

Samarkand, Uzbekistan October 30 – November 13, 2025



Practical guide for participants

This Practical Guide has been prepared to assist all participants in navigating their stay in the Republic of Uzbekistan with ease, comfort, and confidence.

Within its pages, you will find essential information covering entry procedures, local transportation, accommodation, logistics, medical services, cultural programs, and other practical matters relevant to your visit.

This guide aims to ensure that every guest enjoys a seamless experience while discovering the rich cultural heritage, modern development, and traditional hospitality of Uzbekistan.

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On behalf of the multinational people of Uzbekistan and on my own behalf, I would like to sincerely thank all our foreign friends and partners for supporting the historic decision to hold the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference in the ancient city of Samarkand in 2025.

I am confident that this important global event, which will be held in our region for the first time, will once again demonstrate to the world community the enormous civilizational potential of Uzbekistan and the Central Asian states.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

2019 AUGUST 26 SAMARKAND

Meeting between the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay.



2022 NOVEMBER 15 ____

World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education.



2023 SEPTEMBER 5 PARIS

An exhibition dedicated to "Abu Rayhan Beruni" opened at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.



2025 MARCH 12 PARIS

Shavkat Mirziyoyev received UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay in Paris. They discussed the preparations and organization of the 43rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO.



2025 APRIL 2 PARIS

The Host Country Agreement for the UNESCO General Conference in Samarkand has been signed.

















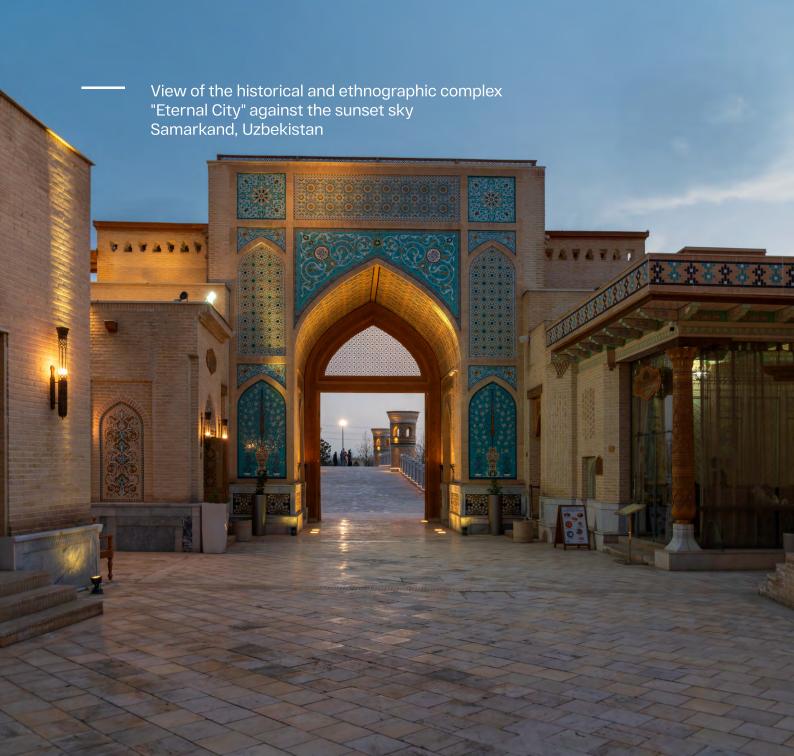














Welcome

Dear Participants of the 43rd UNESCO General Conference, Distinguished Guests, and Friends of Uzbekistan,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, it is our great pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to you in Samarkand – one of the world's most ancient and beautiful cities, the pearl of the Great Silk Road, and a proud UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Uzbekistan stands at the crossroads of civilizations – a timeless meeting point where the great roads of history intersect and new bridges of dialogue are built.

For centuries, the cultures of East and West have converged on our land, the Silk Road has connected distant worlds, and cities such as Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva have flourished as centers of science, art, and spiritual exchange.

Today, Samarkand—the radiant jewel in this historical mosaic—invites you to become part of its living heritage, to feel the breath of history, and to witness the dynamic progress of the present.

Uzbekistan's partnership with UNESCO rests on enduring foundations of mutual respect and shared values. Over the years, our nation has worked hand in hand with the Organization to preserve and promote World Heritage sites, foster intercultural dialogue, and advance educational, humanitarian, and cultural initiatives that strengthen global understanding and cooperation.

Welcome to Samarkand, the heart of the Silk Road!



























Essential facts about Uzbekistan



448.9 area (sq. km)

38,0 million population

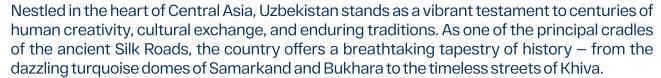
Tashkent

Uzbek official language September 1 Independence Day Islam capital (3 million people) main religion Soum Uzbekistan's currency

Samarkand Bukhara, Andijan

major cities







Each city echoes with the legacy of scholars, poets, and visionaries whose ideas helped shape the course of civilization.



Today, Uzbekistan is writing a new chapter in its national story – one defined by ambitious reforms, technological innovation, and a forward-looking vision of inclusive and sustainable development. This dynamic transformation unfolds in harmony with a deep respect for the nation's cultural identity and historical heritage.



At the heart of Uzbekistan lies its greatest treasure: the warmth and hospitality of its people. Visitors are received not as strangers, but as honored guests – a reflection of the country's enduring spirit of openness, generosity, and respect for dialogue among cultures.



Using cards and currency exchange

All payments and financial transactions in Uzbekistan must be conducted in the national currency, the Uzbek som (UZS), in accordance with national legislation.

Foreign visitors are advised to exchange their currency at banks or authorized exchange offices. Only legally registered financial institutions are permitted to perform currency exchange operations.

Card payments



Visa – widely accepted at ATMs, hotels, restaurants, and shops.



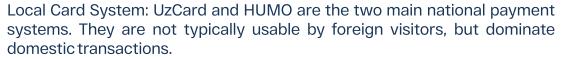
Master Card - also broadly accepted alongside Visa.



Union Pay - accepted in selected establishments, especially for Chinese visitors.

Local card systems





ATMs and exchange services



ATMs accepting foreign cards are available in all major cities, including Tashkent, Samarkand, and Bukhara.

