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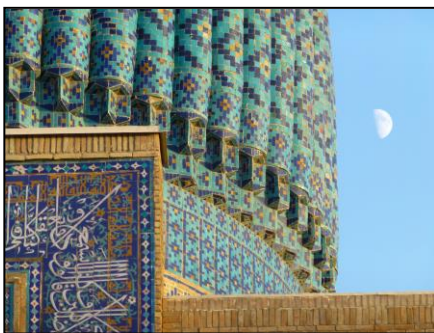
'3-STANS' SILK ROAD SAFARI

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan & Uzbekistan

August 24 – September 12, 2021

**A personalised, escorted, accommodated & catered tour to
one of the most exotic destinations in the world!**

Travel in the footsteps of Genghis Khan, Marco Polo and Alexander the Great!
Spend 20 spectacular days exploring the ancient and exotic Great Silk Road
from Almaty to Tashkent with trusted & experienced local English-speaking guides.
Quality transport, meals, accommodation & activities included.



What an Adventure!

This is a unique opportunity to join one of the world's most exciting and mysterious adventures & discover the secrets of the legendary Great Silk Road! Led by your professional & experienced local guides, you'll travel over 4500 kms through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan & Uzbekistan following the ancient trade route which transported silk, spices, livestock, produce, culture, customs, religion & language from east to west & back again for centuries.

Enjoy delicious traditional food; travel in coaches, trains, mini-buses - even the occasional camel & rickshaw - stay in quality 4-5-star hotels (twin/share) & in a nomadic yurt. Visit mosques, markets, museums & national parks; enjoy a bevy of cultural activities; meet local people & learn about the fascinating history of Central Asia.



Airport transfers, internal & some inter-Stan flights, ground transport, most meals, entries to attractions, local English-speaking guides. Pre-Departure Workshop (Perth only) and Pre-Departure Kit are included in the package. Air fares to/from your home country are not included.

Spoiler alert! There are plans to build a modern super-highway along the route of the ancient Great Silk Road – once it happens, this magical experience will disappear forever! Don't miss out – book today!

What to Bring/ Visas/Insurance/Inoculations

Pack comfortable, casual clothes for a variety of conditions ranging from cities to arid deserts to chilly mountains plus one or two 'smart' outfits for special occasions. Ladies should dress conservatively with respect for local customs & traditions. A detailed packing list will be included in your Pre-Departure Kit. Soft bags with wheels are preferable weighing 20 kgs or less – bring only what you can carry yourself – along with a day/overnight pack.

Please have a current passport valid for at least six months containing several blank pages. Note that citizens of Australia & New Zealand do NOT require visas for the 'Stan' countries we are visiting.

You should have a reasonable level of fitness. Please check with your doctor as to which inoculations you'll need. Travel insurance is compulsory.

Minimum of 10 travellers required for the tour to proceed & group size will be limited to 14 + guides.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 - Arrival – Almaty, Kazakhstan

Please book your flights to arrive in Almaty by 5:00 p.m. You will be welcomed at the airport & transferred to your hotel by your local guide. Evening free to relax & catch up on your sleep so you're bright-eyed, bushy tailed & ready for your adventures the next day!

Activities: Meet at the airport, transfer to hotel. Evening meal at own cost.

Hotel: 5-star Hotel Rixos Almaty or similar (no meals included)

Gypsies wishing to arrive in Almaty earlier can enjoy our special group rate at the hotel of USD\$190 per room per night (two people including breakfast). Please let us know in advance & we will make the booking for you!

Day 2: Wednesday, August 25 - Almaty & Surrounds

There will be a welcome briefing after breakfast at 08:30 a.m. in the hotel hosted by your tour guides before commencing a full-day tour of Almaty & surrounds with lunch en-route. There will also be a briefing by your tour guides tonight & every subsequent night to prepare you for the next day's activities.

