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Discover the Silk Road: a Journey across 5 Stans

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Step into the enchanting world of Central Asia with our exclusive 5 Stans tour, crafted especially for travelers seeking a rich blend of history, culture, and breathtaking scenery. Explore the wonders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, where every stop reveals a story of ancient empires, vibrant traditions, and stunning natural beauty. Wander through the iconic Silk Road cities of Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva, with their dazzling mosques, bustling bazaars, and awe-inspiring architecture. Marvel at UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Merv and Nissa, and witness the dramatic beauty of the Darvaza Gas Crater, known as the "Door to Hell." From the majestic mountains of the Tien Shan to the cultural treasures of the Ahalteke horse stables, this journey promises a perfect balance of exploration and relaxation.

Our tour ensures a comfortable experience, with thoughtfully curated itineraries that minimize long travel times and provide excellent accommodations. Whether you prefer an authentic, rustic stay or modern luxury, we've got you covered. Plus, our itinerary can be customized to suit your unique travel preferences and schedule.

Perfect for travelers from India and beyond, this tour offers an effortless way to immerse yourself in the timeless charm of Central Asia. Whether it's the allure of ancient Silk Road routes, the vibrant traditions of its people, or the stunning natural landscapes, this journey promises to be an adventure of a lifetime. Join us and create unforgettable memories in the heart of the Silk Road!

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Day 1 - Bishkek
Begin your adventure in Bishkek, the bustling capital of Kyrgyzstan. Upon arrival, you'll be warmly welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day unwinding or discovering the city at your own pace, setting the tone for the exciting journey ahead. Overnight in Bishkek. (Dinner)

Day 2 - Bishkek / Burana Tower / Chon Kemin National Park
After a leisurely breakfast, we'll set out on a guided tour of Bishkek to discover its fascinating history and Soviet-era charm. Highlights include Ala-Too Square, the Monument of Manas, Oak Park, and Victory Square, a tribute to WWII heroes. Later, we'll head to the scenic Chon Kemin Valley, stopping en route to visit the ancient Burana Tower, a captivating relic of the Silk Road. Upon reaching Chon Kemin, settle into a charming guesthouse and unwind for the evening. Overnight in Chon Kemin. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 - Chon Kemin / Bokonbaevo
We'll begin the day with a morning hike through the stunning Chon Kemin Valley, where the serene mountain

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included
International flights
Flight Almaty (KZ) - Dushanbe (TJ)
Domestic flights in Turkmenistan
Domestic flight in Uzbekistan
Accommodation
Breakfasts - daily
Lunches - as indicated
Dinners - daily
High-speed day train
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included
Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions

Practical information
About Go Russia company
Accommodation options

views and unspoiled landscapes promise a refreshing start. For those seeking variety, options like exploring nearby gorges, horseback riding, or learning traditional yurt-making techniques are also available. Later, we'll journey to the captivating Lake Issyk-Kul, with its sparkling waters set against a backdrop of towering mountains. On the way, we'll stop at Kyzyl Tuu village, famous for its yurt-making traditions. Continuing to Bokonbaevo, you'll meet a master eagle hunter and witness the ancient art of falconry. Overnight in Bokonbaevo, immersed in Kyrgyzstan's rich nomadic culture. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 - Bokonbaevo / Skazka Canyon / Djety Oguz Canyon / Karakol
Travel along the picturesque shores of Issyk-Kul Lake to the stunning Fairy Tale (Skazka) Canyon, where vibrant, sculpted rock formations create an enchanting landscape. Next, we'll visit Djety Oguz Canyon, known for its striking red cliffs, including the iconic "Broken Heart" rock and the famous "Seven Bulls" formations. Our journey then takes us to Karakol, a town steeped in cultural heritage. Highlights include the Dungan Mosque, a unique structure resembling a Chinese pagoda, the beautifully preserved Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the N. M. Przhevalsky Museum, honoring the legacy of the famed Russian explorer. Overnight in Karakol, immersed in its rich history and charm. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Karakol / Border Crossing / Kolsai Lakes / Saty
Cross the border into Kazakhstan and make your way to Saty Village, a quaint settlement set amid the breathtaking landscapes of Kolsai Lakes National Park. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the area with a hike to the tranquil Kolsai Lakes, often called the "Blue Necklace" of the Tien Shan Mountains for their stunning allure. If time allows, we'll also visit Kaindy Lake, famous for its submerged forest and the striking turquoise hue of its waters, offering an otherworldly experience. Overnight in Saty Village. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 - Saty / Charyn Canyon / Almaty
We'll set off for Almaty, with a memorable stop at the breathtaking Charyn Canyon. Known as the "Valley of Castles," this stunning natural wonder boasts dramatic rock formations and panoramic views that highlight the magnificence of nature. After taking in the awe-inspiring sights, we'll continue our journey to Almaty, the largest and most vibrant city in Kazakhstan. Upon arrival, you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy some well-deserved downtime to relax after a day of adventure. Overnight in Almaty. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7 - Almaty
Your day in Almaty starts with a visit to Panfilov Park, where you'll learn about the 28 heroes who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom. Admire the Zenkov Cathedral, the oldest wooden building in the city, and pay your respects at the Memorial Complex with its eternal flame. Then, explore the lively Green Bazaar for unique souvenirs, visit the central mosque, and stop by Republic Square to see the Independence Obelisk and other