Currency exchange services are provided by commercial banks and exchange offices located at banks, airports, railway stations, shopping centres, and other authorized locations throughout Uzbekistan.

























Mobile and internet connection



Uzbekistan has several major mobile operators, including Beeline, Ucell, Uzmobile, Mobiuz, Perfectum, Humans and OQ. Mobile coverage is widely available across cities and towns, with LTE services in most areas. Prepaid SIM cards can be purchased at airports, hotels, or official retail outlets with a valid passport.



Main mobile operators in Uzbekistan







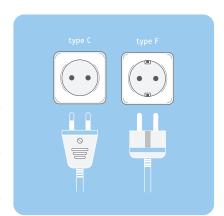


A local SIM card – or an eSIM – with phone SMS and internet access is required to use taxi services and other ride-hailing apps in Uzbekistan.





Electricity Supply



In Uzbekistan, two types of electrical plugs are used -Type C and Type F.

The standard voltage in Uzbekistan is 220 volts, and the frequency is 50 hertz.

Travelers are advised to check the compatibility of their devices and, if necessary, use an appropriate adapter or converter.

How to register your phone's IMEI in Uzbekistan

UzIMEI is the official system for registering mobile device IMEI codes in Uzbekistan. Registration ensures your phone can legally connect to local mobile networks, including Ucell, Beeline, and Uzmobile.

Tourists visiting for the first time and staying up to 60 days - registration is **not required**. Phones can be used freely with local or foreign SIM cards.

Who needs to register:

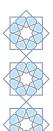
Visitors staying longer than 60 days or returning residents - **registration is mandatory.** Without it, mobile services (local and roaming) will not function.

How to register:

- 1. Visit www.uzimei.uz
- 2. Select a language
- 3. Log in using your passport details or via the "Birda" mobile apps.
- 4. Enter your IMEI code (*dial #06# to find it).
- 5. Pay the registration fee, approximately 20% of the Base Calculation Value (BCV) within 30 days of SIM activation. As of October 2025, $1\,\text{BCV} = 412,000\,\text{UZS}$.

Important notes:

One registration covers all IMEI numbers in dual-SIM phones. Devices used only on foreign SIM cards (roaming) do not require registration.







































Entry and visa regulations

Uzbekistan continues to expand visa-free travel opportunities in line with the Declaration on the Further Development of the Tourism Sector. Citizens of over 90 countries can now visit Uzbekistan without a visa, while others may easily obtain an electronic visa (e-visa) through the official online system. These measures reflect the country's commitment to openness, hospitality, and international cooperation.



Passport requirements:

- Be valid for at least six months beyond the date of entry;
- Contain a sufficient number of blank pages for visa stamps:
- Be officially recognized and valid for return or re-entry visas, where applicable.



Visa application

Required documents (submitted via the country's Permanent Delegation to UNESCO to the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Paris):

- Passport copy;
- Recent photo (3.5 × 4.5 cm).



Visa issuance procedure

Visas are generally issued within three working days. In countries without an Uzbekistan embassy or consulate, visas may be issued upon arrival at Tashkent or Samarkand airports, provided prior coordination with the Embassy of Uzbekistan in France.

To check the status of your application, please scan the QR code.



Passport types and requirements

- Diplomatic/official passport holders may be exempt from a visa (details at the link above).
- UNLP ("blue") passport holders require a visa.

Electronic Visa Apply online by scanning the QR code





Countries with Visa-Free access to Uzbekistan



Countries requiring an E-Visa for Uzbekistan

Tourism Police



Uzbekistan is actively working to create a safe and comfortable environment for tourists. Under the "Safe Tourism" system, security has been strengthened at popular tourist sites, airports, and railway stations.

Since 2019, Tourist Police units have been operating in Bukhara, Samarkand, Khiva, and Shakhrisabz. These officers ensure the safety of visitors, provide assistance, protect tourists' rights, and are equipped with modern tools and foreign language skills to support and guide travelers effectively.

Emergency numbers in Uzbekistan



112

All emergency services (police, fire, ambulance)



66 223 53 54

Tourist Police

























Samarkand – the Eternal city of culture and civilization

Samarkand, one of the world's oldest cities, stands alongside Babylon, Athens, and Rome as a cradle of human civilization.

In 1370, Amir Temur chose Samarkand as the capital of his empire, building a new majestic city instead of restoring the ancient Afrosiab. Under his rule, Samarkand flourished with grand monuments like the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Shah-i-Zinda, and Amir Temur's Mausoleum. He also created twelve royal gardens, blending nature with imperial elegance. Amir Temur turned Samarkand into a center of science, arts, and culture, laying the foundation for the Timurid Renaissance — a cultural revival that influenced both East and West. This golden era continued under his grandson, Mirzo Ulugh Beg, whose observatory and madrasa became leading centers of astronomy and learning.

Today, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Samarkand remains a shining symbol of timeless beauty, knowledge, and cultural heritage.













































International transportation



Participants from Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Czechia, Egypt, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Tajikistan, Thailand, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Vietnam, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America, will be able to visit Uzbekistan by direct flights.

Participants arriving from their home countries on transit flights are recommended to use the top hub airports such as Bangkok, Beijing, Delhi, Doha, Dubai, Chengdu, Frankfurt, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Incheon (Seoul), Istanbul, Jakarta, Jeddah, Kuala Lumpur, London, Madrid, Milan, Moscow, Mumbai, Munich, Paris, New York, Munich, Riga, Rome, Shanghai, St. Petersburg, Tokyo, Xi'an and Warsaw, from which direct flights are carried out to Tashkent. There are also direct flights from Istanbul, Doha and Dubai to Samarkand.



The Government of Uzbekistan organizes charter flights from Paris to Samarkand and back after the General Conference.