Activities: Panfilov's Park with Zenkov's Orthodox Cathedral, Great Patriotic War Memorial and Museum of Kazakh Folk Musical Instruments. Green Bazaar, Central Mosque, Medeo, Independence Monument in Republic Square & Kok Tube Hill.

Tonight we enjoy a Special Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with a folklore dance performance!

Hotel: 5-star Hotel Rixos Almaty or similar (B, L, D)

Day 3: Thursday, August 26 – Almaty to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (240km)

After breakfast we drive to Big Almaty Lake where we enjoy the scenery & take a nature walk. We then continue sightseeing in Almaty with lunch en-route, & fly to Bishkek, Kyrgystan, in the evening (KC109 ALAFRU : 18.20 – 19.15)

Activities: Big Almaty Lake, State Fine Arts Museum. Transfer to the airport for flight to Bishkek (Kyrgystan) where we have dinner at a local restaurant then check into our hotel.

Hotel: Jannat Hotel 5* or similar (B, L, D)

Day 4: Friday, August 27 - Bishkek/Cholpon ata via Burana Tower (260km)

Drive to Cholpon Ata. On the way visit Burana Tower near Tokmok city.

Activities: Drive to Cholpon Ata, Burana Tower, Turkic ancient tombs with lunch en-route. Dinner at the hotel. Good opportunity to arrange for laundry to be done at hotel (own expense).

Hotel: Karven Resort Hotel 4* or similar; (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, August 28 - Cholpon Ata (Issyk Kul Lake) – FREE DAY

Free day to swim, relax, go for a walk or just enjoy the beautiful lake & surrounds.

Activities: Explore independently. Lunch & dinner at own expense.

Hotel: Karven Resort Hotel 4* or similar. (B)

Day 6: Sunday, August 29 - Cholpon Ata – Karkara (200km)

After breakfast we visit the Museum of Petroglyphs and drive to Karkara Gorge with lunch en-route.

Activities: We take a guided walk through the outdoor Museum of Petroglyphs, also called the "Stone Garden". We then drive to Karkara Gorge where we take an easy hike We enjoy dinner & overnight in traditional nomadic yurts.

Hotel: Traditional yurts (B, L, D)



Day 7: Monday, August 30 - Karkara/Tepke Village/Karakol (170km)

Drive to Karakol via Tepke Village; visit Reina Kench horse farm & enjoy a presentation about Kyrgyz horses; lunch at Tepke Village.

Activities: Drive to horse farm, presentation; drive to Karakol; visit Dungan mosque & Russian Orthodox church. Check into hotel; freshen up; enjoy dinner at home of local family.

Hotel: *Karagat 4* (B, L, D)*

Day 8: Tuesday, August 31 - Karakol – Djety Oguz – Chon Kemin (300km)

A full-day enjoying the great outdoors & several local attractions; drive to Chon Kemin Valley.

Activities: Drive to Gorge, guided walks, enjoy a picnic lunch, observe a Golden Eagle hunting demonstration in Djety Oguz gorge (no live prey used). We continue to Chon Kemin valley via Skazka Canyon ('Fairy Tale Canyon'). Dinner & overnight at local guest house.

Hotel: *Guest House Ashuu (B, L, D)*

Note: Today is Independence Day in Kyrgyzstan – there may be celebrations in our village!

Day 9: Wednesday, September 1 - Chon Kemin – Bishkek (200km)

Drive to Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan, excursion in Bishkek.

Activities: drive to Bishkek, visit Ala Too square, Old Square with Parliament House & Lenin's Monument. We observe local life in famous Oak Park, pass through the Fine Art Gallery & walk to the Opera & Ballet House with lunch en-route. Dinner at local restaurant with a traditional folklore performance.

Hotel: *Jannat Hotel 5* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 10: Thursday, September 2 – Bishkek, Ala Archa National Park

Fly to Tashkent, Uzbekistan (632 km)

Another day with nature at Ala Archa National Park (40 km from Bishkek) before flying on to Tashkent.