national landmarks. In the afternoon, head up to Kok-Tobe Hill for sweeping panoramic views of Almaty, followed by a leisurely walk through Kok-Tobe Park, home to a monument dedicated to "The Beatles." Conclude your day with a scenic cable car ride back to the city center before heading back to your hotel. Overnight in Almaty. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Almaty / Dushanbe
In the morning, we'll transfer to the airport for a brief flight (approximately 1 hour 40 minutes) to Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy the evening at your leisure, whether you choose to relax or explore the peaceful city at your own pace. Overnight in Dushanbe. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 - Dushanbe
Discover the vibrant essence of Dushanbe on a guided city tour, beginning with a visit to the magnificent Navruz Palace, an impressive example of modern Tajik architecture. Stroll through the bustling local markets, where the sights, sounds, and vibrant colours of traditional Tajik life await as you browse through handcrafted goods and fresh produce. Afterwards, unwind in the peaceful atmosphere of Rudaki Park, a serene green space dedicated to the revered Persian poet, Rudaki. Overnight in Dushanbe. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10 - Dushanbe / Iskanderkul / Penjikent
Today, we'll embark on a scenic drive from Dushanbe to Penjikent, a charming town set at the base of the Fann Mountains. As we journey through the breathtaking Tajik landscape, you'll be treated to views of winding rivers and towering peaks. For those interested, we'll make a brief stop to visit the tranquil Iskanderkul Lake, named after Alexander the Great. This serene alpine lake, framed by majestic mountains, is an ideal spot for some peaceful moments and stunning photos. After our detour, we'll continue towards Penjikent, where we'll settle in for the night. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 11 - Penjikent / Seven Lakes / Penjikent
Today, we'll embark on a day of exploration at the Seven Lakes, a stunning collection of alpine lakes located in the Fann Mountains. Each lake is uniquely coloured and surrounded by dramatic peaks, creating a truly picturesque setting. You'll have the chance to hike through lush valleys and pristine landscapes, fully immersing yourself in the beauty of the natural surroundings. With plenty of opportunities for photography, the day will be spent appreciating the serene beauty of the lakes. Afterward, we'll return to Penjikent for the night. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 12 - Penjikent / Sarazm / Border Crossing / Samarkand
Today, we'll cross into Uzbekistan and make our way to the historic city of Samarkand, a true gem of the Silk Road. On our journey, we'll stop at Sarazm, an ancient archaeological site and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you'll have the chance to explore the remnants of one of Central Asia's earliest urban settlements, dating back to

