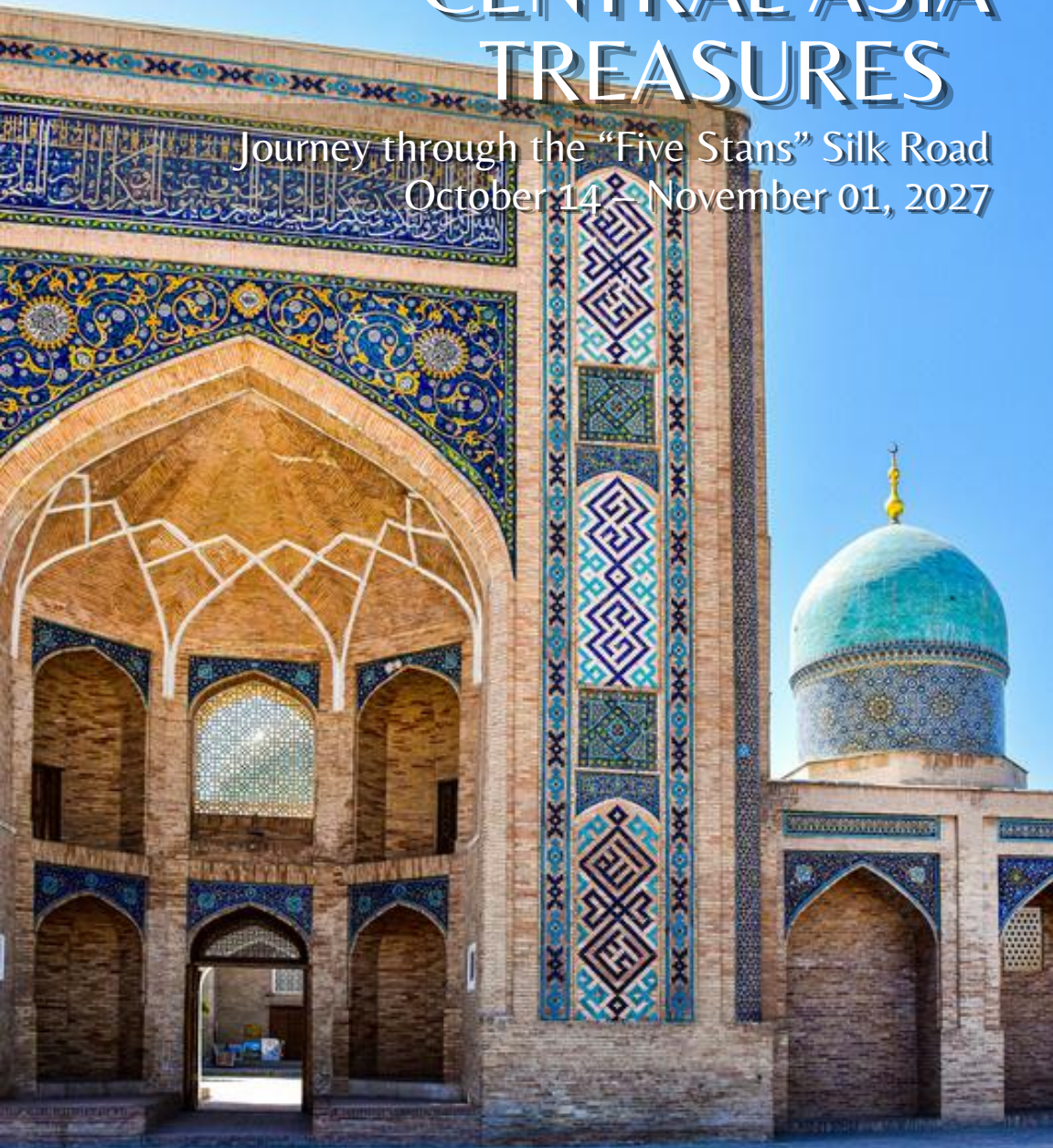


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Journey through the “Five Stans” Silk Road
October 14 – November 01, 2027



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Dear Alumni Travellers,

We are delighted to welcome you to our Silk Road journey, a truly special opportunity to explore one of the world's great historic crossroads.

