



17D15N ULTIMATE 5 STANS KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN & TURKMENISTAN

DAY 1 : KUALA LUMPUR ARRIVAL IN ALMATY

- Airport transfer to hotel for check-in
- Free time to explore the city at leisure

Welcome to **Almaty**, the vibrant gateway to Central Asia. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy some time to relax after your journey. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace. You may visit the lively Green Bazaar, stroll along the city’s tree-lined boulevards, or simply unwind while taking in views of the majestic Tien Shan Mountains. **Overnight in Almaty**

DAY 2 : ALMATY



- Discover Panfilov Park, Zenkov Cathedral and Republic Square
- Experience Almaty’s Soviet-era ride the metro and exploring cultural landmarks from the USSR era.
- Scenic drive to Medeo Dam in the mountains
- Cable car ride to Shymbulak for panoramic Tien Shan views

Begin your day with a city tour of Almaty, exploring its cultural and historical highlights including **Panfilov Park**, the wooden **Zenkov Cathedral**, and **Republic Square**.

Experience a ride on the **Soviet-style metro** and pass iconic landmarks from the USSR era. In the afternoon, journey into the mountains to **Medeo Dam**, followed by a **cable car** ascent to **Shymbulak**, where breathtaking views of the **Tien Shan Mountains** await. **Overnight in Almaty**

DAY 3 : ALMATY – CHARYN CANYON – KARAKOL



- Scenic journey across the Kazakh steppe toward Kyrgyzstan
- Visit Charyn Canyon, the “Valley of Castles,” with optional short hike or viewpoint stop
- Cross the Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan border and continue through changing alpine landscapes
- Evening folklore show with traditional Kyrgyz dinner in Karakol

Depart Almaty and travel through the **vast Kazakh steppe**, where open plains gradually give way to dramatic **canyon landscapes**. Stop at **Charyn Canyon**, known as the “Valley of Castles,” where striking red rock formations create a spectacular natural setting.

Continue to the border and complete crossing formalities into **Kyrgyzstan**, where the scenery transforms into **lush valleys** and mountain ranges of the **Tien Shan**.

Arrive in **Karakol**, a charming town at the foot of the mountains. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folklore show and dinner, offering an authentic introduction to **Kyrgyz culture** through music, dance and local cuisine. **Overnight in Karakol (Guesthouse)**





DAY 4 : KARAKOL– ISSYK KUL

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- Morning visit of Karakol including Dungan Mosque and Orthodox Church
- Explore Jeti-Ögüz Valley (Seven Bulls) with its iconic red cliffs
- Walk through Skazka Canyon, known for its colorful rock formations
- Scenic drive via Ak-Sai Canyon to Lake Issyk-Kul with yurt stay

Begin with a short city tour of Karakol, visiting the unique **wooden Dungan Mosque and the Russian Orthodox Church**. Continue to **Jeti-Ögüz Valley**, known for its dramatic red cliffs set against alpine scenery. Explore the fascinating formations of **Skazka Canyon**, before driving through **Ak-Sai Canyon** to reach the tranquil shores of **Lake Issyk-Kul**, where you will stay in a **traditional yurt camp**. **Overnight in Yurt Camp (Lake Issyk-Kul)**

DAY 5 : ISSYK KUL – BISHKEK

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- Meet a traditional Eagle Hunter and witness a falconry demonstration
- Experience a yurt-making workshop, learning nomadic craftsmanship
- Visit Burana Tower, a historic Silk Road monument

Start your day with a traditional **eagle hunting demonstration**, showcasing the deep-rooted nomadic **heritage of Kyrgyzstan**. Continue with a hands-on **yurt-making workshop**, learning the **craftsmanship** behind this iconic dwelling. Visit the historic **Burana Tower**, a key Silk Road landmark, before continuing to Bishkek, the country’s vibrant capital. **Overnight in Bishkek**

DAY 6 : BISHKEK – TASHKENT

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- City tour of Bishkek including Ala-Too Square, Oak Park and Osh Bazaar
- Visit the Central Mosque, inspired by Istanbul’s Hagia Sophia
- Flight from Kyrgyzstan to Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Free evening to relax or explore the city

Explore **Bishkek’s** main highlights including **Ala-Too Square, Oak Park and the lively Osh Bazaar**, where local life is in full swing. Visit the impressive **Central Mosque**, inspired by Istanbul’s Hagia Sophia. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your **flight to Tashkent**, arriving for a relaxed evening at leisure. **Overnight in Tashkent**

DAY 7 :TASHKENT – KHUJAND (TAJIKISTAN)

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- Travel to Oybek Border and cross into Tajikistan
- Visit Khujand, one of Central Asia’s oldest cities
- Explore the Oriental Bazaar and local cultural sites
- Discover Arbob Palace and historic landmarks