Paris - Samarkand

Charter flights

Samarkand - Paris





UZB-3274	2st Charter Flight
Paris	Samarkand
21:00	07:00
Oct 28	Oct 29

UZB-3275 Samarkand		3st Charter Flight Paris
12:30 Nov 14	7	15:30 Nov 14

UZB-3271 Samarkand	A	1st Charter Flight Paris
10:30 Nov 14	7	13:30 Nov 14

UZB-3273 Samarkand	<u>.</u>	3st Charter Flight Paris
11:30 Nov 14	7	14:30 Nov 14

Istanbul - Samarkand

Regular flights

Samarkand - Istanbul

C6312 Istanbul	Centrum Air Samarkand
03:05 Monday	09:40 Monday
C6312 Istanbul	 Centrum Air Samarkand

Samarkand	Centrum Air Istanbul
11:40	15:00
Monday	Monday
C6312	Centrum Air
Samarkand	Istanbul
11:40	15:00
Thursday	Thursday



























Regular flights Dubai - Samarkand Samarkand - Dubai **FlyDubai FZ769** Dubai Samarkand Samarkand **Dubai** 23:10 04:25 03:15 07:00 **FZ769 FlyDubai** Samarkand Dubai Samarkand **Dubai** 23:10 03:15 04:10 06:45 **FlyDubai FZ769** Dubai Samarkand Samarkand **Dubai** 23:25 03:25 04:10 06:45 Friday Baku - Samarkand Samarkand - Baku J2529 **FlyDubai** Baku Samarkand Samarkand Baku 01:55 22:55 02:55 04:15 Suturday Sunday J2529 **FlyDubai** Samarkand Baku Samarkand Baku 22:55 01:55 02:55 04:15

Note: The schedule of regular flights is subject to change. It is recommended to check the current timetable with the airlines.



Uzbekistan Airways

+998 78 140 02 00

www.uzairways.com

Air Samarkand

+998 78 888 10 10

www.airsamarkand.com

Centrum Air (Tashkent)

+998 55 518 88 88

www.centrum-air.com













































Train, bus and shuttle services



To ensure a smooth and comfortable experience for all participants of the General Conference, the Government of Uzbekistan has established green corridors at international airports and railway stations in Tashkent and Samarkand.

Internal transportation for delegates will be provided, including shuttle buses operating:

- From airports and railway stations to the Silk Road Complex
- Within the Complex, connecting the Congress Center and hotels
- Between major city hotels and the Complex

These measures are designed to facilitate convenient, safe, and timely travel for all conference participants.

Afrosiyob train schedule

Tashkent - Samarkand

Passenger check-in closes 30 minutes before the train departure time indicated in the schedule.

Tashkent 06:08 →	№778 (Fri, Sat, Sun)	Samarkand → 08:21
Tashkent 06:33 →	Daily № 774 (Sun)	Samarkand → 08:46
Tashkent 06:33 →	Daily № 764 (ex. Sun)	Samarkand → 08:46
Tashkent 07:30 →	Daily № 768	Samarkand → 09:43
Tashkent 08:00 →	Daily № 766	Samarkand → 10:25
Tashkent 08:30 →	Daily № 770	Samarkand → 10:49
Tashkent 19:41 →	Daily № 772	Samarkand → 22:05



Note: The Afrosiyob train schedule is subject to change. Please check the schedule in advance.



Train tickets Train schedule



Afrosiyob train schedule





Passenger check-in closes 30 minutes before the train departure time indicated in the schedule.





05:08 →



Tashkent → 07:34



Daily Nº 769

Daily Nº 767

Sunday № 773

Tashkent → 19:17

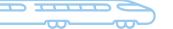
Samarkand

Daily № 765 17:40 →

Tashkent → 20:07

Samarkand

18:15 →



Tashkent

→ 20:30

Samarkand

18:49 →

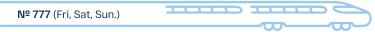


Tashkent

→ 21:04

Samarkand

19:53 →



Tashkent → 22:08



Note: The Afrosiyob train schedule is subject to change. Please check the schedule in advance.



Train tickets

Train schedule

Bus schedule

Tashkent - Samarkand

Passenger check-in closes 40 minutes before the bus departure time indicated in the schedule.

Tashkent

07:00 → Oct 30



Samarkand

→ **12:00**Oct 30

Tashkent

10:30 → Oct 30



Samarkand

→ **15:30**Oct 30



Daily bus trips in Uzbekistan

Tashkent

14:00 → Oct 30





Oct 30

Useful information



Online boarding flights



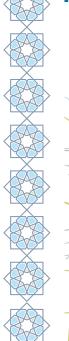
Detailed information about exchange rates.

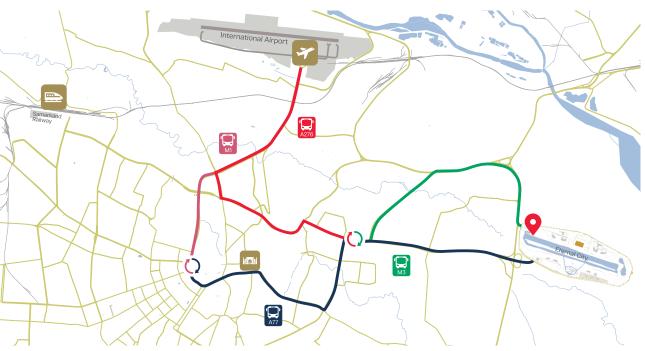


Foreign license plates embassies and consulates.



How to reach Eternal city from the airport







Bus M1 Route: Airport - Railway Station

- Transfers Available:
 - → To Bus 77 (Route: Dustlik Mahalla Eternal City)



Bus 256 Route: Airport - Asphalt Plant

- Transfers Available:
 - → To Bus M3 (Route: Dustlik Mahalla Chuponota Bus Terminal)

How to reach Eternal city from the railway station





- → To Bus 77 (Dustlik Mahalla Eternal City)
 - → To Bus M3 (Dustlik Mahalla Chuponota Bus Terminal)



Bus M5 Route: Railway Station – Siyob Bazaar – University Boulevard

- Transfers Available:
 - → To Bus 77 (Dustlik Mahalla Eternal City)
 - → To Bus M3 (Dustlik Mahalla Chuponota Bus Terminal)



Bus M15 Route: Railway Station - Siyob Bazaar - University Boulevard

- Transfers Available:
 - → To Bus 77 (Dustlik Mahalla Eternal City)
 - → To Bus M3 (Dustlik Mahalla Chuponota Bus Terminal)



























Taxi and e-scooter





Services:

- → Taxi booking
- → E-scooter rental (in some cities)





My Taxi is a local taxi service operating in Samarkand and other cities.

Services:

→ Fast and reliable taxi booking





Uklon is an international ride-hailing app also available in Uzbekistan.

Services:

→ Taxi booking (economy, comfort, business)





Silk Road Sharing is an electric scooter rental service in Uzbekistan.