Over the course of this program, you will travel through Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, following routes that for centuries connected East and West — not only through trade, but also through the movement of ideas, beliefs, and knowledge. Along these paths travelled merchants carrying silk and spices, religious pilgrims in search of meaning, and missionaries and scholars who helped shape the intellectual and cultural life of entire regions. It is this rich legacy that continues to define Central Asia today.

Beginning in Bishkek and continuing to Almaty, the program introduces both the contemporary and historical dimensions of Central Asia, alongside its striking natural landscapes, including Charyn Canyon and the Kolsai Lakes. In Tajikistan, visits to Dushanbe and the Hissar region provide important historical context, while in Uzbekistan, the great Silk Road cities of Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva offer an exceptional concentration of architectural and cultural heritage.

The journey concludes in Turkmenistan, where Ashgabat and the ancient site of Nissa present a distinctive perspective on the region's past and present — an experience few travellers have the opportunity to encounter firsthand.

We look forward to sharing this remarkable and enriching journey with you.



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ITINERARY

Central Asia Treasures

October 14 – November 01, 2027



DAY 1 | THUR. OCT 14, 2027 | DEPART CANADA FOR KYRGYZSTAN

Gather at Pearson International Airport for our flight to Almaty, Kazakhstan.

DAY 2 | FRI. OCT 15, 2027 | EN-ROUTE

In-flight for the whole day.

DAY 3 | SAT. OCT 16, 2027 | ARRIVAL IN BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN (B, D)

Upon arrival, transfer directly to your hotel. After time to rest, begin your introduction to Kyrgyzstan's capital. Explore Ala Too Square, the city's central gathering place, and view monuments to Manas, Kurmanzhan Datka, and Lenin. Continue past key governmental buildings to Old Square, home to the Parliament House and Fine Arts Gallery, before concluding at Victory Square, dedicated to World War II. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner.



Central Asia Treasures

Bishkek



Bishkek Central Mosque

DAY 4 | SUN. OCT 17, 2027 | BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN – ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN (B, L, D)

Continue through the expansive Kazakh steppe, a landscape that has shaped nomadic life for centuries. Lunch will be served en route at a local restaurant. Arrive in Almaty in the late afternoon and transfer to your hotel for check-in. Dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Included meals: B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner

**DAY 5 | MON. OCT 18, 2027 |
ALMATY CITY, "HUNS" ETHNO COMPLEX (B, L, D)**

This morning, travel to the "Huns" Ethno Complex for an immersive introduction to traditional Kazakh culture. Experience demonstrations of horseback riding, archery, and traditional bread baking — customs deeply rooted in nomadic steppe life. Lunch will be served at the complex. Return to Almaty for a guided city tour. Visit Republic Square and the Monument of Independence, followed by Panfilov Park, home to the striking wooden Zenkov Cathedral. Continue to the WWII Memorial of Glory and Eternal Flame, and the Museum of Musical Instruments. Conclude with a walk through the vibrant Green Bazaar. Dinner at a local restaurant.



Almaty City

DAY 6 | TUE. OCT 19, 2027 | ALMATY – CHARYN CANYON – KOLSAI LAKES (SATY) (B, L, D)

Depart after breakfast and travel along the Kuldja Highway toward Charyn Canyon. Upon arrival around midday, enjoy a walk to panoramic viewpoints overlooking the canyon's dramatic rock formations. Following lunch at a local restaurant, continue to the Kolsai Lakes region. Visit the first Kolsai Lake to take in its serene alpine setting and sweeping views. Arrive in Saty Village in the evening and check in to your accommodation.

**DAY 7 | WED. OCT 20, 2027 |
KOLSAI LAKES (SATY) – ALMATY (B, L, D)**

Depart in the morning for the return journey to Almaty. Lunch will be served en route. Arrive in the late afternoon and visit Kok Tobe Hill, offering panoramic views over the city and surrounding mountains. Dinner at a local restaurant.