the early Bronze Age. Afterward, we'll continue our journey to Samarkand, where we'll kick off our city tour. Highlights will include the awe-inspiring Registan Square, the grand Bibi-Khanym Mosque, and the stunning Shah-i-Zinda necropolis, a complex of intricately designed mausoleums. Overnight in Samarkand. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13 - Samarkand / Bukhara
After breakfast at the hotel, we'll transfer you to the train station for your journey from Samarkand to Bukhara aboard the high-speed "Afrosiab" train, a quick ride of just an hour and a half. Upon arrival in Bukhara, we'll take you to your hotel for check-in and a chance to relax. Your guided tour of Bukhara will begin with a visit to the historic Lyabi-Khauz complex, featuring Central Asia's oldest pool, surrounded by magnificent medieval structures such as the Nadira Divan-begi madrasah and Khanaka, both famous for their intricate mosaic facades. You'll also explore the Kukeldash madrasah, the largest in Bukhara. Later, we'll visit the remarkable Poi-Kalyan Complex, home to the iconic Kalyan Minaret, the Kalyan Friday Mosque, and the active Miri-Arab madrasah, which will offer you a deeper understanding of Bukhara's architectural heritage. Overnight in Bukhara. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 14 - Bukhara
The following day, meet your guide in the hotel lobby to continue your Bukhara sightseeing adventure. Start by visiting the Samanids Mausoleum, one of the oldest and most revered landmarks in Bukhara. Next, head to the Ark Citadel, which served as the residence of the Emir for centuries and offers panoramic views of the city. Continue to the distinctive Chor-Minor, a unique building featuring four minarets, and then explore the Sitorai-Mohi-Khosa Palace, the summer retreat of the Bukhara Emirs, nestled in peaceful gardens. After a full day of exploration, you'll return to your hotel for the night. Overnight in Bukhara. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 15 - Bukhara / Border Crossing / Mary
Start your day with free time to explore the enchanting city of Bukhara at your own pace. Take a leisurely stroll through its historic streets, revisit your favorite landmarks, or relax in one of the peaceful courtyards before we depart for Mary in Turkmenistan. Upon arrival, enjoy an introductory tour that includes visits to the History Museum of the Mary Region, the Russian Orthodox Church, the lively local bazaar, and the stunning Gurbanguly Haji Mosque, a remarkable example of modern Turkmen architecture. After the tour, you'll be transferred to your hotel to relax and unwind. Overnight in Mary. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 16 - Mary / Merv / Ashgabat
After breakfast, embark on a journey to the Ancient City of Merv, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a key stop on the historic Silk Road. Wander through the vast historical park, taking in iconic landmarks such as the impressive Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum, the Large and Small Gyz Gala, Erk Gala, Gyaur Gala, the Keshk Fortresses, and the Muhammed ibn Zaid Mausoleum. These monuments offer a