Depart Tashkent and travel to the border, entering **Tajikistan**. Continue to **Khujand**, a historic Silk Road city. Visit the **lively Oriental Bazaar**, followed by the **Museum of Archaeology** and the **Shaikh Muslihiddin complex**. End with a visit to the impressive **Arbob Palace**, reflecting the region’s more recent history. **Overnight in Khujand**

DAY 8 : KHUJAND – ISTARAVSHAN – DUSHANBE

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- Visit the Lenin Statue in Khujand, a symbol of Soviet heritage
- Explore Istaravshan, including Khazrati Shokh Complex and historic mosques
- Scenic drive through the Pamir-Alay Mountains
- Continue to Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan

Begin with a stop at the iconic **Lenin Statue** in Khujand before continuing to **Istaravshan, one of the oldest towns** in Tajikistan. Visit the **Khazrati Shokh Complex** and other historical sites showcasing traditional architecture. Travel through the scenic **Pamir-Alay Mountains**, arriving in Dushanbe by late afternoon. **Overnight in Dushanbe**



DAY 9 :DUSHANBE



- Explore Rudaki Park, Rudaki Avenue and Independence Square
- Visit the ornate Nawruz Palace, showcasing Tajik craftsmanship
- Discover local life at Dushanbe Bazaar
- Free afternoon to relax or explore the city

Discover the highlights of **Dushanbe**, starting with **Rudaki Park** and **Rudaki Avenue**, lined with important landmarks. Visit **Independence Square** and the beautifully decorated Nawruz Palace. End the tour at the vibrant **Dushanbe Bazaar**, before enjoying a free afternoon to relax or explore further. **Overnight in Dushanbe**

DAY 10 : DUSHANBE – ISKANDARKUL – SAMARKAND



- Scenic drive through the Anzob Tunnel and mountain landscapes
- Visit Iskandarkul Lake, surrounded by dramatic alpine scenery
- Short walk to Panjchashma Waterfall
- Cross into Uzbekistan and continue to Samarkand

Depart Dushanbe and journey through the mountains, passing the famous **Anzob Tunnel**. Continue to **Iskandarkul Lake**, a peaceful alpine setting linked to the legend of Alexander the Great. Take a short walk to the **Panjchashma Waterfall**, before crossing into **Uzbekistan** and continuing to Samarkand. **Overnight in Samarkand**

DAY 11 : SAMARKAND



- Visit Gur-Emir Mausoleum, the resting place of Timur
- Explore the iconic Registan Square and its grand madrassahs
- Walk through Siab Bazaar and see Bibi Khanum Mosque
- Discover Shah-i-Zinda and Ulugbek Observatory

Spend the day exploring **Samarkand**, one of the greatest Silk Road cities. Visit **the Gur-Emir Mausoleum**, followed by the **magnificent Registan Ensemble**. Continue past the **Bibi Khanum Mosque** and explore the lively **Siab Bazaar**. In the afternoon, visit a traditional **Carpet Factory**, the stunning **Shah-i-Zinda necropolis**, and the historic **Mirzo Ulugbek Observatory**. **Overnight in Samarkand**

DAY 12 : SAMARKAND – BUKHARA



- High-speed bullet train from Samarkand to Bukhara
- Visit Ismail Samani Mausoleum and Chashma-i-Ayub spring
- Explore Ark Fortress and Poi-Kalyan Ensemble
- Walk through trading domes and Lyab-i-Hauz

This morning, take the **high-speed bullet train** from Samarkand to Bukhara, one of the most atmospheric Silk Road cities. Upon arrival, begin your tour with the **Ismail Samani Mausoleum**, known for its elegant architecture, followed by the sacred **Chashma-i-Ayub spring**. Continue to the historic Ark Fortress, once home to Bukhara’s emirs, and visit the iconic **Poi-Kalyan Ensemble**, featuring the famous **Kalon Minaret** and surrounding monuments. End the day with a walk through the traditional trading domes and the peaceful **Lyab-i-Hauz square**. **Overnight in Bukhara**

DAY 13 : BUKHARA – KHIVA



- Journey by Soviet-style train across the Kyzylkum Desert
- Explore Kunya-Ark Fortress and Khiva’s historic complexes
- Visit Juma Mosque with its carved wooden pillars
- See iconic landmarks including Kalta Minar and Tash Hauli Palace

Travel from Bukhara to Khiva by a **Soviet-style train** across the **Kyzylkum Desert**. Upon arrival, begin exploring the historic old town, starting with the **Kunya-Ark Fortress**, once the residence of Khiva’s rulers. Continue to the peaceful **Juma Mosque**, known for its carved wooden pillars, and admire the iconic **Kalta Minar**. End the day with a visit to the beautifully decorated **Tash Hauli Palace**, showcasing the city’s rich architectural heritage. **Overnight in Khiva**





