

**DAY EXCURSION**  
**«SAMARKAND - THE BEATING HEART OF SOGDIANA»**  
**BY HIGH-SPEED TRAIN "AFROSIAB"**

**07:00** Meet with driver at the hotel. Transfer to Tashkent railway station.  
Transfer from Tashkent to Samarkand and back is carried out by high-speed train.

**08:00** Departure of "Afrosiab" train to Samarkand.

**10:10** Arrival to Samarkand. Meet with guide and start of the excursion.

**10:30 - 16:00** Excursion program in Samarkand:

*Guri Emir Mausoleum - Tamerlane's Tomb (XIV-XV centuries) - The place where Amir Temur was buried, as well as his sons and grandchildren. Registan Square - one of the outstanding examples of Central Asia urban art, formed in the VIIIth century and consisting of three madrasahs - Ulugbek (1417-1420), Sher-Dor (1619-1636) and Tillya-Kori (1647-1660). The chapters of Samarkand millenary history could be skimmed by its feat. Bibi Khanum Mosque - the largest in Central Asia and one of the largest in the whole Muslim world. Exactly this building draws the eye of anyone, who enters the city. Enormous, majestic, silent...*

**13:00-14:00** Lunch in one of the most beautiful restaurants in the Old City or in national house.

Excursion continuance:

*Architectural Complex Shakhi - Zinda (XI-XV centuries) - The place, where royalty and noblemen have been buried. Kussam ibn Abbas - The prophet Mohammed cousins' soi disant tomb is considered the main mausoleum that represents the borders of necropolis. He was so called «Shakhi - Zinda», that means "The living king" in translation from Persian.*

*Visit to the Mausoleum of Prophet Daniel - The prophet Daniel is revered by three world religions.*

*The Observatory of Ulugbek (XV century) - Ulugbeks scientific works have been created by virtue of the unique observatory he built in Samarkand. The main tool used was a giant stationary quadrant placed inside the cylindrical building with a diameter of 48 m (the remnants of the foundation, or rather its trenches, were discovered during archaeological excavations).*

**16:00** Transfer to Samarkand railway station for Afrosiab train leaving to Tashkent.

**17:00** Train leaves from Samarkand

**19:10** Arrival to Tashkent, transfer to the hotel.

**The program price includes:**

- Entrance fees to the mentioned monuments;
- English speaking guide in the city for excursion for group of 30-35 pax;
- Comfortable AC transport to carry on the program of excursions:
  - Coach (up to 35-40 people);
- Lunch;
- Economy class "Afrosiab" train tickets for Tashkent-Samarkand-Tashkent;
- Transfers to railway station in Tashkent, Samarkand and back.

**The program price does NOT include:**

- Tips, payment for porter services in hotels / airport / railway station;
- Fees for photo and video shooting in museums;
- Personal tourist expenditures;
- Other services not mentioned above.

**Price per person: 95 USD**