Services:

→ E-scooter rental via mobile app



Payment method



Top up your personal wallet by going to the payment system's website.

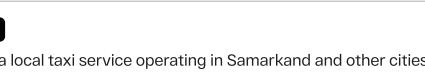


A fee is charged for using the e-scooter according to the rates specified in the mobile application and on the official website.















CONFERENCE HALL

The 43rd Session of the UNESCO General Conference

The 43rd Session of the UNESCO General Conference is officially scheduled to take place in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in 2025, at the Silk Road Samarkand Congress Hall.

This state-of-the-art venue, part of the Silk Road Samarkand complex, was chosen for its modern infrastructure as well as the cultural and historical significance of Samarkand – a key crossroads along the ancient Silk Roads.

The Congress Hall features world-class facilities capable of accommodating large-scale international events, including a main hall for up to 3,500 participants and multiple meeting spaces designed for high-level sessions and bilateral discussions.

This marks the first time Uzbekistan will host a UNESCO General Conference, underscoring the country's growing role in promoting cultural diplomacy, multilateral dialogue, and international cooperation.





Shuttle route for conference participants

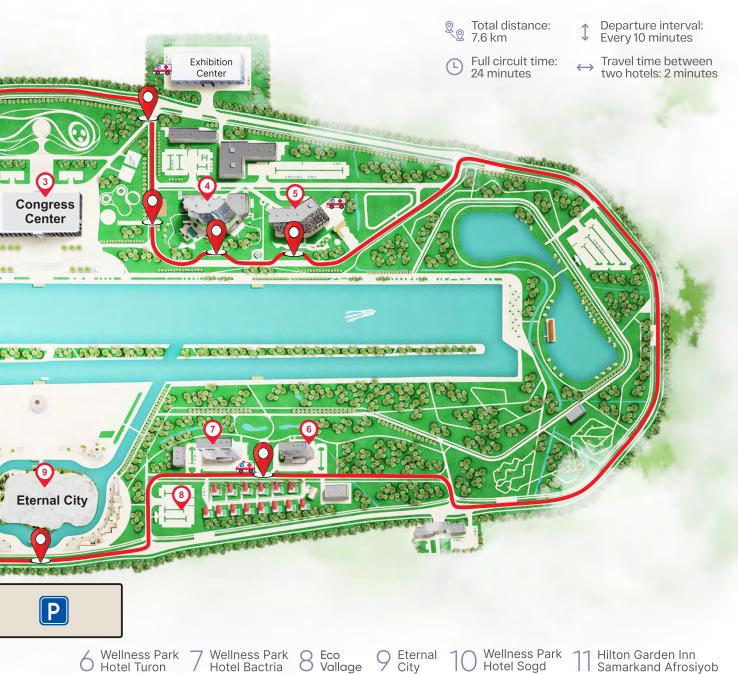




Savitsky Plaza

2 Hilton Samarkand 3 Congress Regency Center

4 Silk Road by Minyoun 5 Stars of Ulugbek



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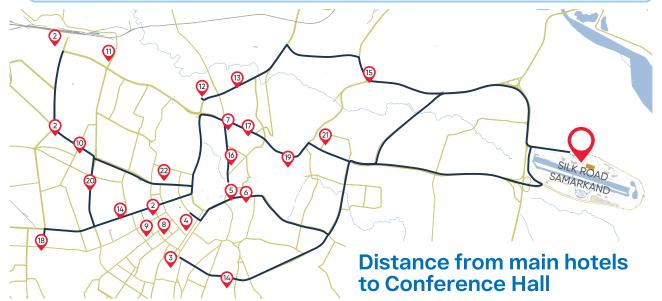
6 Hotel Turon

Samarkand Afrosiyob





A traffic scheme of 49 electric buses operates at 30-minute intervals between the Samarkand tourist center and 22 hubs, connecting 102 out of 128 hotels in the city of Samarkand.



REGISTON HOTEL SAMARKAND (ZEBO)	>>>	13 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
KONSTANTIN PLAZA	>>>	18 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
ZILOL-BAXT HOTEL	>>>	12 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
MOVENPICK SAMARKAND	>>>	12 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
MEDINA HOTEL	>>>	11 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
ARBA HOTEL	>>>	14 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
SHAXZODA ELITE	>>>	14 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
DILIMAH PREMIUM LUXURY	>>>	15 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND
EURO ASIA HOTEL	>>>	20 km	>>>	SILK ROAD SAMARKAND

HILTON	***	44 1	***	SILK ROAD
GARDEN INN	<i>))))</i>	11 km	<i>>>></i>	SAMARKAND
HAYAT		4.4.1	***	SILK ROAD
SAMARKAND	<i>))))</i>	14 km	<i>))))</i>	SAMARKAND
VOLIDAM	- 111	11 km	"	SILK ROAD
HOTEL	111	II KIII	1111	SAMARKAND
ARHAN PALACE	- 111	14 km	"	SILK ROAD
PREMIUM	///	14 KIII	///	SAMARKAND
GALA	111	11 km	1111	SILK ROAD
OSIYO	///	II KIII	///	SAMARKAND
DIYORA	111	11 km	1111	SILK ROAD
HOTEL	///	11 KM	<i>))))</i>	SAMARKAND
KOHINUR	"	10 km	1111	SILK ROAD
PLAZA	///	IO KIII	<i>))))</i>	SAMARKAND
ATLAS	""	16 km	>>>	SILK ROAD
AVTOTURARGOHI	///			SAMARKAND
KHAN	""	9 km	"	SILK ROAD
HOTEL	///	9 KIII	<i>))))</i>	SAMARKAND
SHARK	"	17 km	1111	SILK ROAD
HOTEL	<i>}}}</i>	17 KIII	///	SAMARKAND
JAHON		15 km	1111	SILK ROAD
PALACE	///	15 KIII	///	SAMARKAND





























ADDITIONAL EVENTS HELD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNESCO ACTIVITIES

In addition to the main agenda of the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference, a series of special events will be organized across Samarkand and other regions of Uzbekistan.

These activities aim to highlight the country's commitment to education, culture, heritage preservation, sustainability, and international cooperation.