DAY 14 : KHIVA – DARVAZA (TURKMENISTAN)

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- Cross Shavat border into Turkmenistan
- 4x4 adventure across the Karakum Desert
- Visit Darvaza Gas Crater (“Door to Hell”)
- Overnight stay in yurt camp under the stars of the desert

Travel from Khiva to the **Shavat border**, entering Turkmenistan before continuing deep into the **Karakum Desert**. Switch to 4x4 vehicles and journey across remote dunes and vast landscapes, offering a true expedition experience. Arrive at the **dramatic Darvaza Gas Crater**, where flames burn continuously, creating a spectacular sight especially at night. Enjoy dinner near the crater before settling into your **yurt camp**, surrounded by the silence of the desert and a sky full of stars. **Overnight in Darvaza Yurt Camp**

DAY 15 : DARVAZA – ASHGABAT

 B/L/D

- Visit Mud & Water Craters in the Karakum Desert
- Discover Nissa ruins (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Explore Turkmenbashi Mosque, Independence Park & Neutrality Arch
- Visit Akhal-Teke horse stables

Depart Darvaza after breakfast and journey across the **Karakum Desert**, stopping at the **unique Mud and Water Craters**, showcasing the region’s natural phenomena. Continue to **Ashgabat**, where the landscape transforms into a striking city of marble buildings and wide boulevards. Begin a city tour with a visit to the **ancient Nissa ruins**, followed by the **grand Turkmenbashi Mosque-Mausoleum**. Continue to **Independence Park and the iconic Neutrality Arch**, symbols of the nation’s identity. End the day with a visit to the **Akhal-Teke horse stables**, home to Turkmenistan’s prized horses. **Overnight in Ashgabat**

DAY 16 : DEPARTURE FROM ASHGABAT

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- Transfer to airport for departure flight

The final morning of this incredible 16-day journey is here, and it’s time to bid farewell to the land that has gifted you countless memories. After transfer to the **Ashgabat International Airport** for your flight to Kuala Lumpur, take a moment to reflect on the breathtaking landscapes, the warmth of local hospitality, and the stories that have enriched your soul. Each destination, from the ancient cities of the Silk Road to the untamed deserts and majestic mountains, has left an indelible mark on your heart.

DAY 17 : ARRIVAL KUALA LUMPUR

Arrive in Kuala Lumpur, marking the end of your incredible 5-Stans adventure. Thank you for traveling with us and we hope to welcome you again on your next journey.



17D15N Central Asia Unveiled: 5 Stans Expedition



Proposed Flight Details

AirAsia X/ Batik Air/ Turkish Airlines or others
(subject to seats availability)



Meals Included

- 15 Breakfast
- O2 Lunch
- O4 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: HOTELS & GUESTHOUSES

City / Destination Local (3-4★)

- ALMATY** -Renion city or similar
- KARAKOL** -Guesthouse/family hotel or similar
- ISSKY-KUL** -Yurt Camp
- BISHKEK** -Crown Hotel or similar
- TASHKENT** -Navruz or similar
- KHUJAND** -The Parliament or similar
- DUSHANBE** -Serena or similar
- SAMARKAND** -Royal or similar
- BUKHARA** -Garden Plaza or similar
- KHIVA** -Erkin Palace or similar
- DARWAZA** -Yurt Camp
- ASHGABAT** -Sport or similar



YURT CAMP

Please note that no reservations have been made at this stage. If the selected hotels are unavailable upon confirmation, alternative options will be proposed. Prices may be subject to adjustment at the time of booking.

✓ INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation: 12 nights in Local 3-4★ hotels with daily breakfast included
- Unique stays: 2 nights in yurts (Issyk Kul & Darvaza) with dinner and 1 night in guesthouse in Karakol (shared basis)
- Meals: Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner where stated)
- Transportation: Travel by air-conditioned coach, 4x4 vehicles, train & cable car throughout the journey
- Train tickets: Samarkand – Bukhara (high-speed train, economy class); Bukhara – Khiva/Urgench (overnight train, couchette)
- Transfers: Airport transfers included on arrival and departure days
- Tour leader: English-speaking tour leader throughout (minimum 10 pax)
- Local guides: Professional English-speaking local guides in each country
- Ticket admission: Entrance fees to all attractions as per itinerary
- Visa support: Letter of Invitation, state registration & travel permits (where required)
- Cultural experiences: Eagle hunting demonstration, yurt making workshop & folklore show in Kyrgyzstan
- Taxes: All local taxes and government charges included

⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance: Personal travel insurance not included
- Meals: Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses: Laundry, minibar, telephone, and other personal items
- Photo & video charges: Charges at attractions or sites
- Tips: Tipping for guide, driver and service staff

Estimated Package price
Including Flight

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Highlights:

- **Five Ex-Soviet States in One Epic Adventure** – Discover the rich history and cultural diversity of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan on a single unforgettable journey through Central Asia.
- **Unforgettable Desert Experience in Turkmenistan** – Explore the unique desert landscapes of Turkmenistan, featuring the awe-inspiring Darvaza Gas Crater and the otherworldly beauty of the Karakum Desert.
- **Tajikistan: A Must-See Destination in the Region.** Journey through the breathtaking mountains of Tajikistan with unspoiled nature, remote villages, and unforgettable scenery.
- **The Silk Road Treasures of Uzbekistan** – Step back in time in Uzbekistan’s iconic cities of Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva, home to majestic turquoise domes, ancient mosques, and vibrant bazaars.
- **A Cultural Tapestry Across the 5 Stans** – Experience the rich traditions of Central Asia through warm hospitality, delicious local cuisine, and music and stories passed down through generations.

Embark on a 16-day adventure into the soul of Central Asia, where the whispers of the Silk Road tell stories of ancient empires, nomadic spirits, and boundless horizons. The 5 Stans—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan—invite you to step into a world where history thrives in vibrant traditions, and the land itself appears to pulse with the essence of the past. In Kazakhstan, immerse yourself in the endless steppes and snow-capped peaks, where the grandeur of nature harmonizes with the warmth of a proud people. Kyrgyzstan, the land of nomads, will awaken your spirit with its tranquil alpine lakes, rolling pastures, and the timeless call of freedom carried on the mountain winds. Uzbekistan’s legendary cities—Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva—stand as breathtaking monuments to human ingenuity and resilience. Their turquoise domes and intricate mosaics tell stories of faith, love, and ambition. In Tajikistan, the majestic Pamir Mountains invite adventurers to connect with a pristine and unspoiled landscape, where every curve of the road feels like a journey into eternity. Finally, Turkmenistan, with its otherworldly landscapes and the mesmerizing Darvaza Gas Crater, reveals the power of the Earth's fire and the mystery of its beauty. This enigmatic land, where ancient ruins meet the surreal glow of the desert's fiery heart, provides a fitting conclusion to your journey—a place where the timeless and the extraordinary converge. Through it all, the people of the 5 Stans welcome you with open hearts and warm smiles, sharing traditions that have been passed down through generations. You will savor the rich flavors of their cuisine, feel the rhythms of their music, and carry with you the timeless wisdom of their stories. This is more than a journey; it is a pilgrimage of the soul—an extraordinary opportunity to rediscover wonder and forge connections with the lands and cultures that have shaped the course of history. The 5 Stans will leave you feeling humbled, inspired, and forever changed.

- Journey deep into regions where culture thrives untouched by mass tourism. Expect rustic villages, time-honored rituals, and a warm welcome from communities eager to share their way of life. These trips are perfect for those seeking genuine connection, authentic flavors, and the true pulse of a destination.
- Comfort range accommodation features hotels that typically combine good amenities, character and service. Star ratings often vary from country to country, but most of the hotels in this category would be 3+* or 4* star rated. Any trip given a rating of Comfort will have more than half of the nights in Comfort accommodation.
- Transportation: Bus, Train, Internal flight, 4x4
- Your journey is our passion. With our expertise and deep understanding of the destinations, we’ve carefully selected the essential places and activities for this tour. As listed in the inclusions section, all of these are included in the price, ensuring there are no hidden costs.

Tourist Yurt Stays in Central Asia (2 overnights):

- Yurt accommodations in Central Asia are thoughtfully arranged to provide a balance between comfort and authenticity. Typically, 4 to 6 guests share a yurt, each with a regular bed and mattress, ensuring a cozy night’s rest. While the yurts themselves are traditional in style, the camps are equipped with modern shared facilities nearby. These include bathrooms with Western-style toilets and hot showers, allowing for a comfortable stay while still experiencing the charm of nomadic culture. When we stay in the local yurts you’ll be treated to fresh, homemade meals, often prepared with local ingredients and traditional recipes. Meals are included in your stay, making these experiences not only comfortable, but also deliciously memorable.

Homestay

- Homestays in Central Asia offer a warm, authentic experience, similar to staying in a small family-run guesthouse. They provide a welcoming local atmosphere, often allowing travelers to connect with the host family and get a glimpse into everyday life. Rooms are clean and simply furnished, typically with 2–3 guest rooms sharing a bathroom and toilet on the same floor. While not luxurious, homestays are comfortable and personal, offering a unique chance to enjoy local hospitality and home-cooked meals in a relaxed setting.

