



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

ALONG CENTRAL ASIA'S SILK ROAD

October 19-November 4, 2020

17 days from \$6,744 tentative total price from Washington, DC
(\$6,245 air & land inclusive plus \$499 airline taxes and fees)



Traveling the ancient Silk Road connecting East and West, we encounter a mélange of culture and religion, art and architecture that conjures tales of trade and treasure, intrigue and empire. On this exciting small group journey, we relish the exotic – and embrace the humanity we share with the welcoming people of Central Asia.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

- Day 1: October 19, 2020**
Depart U.S. for Ashgabat
- Days 2-4: October 20-22, 2020**
Ashgabat
- Days 5-6: October 23-24, 2020**
Khiva
- Days 7-8: October 25-26, 2020**
Bukhara
- Day 9: October 27, 2020**
Aydar Lake
- Days 10-12: October 28-30, 2020**
Samarkand
- Days 13-14: October 31- November 1, 2020**
Tashkent
- Days 15-16: November 2-3, 2020**
Almaty
- Day 17: November 4, 2020**
Depart Almaty for U.S.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- White marble city of Ashgabat
- UNESCO archaeological site of Nisa and ancient Ymukshir Fortress
- Turkmen horse stud farm
- Historic walled city of Khiva
- Visits with local artisans
- Extensive Bukhara touring
- Petroglyphs at Sarmishsay Gorge
- Home-hosted lunch in Bukhara
- Desert excursion and yurt camp overnight
- Legendary Samarkand
- Central Asian bazaars in six cities
- Private visit to Gur Emir Mausoleum
- Tashkent touring, including world's oldest Quran
- Russian-accented Almaty

Along Central Asia's Silk Road, *Continued*:

Your Tour Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from listed city; all flights within itinerary
- 15 nights' accommodations: 14 nights in Superior First Class and First Class hotels; 1 night in yurt camp
- 36 meals: 15 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



*Tentative Pricing:

\$6,744 air & land inclusive from Washington, DC. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$499, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is \$5,945; airport arrival and departure transfers not included. Single travelers please add \$1,295. *Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.*

***PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, elements of the tour are still being finalized. Your deposit will be fully refundable until all details, including pricing, are complete. Our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., will be in touch with you when the final tour details and tour brochure are available. At that time, you will have two weeks to decide whether you would like to convert your pre-registration to a confirmed booking, or to cancel and receive a full refund. Once your booking is confirmed, the cancellation penalties as outlined in the brochure will apply. You will then receive a complete confirmation packet.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please FAX or mail your pre-registration form and deposit information to our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.:
One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458 Secure FAX: 617-454-9199
You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. directly at 888-370-6765.

For questions about the tour, please contact VMFA Member Travel:
Phone: (804) 340-1519 Email: hutch.livingston@vmfa.museum

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s). This secures my/our space on the following tour:
Along Central Asia's Silk Road, October 19-November 4, 2020. Make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., or please charge my/our deposit to:

AMEX VISA MasterCard Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Name on Credit Card _____ Signature _____

Room preference (subject to availability when tour details and brochure are finalized):

Double occupancy (standard) I desire a single room (limited availability)

Guest 1: _____ Guest 2: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home () _____ Cell () _____ E-mail _____

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