Additional Events within the Framework of UNESCO























Presentation of the "Ship of Tolerance" Installation

© Date: October 26, 2025 Venue: Silk Road Complex

Inter-regional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO

October 29, 09:30 – 19:00

Venue: TBD

Forum on "Advancing Gender Equality through Multilateral Cooperation"

© Date: November 4, 13:30 – 15:00

Venue: Congress Centre, Room IV

Side-event "Advancing ECCE through Commitment and Regional Leadership"

© Date: November 5, 13:00–15:00

Venue: Hilton Samarkand Regency Hotel

Youth Forum

(Date: October 26–28 Venue: Expo Centre

Conference on the Role of Artificial **Intelligence in Museums**

© Date: November 1, 09:30 - 16:30

Venue: Congress Centre, Room IV

Ceremony Marking Uzbekistan's Accession to the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education

© Date: November 4, 13:30 - 15:00

Venue: Hilton Samarkand Regency

Hotel

Conference on the Acknowledgement of Samarkand's 3,000-Year Historical Heritage

Date: November 5. 16:00-17:30

Venue: Hilton Samarkand Regency Hotel

Award Ceremony of the UNESCO-Uzbekistan Beruniy Prize for Scientific Research on the Ethic of Al

© Date: November 6, 18:30 - 20:30

Venue: Expo Centre

Presentation of RAM Report on the Ethical Use of the Artificial Intelligence in Uzbekistan

© Date: November 7, 16:00-17:30

• Venue: Hilton Samarkand Regency

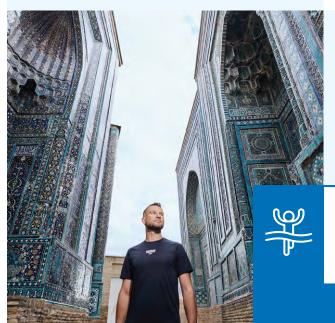
Hotel

Exhibition of Uzbekistan's Applied Arts

Venue: Expo Center, Pavilion No.1

Presentation of New Exhibitions at Historical Monuments

Venues: Tilla-Qori Madrasah, Ulugh Beg Madrasah, Gur-e Amir Mausoleum



Side-Event "New Central Asia: The Path to Joint Development and Prosperity through Culture, Education, and Science"

© Date: November 10, 13:00 – 15:00

Samarkand Marathon 2025

Dates: November 8–9, 2025

Start: Registan Square

Registration & Contact events.samarkandmarathon.uz marathon@acdf.uz



























MUST-VISIT DESTINATIONS IN SAMARKAND

Registan Ensemble – the heart of Samarkand and a masterpiece of Timurid architecture. It comprises three magnificent madrasahs – Ulugh Beg, Sher-Dor, and Tilla-Kari – each embodying the city's rich scientific and artistic heritage.

Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum – the final resting place of Amir Timur and his descendants. Built in 1403, this turquoise-domed monument stands as a symbol of Samarkand's royal legacy and architectural brilliance.

Ulugh Beg Observatory – among the oldest astronomical observatories in the world, constructed between 1424 and 1428. Under Ulugh Beg's leadership, pioneering astronomical studies were conducted here, establishing Samarkand as a major center of medieval science.

Bibi-Khanym Mosque – an architectural masterpiece of the 15th century, built by Amir Timur in honor of his wife, Bibi-Khanym. Once one of the largest mosques in the Islamic world, it remains a magnificent example of Timurid splendor and craftsmanship.



12 historical monuments located in the city of Samarkand



SILK ROAD SAMARKAND	>>>	7 km	>>>	TOURISM VILLAGE "KONIGIL»
SILK ROAD	- 1111	11 km	"	ULIGBEK
SAMARKAND	///	II KIII	///	OBSERVATORY
SILK ROAD	- 111	11 km	"	AFRASIAB
SAMARKAND	///	II KIII	"	MUSEUM
SILK ROAD	- 111	9 km	""	SAMARKAND-BUKHARA
SAMARKAND	1111	9 KIII	m	SILK CARPETS FACTORY
SILK ROAD	""	12 km	"	SHAHI ZINDA
SAMARKAND	///	IZ KIII	///	COMPLEX
SILK ROAD	- 111	14 km	"	MAUSOLEUM OF
SAMARKAND	1111	14 KIII	1111	AMIR TEMUR

SILK ROAD SAMARKAND	>>>	14 km	>>>	ENSEMBLE OF REGISTAN
SILK ROAD SAMARKAND	>>>	11 km	>>>	BIBI-KHANYM MOSQUE
SILK ROAD	>>>	11 km	>>>	SIYAB
SAMARKAND SILK ROAD	>>>	31 km	>>>	BAZAAR IMAM AL-BUKHARI
SAMARKAND SILK ROAD	>>>	4 km	>>>	COMPLEX ETERNAL
SAMARKAND				CITY



A web link and qr code provide access to an online program that shows directions to 24 hubs connecting 102 out of 128 hotels in the city of Samarkand.

SHUTTLE BUSES to main tourism destinations of Samarkand

Schedule for Weekdays and Saturdays

Pcs.	Sites.	Depart From silk road complex	Return from sites	Depart From silk road complex	Return from sites
50 pcs	→ Konigil tourism village→ Ulugbek observatory	14:00	15:30	16:00	17:30.
50 pcs.	 → Afrasiab museum. → Samarkand-Bukhara silk carpets Factory 	14:00.	15:30.	16:00	17:30.
50 pcs	→ Amir temur mausoleum.→ Registan square	14:00	15:30.	17:00.	20:30
50 pcs.	 → Bibi-khanym Mosque. → Siyab bazaar. → Shah-i-zinda complex 	14:00.	16:00	16:30.	18:00
50 pcs.	→ Imam al-Bukhari complex	14:00.	16:30.		
	→ Eternal city	Located within S	ilk Road comple	×.	

Schedule for Weekends

ROUTE	SITES	DEPART from Silk Road Complex	RETURN to Silk Road Complex	DEPART from Silk Road Complex	RETURN to Silk Road Complex	
1-ROUTE	 → Amir Temur mausoleum → Registan square → Bibi-Khanum Mosque → Siyab bazaar 	09:30	13:00	14:30	18:00	
2-ROUTE	 → Konigil tourism village → Ulugbek observatory → Samarkand-Bukhara → Silk carpets factory → Afrasiab museum 	09:30	13:00	14:30	18:00	
3-ROUTE	→ Imam al-Bukhari complex	10:00	12:30	14:30	17:30	
Eternal city	Eternal city Located in Silk Road Complex					

























HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS OF UZBEKISTAN



Tashkent Tour: 2 Days / 1 Night

Day1:

Samarkand - Tashkent

Tour participants arrive independently at the Samarkand Railway Station to board the afternoon train to Tashkent.