Activities: guided walking tour through a picturesque gorge with a mountain stream, Kazakh-style BBQ lunch, short excursion in city centre. We fly to Tashkent (19:40 - 20:00) & have dinner at the hotel while our guide arranges hotel check-in (or you may wish to arrange room service at own expense). Good opportunity to arrange for laundry to be done at hotel (own expense).

Hotel: *Lotte City Tashkent Palace 4* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 11: Friday, September 3 - Tashkent

Sightseeing tour in Tashkent.

Activities: guided driving/walking tour to Khast-Imam Complex, Quran of Caliph Uthman-Ottoman, Madrasah of Barak-Khan, Tillya-Sheykh Mosque, Mausoleum of the Saint Abu Bakr Kaffal Shashi & Applied Arts Museum. Lunch & dinner at local restaurants.

Hotel: *Lotte City Tashkent Palace 4* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 12: Saturday, September 4 - Tashkent/Samarkand (308 km)

We catch the morning high-speed train to Samarkand then visit the many local attractions.

Activities: guided tour of Gur Emir Mausoleum, Registan Square, Bibi Khanum Mosque & local oriental bazaar. Lunch & dinner at local restaurants.

Hotel: *Dillimah Luxury Hotel 4* or Emir Han Hotel 4* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 13: Sunday, September 5 - Samarkand

Continue sightseeing tour in Samarkand.

Activities: tour of Shahi-Zinda complex, Ulug Beg Observatory, Mausoleum of Khodja Doniyor (Prophet Daniel), Khovrenko Samarkand winery museum where we enjoy wine-tasting. After dinner we are treated to a "Samarkand by Night" coach tour. Lunch & dinner at local restaurants.

Hotel: *Dillimah Luxury Hotel 4* or Emir Han Hotel 4* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 14: Monday, September 6 - Samarkand – FREE DAY

Free day in Samarkand for exploring, relaxing or shopping at the bazaars.

Activities: Explore independently. Lunch & dinner at own expense.

Hotel: *Dillimah Luxury Hotel 4* or Emir Han Hotel 4* or similar (B,)*

Day 15: Tuesday, September 7 - Samarkand/Bukhara (278 km)

We catch the morning high-speed train to Bukhara (09:50 -11:19). On arrival we transfer to summer palace of Bukhara Emir & Chor Minor Madrasah with lunch en-route. After checking into our hotel, remainder of afternoon is free to relax or go shopping at the bazaars. Arrange for laundry to be done at the hotel (own expense).

Activities: High speed "Afrosiab" train to Bukhara; sightseeing.

Hotel: *Devon Boutique or similar. (B, L, D)*

Day 16: Wednesday, September 8 - Bukhara

A full day of sightseeing in Bukhara & a special evening show.

Activities: guided tour of Ark fortress, Bolo-Hauz ensemble, Khanaka and madrassah of Nadir Divan-Begi, Lyabi-Hauz ensemble, Madrassah of Abdulaziz-khan, Miri-Arab Madrassah, Poi-Kalyan ensemble, trading domes of Bukhara & Ulugbek Madrassah with lunch en-route. We return to our hotel to freshen up then enjoy a traditional folklore performance at Nadir Divan Begi Madrasah followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: *Devon Boutique or similar. (B, L, D)*

Day 17: Thursday, September 9 - Bukhara-Khiva (452 km)

We continue sightseeing in Bukhara in the morning, have lunch, then take a train to the ancient UNESCO World Heritage Site of Khiva that afternoon (5 hours).

Activities: guided tour to memorial Complex of Khoja Bakhouddin Naqshbandi, Chor-Bakr Necropolis, early afternoon train to Khiva (14:10 -19:19). Lunch & dinner at local restaurants. Last opportunity to arrange for laundry to be done at the hotel (own expense).

Hotel: *Asia Khiva Hotel 4* or Erkin Palace Hotel 4* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 18: Friday, September 10 - Khiva

We spend an amazing day exploring Khiva.

