

TOURISM REPORT

Summer Vacation Spots



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mesmerizing landscapes, the lapping of waves on the sandy shore and stunning vacation experiences in neighboring countries – all this is a picture of an expected summer trip for every tourist.

There are many amazing places for recreation and leisure on the territory of the CIS. Recently, they have been gaining great popularity among travelers and are increasingly appearing in the lists of resort places for foreign tourists. All this is due to the presence of historical sites, beautiful architectural objects with landscapes, hospitality and good service in places for recreation, the quality of which has improved a lot in recent years.

Tourism has become one of the dynamically developing sectors of the economy for many countries, some of them use it as their main income. It should be noted that tourists visiting the CIS countries are most often also citizens of the member countries of the Commonwealth. The reason for this is visa-free entry, which facilitates travel and close distance.

CIS resorts have been developing rapidly in recent years due to the provision of comfortable conditions, as in European countries, but at a lower price. Among the CIS countries that specialize in the tourism industry, one can note the resorts of Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia etc.

Let's look at some of the above countries for the presence of popular resort places. It should be noted that only a number of tourist areas are listed in this report. Tourism in these countries is actively developing and the number of resorts that deserve attention is constantly increasing.

KAZAKHSTAN



TOURISM IN KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, with a large selection of interesting and exciting places for travelers, a great alternative to European countries. You can choose from beach and ski holidays, endless steppes, clean mountain lakes, museums and ancient cultural monuments.

Once the Great Silk Road passed through Kazakhstan - today anyone can walk along it, the good nature of local residents, exquisite local cuisine and many fascinating natural places will be an excellent addition.

The main beach resort of Kazakhstan is the city of Aktau, which is located on the shore of the Caspian Sea, there are many hotels and restaurants with excellent local cuisine, and in the vicinity there are attractions with a thousand-year history.

The two largest cities, Nur-Sultan and Almaty, are also popular: the first is famous for the city center with skyscrapers and developed infrastructure, and the second fascinates with an abundance of greenery and gardens. In Almaty, lovers of ski holidays should go to the popular resort of Chimbulak, it is suitable for visiting at all times of the year, but it is especially good there in winter.

The weather in the northern and southern parts of the country may differ significantly. In the north there are long and harsh winters and warm summers, in the south the winter is milder, and in summer the temperature reaches + 30-35 degrees, and because of dry and hot winds at this time of year it can be uncomfortable to be outside.

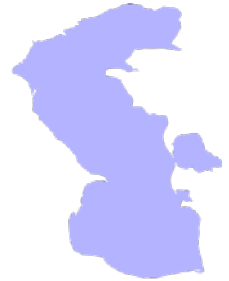
According to the WEF of the World Economic Forum in 2017, Kazakhstan took 81st place out of 136 countries, slightly improving its position compared to the previous index of 2015 - 85th place (the rating is published once every 2 years). According to the results of 2021, Kazakhstan took 66th place, which in comparison with the result of 2019 does not show a change in its position. Each tourist entering the country spends an average of about 20 US dollars every hour, 30 tourists generate 1 workplace.



Caspian Sea

The Caspian Sea is the largest closed body of water on the globe. It is classified as the largest lake or as a sea because of its size, origin, depth, salinity, and also because its bottom is formed by oceanic crust. The Caspian Sea washes the shores of five coastal states: Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, and Azerbaijan.

For tourists, there is a wide selection of boarding houses, recreation centers and hotels, you can rent a house quite inexpensively, visit therapeutic procedures with mud baths.



Climate

In summer, the water temperature at the resorts ranges from +23 °C to +30 °C. At the same time, in some places, the lowest temperature of the Caspian Sea in summer can be on average +18 °C. In some coastal shallow waters, the water can warm up to 35-40 degrees. Tourists can swim in the Caspian Sea all summer.



Vacation Spot

The main resorts are Atyrau, Kuryk, Aktau.

Aktau is the leader among the local Caspian resorts and the most popular tourist city in Kazakhstan. Aktau is one of the rapidly developing young cities of the Caspian zone of Kazakhstan, in the vicinity of which there are resorts and sanatoriums for recreation at sea. All hotels have comfortable rooms with shower, air conditioning, TV. For the convenience of vacationers there are baths and saunas. Vehicles can be left in secure parking lots.

In addition there is a snow-white mosque and a wedding palace. There are many historical buildings — for example, the underground mosque Beket-Ata and the mosque Shakpak-Ata, which was built right in the rock a thousand years ago.



