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15 Sept to 10 Oct 2026 (26-days) 4 Stan Discovery - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan via Fergana Valley

Estimate Trip Ground Cost RM22,500 (per pax for group 12-15pax), RM21,000 (per pax for group 16-19pax)

Update 8 Dec 2025 Trip ground cost will include most entrance fees, 1 train ride in Uzbekistan and several meals. Not included are international flights into Almaty and out Tashkent with Air Asia. Flights fares about RM1855 plus additional RM486 for 20kg check-in baggage. Do take note that Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country and we will be passing through some high passes at **3,000m above sea level**. This trip will also feature accommodation in basic home-stays and yurt camps where **toilets & showers are on sharing basis**. We will be using 4 separate guides and transport as we journey across these 4 neighboring Central Asian countries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humor, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fussy-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun !



Kyrgyz yurt camp at Song Kul / Majestic Registan Square of Samarkand

Experience the best of 4 Central Asian countries with its own distinctive highlights. We begin in **Kazakhstan**, and then **Kyrgyzstan**. Both these countries are famous for its natural landscapes. Next is **Tajikistan** which offers a mixture of nature & history. We finish our journey in **Uzbekistan** for its stunning architecture, home to several UNESCO listed sites.

Highlights of this trip include:

- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan offers valleys and lakes for easy walking and scenic mountain road journeys.
- Explore some of the world's oldest civilisations which were important bases along the ancient Silk Route in Tajikistan & Uzbekistan
- Discover the local culture through its handicrafts, food and bustling bazaars. The variety of culture includes ancient Persian, Kyrgyz nomads, Soviet influence and post-independence modernities.

B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner

Day 1 Airport - Almaty: Assemble in **KLIA2** by **9.30AM TUES 15 SEPT 2026** for **AirAsia** morning flight **D7 600** departing **1:00PM**, arriving Almaty **7:40PM**. Meet our Kazakh guide and transfer to Almaty hotel. Overnight (O/N) Almaty hotel 2 nights with breakfasts provided. Rest of evening free to explore city on own.

Day 2 Almaty (B): Today we explore **Almaty** city and its surroundings. This include the Park of 28 Panfilovs, Zenkov Cathedral Church and Square of Republic. Afternoon we drive towards Medeu, located about 40minutes from Almaty. This is home to the world's highest skating rink at 1,691m. Nearby is the Symbulak ski resort. Located at 2,200m, it is the largest ski resort in Central Asia. Back to Almaty for own dinner. O/N Almaty hotel for 2nd night. Lunch and dinner on own expenses.

Day 3 Bashi Village (B/L/D): We travel 3-4hr eastwards towards Bashi Village, gateway to the Altyn-Emel National Park. Check in and enjoy included lunch. Afternoon we head towards the Singing Dunes which can reach up to 150m. Return to Bashi village for dinner and rest. O/N simple guesthouses in Bashi Village for next 2 nights. Lunch and dinner included

Day 4 Aktau Mountains (B/L/D): After breakfast, we drive about 80km on unpaved road towards **Aktau mountains**. Easy walk around to enjoy the multi-colored mountains and canyons. Packed lunch provided here. We return to Bashi village for our 2nd night stay with dinner included.

Day 5 Charyn Canyon & Kaindy Lake (B/L/D): We move towards Saty Village about 6hr away. Along the way, we will stop at the beautiful **Charyn Canyon**. This canyon is carved by the Charyn river which flows from Tian Shan mountains. Many millions years of wind and water erosion carved out the beautiful landscape from the red sandstone. Check in to our guesthouse in Saty Village. We then travel 13km off-road towards **Kaindy Lake** where you can enjoy short walks. It was formed back in 1911 when an earthquake blocked one end of the gorge. O/N simple guesthouses in Saty Village. Lunch & dinner included today

Day 6 Kolsai Lake - Karakol (B/L): We continue our nature exploration to **Kolsai Lake** which is famously known as the "Pearls of Northern Tian Shan". Return to Saty Village for lunch before our border crossing at Kegen. Meet our Kyrgyz team and drive about 1.5hr south west towards Karakol. When we arrive at Karakol, we proceed to visit the Dungan mosque - built in Chinese style without using a single metal nail and a wooden Orthodox Church. O/N hotel for next 2 nights. Own dinner today