deep dive into the rich history of this ancient city. After exploring Merv's captivating heritage, return to Mary for a short flight (approximately 40 minutes) to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan's modern capital. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and settle in for a relaxing evening. Overnight in Ashgabat. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 17 - Ashgabat / Nissa / Ashgabat
After breakfast, we'll embark on a full-day city tour of Ashgabat, discovering its most iconic landmarks. Our exploration begins at the National Museum, where you'll learn about the rich history and culture of Turkmenistan. We'll then visit Independence Park, featuring grand monuments that celebrate the nation's sovereignty, followed by the Rukhnama Monument and the striking Neutrality Arch. Next, we'll enjoy a ride on the Ferris Wheel, offering sweeping views of the city, before stopping at the Magtymguly Monument, dedicated to the beloved Turkmen poet. A highlight of the day will be visiting the ancient ruins of Nissa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with fascinating Parthian architecture. We'll conclude the day with a visit to the Turkmenbashi Mosque-Mausoleum, a stunning example of spiritual and architectural beauty. After a day of exploration, we'll transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Ashgabat. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 18 - Ashgabat / Dashoguz
After breakfast, we'll continue discovering the highlights of Ashgabat, a city renowned for its striking blend of modernity and tradition. Our day begins with a visit to the Ahalteke horse stables, where you'll learn about Turkmenistan's prized horses. We'll then stop at the stunning Ertogrul Ghazi Mosque, followed by a look at the historic Lenin Monument and the lively atmosphere of the Russian Bazaar. Next, we'll visit the poignant Earthquake Monument and the Soviet War Memorial Complex, both of which commemorate significant moments in Turkmenistan's history. The day will conclude with a tour of the Carpet Museum, where you can admire the intricate artistry of Turkmen carpets, and a visit to the Wedding Palace viewpoint, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the city. In the evening, we'll transfer to the airport for a short flight (approximately 50 minutes) to Dashoguz. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel for the night. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 19 - Dashoguz / Kunya Urgench / Khiva
In the morning, we'll drive to Kunya Urgench, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Turkmenistan's most important historical landmarks. Here, we'll explore the fascinating historical park, visiting iconic sites such as the towering Kutlug Timur Minaret, the elegant Mausoleum of Turabek Khanum, the Mausoleum of Tekesh, the Mausoleum of Il Arslan, and the Caravansaray Gateway, among others. Afterward, we'll head to Dashoguz for lunch and explore the History Museum of the Dashoguz Region, the Central Mosque, and the bustling local bazaar. In the afternoon, we'll cross the border into Uzbekistan and drive to Khiva, a beautifully preserved Silk Road city. Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel for an overnight stay. Overnight in Khiva. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 20 - Khiva
Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a sightseeing tour of Khiva, where you'll explore the historic wonders of Ichan Kala, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin with the Kalta-Minor Minaret, a striking but unfinished structure standing 26 meters tall with a 16-meter base diameter, originally planned to be the tallest minaret in Central Asia. Next, visit Kunya-Ark, the first palace of Khiva's khans, and the Pahlovan Mahmud Mausoleum, showcasing exquisite Islamic architecture. Continue to the Islam Khodja Madrassah and Minaret, completed in 1908, and then explore the Juma Mosque, known for its flat roof supported by 218 intricately carved wooden columns that provide remarkable acoustics. These landmarks offer a deep dive into Khiva's rich history and architectural legacy. Overnight in Khiva. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 21 - Khiva / Tashkent
After breakfast, we'll transfer to the airport for a short flight to Tashkent, which takes approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. Upon arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel, where you'll have the rest of the day free to relax, explore the city at your own pace, or enjoy some downtime. Overnight in Tashkent. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 22 - Tashkent
Today, we'll immerse ourselves in the rich history and vibrant culture of Tashkent. Our day begins with a visit to the historic Old Town and the Khast-Imam Architectural Complex, home to the revered Osman Quran. We'll then make our way to Amir Timur Square, dedicated to the legendary conqueror, followed by a stop at the Courage Monument, which commemorates the resilience of Tashkent's people. Next, we'll admire the grand Opera and Ballet Theater and take a stroll through Mustaqillik (Independence) Square, where modern landmarks honor Uzbekistan's independence. The day continues with a visit to the lively "Chorsu" Eastern Bazaar, a bustling market filled with local crafts, spices, textiles, and traditional Uzbek artistry. This tour blends the old and new, offering a look at the cultural, historical, and architectural treasures that make Tashkent truly unique. Overnight in Tashkent. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 23 - Tashkent
After breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight home, bringing your unforgettable journey through Central Asia to a close. Safe travels, and we hope to welcome you on another adventure soon! (Breakfast)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Incl. flights*	Single suppliment
24/10/2026 - 15/11/2026	Rs 489950	Rs 559950	Rs 52450
07/11/2026 - 29/11/2026	Rs 489950	Rs 559950	Rs 52450
21/11/2026 - 13/12/2026	Rs 489950	Rs 559950	Rs 52450
05/12/2026 - 27/12/2026	Rs 489950	Rs 559950	Rs 52450

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Incl. flights*	Single suppliment
24/10/2026 - 15/11/2026	Rs 519950	Rs 589950	Rs 79450

07/11/2026 - 29/11/2026	Rs 519950	Rs 589950	Rs 79450
21/11/2026 - 13/12/2026	Rs 519950	Rs 589950	Rs 79450
05/12/2026 - 27/12/2026	Rs 519950	Rs 589950	Rs 79450

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please contact us for a quote.

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

> Best of Kyrgyzstan: Discover Finest Lakes, Steppe Land & Historic Towns – 8 days (SR-05), Price from Rs 149,950, 8 days
> Great Uzbekistan Discovery: from Fergana to Khiva (SR-06), Price from Rs 199,950, 13 days
> Best of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Chimgan, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara, Khiva (SR-07), Price from Rs 159,950, 10 days
> Bishkek to Almaty: a Journey through Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan (SR-09), Price from Rs 179,950, 8 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents
We have in-house visa teams in India, US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents
If you are not resident in India, USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:
www.justgorussia.in/in/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.in and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and

receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.in, or

Phone: call us on **000 800 050 24 14**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum Rs15,000) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

YOUR NOTES

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.