Departure: 16:56 – Arrival: 19:17.

Upon arrival in Tashkent, you will be met by our driver for a transfer to the hotel.

Check-in and overnight stay at the hotel.

Meals: Dinner



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- info@uzholiday.com

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide in the lobby and begin a full-day city tour of Tashkent.

Old City Highlights:

- Khast Imam Complex
- Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum
- Barak Khan Madrassah
- Friday Mosque
- Muyi Muborak Madrassah home to the Quran of Caliph Uthman (7th century)
- Chorsu Bazaar one of Tashkent's oldest and most vibrant markets, full of spices, local crafts, and traditional goods.

Modern City Highlights:

- Ride the Tashkent Metro, known for its artistic Soviet-era stations
- Visit Independence Square, Amir Temur Square, Theatre Square, and the Monument of Courage, commemorating the 1966 earthquake.

After the tour, transfer to the railway station. Your guide will assist with boarding the evening train to Samarkand.

Departure: 19:41 – Arrival: 22:05.

Meals: Lunch and dinner included.























































Tour participants arrive independently at Samarkand Railway Station to board the morning train to Bukhara.

Departure at 08:31, arrival at 10:14.

Upon arrival in Bukhara, meet vour local quide and driver for a full day of exploration.

Sightseeing highlights:

- Ismail Samani Mausoleum one of the oldest monuments of Islamic architecture in Central Asia
- Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum "Job's Spring" with a sacred water source
- Bolo-Khauz Complex mosque and pond ensemble near the Ark
- Ark Fortress ancient citadel and former royal residence
- Poi-Kalon Ensemble including the Kalon Minaret, Kalon Mosque, and Mir-i-Arab Madrasah
- Lyabi-Hauz Square a vibrant public plaza surrounded by historic madrasahs and a central pond

Evenina: Hotel check-in.

Meals: Lunch and dinner included.

Day 2: Bukhara – Samarkand

After breakfast at the hotel, continue exploring Bukhara's cultural and spiritual heritage.

Sightseeing highlights:

- Chor-Bakr Necropolis a vast religious complex with unique tombs
- Memorial Complex of Bahauddin Nagshband the spiritual center of Sufism in Bukhara
- Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace the elegant summer residence of the last Emir of Bukhara. combining European and Oriental architectural styles

Evening: Transfer to Bukhara Railway Station for the return train to Samarkand

Departure at 16:16, arrival at 18:05.

Meals: Lunch included.



5 Sept. - 20 Nov. 2025 Bukhara, Uzbekistan

The Bukhara Biennial is an international contemporary art event organised by the Uzbekistan Art and **Culture Development Foundation.**

Website: www.bukharabiennial.uz Instagram: @bukhara.biennial



Shahrisabz Tour 1 Day

Day 1: Samarkand - Shakhrisabz - Samarkand

Starting point: Departure from Gur-Emir Mausoleum, Samarkand. In the morning, depart for Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Amir Timur (Tamerlane). Upon arrival, begin a guided city tour of this historic town.

Sightseeing highlights:

- Ak-Saray Palace the ruins of Timur's grand summer residence, built in the 14th century
- Dorut Tilavat Complex featuring the Kok-Gumbaz Mosque, commissioned by Ulugh Beg
- Dorus Saodat Complex the burial site of Timur's family members

After the tour, return to Samarkand.

Drop-off location: Gur-Emir Mausoleum.

Meals: Lunch included.



























Khiva Tour 1 Day

Day1:

Samarkand - Khiva - Samarkand

Morning pickup from your hotel. A driver will transfer you to the train station or airport for your journey to Khiva.

Sightseeing highlights:

- Ichan-Kala Fortress (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- City museums
- Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum & Museum

✓ Included:



- All transfers and transportation in air-conditioned vehicles
- Train tickets in economy class (Samarkand Bukhara Samarkand, Samarkand Tashkent -Samarkand)
- Entrance fees to all museums, monuments, and historical sites mentioned in the itinerary
- English-speaking local guides during tours
- 1-night accommodation in planned or similar hotels with breakfast (for multi-day tours)
- Meals as per itinerary (including lunches and dinners as specified)

× Not Included:

- Flight to / from Uzbekistan
- · Airport taxes for international flights
- Medical insurance

- Additional drinks
- Tips for guide and drive
- Other services not mentioned as included







MUST-TRY EXPERIENCES

Uzbek Cuisine

Uzbek cuisine is celebrated for its rich flavors, diverse dishes, and cultural significance.

Rooted in Central Asian traditions, it reflects a blend of settled and nomadic lifestyles, shaped by centuries of culinary exchange along the Silk Road.





























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Samsa

Savory pastries lled with minced meat, onions, and spices, baked in a tandoor oven. A beloved snack or appetizer.



Shashlik

Skewered and grilled meat, often marinated, served with fresh vegetables. A popular street food enjoyed across the country.



Qozon kabob

Qozon kabob is not just food it's the heart of Uzbek cuisine, a true miracle in a pot. Every bite, every aroma takes you back to childhood, to early mornings in your grandfather's yard where the scent of freshly cooked meals filled the air.



Naryn

A dish made from boiled meat. oen horse meat, mixed with noodles and served cold. It's particularly popular in the northern regions of Uzbekistan.



Manti

Steamed dumplings lled with minced meat and onions, oen served with yogurt or sour cream. Acomforting dish, especially popular in colderseasons.



Lagman

Hand-pulled noodles served in a rich broth with meat and vegetables. It can be enjoyed as a soup ora stir-fried dish.

bazaars and bakeries around the city.



Soup

Hearty Soup made with large chunks of meat, potatoes, and vegetables, avoid with traditional spices. It's a staple in Uzbek Households.



Fried dumplings

Small dumplings similar to Russian pelmeni, filled with meat and served in broth or with yogurt.



Catering Services at the 43rd **UNESCO** General Conference

During the 43rd UNESCO General Conference in Samarkand (October 30-November 13, 2025), professional catering will ensure participants' comfort and wellbeing.