Availability of beach hotels - 21

A week of summer vacation at the hotel for a family of two adults and 1 child will cost from \$312 to \$624.

You can get there by plane. The largest number of direct flights to the Caspian shores from the city of Almaty.



Kaiyndy

It is located in the Almaty region in the Kolsai Lakes State National Park, at an altitude of 1667 meters above sea level in the mountains, so the temperature there is low all year round. The lake got its name thanks to a birch grove, a feature of this place are the fir trees sticking out of the water, which appeared here as a result of flooding caused by the Kemin earthquake in 1911.

The landscape is extremely beautiful and people come here not only from Kazakhstan, but also from Russia and other CIS countries to observe this beauty. However, due to low temperatures, the water for swimming is too cold, but diving is a popular entertainment on Kaindy.



Climate

There is no heat on Kaiyndy, as it is a high-altitude area, almost 2,000 meters above sea level. Even in summer, the air temperature usually does not exceed 23 ° C, and the water temperature is a maximum of 6 ° C.



Vacation Spot

There are several popular places on the territory that you can visit. These include the Panorama observation deck, which offers a picturesque view of the water surface, there is another favorite place of tourists "Gate of Desires", where tourists are charged with the energy of mountain water.

There are several eco-hotels near the parking lot for a secluded holiday. Kolsay Lake village — rooms of various categories are provided — from standard rooms with double occupancy to cozy houses of superior comfort. In addition, the hotel has a sauna and a cafe.

In addition to the hotels, there are guest houses in Santa's village. The village of Saty is the only village located near the lake. This is where people stop to buy tickets from domestic tour operators.



The cost of apartments varies from \$59 to \$500.

Availability of a car tour for a trip to Kaindy:

The cost of an individual tour with a group size of 5 people for 2 days-1 night: \$94



Burabay

Burabay is a resort village in Kazakhstan, occupying the territory of an isthmus overgrown with pine forest, delimiting Lakes Borovoye and Bolshoe Chebachye. The second alternative name of the resort is "Kazakhstan Switzerland", assigned to it because of the similarity of the relief with Alpine landscapes. They go to Borovoye to evaluate the wellness programs of village sanatoriums, conquer the slopes of Mount Kokshetau and admire the shores of the purest lakes of meteoritic origin.

Advantages of rest in Burabay: Clean lakes, fresh air, good conditions for recreation with children, excellent opportunities for trekking, Kumysolechenie, healing mud and mineral water.



Climate

The best time to travel is summer. Starting in June, it is warm, dry and sunny. The average temperature in July in these places is +21 °C. The water in the resort lakes warms up to a maximum of +20 °C, so even on the hottest days it remains pleasantly refreshing and saturated with oxygen, which is very popular with freshwater fish, which, in turn, are liked by fishermen who come here.



Vacation Spot

Rixos Borovoe Hotel - located on the shore of Lake Shchuchye among the pine forest. Here you can enjoy active recreation, play golf, tennis, walking in the woods. There is a summer cafe and a restaurant with Turkish and Italian cuisine.

All the beauties of this place can be admired from a bird's-eye view without the help of a personal helicopter. It is enough to climb Mount Bolektau to find yourself on a wonderful observation deck with a height of 147 meters, where all the natural attractions are visible: lakes Borovoe and Bolshoe Chebachye, Zhumbaktas rock, Okzhetpes Mountain and Blue Bay.

The most popular time is the summer period, when the weather allows you to enjoy long walks, beach holidays, swimming in the lake. The bathing season is usually opened in June, when the water in the reservoir warms up enough. Bathing in the lake improves health thanks to mineral waters and healing mud. There are both free and paid beaches on the lake in Borovoye.



A week of summer vacation at the hotel for a family of two adults and 1 child will cost from

\$420 – 520 and above.



Balkhash

The drainless semi-freshwater lake is the second largest non-drying salt lake and the 14th in the list of the largest lakes in the world.

Geographically, the lake is located in the central southeastern part of Kazakhstan. The western part of the lake is relatively shallow and almost fresh, while the eastern part has great depth and salt water.

The Bektau-Ata tract stretches around the lake, which is rightfully considered one of the most beautiful places in the Balkhash region. The shore of Balkhash itself is indented by numerous coves and bays.



Climate

The comfortable air temperature is set from April to September with a maximum temperature of 30 degrees in July. The water temperature fluctuates according to the ambient temperature, thereby heating up to 28 degrees in July. In winter, the lake freezes, and the ice lasts from November to April.



