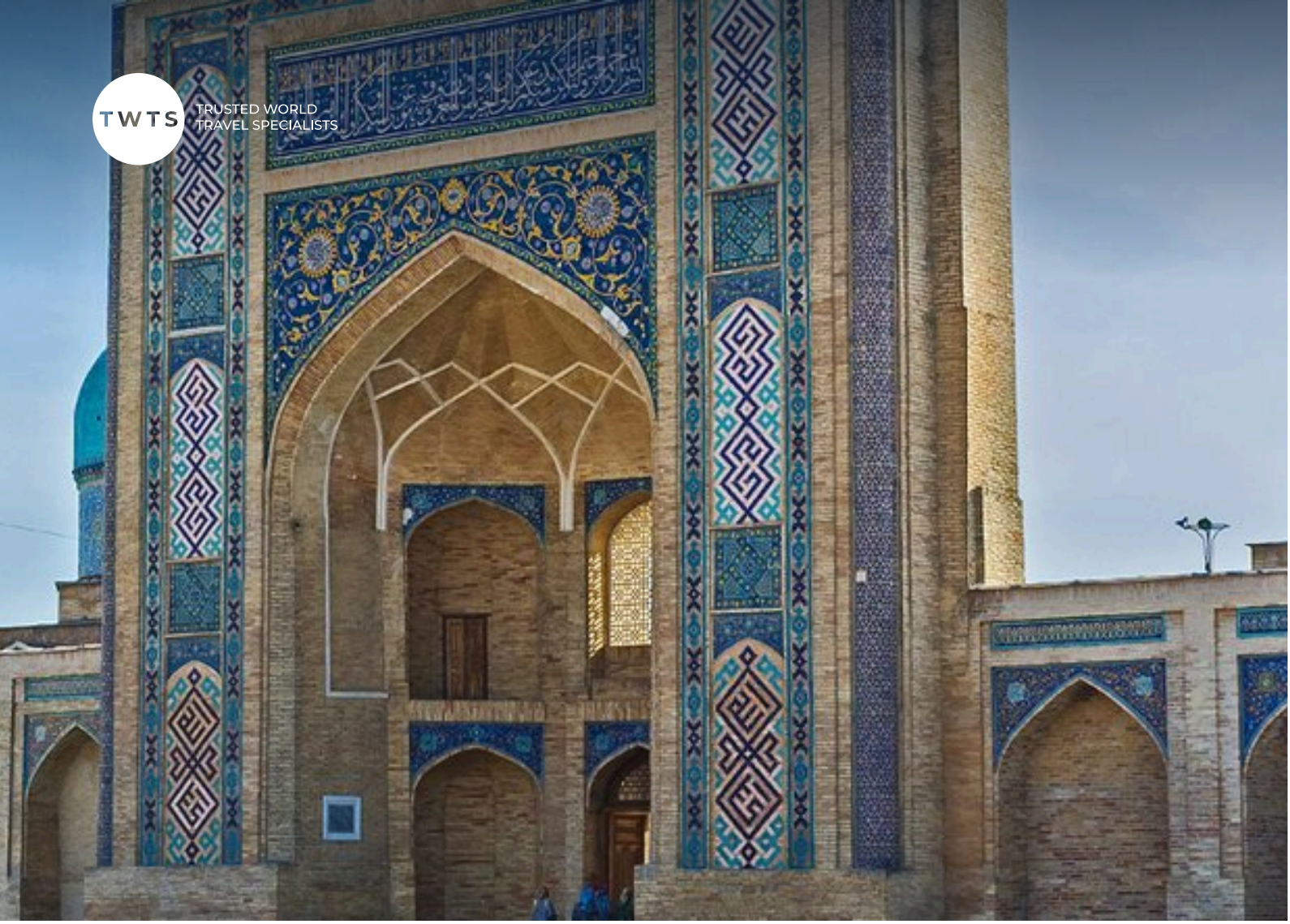


The Silk Road, from Istanbul to Kazakhstan

From Samarkand and Bukhara to Bishkek and Almaty, across Central Asia

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LENGTH	CITIES	WHEN	PER PERSON
20 days, 17 nights	9 cities	Jun 2, 2027	R$ 46,237

About the trip

20 days through 5 countries: Turkey, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, with a Brazilian guide from the departure in Brazil.