Activities: guided walking tour inside of Ichan-Kala Fortress include the Mukhammad Amin Khan Madrasa, Mukhammad Rahimkhan Madrasa, Kalta Minor, Kunya-Ark, Juma Mosque, Tash-Khovli Palace, Pakhlavan Makhmud Mausoleum & Minaret of Islom Khodja with lunch inside the Fortress. In the evening, we will be treated to a masterclass in cooking of the Khivan specialty, *tukhumbarak* (egg dumplings), then enjoy dinner accompanied by a traditional dance performance.

Hotel: *Asia Khiva Hotel 4* or Erkin Palace Hotel 4* or similar (B, L, D)*

Day 19: Saturday, September 11 - Khiva/Tashkent (992 km)

After breakfast at the hotel, we are transferred to the airport to catch our flight to Tashkent. We check into our hotel & have the rest of the afternoon free to pack, shop, relax or enjoy an optional massage, swim, or spa at the hotel. Lunch at own expense.

Special Farewell Dinner that night! Don't miss it!

Hotel: *Lotte City Tashkent Palace 4*or similar (B, D)*

Day 20: Sunday, September 12 - Tashkent - Depart

After breakfast at the hotel, we check out & are transferred to the airport for our flights home or other destinations. This is the official end of the tour.

Gypsies wishing to stay on in Tashkent after the tour can enjoy our special group rate at the hotel of USD\$190 per room per night (two people including breakfast). Please let us know in advance & we will make the booking for you!

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PRICE: \$USD7699 per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: USD\$1500 per person

PLUS TIP KITTY CONTRIBUTION OF USD\$200 PER PERSON

Rather than collecting tips daily, we ask that you please contribute **USD\$200** per person to a "Tip Kitty" payable before the Pre-Departure Workshop. Your tour escorts will distribute these tips as appropriate to tour guides, hotel staff, waiters etc on behalf of the group as you travel.

NOTES:

- Based on two persons sharing a twin room with two separate beds
- Hotels are subject to change
- Accommodation in yurt camp may be divided by male/female in large yurts.
- There is no single supplement charge if we can find you a 'buddy'.
- Prices are subject to change if local costs are subsequently affected by government taxes, exchange rate difference, increase in fuel prices and/or any other influence beyond our control.
- Please note that the tour can only proceed if we achieve a minimum number of 10 participants. Maximum number is 14 plus guides & tour leaders.

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Meet & greet at Almaty Airport, Kazakhstan
- Transfers to/from airport and transportation as per itinerary
- Twin share accommodation as per itinerary (two separate beds)
- Meals as per itinerary (please let us know in advance if you have special dietary requirements)
- Transport by comfortable A/C coach & occasional mini-bus with professional drivers
- International flight from Almaty, Kazakhstan to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- International flight from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Domestic flight from Khiva to Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
- Economy class train ticket for high speed train Afrosiab Tashkent/Samarkand/Bukhara
- Normal train from Bukhara to Khiva
- Tour leader from Miramax Travel Management throughout assisted by local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees to sightseeing, parks etc. as per itinerary
- Activities as listed in itinerary
- Access to Wifi in most hotels
- Unlimited mineral water
- Transfer from hotel to Tashkent Airport on departure

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- International flights (except for those listed)
- Optional tours
- Insurance (mandatory)
- Personal expenses (drinks, souvenirs, laundry service, massages, etc.)
- Tips (please see information about "Tip Kitty")

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Please note that the price of this tour is quoted in US Dollars. A non-refundable deposit of **USD\$1500** per person is required at time of booking to secure your place. A further non-refundable deposit of **USD\$2500** is payable on **March 1, 2021**. Final payment is due on **May 1, 2021**.

See Terms & Conditions for cancellation policy. To pay in Australian Dollars (\$AUD), please contact the Global Gypsies office for the current Westpac exchange rate on the day.



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3-STANS SILK ROAD SAFARI BOOKING & DEPOSIT FORM

Each participant to complete a separate form please!