Vacation Spot

The recreation center "Blue Lagoon" is located in the village of Chubar-Tyubek. The territory of the "Blue Lagoon" will delight you with cleanliness, greenery and flowers, friendly staff and excellent service.

The Doszhan Rest House is located in the village of Chubar-Tyubek. The territory is beautifully equipped, there is a lot of entertainment for vacationers: fans of outdoor activities, fishing enthusiasts, and families with children will find something to do here.

Pension "Gulfstream" - the territory is clean and well-groomed, the beach is nearby, private, sandy, there are sun loungers and umbrellas. An excellent choice for those who came to Balkhash in search of a measured and relaxing holiday. There are all kinds of water activities for active recreation.



Recreation centers – on average \$16 – \$20 with amenities, meals are not included in the price.

To get to the rest houses on the west coast of Lake Balkhash (villages Chubar-Tyubek and Torangalyk) from Almaty is possible by car.

The total distance is about 610-620 km. Travel time is approximately 8-9 hours.



Sibinsky lakes

Five water bowls of different sizes are embedded in the rocks of the Kalbinsky ridge in the southwest of the Altai Mountains. These are the Sibinsky lakes - located near Ust-Kamenogorsk. If you look at them from a height, you can see that they are located as if on the stairs.

Sibinsky lakes are a group of 5 reservoirs: Sadyrkol, Cake kalla, Shalkar, Korzhynkol and Karakol. Approximately in this sequence they are located, if you move from the Kazakh city of Ust-Kamenogorsk. Granite mountains framing lakes from 3 sides give a unique appearance to water reservoirs.



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Vacation Spot

You can't call this place an untouched corner of nature — there are plenty of recreation centers here. One of the most famous recreation centers is located next to Lake Tortkara and is called "Sibiny". Its owners offer their guests accommodation in cabins with a capacity of 3 to 7 people. All buildings are attributes necessary for a comfortable stay. The campsite is equipped with a guarded Parking lot, there is a grocery store.

On the popular lake Shalkar, you can also find a lot of options for overnight accommodation, but you should book houses in advance.

If you want to have a good rest on Korzhynkol Lake, stay at Subini Resort. A good addition to the rest will be renting a gazebo on the water, visiting an extreme park, a climbing wall and bungee jumping.



Accommodation is carried out according to the so-called vouchers. The cost is strongly influenced by the season and the day of the week.

Daily rent of a standard 3-bed house in September will cost \$15, 5-bed — from \$20.

Accommodation in the Sikani Resort house, designed for 2 owners (7-bed), will cost \$75.



Alakol

Alakol is a lake located in a desert region in the east of Kazakhstan. It is located in the valley of the Dzungarian Alatau, surrounded by low foothills. The mineralized waters of a vast reservoir, an abundance of healing springs and impressive landscapes led to the creation of a resort area on the shores of the lake.

In recent years, the resort has been gaining huge popularity. One of the key points of choosing Lake Alakol is its wonderful, invigorating, healing water. In the summer months, the water warms up to +25 degrees and becomes comfortable even for the most susceptible to lake water vacationers.



Climate

Lake Alakol is located in the zone of Kazakhstan, where the continental climate prevails. In May, the water temperature is +15 °C. At the end of July, this indicator is already equal to +29 °C. The bathing season on Alakol begins from the beginning of July. It lasts only 1.5 months, until mid-August. At this time, the peak of people coming to rest falls.



Vacation Spot

The tourist business is developing in Alakol every year. Boarding houses and recreation centers are growing on the coast: Aquamarine resort, Oasis, Alakol resort, Atlantis, Marsell family resort and others.

Most of the boarding houses have children's entertainment programs, animation, summer cinemas and much more. Prices for the summer are prepared taking into account discounts for children, in many recreation areas children under 5 years old live for free.

Beaches on Lake Alakol: black, volcanic (as in Sochi), hot pebbles in summer, so swimming shoes are recommended. The water of the lake is clear, clean. When choosing a place to rest, please note that often the coast is steep, the entrance to the lake can be sharp. It is necessary to select recreation centers whose entrance to the lake is flat.



The composition of the lake water contains all the elements of the periodic table, except one – iodine.

Prices for accommodation with meals in peak season start from \$25. In mid-June, many boarding houses reduce prices to \$20 per person with meals, but you need to book vouchers in advance.



Lake Issyk

The birth of the high-altitude reservoir happened about 10,000 years ago, when after a powerful mountain collapse, a large fragment of rock fell into the river, thereby blocking it. The resulting natural dam with a height of 300 meters served as the beginning of the origin of the mountain lake.