The itinerary follows the ancient Silk Road, a network of trade routes that linked East and West. Hotels include breakfast and lunches are included during the tours, except in Istanbul.

• **Istanbul:** the trip starts and ends in the city, with visits to Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar.

• **Tajikistan:** Dushanbe, the Hissor fortress and Lake Iskanderkul.

• **Uzbekistan:** Samarkand, Bukhara and Tashkent, with madrasas, mosques and mausoleums.

• **Kyrgyzstan:** Bishkek, Cholpon-Ata, Lake Issyk-Kul and Karakol.

• **Kazakhstan:** Charyn Canyon, Almaty and a Kazakh nomad village.

What you will experience

- ✓ Hagia Sophia, in Istanbul
- ✓ Topkapi Palace, in Istanbul
- ✓ Trip to Hissor: medieval fortress in Tajikistan
- ✓ Lake Iskanderkul, in Tajikistan
- ✓ Shahi-Zinda complex, in Samarkand
- ✓ Poi Kalyan: complex with the Kalyan Mosque and the Kalyan Minaret, in Bukhara
- ✓ Hasti Imam complex: Islamic center of Tashkent
- ✓ Cholpon-Ata: town on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul
- ✓ Dungan Mosque, in Karakol
- ✓ Charyn Canyon, in Kazakhstan
- ✓ Kazakh nomad village, near Almaty
- ✓ Almaty, in Kazakhstan

Day by day

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DAY 1 · JUN 2, 2027

BRAZIL / ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Check in at São Paulo international airport in the early hours of 02/06 to board a flight to Istanbul. Arrival in Istanbul at 22:45, reception and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals included: none

2

DAY 2 · JUN 3, 2027

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for an included half-day tour of the old city. Istanbul lies between two continents, Europe and Asia: you only have to cross the Bosphorus to reach Asia. The city spreads along both sides of the Bosphorus Strait, which links the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara. Istanbul holds the history of four empires and has lively nightlife and markets for crafts and spices. We will visit Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, the Grand Bazaar and the Basilica Cistern, with a boat trip on the Bosphorus. Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals included: breakfast

3

DAY 3 · JUN 4, 2027

ISTANBUL, TURKEY / DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. At the appropriate time, departure to the airport to board a flight to Dushanbe.

Meals included: breakfast

4

DAY 4 · JUN 5, 2027

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN

Arrival before dawn, reception and transfer to the hotel in Dushanbe. Breakfast at the hotel. In the afternoon, departure for a city tour. We will visit the National Museum of Antiquities, with exhibits on history, natural history and art, among them the Buddha in Nirvana, one of the museum's most valuable pieces. We will also see the monument to Ismail Samani, the first king of the Tajiks, Central Park, Independence Square and the Palace of the Nation. Lunch at a local restaurant. Overnight in Dushanbe.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

5

DAY 5 · JUN 6, 2027

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure for a tour to Hissor, a medieval fortress and one of the most important historical sites in Tajikistan. We will visit the Kuhna Madrasa and the Mausoleum of the Sufi saint Mahdumi Azam. Lunch at a local restaurant. Visit to the Dushanbe Botanical Garden and return to the hotel. Overnight in Dushanbe.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

6

DAY 6 · JUN 7, 2027

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN / LAKE ISKANDERKUL, TAJIKISTAN / SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. We leave in the morning for Lake Iskanderkul, at 2,195 m altitude, with turquoise waters and linked to the legend of Alexander the Great. Lunch on the lakeshore. We continue to our final destination, Samarkand in Uzbekistan. Overnight in Samarkand.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

7

DAY 7 · JUN 8, 2027

SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we visit Registan Square and its three madrasas, the symbol of Samarkand; the Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum: Tomb of Timur; the Bibi-Khanym Mosque. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward we visit the Shahi-Zinda Complex, a necropolis with tombs decorated with tiles, and the Ulughbek Observatory. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Samarkand.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

