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 VIIth 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’ sol distant 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