The surroundings of the lake are a wonderful place for year—round outdoor activities and tourism. Anyone who has visited Lake Issyk at least once will never forget the enchanting beauty of the mountain slopes, rocks with snow caps on the tops, dense coniferous forests and the mirror beauty of the lake, which is compared to an emerald.



Climate

The most popular vacation months on Lake Issyk are July, August and September. In summer, the air temperature rises above 25 degrees Celsius, the water temperature is about 8 degrees. If you visit it in winter, the lake usually freezes.



Vacation Spot

On the way to the lake, you can visit the Museum of the Golden Man (Cultural Reserve-Museum "Issyk"), and the place where they found the Sak warrior in golden armor, which is the symbol of the country.

In front of the lake there is an observation deck and an equipped parking lot for cars. Just below the parking lot there is a picnic area with gazebos. The site offers magnificent views of the lake with turquoise water and dense coniferous forest on the slopes of the mountains. The picturesque mountain surroundings of the lake attract vacationers to go hiking. In good weather, you can walk to the "Kremlin Wall" - a unique sheer cliff of red granite. Lovers of outdoor activities will also be interested in making an exciting mountain hike to the waterfalls in the Turgen gorge. Among them there is the famous Bear Waterfall.



The weather is very changeable, it is recommended to get acquainted with the weather forecast before the trip.

For those who will be in Almaty, there are different tours for tourists that include a trip to the lake.

The cost is on average from \$7-12 and above.



Kapchagai

Kapchagai is a reservoir located 80 km from the city of Almaty. The reservoir was created in order to regulate the flow of the Ili River and install a Hydro-Electric Station. However, due to its proximity to the city, it has become a popular place for residents to have a beach holiday. Kapchagai is also popular for gambling, which was moved from Almaty in 2007.

Recreation on Kapchagai is very popular among the citizens of the southern capital, beach lovers from Russia and CIS countries also come here. Sanatoriums, boarding houses, hotels and many other infrastructure facilities were built on its shores. The rest will be enjoyed here not only by the adult population, but also by many children. The most popular is the northern coast of the reservoir.



Climate

In July, the water warms up to + 28. It is always cool at night, although sometimes there are hot nights. Therefore, even the youngest children can swim in the sea. The entrance to the water is smooth, without sharp descents. Mostly the sandy coast prevails, but sometimes there are rocky areas.



Vacation Spot

Today, there are about 150 recreation areas located on the Kapchagai coast, which are located close to each other. In the city itself there is a wonderful water park "Kapchagai" - a whole complex of swimming pools, sports and entertainment venues and attractions. There are various cafes on the territory of the Water Park. On the shore, some recreation areas work all year round, others seasonally. Discounts are provided for children.

Private guides can take tourists to the mountains of Almaty, to the Medeo mountain skating rink directly from the recreation centers. Recreation centers that have all the conditions for a good rest for children and adults: Malibu, Jamaica, Morelux, Victoria. The price depends on the date of arrival and the category of the house.



Prices per day per person on average from \$15 without meals;

2-bed standard room \$30-40 and above per day without meals.

the way, in the spring of 2022, the city of Kapchagai was renamed Kunaev by the decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

GEORGIA



TOURISM IN GEORGIA

Over the past decade, Georgia has transformed itself from a lesser-known country into a competitive regional tourist destination, attracting visitors from CIS and Middle Eastern countries. Europe and parts of Asia are now also emerging as sustainable tourism markets.

The country is reaping benefits of the generous investment in international PR campaigns such as CNN and Euronews coverage, and more importantly, investment in tourism infrastructure.

Georgia is a popular choice as a weekend destination for its neighbors. Russia, Turkey and Azerbaijan consistently lead in the top 15 countries by tourism exports lists. Growth in Turkish visitors is especially significant, as it follows a brief decline in 2016; the decline was caused by travel restrictions and renovation works at the Georgian-Turkish customs checkpoints. We believe geographic proximity, visa-free travel and gambling are major attractions for these neighborhood visits to Georgia.

As a relatively cheap destination, Georgia has over the years gained a lot of traction and started to attract visitors not only from the immediate vicinity but also from European countries, the USA and even from far Eastern nations.

In terms of expenditure, the largest category for foreign visitors tends to be food and drinks. Seeing as foreign visitors tend to prefer accommodating at hotels, it is not surprising the accommodation is the second largest expenditure class. Additionally, foreign visitors tend to spend significant amount of money on culture and entertainment and shopping.