8

DAY 8 · JUN 9, 2027

SAMARKAND / BUKHARA, UZBEKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, departure to the train station to board a train to Bukhara. Arrival and lunch at a local restaurant. We will visit the Samanid Mausoleum, a masterpiece of medieval Islamic architecture, and the Bolo Haouz Mosque, with its carved wooden arches, part of the city's heritage. Overnight in Bukhara.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

9

DAY 9 · JUN 10, 2027

BUKHARA, UZBEKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, departure to explore this city in Uzbekistan, known for its history and historic monuments. Founded in the 6th century BC, Bukhara was an important center of trade, culture and religion along the Silk Road. Here are some highlights we will visit: • **Poi Kalyan:** An architectural complex that includes the Kalyan Mosque and the famous Kalyan Minaret, one of the tallest minarets in the world. • **Mir Arab Madrasa:** A historic madrasa known for its decoration and educational importance. Lunch at a local restaurant. • **Ark Fortress:** An ancient fortress that served as the palace of Bukhara's rulers. In Bukhara, past and present coexist. At the end, return to the hotel. Overnight in Bukhara.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

10

DAY 10 · JUN 11, 2027

BUKHARA / TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, visit to the Tomb of the Mother of Bahouddin Nakshbandi, the Chora Bakr Mausoleum and the summer residence of the Emir of Bukhara, Sitorai-Mokhi-Hossa. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, departure for the train station to board for Tashkent. Arrival. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Tashkent.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

11

DAY 11 · JUN 12, 2027

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, visit to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. Founded around the 5th century BC, the city was a commercial and cultural center of the Silk Road, which linked the Middle East, Central Asia and the Far East. Arabs, Mongols, Timurids and Russians conquered and rebuilt Tashkent over the centuries. In the Soviet era, the city grew fast and became an industrial and cultural center of Central Asia. Walk through the old part of the city: • Hasti Imam architectural complex, with the Barak Khan and Kafal Shohi madrasas (a madrasa is a Muslim school or house of Islamic studies) • Kukeldash Madrasa (exterior visit) • Chorsu Bazaar: dried fruit and souvenirs Lunch at a local restaurant. In the modern part, panoramic visit to Independence Square, formerly Lenin Square, and the government buildings, such as the Parliament and the Ministries, with cascading fountains, as well as the Opera and Ballet Theater, Amir Temur Square and the Earthquake Memorial. Modern Tashkent contrasts with its historic past, with new buildings, tree-lined avenues and parks. The center has shops, restaurants and cafés. At the end, return to the hotel. Overnight in Tashkent.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

12

DAY 12 · JUN 13, 2027

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN / BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. The Tashkent metro is one of the city’s attractions. Opened in 1977, the metro system is known for its decorated stations, each with an artistic theme. Visit to the Museum of Applied Arts, which presents different applied arts of Uzbekistan. Lunch at a local restaurant. Transfer to the airport to board a flight to Bishkek. Arrival. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Bishkek.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

13

DAY 13 · JUN 14, 2027

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, visit to Bishkek, the capital and largest city of Kyrgyzstan. The city mixes modern and Soviet architecture, with spacious parks and views of the Tian Shan mountains. On the panoramic visit, we will see a cultural, educational and economic center of the country, with museums, theaters and universities. Ala-Too Square, in the heart of the city, brings residents together and hosts events and celebrations. We will also see the State History Museum, the changing of the guard and the statue of Lenin. Lunch at a local restaurant. Souvenir shopping at the ZUM shopping center. At the end, return to the hotel. Overnight in Bishkek.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

14

DAY 14 · JUN 15, 2027

BISHKEK / CHOLPON-ATA / KARAKOL, KYRGYZSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, departure for Karakol. On the way, we will pass through Cholpon-Ata, a town on the shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, an Alpine lake with crystal-clear water and sandy beaches for swimming and relaxing. Boat trip on the lake. Lunch at a local café. After lunch, the journey continues; arrival and overnight in Karakol.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