Day 7 Altyn Arashan-Karakol (B/L/D): Morning transfer to **Altyn Arashan** gorge by Russian military 4WD vehicle. Altyn Arashan ("Golden Spa") gorge is one of the most famous gorges in Karakol. Here one will see wonderful fir tree forests and thermal springs along the whole gorge. Picnic lunch provided. After arriving at Altyn Arashan camp, members can enjoy walking around valley or sample the local hot springs (own expenses). Our 4WD vehicle brings us back to Karakol for our 2nd night stay. Tonight enjoy dinner with Dungan family, who are Chinese Muslim followed by local folk show. Stay 2nd night in Karakol



Russian 4WD military ride into Altyn Arashan / Jeti-Oguz gorge

Day 8 Kochkor (B/L/D): After breakfast, we drive to **Jeti-Oguz** Gorge. Its name in Kyrgyz language means "Seven bulls". The name is symbolic, because there is a 35 km long wall of seven huge red-brown cliffs resembling furious bulls standing together. We will also have look at Kyrgyz traditional eagle-hunting demonstration. Another stop at Skazka canyons (Fairy Tale canyons) for a short walk around, before our transport takes us towards Kyzyl-Tuu village famed for their yurt-making residents. Experience how the Kyrgyz members set up yurts and lunch provided here. Final transfer to Kochkor for our overnight stay. O/N hotel with dinner provided.

Day 9 Song Kul (B/L/D): Drive 3-4 hours towards the second largest lake in Kyrgyzstan - **Song Kul** located at **3,015m** above sea level. Song Kul is the best place to experience the nomadic lifestyle of the Krygyz people who bring their herds here during summer time. This is also wonderful place to gaze at the stars because of minimal light pollution. Optional horse-riding experience here at own expenses. O/N **Yurt Camp** with **outdoor shared toilets**. Lunch & dinner at yurt camp.

Day 10 Kazarman (B/L/D): After breakfast, we drive south west towards Kazarman. Today is a long drive, but we will have few photo stops to enjoy the scenic views along the journey. Upon arrival in Kazarman, own free time to explore this tough mining town which used to be bustling from its gold mining activity. O/N Kazarman in guesthouse with **shared toilets**, lunch & dinner provided.

Day 11 Osh (B/D): After breakfast, we travel southwards towards **Osh**. Upon arrival in the afternoon, we go for sightseeing tour around Osh, which is the 2nd largest city in Kyrgyzstan. Legends said Osh was founded by King Solomon ages ago and had an important position on trading routes of the Great Silk Road. We walk up sacred Sulaiman Too Mountain, its Museum and Osh Bazaar. O/N in hotel. Kyrgyz farewell dinner included.

Day 12 Fergana, Uzbekistan (B): Continue balance of sights not covered day before in Osh. Enjoy lunch at nearby Osh bazaar. Afternoon, we will cross into Uzbekistan via the **Fergana** valley. Meet our new set of Tajik guide and drivers. O/N hotel for 1 night. Own meals today.

Day 13 Kokand-Khujand, Tajikistan (B): After breakfast, we continue our journey to **Kokand**. Kokand is at the cross-roads of Tashkent, Fergana valley and Khujand of Tajikistan. We visit several key highlights of Kokand, including UNESCO listed Khudoyar-Khan Palace which now houses the Kokand Regional History Museum. After Kokand, we continue about 50km towards **Rishton**, famed for its many pottery workshops. Late afternoon border crossing between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. We end our journey at **Khujand** for our 2 nights hotel stay. Own lunch & dinner today

Day 14 Khujand (B): **Khujand** is the furthest point where Alexander the Great reached in Central Asia. It has also grown into a major entreport along the Silk Road and is now the 2nd biggest city of Tajikistan. We visit several important sites today such as Khujand Fortress, Muslihiddin memorial complex and Panjshanbe Bazaar. O/N hotel for 2nd night. Own meals today.



Famous sleeping Buddha inside Tajikistan Museum of Antiquities / Colorful parks around Dushanbe

Day 15 Dushanbe (B): Today we travel towards the Dushanbe, capital city of Tajikistan. Along the way, we make a stop at **Istaravshan** well known for their blacksmiths. We visit Hazrati Shoh complex, Fortress Mug located on the site of the ancient civilisation dating back to 7th-8th centuries and the local bazaar. Arrive **Dushanbe** by late afternoon and proceed to check-in for next 2 nights. O/N hotel with breakfasts provided.