Guests will enjoy diverse dishes combining traditional Uzbek flavors with international cuisine. prepared with care for dietary needs.

For inquiries or special requests: www.interforum.uz unesco_samarkand@interforum.uz



Samarkand Bread – a famous symbol of the city and Uzbek cuisine. Dense, fragrant, and long-lasting, it is baked in a tandoor according to ancient recipes. You can taste authentic Samarkand bread at local



















TASTE OF SAMARKAND

Samarkand is a city where ancient Eastern traditions blend seamlessly with the rhythm of modern life, a harmony reflected in its gastronomy. Visitors can enjoy both authentic Uzbek dishes and contemporary interpretations of national recipes prepared by world-class chefs.

To experience the true flavor of Samarkand, traditional restaurants are highly recommended.

Modern establishments also offer a wide range of European cuisine, including Italian pasta and pizza, steaks, and sushi. In these new-generation restaurants, special attention is given to interior design, attentive service, and the creative presentation of dishes, ensuring a memorable dining experience.































Working hours: daily from 11:00 am to 00:00 pm

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El Sabor Meat Restaurant

Working hours: daily from 12:00 am to 23:00 pm

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Address: Hilton Samarkand Regency, 1st Floor



Sky Bar Restaurant

Working hours: 17:00-02:00 Closed: Mon-Tue

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Address: Hilton Samarkand Regency, 20th Floor



Yi Palace Restaurant

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The Buyuk Samarkand Restaurant

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Foodrink Restaurant

Working hours: Breakfast - 07:00 to 11:00 Restaurant - 12:00 to 23:00

Phone Number: +998 55 705 70 30

Address: Lia! by Minyoun Stars of Ulugbek, 1st Floor



Sumalak Restaurant

Working hours:

Breakfast - 07:00 to 11:00 Restaurant - 12:00 to 23:00

Phone Number: +998 55 705 55 55

Address:

Wellness Park Hotel Bactria, 1st floor



Khmelnov - Brewery pub

Working hours: daily from 11:00 am to 01:00 pm

Phone Number: +998 55 705 55 55

Address: SavitskyPlaza, 1st foor.



Teahouse "Manzara"

Working hours: daily from 08:00 am to 20:00 pm

Phone Number: +998 90 830 04 60

Address:

Silk Road Samarkand Tourist Center, 21



Khamsa Restaurant

Working hours: Breakfast: daily from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. From 12:00 pm to 00:00 am

Phone Number: +998 97 926 22 29

Address: Hilton Garden Inn Samarkand Afrosiyob 1st floor



"Olot Somsa" Teahouse

Working hours: daily from 10:00 am to 22:00 pm

Phone Number: +998 55 705 55 55

Address:

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Emirhan

Working hours: daily from 11:00 am to 23:00 pm

Phone Number: +998 88 891 60 00

Address: 1/18 Akhrarkula MahmudjanovStreet, Samarkand

































HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATION

Samarkand, one of the world's oldest and most beautiful cities, blends the spirit of the East with the comfort of a modern metropolis. The city offers a wide range of accommodations, from luxurious five-star hotels to charming boutique properties and cozy family guesthouses.

International-class hotels provide modern amenities, including fitness centers, swimming pools, and restaurants serving both Uzbek and European cuisine. For those seeking tranquility and a local atmosphere, boutique hotels and guesthouses in historic neighborhoods offer an authentic taste of Samarkand's warm hospitality.

Whatever the preference or budget, every visitor can enjoy a stay where Eastern warmth, attention to detail, and genuine comfort create a memorable experience.





























Hilton Samarkand Regency

The hotel's concept is based not only on the rich historical heritage of this region but also on the international experience and global standards of the hospitality industry.

- Rowing canal, Konigil massif, Samarkand, 140319, Uzbekistan
- +998 55 705 55 55



Silk Road by Minyoun

The five-star Silk Road by Minyoun managed by the Minyoun Hospitality hotel chain is dedicated to the Silk Road history. The facility offers 241 rooms located in a 22storey building.

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Savitsky Plaza

Savitsky Plaza Hotel was named after Igor Savitsky, Honored Art Worker of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic and collector of avant-garde art. The interior design of the Savitsky Plaza hotel reveals contemporary artworks and references to the legacy of Igor Savitsky.

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Lia! by Minyoun Stars of Ulugbek

This four-star hotel managed by the Minyoun Hospitality chain is named after Mirzo Ulugbek, the ruler of Samarkand who also was a famous astronomer and mathematician. Ulugbek determined the positions of 1,018 fixed stars and calculated the duration of the sidereal year.

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Hilton Garden Inn Samarkand Afrosiyob

The hotel's design was inspired by the creative and scientific works of the greatest Uzbek literary figure, artist, linguist, and statesman, Alisher Navoiy, who lived in the 15th century. He had a strong influence on the culture of Uzbekistan.

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Hilton Garden Inn Samarkand Sogd

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The design of Hilton Garden Inn Sogd is inspired by Zoroastrianism, one of the oldest religions in the world. It is based on the belief in the sanctity of natural elements and wildlife.

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Wellness Park Hotel Bactria

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The hotel's interior design is closely connected with the celebration of Nowruz – one of the most important components of the cultural legacy of Uzbekistan. In 2009, this holiday was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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- +998 55 705 55 55



Wellness Park Hotel Turon

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The hotel is named Turon, which, in the sacred book Avesta, was a place of goodness, kindness, prosperity, and wisdom. Here, guests can experience unforgettable moments that seamlessly blend luxury with cultural charm.

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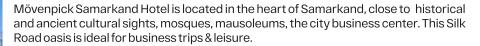


Eco Village

Eco Village is a complex of 14 villas for private accommodation and events. The houses are completely constructed from timber. Each villa is equipped with a kitchen, living room and dining area. On the territory near the house there is a swimming pool.

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Mövenpick Hotel Samarkand



- 53 Shokhrukh Str Samarkand, 140100, Samargand
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Grand Hotel Sogdiana

The hotel is located 10 minutes drive from the historical part of the city and 15 minutes from the central station. Our hotel is always glad to residents and guests of Uzbekistan.