15

DAY 15 · JUN 16, 2027

KARAKOL, KYRGYZSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, visit to Karakol, a town whose architecture reflects Islamic tradition, history and cultural heritage. The town's main Islamic landmark is the Dungan Mosque, built in the 19th century by Chinese Muslims, the Dungans, who fled persecution in their homeland. The mosque mixes Chinese, Islamic and Russian styles, with wood carvings and colorful paintings inside. Another Karakol landmark is the Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Cathedral, with a blue and white exterior and frescoes and icons inside. Visit to the Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian geographer who lived in the town. Lunch at a local café. After lunch, we will visit a gorge in Jeti-Oguz National Park, near Karakol, known for its red sandstone formations, notably the “Seven Bulls”. The park also has pine forests and Alpine meadows. At the end, return to the hotel. Overnight in Karakol.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

16

DAY 16 · JUN 17, 2027

KARAKOL, KYRGYZSTAN / CHARYN CANYON / ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, we will cross the border into Kazakhstan. On the way to Almaty, stop at Charyn Canyon, 80 km long, on the Sharyn River, 200 km east of Almaty, near the border with China. The canyon is part of Sharyn National Park. Lunch at a local café. Arrival in Almaty and overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

17

DAY 17 · JUN 18, 2027

ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, visit to Almaty, the former capital of Kazakhstan, in the southeast of the country, at the foot of the Tien Shan mountains. It is the largest city in Kazakhstan and a cultural, economic and educational center, with parks, modern and old architecture, busy markets and nightlife. The city mixes Russian, Kazakh and Asian influences. On the panoramic visit, we will see the Park of the 28 Panfilov Guardsmen, a square with the monument to the Great Patriotic War (World War II). We will also see the Ascension Cathedral, an example of Russian Orthodox architecture made entirely of wood, the Museum of Musical Instruments and the Green Bazaar. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit to the Medeu gorge, 25 km from the city, home to the Medeu skating rink. We will take the cable car up to the Shymbulak ski resort, in the Trans-Ili Alatau valley, at 2,200 m altitude. Right after, we will take the cable car up to Talgar Peak. At the end, return to the hotel. Overnight in Almaty.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

18

DAY 18 · JUN 19, 2027

ALMATY / KAZAKH NOMAD VILLAGE, KAZAKHSTAN

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, we will visit the Kazakh Ethnic Village “NOMADA”, a traditional community in rural Kazakhstan inhabited mainly by ethnic Kazakhs. These villages are usually made up of traditional Kazakh homes, known as yurts or auls, and center on livestock raising, farming and crafts. Families in Kazakh villages often follow a nomadic way of life, moving with their herds in search of pasture in different seasons of the year. We will have an on-horseback experience, “Nomad War”; we will discover the ancient armor and weapons of the nomads; we will watch a live demonstration of attacks with bows, spears and swords, etc. Traditional lunch in the village. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Almaty.

Meals included: breakfast and lunch

19

DAY 19 · JUN 20, 2027

ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN / ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Early morning departure for the airport and boarding of the flight to Istanbul. Arrival in Istanbul in the afternoon and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

Meals included: none

20

DAY 20 · JUN 21, 2027

ISTANBUL, TURKEY / BRAZIL

In the morning, departure to the airport to board a flight to Brazil. Afternoon arrival in Brazil.

Meals included: none

Prices

PER PERSON

R$ 46,237

US$ 7,850 · market reference

per person, sharing a double room

Paid by everyone

	IN REAIS	REFERENCE
Taxes and fees	R$ 2,886	US$ 490

Single room

	IN REAIS	REFERENCE
Single room supplement	R$ 9,895	US$ 1,680

Optional extras

	PER PERSON	REFERENCE
Domestic flight tickets, per person	R$ 2,857	US$ 485

Payment options

Paid in full by Pix or bank transfer: R$ 46,811 (5% off the trip price)

Down payment of 30% R$ 14,737

9 interest-free installments of R$ 3,821

Traveling solo? We guarantee a roommate from the group, at no extra cost.

Prices in reais at today's exchange rate, travel exchange rate based on the Travelex average for October 2026 (Central Bank of Brazil), over the PTAX selling rate of 11/27/2026.

You pay TWTS in Brazilian reais, by Pix, bank transfer or credit card. The price in foreign currency is the market reference, converted at the exchange rate on the day you pay.

