

## The Legendary Silk Road by Luxury Train

09 Nights / 10 Days journey through Uzbekistan  
Tashkent, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara, Khiva, Samarqand, Tashkent

Departure 23 SEP – 02 OCT 2017 conducted in English & French



*This journey makes you familiar with the manifold cultures along the legendary Silk Road and numerous localities that made history, among them seven UNESCO World Heritage sites. Uzbekistan is richly endowed with history and culture, a flavour of which you will sample on this exciting journey by private train.*

### **Day 01 SEP 23 (SAT) Arrival in Tashkent**

Arrive at Tashkent airport, meet and greet, hotel transfer, overnight Tashkent.

*Overnight: Grand Mir Hotel (or similar).*

### **Day 02 SEP 24 (SUN) Tashkent, the Green Oasis (B, L & D)**



On your sightseeing tour you'll experience the **Green Oasis of the Steppe**: the **Madrasah Kukeldash**, the **Kavoj** and **Amir Timur** monuments along with the opera. In the evening attend the famous Tashkent Navoy Opera (depending on the schedule). Private Train departs for Shakhrisabz.

*Overnight on board. Meals included: breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D).*

**Day 03 SEP 25 (MON) Shakhrisabz, Home of Tamerlane (B, L & D)**

Today you will experience a folklore performance in the unique tradition of this region and get to know the inhabitants in their authentic everyday life. A friendly welcome is guaranteed! Follow the Great Silk Road and arrive in the green city, the birthplace of Tamerlane. Here, in the *UNESCO World Heritage Site Shakhrisabz* you'll tour the monumental memorials of the barbaric Mongol Prince and also have the opportunity to watch the thriving bustle of this lively town. In the evening you'll depart on your Private Train to Buchar.

*On board Uzbek wine tasting, overnight. Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

**Day 04 SEP 26 (TUE) Bukhara, the Noble One (B, L & D)**

Situated in the middle of the Kyzyl Kum Desert, **Bukhara** features about one thousand monuments, which recall the halcyon days of the Great Silk Road. Foreign spices, furs and especially silk fabrics were stored and handled in the caravansaries. In the *UNESCO World Culture Heritage Old City* you'll see the **Kaljan Minaret** and the **Labi-Hauz Ensemble**. In front of the Nasreddin-on-the-donkey monument you'll listen to some anecdotes. In a madrassa courtyard you watch a performance of local dances, and a presentation of colourful national costumes with musical accompaniment.



*Overnight Hotel Asia Bukhara (or similar), meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

**Day 05 SEP 27 (WED) Mausoleum of the Samanid (B & D)**

Experience **Bukhara** in an all-day tour program, including lunch. Explore the large and unique art museum that maintains an old oriental face. In the morning, we guide you to the magnificent **Mire-e-Arab Madrasah** and the most beautiful and precious building in Central Asia, the **Samanid Mausoleum**. Enjoy your tour through the fortress Ark, see the coronation hall and visit the summer residence of the last Emir. In the evening your train departs.

*Overnight on board. Meals included: breakfast and dinner.*

**Day 06 SEP 28 (THU) A Fairy Tale of 1001 Nights (B, L & D)**

After breakfast you will go to the Southern border of the seven river lands, in the oasis of **Khiva**. When you stand before the mighty city wall with gates and bastions of clay, transporting you to another world: Around the **Kalta Minor Minaret** life still pulses today as it did in old times, see palaces, mosques, minarets, mausoleums and Koranic schools during your tour. Enjoy lunch in the atmosphere of the former **Summer Palace of the Emir**.

*Overnight on board. Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

**Day 07 SEP 29 (FRI) Samargand, Intersection of Cultures (B, L & D)**



After breakfast your Private Train will arrive in **Samarkand**. Experience the historical prominence of the most beautiful city in the world in Tamerlane's time: the grave city Shah-e-zende "*the living Shah*", the excavation sites of **Afrosiab** and **Registan Square** present an impressive collection of Central Asian architecture.

*Overnight Hotel Registan Plaza (or similar), meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

**Day 08 SEP 30 (SAT) Samargand, the Magnificent (B, L & D)**

Visit a **silk carpet factory** and an Uzbek craftsman's family, see paper manufactured from mulberry bark, the observatory of **Ulug Beg**, the ruins of **Bibi Khanum Mosque** and the palace-like **Gur Emir Mausoleum**.

*Overnight Hotel Registan Plaza (or similar), meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

**Day 09 OCT 01 (SUN) Samargand to Tashkent (B, L & D)**

In the morning you can enjoy Samarkand, until your Private Train departs for Tashkent around noon.

Spectacular landscapes await you, in the afternoon you will arrive in Tashkent.

*Overnight Grand Mir Hotel (or similar), meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner.*



**Day 10 OCT 02 (MON) Return Home (B)**

After breakfast, you transfer to the airport. (B)

**Journey End**

## Tariff for Train Journey 09N / 10D

Compartment Type	Twin sharing	Single Occupancy
<p><b>Aladin</b> <i>Two lower beds with shower facility, combine toilet sharing with 16 person</i></p>	<b>35,800</b>	<b>44,100</b>
<p><b>Kalif</b> <i>Two beds with an upper berth En suite bath with separate shower cabin</i></p>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>65,750</b>

All prices are given in HKD per person

### Aladin (this category features two lower beds)



**Aladin category features** two lower beds (27.5 × 74.8in / 67 × 184cm), small table and storage space. Each car has eight compartments and a shower, together with washroom facilities at both ends. Guests receive one bathrobe per compartment.

### Kalif (The Orient Silk Road Express' grandest accommodation)



**Kalif category features** Two beds, upper & lower (31.6 × 68.5in / 80 × 174cm & 44 × 72.4in / 112 × 184cm). Each compartment includes a closet, safe, private bathroom with a separate shower cabin. Each car in this category is limited to four compartments and a maximum of eight guests.

### **Journey Highlights**

Comfortable private train with four different categories

Four *UNESCO World Heritage Sites*

Ulug Bek Observatory

Registan Square

Making of traditional art objects: silk and carpets

Lunch in a typical Uzbek house

### **Hotels Planned**

Tashkent	02 night	Grand Mir
Buchara	01 night	Asia Bukhara
Samarqand	02 nights	Registan Plaza

### **Tour Includes**

04 nights on the Private Train according to the booked category

05 nights in hotels

All meals according to program (*B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner*)

Sightseeing program including all entrance fees according program

Guided transfers to and from all airports and train stations according to program

Multi-lingual Larnidee Tour Director

Experienced local guides for a maximum of 26 guests per group

Doctor on board

Traditional welcome in the train stations of Bukhara, and Samarqand

Lunch / dinner with an Uzbek and a Turkmen family as well as in a Madrasah with folklore

Wine and Vodka tasting

Log book with information about the Silk Road

### **Travel documents and vaccinations**

Passport and visas required

No vaccinations are prescribed

**Not included**

International air ticket from Hong Kong to Tashkent & return

Airport transfer to / from Hotel / train station at Tashkent

Visa fees, gratuities, personal expenses and anything else not mentioned under Tour Includes

Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.

**Booking Policy**

Non refundable 30% of ticket value at the time of requested upon reservation

Remaining 70% of ticket value 75 days prior to departure

The itinerary is tentative & subject to change without prior notice

**Cancellation Policy**

Up to 60 days prior to departure: 80 % of total price

Up to 21 days prior to departure: 95 % of total price

### **ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL**

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately.

COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered.

If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described.

All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*. Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged in the future only if available. Package is non-refundable and pre-paid.

### **OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS**

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10-15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

**PERSONAL EXPENSE** - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax. ), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.