



SILK ROAD TOUR

UZBEKISTAN & TURKMENISTAN

22 September – 5 October 2018 (FULL BOARD)

This exotic journey from Tashkent in Uzbekistan to Ashqabat in Turkmenistan encompasses the varied cultural histories, ancient landmarks, and contemporary lives along the legendary Silk Road

After it's destruction by Genghis Khan, Tashkent rebuilt itself into prominence on the Silk Road, became the capital of Russian Turkestan, and by dent of Soviet Union forced deportations, went on to become the largest city in Central Asia.

Our boutique tour visits Tashkent, Samarkand – **once the world's most beautiful and prestigious city** – Bukhara – **the region's most evocative bazaars** – Khiva – **founded on a well dug by Shem, son of Noah** - Urgench-Konye – **Achaemenid Empire ruins** – Ashqabat - **the Parthian 'city of love' turned Soviet** - and Merv - **UNESCO World Heritage oasis city**. We wander the bazaars, workshops, and old city caravanserais of spices, furs, ceramics and silk. We explore enrapturing mosques, madrasas, and mausoleums. We see Zoroastrian fire temples, Orthodox cathedrals, and a famed collection of Soviet Avant Garde Art. We absorb the significance of major Silk Road destinations turned ruins, take high-speed trains, and dawdle in awe at the border crossings.

- ❖ Sept-October average temperature in Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan is 22°C
- ❖ Average fitness essential for occasionally uneven terrain and steps

TOUR FEE

Twin Share **A\$5200 pp**

Single Supplement **plus A\$750 pp**

EARLY BIRD OFFER

A\$4900 (+ Single Supplement) for Registrations Before 4 May 2018

Tour Fee Inclusions:

- 4 ★ accommodation
- Daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner (Full Board)
- Domestic flights (Tashkent-Urgench, Dashoguz-Ashqabat, Ashqabat-Mary)
- Train fares (Bukhara-Samarkand, Samarkand Tashkent)
- All airport transfers
- Touring & entrance fees
- Hotel tax in Turkmenistan
- Migration Tax at Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan border
- Refreshments en route (mineral water, tea, biscuits)
- **Visa pre-approval** for Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan
- Pre-departure advice (wardrobe, medication, currency etc.)
- Full accompaniment by Fiona Hill & highly experienced English-speaking guides (including a famous Uzbek historian and lecturer).

Non-Inclusions:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Cost of Visas for Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan
- Private excursions during free time
- Personal snacks or beverages
- Gratuities & tips to tour driver & guides (Fiona Hill will advise on this)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Registering to join this tour means you agree to:

- Pay Tour Fee deposit of A\$350 (refundable with payment of Tour fee)
- Pay Tour Fee TAX INVOICE in full by due date
- Obtain health and travel insurance for the duration of your travel
- Meet costs of all personal expenses
- Be fully responsible for own luggage, health, and special needs
- Accept the cancellation policy as outlined below.

Travel Insurance is a **pre-condition** for joining this tour.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

A. Cancellation by Almanar Consultancy

Should Almanar Consultancy be forced to cancel the tour -

- I. Prior to 22 September 2018 due to Force Majeure – 100% refund less \$350 deposit if full tour payment remains unpaid, and any unrecoverable costs outlaid in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.
- II. During the Tour due to Force Majeure - NIL refund.¹

B. Cancellation by you

Should you cancel your participation for any reason whatsoever, we will provide:

- I. More than 40 days prior to departure – 100% refund less \$350 deposit if full tour payment remains unpaid, and any unrecoverable costs (i.e. hotel booking costs)
- II. Less than 40 days – 70% refund less any unrecoverable costs
- III. During Tour - NIL refund.

REGISTRATION

Acceptance of Terms & Conditions and Cancellation Policy **assumed** when you REGISTER with fiona@almanarconsultancy.com:

1. Your contact details (email and street address)
2. Your room preference (Twin Share or Single)
3. **Clear Scanned copies of the ID pages of your PASSPORT**
4. Evidence of **Deposit of A\$350** (refundable upon full Tour fee payment)

KEY ACTIONS

1. Complete Registration to secure your place in this Tour and receive advice on recommended international flights.
2. Pay A\$350 deposit to receive visa pre-approval processing²
3. Pay Tour Fee as per Almanar Consultancy Tax Invoice before 28 July 2018 to receive pre-departure advice and full itinerary.

¹ Your Travel Insurance Policy ought cover you against such events.

² This is for PRE-approval only. Obtaining of your visas will follow as advised by Fiona Hill.

REGISTRATION FORM

Cultural Tour: Silk Road – Uzbekistan & Turkmenistan

Duration: 14 Days FULL BOARD

Dates: 22 September – 5 October 2018

Tour Fee: A\$5200pp Twin Share + A\$750 Single

EARLY BIRD: A\$4900pp Twin Share + A\$750 Single

Deposit: \$350

Deposit Date:

First Name

Last Name

Passport Number*

Father's Name (for visa pre-approval)

Mobile

Email Address

Twin Share

Single

* Please ATTACH Copy of Passport with your Registration.

DEPOSIT PAYMENT DETAILS - DIRECT BANK TRANSFER

National Australia Bank

BSB 083-735

Account No. 86-737-8882

Account Name: Almanar Consultancy (Dr Fiona Hill)