Tbilisi

It is beautiful, tasty and inexpensive in the capital of Georgia. Along the small streets and wide avenues, you can count tens of thousands of steps and see a very different Tbilisi, where Soviet architecture coexists with fading mansions of the XIX century, carved verandas and modern buildings made of glass and iron. Tbilisi is the most popular tourist destination in Georgia.

Tbilisi has always enjoyed a steady flow of tourists with both leisure and business purposes. International tourism demand in Tbilisi is characterized by seasonality. Third quarter is high/peak season for tourism, second and fourth quarters are shoulder seasons, and the first quarter is a low season.



Climate

The city remains quite warm year-round, but it can receive a lot of rainfall in any given year. In July and August the average temperature registers at 31°. The highest rainfall is experienced in May and June – 75.7 millimeters and 75.4 millimeters respectively. Finally, Tbilisi receives 15 hours of daylight at peak seasons – June and July, when the tourist inflow also peaks.



Vacation Spot

Business Register of the National Statistics Office reports that at the beginning of 2022, there were 512 hotels and lodging establishments in Tbilisi.

The city has beautiful and unique squares, a botanical garden and a children's railway. Excursions to various sights are constantly conducted in Tbilisi. The main tourist areas there are the central quarters of Mtskheta, Rustaveli Avenue and the Old Town.

Interesting places:

Rike Park is a cozy park in the city center with benches, flower beds, a musical fountain. Narikala is the remains of a medieval fortress, which offers stunning views of the entire city. Entrance to the fortress is free. Nearby there is a 20-meter statue of "Kartlis Deda" ("Mother of Georgia").



The cost of tours in Tbilisi starts from \$310-410 and higher.

There are many tourist routes in the capital of Georgia.



Batumi

Known as the capital of Georgia's summer tourism industry, Batumi is one of the most popular warm weather destinations in the country. Located in the Black Sea Bay, Batumi features a seaside park-boulevard that stretches over 8 kilometers, providing visitors with an assortment of entertainment options including a harbor, botanical garden, Dolphinarium, an array of boutique shops, local traditions, and an active nightlife.

Batumi offers all of the charm of an elegant, 'old world' southern city with the modern benefits that come from continuously improving infrastructure and startling new architectural developments.



Climate

The Batumi lies on 5m above sea level In Batumi, the climate is warm and temperate. The rainfall in Batumi is significant, with precipitation even during the driest month. August is the hottest month, with an average temperature of 22 °C. Finally, Batumi receives 15 hours of daylight at peak seasons – June and July, when the tourist inflow also peaks.



Vacation Spot

Batumi is the largest resort in Georgia and a lively port city. Sea water can be quite transparent, but after rains it becomes cloudy for a day or two. The wide beaches of Batumi stretch for several kilometers along the entire city. The shore is covered with medium and large pebbles, so it is more convenient to swim in aqua shoes.

The entrance to the water is gentle, and the depth begins at 5-8 m from the shore. Tourists who prefer an economical vacation in Batumi, there is a budget option — accommodation in the private sector and numerous guest houses, since the prices are not too high. The most popular excursions in Batumi are car-walking, mountain Svaneti, Okatse and Martvil canyons, Borjomi Park, Rabat Fortress and the cave city of Vardzia.



The cost of tours in Batumi starts from \$300-400 and higher.

The price of excursions depends on the number of people.

The cheapest on average from \$40-80. More expensive from \$100-200.



Kobuleti

Kobuleti is the second largest city of Adjara after Batumi, a major youth beach resort, the pebble beaches of the city stretch for 9 km. It is located on the Black Sea coast, 24 kilometers from Batumi. The resort is distinguished by its silence, tranquility, healing properties and, of course, its beaches.

It is a little cheaper here than in Batumi and there are fewer tourists, but there are almost as many guest houses, restaurants and various entertainments. The coast is protected by mountains, so it is always warm in Kobuleti.



Climate

In summer, the air temperature stays at around 28 degrees, at night the temperature drops to 17 degrees. A light sea breeze perfectly helps to cope with the summer heat. The season begins in May, when the sea has already warmed up, and the weather is already conducive to swimming and continues until the end of October.



Vacation Spot

There are many types of marine entertainment – banana riding, catamaran, scooter. For thrill-seekers, there is one of the best amusement parks in the country - "Tsitsinatela". The park works at night and appears in all its glory – there is a very bright illumination. Admission is free, but it is better to buy tickets for the attractions right away.