Day 16 Dushanbe (B): Full day to explore **Dushanbe**, the biggest and capital city of Tajikistan. We start off at Hisar Fortress, located about 30km away. We return to capital city to cover other sights, which includes Tajikistan National Museum of Antiquities, where a famous sleeping Buddha statue can be seen. We then walk through Rudaki park, dedicated to the great Persian poet and visit the great Ismail Somoni statue. Being the capital city, Dushanbe offers plenty of eating options for lunch and dinner. O/N hotel for 2nd night

Day 17 Saritag (B/L/D): Today we began our nature explorations for Tajikistan. We drive about 130km towards **Iskanderkul**, named after Alexander the Great or Iskander as he was known in the East. Included lunch enroute. We continue our scenic drive towards Saritag village (2,380m above sea level) for our 1 night simple homestay with dinner included.

Day 18 Panjakent (B): After breakfast, we drive westwards 150km towards **Panjakent** which was a major city established back in 5th century. At Panjakent, we visit Rudaki Historic ethnographic museum, ancient Panjakent settlement, local bazaar and mosque. O/N hotel for next 2nights. Own meals today

Day 19 Panjakent (B/L/D): Today is our last experience with Tajik's nature at Haftkul or Seven Lakes. These colorful lakes are located at Fann mountains, in the gorge of Shing river. Elevation here will range from 1,640m to 2,400m for the highest lake. Lunch included at a local homestay. After lunch, we drive up to lake no 6, where we walk to lake no 7 for about 1.5hr. We return back to lake no 6 to meet our transport back to Panjakent. Farewell dinner included today. O/N hotel for 2nd night.



Walking up from Lake No 6 to Lake No 7 at Haftkul / Scenic river and mountains towards final 7th Lake at Haftkul

Day 20 Samarkand, Uzbekistan (B/D): Today we cross again into Uzbekistan and meet our Uzbek local guide and driver in **Samarkand** - Crossroads of Cultures. Our city tour around UNESCO listed site of Samarkand includes Gur-Emir mausoleum & the majestic Reghistan square. O/N hotel for next 2 nights. Enjoy an included local dinner today.

Day 21 Samarkand (B): We continue our exploration around Samarkand to visit Ulugbek observatory, Shakhi Zhinda necropolis and local bazaar. Rest of afternoon free & easy for own exploration and shopping. Stay 2nd night Samarkand. Own meals today.

Day 22 Bus to Bukhara (B/L): After breakfast, we drive about 270km westwards towards **Bukhara**, where the historic city is now inscribed as a UNESCO Heritage site. Along the way, we have a stop at Gijduvan to learn more about the exquisite Uzbek pottery-making with lunch included. After arrival in Bukhara, we start our walking tour to visit key sights including Lyabi Hauz, Magoki Attari mosque (one of the oldest surviving mosque in Bukhara), several stunning madrassa and the iconic Kalon minaret. O/N Bukhara hotel for 2 nights.

Day 23 Bukhara (B): We continue our exploration of Bukhara at the Ark fortress, Chasma-Ayub (translates to "Source of Job" and Samanid Mausoleum. Rest of afternoon free & easy to soak up the historic city. Stay 2nd night in Bukhara, own meals today.

Day 24 Train to Tashkent (B): Morning free & easy before we take afternoon fast train 3:24PM arriving Tashkent 7:17PM. O/N Tashkent hotel for 1night

Day 25 Tashkent (B): Today we explore the capital city of **Tashkent** major sites, which includes Khazrati Imam mosque, Independence Square, Amir Temur square, Tashkent metro and the bustling Chorsu Bazaar. Final transfer to Tashkent airport for our evening flight **9 Oct** using **AirAsia D7 123** departing Tashkent **7:30PM** direct flight 7hr 40min back to KUL, arriving next morning.

Day 26 Home: Arriving KLIA2 **6:10AM 10 OCT 2026 SAT**



Iconic Kalyan Minaret in Bukhara / Colourful Chorsu Bazaar in Tashkent

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Trip Ground Cost includes accommodation, entrance fees, meals where indicated and travelling to sites mentioned above. Own meals budget at 25 X USD15 = USD375
2. Ground cost includes 1 train ride Uzbekistan (Bukhara to Tashkent)
3. Accommodations will be in twins/doubles for guesthouses and hotels. There will be some basic yurt camp & home stays in Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan where **toilets are shared**
4. Not covered are flights from KUL to Bishkek and Tashkent to KUL. AirAsia flights about RM1855 + additional RM486 for 20kg check-in baggage as at 8 Nov 2025
5. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and/or airfares. Ground costs calculated based on **USD1.00 = MYR4.249 as at 8 Nov 2025**
6. A non-refundable deposit of **Rm5,000** will be payable to confirm your place.

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