- Suggested airline: Turkish Airlines, the same airline the guide will fly with the group.

The program includes

- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers for the flights suggested by TWTS (passengers traveling on flights other than the group's are responsible for their own transfers)
- ✓ 03 hotel nights in Istanbul with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 02 hotel nights in Dushanbe with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 02 hotel nights in Samarkand with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 02 hotel nights in Bukhara with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 02 hotel nights in Tashkent with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 02 hotel nights in Bishkek with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 02 hotel nights in Karakol with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ 03 hotel nights in Almaty with breakfast in a double room
- ✓ Half board (with lunches), except in Istanbul

Not included

- – International flights
- – Domestic flight Tashkent-Bishkek
- – Meals not mentioned in the program
- – Drinks with the meals included in the program
- – Permits to photograph and/or film in public and/or private areas, when required
- – Personal expenses, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, tips, etc.
- – Extra costs caused by unforeseen events, such as flight and ferry cancellations, illness, accidents, road closures and bad weather
- – Local hotel taxes and fees
- – Visas and related fees

- ✓ All tours as described in the program
- ✓ TWTS travel kit
- ✓ Porter service at hotels (1 suitcase per person)
- ✓ A Brazilian guide accompanies the group throughout the trip, from departure in Brazil (minimum 10 passengers)
- – Travel insurance and trip cancellation insurance
- – Any item not listed as included

Planned hotels

CITY	HOTEL	CATEGORY
Istanbul	Hotel Sultanahmet Istanbul Sultanahmet, Alemdar, Divanyolu Cd. No:20, 34110 Fatih/İstanbul, Türkiye	
Dushanbe	The Rumi Hotel & Residences Mirzo Tursunzoda Street 10, 734124 Dushanbe, Tajiquistão	
Samarkand	Hotel Hilton Garden Inn SamarKand Dagbed 2, Samarkand, Uzbequistão	
Bishkek	Orion Hotel Bishkek Erkindik Boulevard 21, 720040 Bishkek, Quirguistão	
Bukhara	Windham Bukhara Navoi Street 8, 705016 Bukhara, Uzbequistão	
Tashkent	Movenpick Tashkent Abdulla Qodiriy str, 100095 Tashkent, Uzbequistão	4 stars
Bishkek	Hyatt Regency Bishkek Abdrahmanov Street 191, 720011 Bishkek, Quirguistão	
Karakol	Green Yard Hotel Karakol 14 Novostroika Street, Karakol, Quirguistão	
Almaty	Double Tree by Hilton Almaty Dosmukhamedov St 115, Almaty 050000, Cazaquistão	

Planned hotels or similar, in the same category.

Planned flights

Suggested airline: Turkish Airlines

FLIGHT	DATE	ROUTE	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
TK 016	02/06/2027	São Paulo → Istambul	04:10	22:45
TK 254	04/06/2027	Istambul → Dushanbe	18:15	00:55 +1
TK 353	20/06/2027	Almaty → Istambul	09:00	13:25
TK 015	21/06/2027	Istambul → São Paulo	10:45	17:45

Documents and notes

Required travel documents

Brazilian citizens need: a passport valid for at least 06 months and international travel insurance.

Travelers of other nationalities should check with their embassies or consulates whether they need an entry visa. Please confirm with your travel consultant the documents required for this itinerary at the time of booking.

Travel insurance and trip cancellation insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory. Your TWTS consultant will recommend the right coverage, including cancellation insurance (check the policy). Buy it when you book the package: cancellation insurance is only valid if purchased together with the trip.

Important notes

- We reserve the right to modify and/or cancel the program for reasons beyond our control.
- We recommend purchasing the mandatory travel health insurance for your peace of mind. Ask your TWTS consultant about the insurance that best meets your needs.
- Prices are quoted in US dollars or euros and will be converted to Brazilian reais at the exchange rate on the day of payment.
- Hotels, airline, planned flights and tours may be replaced with others of a similar category due to force majeure.
- Limited seats: programs may sell out without prior notice.
- No bookings are made without payment. See the terms and conditions.

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