You can also visit the Kintrishi Nature Reserve and the Mtirala National Park - a huge reserve of 6,000 hectares to the south-east of Kobuleti. The park has been open since May, admission is free, and a map will also be issued with routes.

Arriving here, you can admire the wild untouched nature, mountain lakes and waterfalls. It is impossible to do without visiting the largest concert venue on the Black Sea coast, the Black Sea Arena, where concerts of world stars take place during the holiday season.



In the National Park "Mtirala" You can spend the night in the guest house with the caretaker.

The average price:

\$30-40 with meals for two.



Kazbegi

Kazbegi district, located high in the mountains, is a picturesque place in Georgia, lost among the Caucasian ridges. The road to it lies through mountainous terrain. It will take 2-3 hours to get from Tbilisi to Kazbegi.

Stepantsminda is an urban-type border settlement with a population of 2 thousand people, located 10 km from the Russian border on the Georgian Military Road. This is a climatic resort. It was called Kazbegi until 2007. Mountaineering routes to the peaks of the Greater Caucasus open from here.



Climate

Given the geographical location of the area, precipitation often falls here, fog falls and is blown by the north wind. So the climate in this area is humid. According to statistics, July-August is considered the best time to relax in Kazbegi. The temperature at this time of year is about 25 degrees, weather conditions will allow you to visit all the sights in the area.



Vacation Spot

There are two main attractions in the village: Kazbek and the Georgian Military Road. To study them in a day, you can choose one of the routes. After taking a walk along the slopes of Kazbek, there is an opportunity to explore the mountain landscapes of the Kazbegi National Park. It will take several hours to see the Bethlem Cave, the famous Gegreti Church, the Gwelet Waterfall.

In Stepantsminda you can find good and delicious cafes, restaurants, wine shops. There are also many guest houses and hotels in the city with beautiful views. The most popular attraction of this area is Mount Kazbek, which people come here from all over the world to see. The mountain is 5,054 meters from sea level and arises near the border of Georgia and Russia. For fans of extreme sports and mountaineering, there is an opportunity to climb the mountain, but for this you need to contact experienced accompanying climbers.



In most cases, for \$15, you can rent a single guest house with all the necessary amenities inside, including breakfast.

In a four-star comfortable hotel, the cost of living per person per day can be more than \$140.

UZBEKISTAN



TOURISM IN UZBEKISTAN

Located in the heart of Central Asia, the Republic of Uzbekistan is famous for numerous architectural monuments, incredible natural landscapes, magnificent palaces, ruins of fortresses of past civilizations, the brightest cultural events, gastronomic delights and famous craft workshops. From the first visit, our country evokes extraordinary feelings that encourage you to come here again and again.

Every corner of Uzbekistan attracts with its peculiarities – in Tashkent you can walk in the most beautiful subway in the world or see the oldest manuscript of the Koran of Usman. In the historical cities included in the UNESCO Cultural Heritage List – Samarkand, Bukhara, Shakhrisabz and Khiva, you can visit the oldest architectural monuments that have preserved echoes of past eras.

Without the cost of the flight, one day of comfortable stay in the country costs \$50. This includes overnight stay in a guest house, meals, train and taxi rides, sightseeing, buying sweets and small souvenirs. A separate budget item is individual sightseeing tours. Beach holidays are possible at the Charvak reservoir, where tourist buses regularly go. There are umbrellas on the beach, there is a catamaran rental service. On the opposite shore of the reservoir there is a picturesque mountain range.

Uzbekistan is considered a fairly safe country for tourists. Police are on duty at all important facilities, law enforcement officers patrol streets, parks, squares and the metro. The police stop the attempts of young people to gather in large and noisy groups and keep order.



Samarkand

One of the oldest cities in the world, has been an integral part of the Silk Road since ancient times. During the arrival of Genghis Khan, the city fell into disrepair and many buildings were destroyed, but after the arrival of Tamerlane, the city was revived and became the capital of his empire.

At the moment, the city with a population of 559 thousand people is a tourist destination for Uzbekistan, which has opened up to the world. The tourist flow attracts preserved historical architecture and identity. Samarkand is famous for its bustling oriental markets, excellent restaurants with traditional Uzbek cuisine, folklore festivals.



Climate

It is hot here in summer, winters are not very cold. Spring comes to Samarkand early, quickly and decisively dealing with the cold. Already in late March – early April, the air warms up to +10...+15 °C. The hottest period is observed in July and August, when the day is often + 35 ... +40 ° C in the shade.



