk Road as a sign for travelers that there was a city to have a rest. Nearby you will see an open air museum of Balbans (stone warriors). These grave stones that look like warriors – they were made in honor of brave soldiers that died for their Motherland. After an interesting excursion and climbing on the top of the tower is transfer to the Kyrgyz capital. Traditional dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Night is in a hotel.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DAY 16 DEPARTURE</p>	<p>In the morning is transfer to airport.</p>