Kolsai Lakes

**DAY 8 | THUR. OCT 21, 2027 | ALMATY,
KAZAKHSTAN - DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN (B, L)**

This morning, visit the Central State Historical Museum, offering insight into Kazakhstan's rich and layered history. Lunch at a local restaurant. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Dushanbe.

Upon arrival in Tajikistan, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a short evening walking tour in central Dushanbe.

**DAY 9 | FRI. OCT 22, 2027 |
DUSHANBE, HISSAR (B, L)**

Today's program explores both the capital and its surroundings. Visit the Museum of Antiquities, followed by the monument to Ismail Somoni and the lively Mehrگون Bazaar.

In the afternoon, travel to Hissar to explore its historic fortress and madrassahs, dating to the 16th century. Lunch included.

**DAY 10 | SAT. OCT 23, 2027 | DUSHANBE,
TAJIKISTAN - TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN (B, L)**

Checkout this morning after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Upon arrival, begin a panoramic city tour. Visit the Khast Imam Complex, Kukeldash Madrassah, and Chorsu Bazaar. Continue to the modern city, including Independence Square, the Museum of Applied Arts, Alisher Navoi Theatre, and Amir Temur Square.



Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**DAY 11 | SUN. OCT 24, 2027 |
TASHKENT – SAMARKAND (B, L, D)**

Transfer to the train station early in the morning, for your bullet train to Samarkand.

NOTE: *your luggage will be transported separately via luggage truck to Samarkand hotel directly.*

Upon arrival, begin your exploration of one of the Silk Road's most celebrated cities. Visit the Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum, final resting place of Timur (Tamerlane), whose architectural legacy influenced monuments as far as India. Continue to Registan Square, the iconic ensemble of madrassahs that has long stood as the cultural and intellectual heart of Central Asia. Walk along Tashkentskaya Street to the Bibi Khanum Mosque, once among the largest in the Islamic world. Conclude at Siab Bazaar, where the enduring rhythms of trade continue amid stalls of spices, dried fruits, and local specialties.

DAY 12 | MON. OCT 25, 2027 |

SAMARKAND (B, L)

A full day is devoted to Samarkand's extraordinary architectural and historical heritage. Visit the grandeur of Bibi Khanum Mosque and Registan Square, appreciating their scale and artistry in greater depth. Continue to the Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, a remarkable avenue of mausoleums adorned with intricate tilework dating from the 14th century, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful sites in Central Asia. Conclude with a visit to the Ulug Beg Observatory, where groundbreaking astronomical studies were conducted in the 15th century, reflecting the city's importance as a centre of scientific learning. Lunch included.



Bibi-khanyum Mosque in Samarkand

DAY 13 | TUE. OCT 26, 2027 |

SAMARKAND – GIJDUVAN – BUKHARA (B, L, D)

Depart Samarkand by road toward Bukhara, stopping in Gijduvan, a town renowned for its ceramic traditions. Visit the house-museum of a master ceramist, where you will observe the creation of handcrafted pottery and learn about techniques passed down through generations.

Continue onward to Bukhara. Lunch and dinner included.

DAY 14 | WED. OCT 27, 2027 |

BUKHARA (B, L, D)

Bukhara is home to a remarkable concentration of historic monuments, and its beautifully preserved old city offers an authentic sense of life along the Silk Road at its peak. Today, we explore the city's most significant landmarks, including the Kalon Minaret, the Lyabi Hauz ensemble, and the traditional covered bazaars that once formed the commercial heart of the region.

We also visit the Ismail Somoni Mausoleum, an important early example of Islamic architecture, and the distinctive Chor Minor Mosque, known for its four blue-domed towers. No visit to Bukhara is complete without the Ark Fortress, an imposing citadel that served as the residence of the Emirs for over a thousand years.

DAY 15 | THUR. OCT 28, 2027 |

BUKHARA – KHIVA (B, L, D)

Today involves a full-day overland journey from Bukhara to Khiva, crossing the desert landscapes of western Uzbekistan. Lunch will be provided en route.