Vacation Spot

The main tourist destination is Registan Square - the majestic central square of the city, this place is the main attraction of the country, thanks to the unique architectural ensemble of three madrasahs (schools). The square has existed for more than 600 years, some of its buildings have been preserved in their original form since the XV century.

The main places to visit are the Bi bi-Khanim Mosque and Mausoleum, the Shahi Zinda necropolis, the Gur Emir Mausoleum, the ancient settlement of Afrosiab, the Rukhabad Mausoleum, the Imam Al-Bukhari Memorial complex. One of the key parts of traveling around the city of Samarkand is gastronomic tourism.

The state focuses on the revival of traditional crafts and architecture. This is how the village of Konigil was created, the first tourist village where ancient crafts are presented, in particular a creamery, paper production, so tourists will have an opportunity to contemplate the traditional life, customs and rituals of the Uzbek people.



Conditionally, all catering outlets in Uzbekistan can be divided into three categories:

To have a snack on the go at street stalls — \$1-2

Fast food : \$8-9

In "tourist" restaurants : \$15 and above



Bukhara

One of the oldest cities in Central Asia, along with Samarkand, a real architectural, historical and cultural reserve that has preserved unique architectural monuments of all historical epochs since the IX century. The historical part of the city is included in the UNESCO World Heritage.

Perhaps, of all the cities of Central Asia, Bukhara is distinguished by the most romantic past. It was founded in 500 BC, conquered by Alexander the Great, destroyed by Genghis Khan, rebuilt by Timur. Bukhara was admired by Marco Polo, and gradually the city turned into an intellectual and cultural center of the Silk Road.



Climate

The climate is warm in summer starting from March to October months. In the winter months, the climate is quite mild with occasional drops below 0. The best time to travel is from March to April and from September to October.



Vacation Spot

The main places to visit: Ark Fortress - this is the oldest archaeological monument of Bukhara, dated from the I-VI century. The earthen fortification is located in the western part of the city. Samanid Mausoleum - the family tomb and is considered one of the pearls of world architecture. Bukhara builders managed to achieve harmonious architectonics and create a magnificent decor of the building from brick patterns. Also Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum, Poi-Kalon architectural complex, Magaki-Attari Mosque, Ulugbek Madrasah, Miri-Arab Madrasah, Lyabi-Hauz ensemble and much more.

Being the historical center of the spread of Islam in the region, it continues to attract more than thousands of Muslims as a place for pilgrimage. As well as in other cities, gastronomic tourism is quite popular in Bukhara. The city has its own version of pilaf, which is considered the most dietary among all options and has a requirement for cooking in copper dishes.



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Samarkand Tour
2022:

4 days 3 nights.

For 1 person -
\$790.

For 1 person in a
group of five -
\$660



Tashkent

One of the largest cities in Central Asia, the capital of the sovereign Republic of Uzbekistan. The city is located in the foothills of the Tien Shan range. Government institutions, institutions of the National Academy of Sciences, numerous museums, monuments of ancient history and culture of Uzbekistan are concentrated here.

Tashkent is interesting for an amazing combination of religious buildings of different beliefs — not in every city you will see a Catholic cathedral and a Muslim madrasah nearby. Modern areas with Soviet-era buildings harmoniously coexist with a unique block of clay houses.



Climate

The climate is characterized by hot, humid summers, unstable weather, thaw, or vice versa, a sharp cold snap in winter. Therefore, these seasons are not the best for traveling. Spring and, especially, autumn is the best time to see the sights of the capital of Uzbekistan.



Vacation Spot

All the main attractions of Tashkent are conveniently located in the city center. Hazrati Imam Religious Complex (Khast-Imam) - The complex includes two madrasahs, two mosques and the tomb of the Hazrati Imam, erected over the grave of the preacher at the end of the tenth century. The main treasures of the complex are the hair of the Prophet Muhammad and the world's oldest handwritten Quran of 640 on buckskin parchment. Entrance to the complex is free, open daily.

Amir Temur Square - a pretty square with fountains was founded in 1882. Near the park, on Tamerlane Square, there are the famous Tashkent chimes — one of the main symbols of the capital, as well as the Palace of Forums crowned with a 48-meter dome. Tashkent City - a compact business center is a real find for tourists looking for new and trendy locations. There is a wax museum, a steel sculpture of dolphins, a cinema, a planetarium, an amphitheater with a picturesque view of the lake and a large number of original photo zones.



The cost of professional tours around the city of Tashkent varies on average from \$40-80 for 1 person.