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Name (as shown in passport) :

Address:

Phone: Mobile:.....

Email address:

Date & Place of Birth: Nationality:

Passport Number: Date of Issue: Expiry:

Please note that the price of this tour is quoted in **US Dollars**. A non-refundable deposit of **USD\$1,500** per person (or AUD equivalent) is required at time of booking; a further non-refundable deposit of **USD\$2500** is due on **March 1, 2021**. Final payment is due on **May 1, 2021**. If you wish to pay by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only) please complete the following – note that 2% credit card fees apply.

Type of card: Number: Expiry date:

Name on card: Amount: **USD\$/AUD\$:**

If paying by **EFT**, please tick here: **EFT** details appear below. Please quote your last name & **“SILK”**.

Terms & Conditions

- The *Silk Road Safari* is being operated and conducted by Miramax Travel Management of Uzbekistan (MTM) hereafter called The Operators. under local laws, conditions and regulations. Global Gypsies Pty Ltd of Western Australia (GG) is assisting with tour development, marketing & customer inquiries.
- Clients to arrange own international flights & should arrive in Almaty, Kazakhstan, by 5:00 p.m. on Day 1, Tuesday, August 24, 2021.
- MTM/GG reserve the right to cancel the tour if there are insufficient participants (minimum 10).
- Deposits are non-refundable. Cancellations by clients made between March 2 – April 30, 2021, will incur a cancellation fee of 50% of total tour cost. There are no refunds if cancellations are made by client after May 2, 2021. No refunds will be made in the event client fails to join the tour or leave it early.
- In addition to tour fee, the Operators will collect a “Tip Kitty” of USD\$200 in advance.
- Whilst all care is taken, MTM/ GG accept no liability for sickness or injury, loss or damage to baggage, consequential damages, third party defaults or other expenses caused by factors beyond their control.
- Clients are advised that in some countries there is no free health service. Travel insurance is *compulsory* and must cover most circumstances of cancellation as well as luggage loss, medical cover & evacuation & consequential damages.
- The client accepts that this tour is of an adventurous nature and involves an element of personal risk. Client accepts responsibility for all risks; and agrees that neither MTM or GG nor their agents can be held liable for any injury, damage to property, consequential damages or loss of life caused.
- It is the client’s responsibility to ensure that they are in possession of valid travel documents including passports, visas, health certificates etc. MTM/ GG does not accept any liability for incorrect documentation.
- Itinerary is subject to alteration without notice and is intended as a guide only. Alterations may occur due to road conditions, flooding, mechanical defects, political events, enforced travel restrictions or other reasons. Any consequential damages or additional expenses incurred by clients are not MTM/GG’s responsibility.
- The operators and/or their agents and employees are unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times and will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or the failure of third party suppliers to fulfill their responsibilities.
- In the event of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, MTM/GG reserve the right to substitute different vehicles & personnel.
- Properties used may change, however, the same or similar standard is guaranteed. Accommodation is on a twin-share basis.
- There is no single supplement charge if we can arrange a ‘travelling buddy’.
- The client agrees to comply with the laws and regulations of all the countries visited and to comply with all instructions of the Tour Leaders/Tour Guides or their representatives relating to the safety and organisation of the tour.
- This agreement between the client and Miramax Travel Management is made subject to and shall be interpreted and construed in an Uzbekistan court of law.
- Any legal conflict with Global Gypsies Pty Ltd shall be resolved in the jurisdiction of Western Australia.
- Please keep luggage packed in soft/pliable bags with wheels - maximum 20 kg per person.
- ALL prices are based on 2020 costs and are subject to change if subsequently affected by increased government taxes, exchange rate differences, increases in jet fuel or car fuel prices and/or any other influence beyond the control of the operators.

I have read and understand the above tour conditions and agree to abide by them. I acknowledge that there are risks associated with this tour and accept that these risks are my own responsibility.

Signature

Date:.....

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Please check with our office for current Westpac exchange rates before paying in AUD\$! Thank you!