Upon arrival in Khiva, transfer to your hotel. Dinner is included this evening.

DAY 16 | FRI. OCT 29, 2027 | KHIVA (B, L, D)

A guided walking tour of Khiva offers an immersive experience of a remarkably preserved Silk Road city. Explore its narrow historic streets and discover palaces, mosques, madrassahs, minarets, and caravanserais that reflect centuries of trade and cultural exchange. Throughout the visit, your guide will share stories that bring the city's history to life. Lunch and dinner are included.

DAY 17 | SAT. OCT 30, 2027 |

KHIVA, UZBEKISTAN – DASHOGUZO, TURKMENISTAN – ASHGABAT (B, L, D)

This morning, transfer to the Shavat border crossing and enter Turkmenistan with the assistance of your local guide, who will support the visa and border procedures. After completing formalities, continue to Dashoguz for a short city tour, including visits to the Juma Mosque, the local bazaar, and a private art gallery. Lunch is included at a local restaurant. In the evening, take a flight to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

Upon arrival, transfer to the local restaurant for dinner, then to our hotel for check-in.



Ashgabat city

DAY 18 | SUN. OCT 31, 2027 |

ASHGABAT (B, L, D)

Begin a full-day exploration of Ashgabat, a city known for its monumental architecture and striking modern design. Visits include Ancient Nissa (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Turkmenbashi Mosque Mausoleum, and the National Museum.

Continue to the Neutrality Arch, Independence Park, Wedding Palace, and the Earthquake Memorial Complex. The tour also includes Makhtumkuli Park, the Akhal-Teke horse stables (with an opportunity for horse riding), the Ertogrul Ghazi Mosque, and the Gulistan Bazaar.

DAY 19 | MON. NOV 01, 2027 |

DEPARTURE (B)

Transfer to the airport for your return journey home, departing Central Asia with memories of vast landscapes, ancient cities, and the enduring legacy of the Silk Road.

*******END OF TOUR*******

NOTE: daily itinerary is subject to change due to operational reasons.

PRICING & TERMS

PACKAGE PRICE (LAND) PER PERSON:

Double / Twin Occupancy	Single Occupancy
CAD 9,590 per person	CAD 11,640 per person

INCLUSIONS:

- 3 local flights including applicable air taxes and fees from Almaty to Dushanbe, Dushanbe to Tashkent, and Dashoguz to Ashgabat
- local high-speed train from Tashkent to Samarkand
- 17 nights accommodation in hotels as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Transfers and tours including entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- English speaking local guides from each country
- Porterage at hotels
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers

EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights arrival to Bishkek, and departure from Ashgabat
- **Turkmenistan Visa and Migration Tax**, estimated at **USD 75 per person**, to be paid in cash at the land border when crossing. (subject to change)
- **Turkmenistan PCR Test**, estimate **USD 35 per person**, to be paid locally. (subject to change)
- Meals not included in itinerary, and any alcoholic beverages
- Optional travel, health, accident or other insurances

ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE:

- Roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Bishkek and return from Ashgabat to Toronto including applicable air taxes and fees at approximately **CAD 2,230 per person**
- Additional cost to be applied for other departure cities
- Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges.

NOTES:

1. *Passenger names must match passport.*
2. *Please ensure that passports are valid up till after six (6) months at last destination.*
3. *No visa is required to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan for Canadian passport holders.*
4. *Visa for Turkmenistan must be obtained on arrival at border crossing, with invitation support letter from local office.*

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT

First Deposit:	CAD \$1,500 per person at the time of booking
Second Deposit:	CAD \$1,500 per person due on March 12, 2027
Final Payment:	Due on June 11, 2027

CANCELLATION CHARGES

From time of booking to March 11, 2027	CAD \$1,500 per person
March 12, 2027 – June 10, 2027	CAD \$3,000 per person
June 11, 2027 – date of departure	100% of tour cost

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