- Samarkand city 76 A Narpay str.
- +998 66 239 49 00

Alexander Hotel

The ALEXANDER Hotel is an absolutely unique project, with its own history, but in a new solution by modern designers, decorators and the best European architects specializing in the restoration and reproduction of architectural monuments and objects representing the historical and cultural heritage of Uzbekistan.

- Samarkand region, Samarkand, Mirzo Ulugbek street, 62
- +998 90 276 00 98



Continental Hotel Samarkand

Situated along the beautiful Boulevard in the heart of Samarkand, the Continental Hotel offers a blend of modern luxury and traditional charm. Our prime location provides guests with easy access to the city's most iconic landmarks, making it the perfect base for exploring the rich cultural heritage of this historic city.

- University Avenue 7, 140100, Samarkand, Samarkand region
- +998 90 102 00 08



Bibikhanum Hotel

The hotel traditional forms of architecture and arts of Uzbekistan as sculpture, stucco, wood, paints, allows everyone to enjoy its decoration.

The entire REGISTAN including mosques, minarets, mausoleums is close: 10 minutes on foot.

- 140101 Tashkent str, 10 Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- +998 78 210 08 11



DiliMah Premium Luxury

Hotel offers guests a modern and elegant place to stay in one of the most ancient cities in the world, in Samarkand - Crossroads of Cultures.

Conveniently situated between the train station and the old town, our hotel is the ideal base for a business trip or a city break in Samarkand.

- Mirzo Ulugbek str. 79A, Samarkand
- +998 78 210 00 25



Hotel Bek Samarkand

Hotel Bek Samarkand is an excellent choice for travelers visiting Samarkand, offering many helpful amenities designed to enhance your stay.

With the close proximity to Gur-Emir Mausoleum (1.4 mi), guests of Hotel Bek Samarkand can easily experience one of Samarkand's most popular landmarks.

- Samarkand, Crossing of Shakh-i-Zinda and Dagbitskaya str
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CULTURAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Samarkand, at the heart of the Great Silk Road, harmoniously blends history and modernity. The city preserves traditional craftsmanship, fills the air with the music of the East, and hosts vibrant cultural events year-round.

Renowned for its theaters, museums, and galleries, Samarkand offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience both its rich heritage and contemporary arts. A special highlight is the Sharq Taronalari International Music Festival, where performers from around the world gather on the magnificent Registan Square.

























Samarkand regional musical drama theatre

"Hamlet"

31.10.2025 (18:00 01.11.2025 (18:00

Director: Sh. Sanakulov

"Avalanche"

04.11.2025 (17:00 05.11.2025 (17:00

Director: V. Umarov

"The tricks of ancient Tbilisi"

12.11.2025 (17:00 Director: K. Cogidze

"The garden of love"

02.11.2025 (17:00 08.11.2025 (17:00

Director: Sh. Sanakulov

"King Lear"

09.11.2025 (17:00

Director: V. Umarov

"The taming of the shrew"

08.11.2025 (17:00

Director: A. Abdullaev

3 Kuksaroy Square, Samarkand

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Samarkand regional russian drama theater

"Days gone by"

30.10.2025 ()18:00

Director: A. Niyazov

"Hey, who's there?!"

05.11.2025 (18:00 Director: A. Niyazov

"Nasreddin's five wives"

01.11.2025 (18:00

Director: S. Maxmudov

45 Buyuk Ipak Yuli Street, Samarkand +998 97 911-85-55; +998 90 600-17-26

Music & performing arts program

Eternal City – Folklore Performances and Theatrical Shows (Depictions of Historical Eras)

- From 10:00 to 17:30
- Eternal City

Sikstant - Performances by National Folklore Ensembles

- From 18:00 to 19:00
- Eternal City Sixtant

Musical and dance demonstrations

- From 10:00 to 18:00 October 26 to November 9, 2025
- Konigil Village and Meros Paper Mil

Caravan of Culture – Musical Performances

- 18:00 26.10.2025
- <u>)</u> 18:00 09.11.2025
- Samarkand Regional Musical Drama Theater

BUKHARA REGION

"Evening Under the Open Sky"

- (L) 18:00
- Madrasa "Nodir Devonbegi", Bukhara city

"Four Dervishes"

- 18:00 06.11.2025
- Bukhara Region Musical Drama Theater















































KHOREZM REGION

"Sultan Jalaluddin"

- (L) 16:00 04.11.2025
- Khorezm Region Musical Drama Theater

"Lion and Thrush"

- 30.10.2025 (11:00 (L) 11:00 31.10.2025
- Khorezm Region Puppet Theater

"The Birth of Lazgi"

- (L) 16:00 06.11.2025
- Khorezm Region Musical Drama Theater

"Voice Theater Performances"

- (L) 11:00 08.11.2025
- Khorezm Region Puppet Theater

TASHKENT CITY

Concert of Masters of Opera Arts

- (L) 19:00 31.10.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

Concert Program "Be My Universe"

- (L) 19:00 02.11.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

"Fire Bird"

- 16:00 07.11.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

"Lady with Camellia"

- <u>L</u> 11:00 09.11.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

"Swan Lake"

- (L) 19:00 31.10.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

"Silver"

- (L) 19:00 06.11.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

"Longing"

- (L) 16:00 08.11.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

"Heart of a Poet"

- (L) 11:00 13.11.2025
- Grand Theater of Uzbekistan

TASHKENT CITY

"Starry Nights"

- (L) 16:00 31.10.2025
- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

"Heart (Koʻngil)"

- 11:00 02.11.2025
- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

"The Days Without You"

- 16:00 05.11.2025
- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

"Season of Justice"

- 11:00 12.11.2025
- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

"The Pain of Others"

- (<u>16:00</u> 01.11.2025
- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

"Days Gone By"

- 11:00 04.11.2025
- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

"Courageous Mother"

- Uzbek National Academic Drama Theater

""The Scarlet Flower or Beauty and the Beast"

- 16:00 01.11.2025
- Uzbek National Puppet Theater







CULTURAL ETIQUETTE AND TRADITIONS

Common Uzbek Phrases

Assalomu alaykum

[ah-sah-loh-moo ah-lay-koom]
A traditional greeting meaning "Peace be upon you" or simply "Hello".

Xush kelibsiz

[khush keh-lee-bsiz]
A customary phrase meaning "Welcome".

Rahmat

[rah-maht]
Means "Thank you" in Uzbek.