Tashkent - Khiva-Samarkand Tour 2022:

4 days 3 nights.

For 1 person - \$790.

ARMENIA



TOURISM IN ARMENIA

Tourism in Armenia is chosen by those who want to discover a new culture, ancient and mysterious, and get to know the hospitable and hospitable people – the Armenians. Active tourism in Armenia is represented by locations for extreme and alpine skiing. Thanks to the mountainous terrain in Armenia, it was possible to build and organize the work of several resorts that have won the love and popularity of both locals and tourists.

Tsakhkadzor resort is very popular – the pride of ski tourism. Six lifts will help skiers quickly get to the desired slope. It is not difficult to get to Tsakhkadzor: it is located just 40 kilometers north of Yerevan, at the foot of Mount Tegenis.

Active tourism in Armenia is one of the leading areas of tourism business in the country. Extreme athletes from all over the world come to Armenian ski resorts every year to test their strength in descending from the most beautiful mountain slopes.

Armenia is a country with rich spiritual traditions. It was here that Christianity was first adopted as the state religion, back in 301 AD. Therefore, travelers can see the oldest monuments of the spiritual life of the country: temples, churches and monastery complexes. Pilgrimage tourism in Armenia is a relatively new direction, which nowadays attracts tourists from different parts of the world.



Yerevan

The capital and largest city of Armenia. The Armenian Diaspora around the world considers it its cultural and spiritual center and actively influences the development of Yerevan, helping to restore ancient monuments and open new museums. Yerevan is one of the most ancient cities in the world, it was founded in 782 BC.

Surrounded by the Caucasus Mountains and is located in the northeast of the Ararat Valley. The mountainous landscape gives the Armenian capital a unique flavor and affects the layout of neighborhoods and streets.



Climate

It is hot in summer, the average air temperature is +25 °C, and in winter – 4-5 °C. There are usually about 112 sunny days per year in Yerevan.



Vacation Spot

The distances between the main sights of the capital of Armenia are small, so most tourists coming to Yerevan prefer to travel around it on foot. Almost all travelers who come to Yerevan for the first time try to explore the ancient fortress of Erebuni. It was from her that the construction of the city began in the second half of the VIII century.

It is interesting to look at the Big Hrazdan Bridge, which overhangs the river flowing through the city. In the north, behind Saralandzha Street, a large Akhtanak (Victory) Park stretches on the green slopes of the Sea Hill. The largest Armenian church is the Cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator. It is also considered one of the largest temples in Transcaucasia. Excursion to the brandy factory - it is difficult to imagine a visit to Yerevan without visiting one of the most famous productions. A trip to Yerevan is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with the colorful Armenian cuisine. The culinary traditions of Armenia are closely connected with the traditions of hospitality that distinguish the inhabitants of the mountains.



The cost of tours around the city depends on the season and the number of people.

The cheapest starts from \$30-1000 and above



Ararat

Mount Ararat was formed in the prehistoric era as a result of volcanic activity. It has a layered structure and is characterized by the presence of two cone-shaped peaks - Masis and Sis, having a common base. According to the researchers, it was to Ararat that Noah's Ark landed after the water level rose as a result of the Flood. Many are sure that after the descent of the No I from the holy mountain, the revival of life on Earth and its new settlement began. Tourists tend to spiritually come into contact with the ancient history of the "cradle of humanity", despite the fact that there is no exact confirmation of biblical events yet.



Climate

The climate of Mount Ararat is quite harsh: winds always blow at an altitude of over 2 thousand meters, and the daytime air temperature can be below +10 ° C even in summer. The most comfortable weather here is in July, when the air temperature is about +25 ° C.



Vacation Spot

Thousands of tourists and independent travelers come to Mount Ararat every year. It is especially beautiful here during the periods of abundant flowering of the adjacent meadows. It begins in spring and continues until autumn, changing shades and density of colors.

If the ascent to Ararat is not included in the plans, then the best option would be to get acquainted with the natural attraction from afar. Excursions from Yerevan to the border area are organized on an ongoing basis.

Stunning views open at the monastery of Khor Virap - this is one of the most revered Christian buildings and a famous place for the pilgrimage of Armenians. The excursion to Khor Virap is very popular among the guests of the country. As a rule, tourists are offered a package tour, which includes a visit to the Khor Virap complex, a trip to the winery, where you can see the production, taste and buy Armenian wines.



You can buy excursions to Khor Virap in Yerevan, at local travel agencies.

The cost of an excursion with a driver and a guide starts from \$25.

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