

Glimpse of Tajikistan
6 days - 5 nights
Dushanbe, Nurek, Istaravshan, Khujand
Adventure, Discovery, Culture

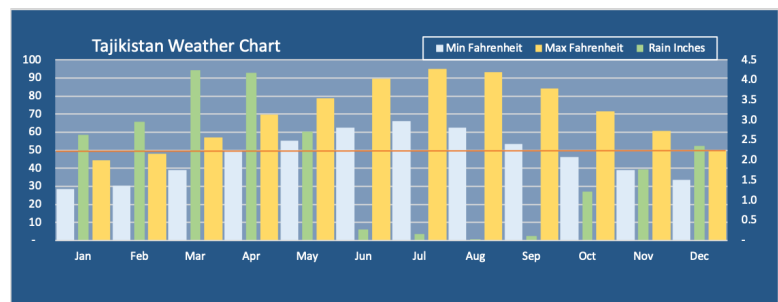
Operates May through October

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups

Located in the heart of Central Asia, this country little known to tourists is yet one of the most extraordinary sites in the world. Dotted with mountains, each more impressive than the next, Tajikistan is one of the regions steeped in history which it is up to you to discover. Six days of travel to discover the history of Tajikistan. Four stages, four eternal places, four ways of understanding the past and present of this country. From Dushanbe to Khujand via Lake Nurek, an ideal tour to see the essentials and appreciate every moment.

A word on Tajik weather

During the winter months, extremely low temperatures and high volume of rain make conditions for travel very difficult and quite dangerous, especially in the Pamir where the passes are impracticable. During the Summer months, the temperatures can be very uncomfortable if you have health conditions. Spring and Fall are the best time to travel to Tajikistan,



Day 1: Dushanbe

After clearing Immigration and Customs at Dushanbe airport our guide will pick you up and escort you to your hotel in the capital.

Day 2: Dushanbe

The morning will be devoted to discovering the capital Dushanbe, the largest city in the country. We will stop in the city center in front of the impressive monument of Ismail I, the founder of the Samanid dynasty (874-999), before heading to the verdant Rudaki Park and the Tajikistan National Museum. Later we will move on to the green market which is full of spicy flavors of all kinds and Tajik condiments. Dinner and vernight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 3: Dushanbe (Nurek)

What better way to cool off than to take the road that will take us to Nurek, one of the highest lakes and dams in the world. At an altitude of 985 feet, this reservoir is also used for the irrigation of local agricultural lands. Lunch at a local restaurant. During the visit you may try different activities such as fishing and small boat navigation. Admire the scenery and let yourself be carried away by the waves before our return to Dushanbe. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]



Day 4: Dushanbe, Istaravshan, Khujand

We will take the road north on our way to the museum city of Istaravshan, in the province of Sughd. Visit the remains of Mug Teppe, a dwelling back to the 2nd through the 7th centuries. The trip will continue with the discovery of the fabulous 15th century blue mosque of Kok Gumbaz. Then, meet a woodworker who will show us around his workshop. In the afternoon, departure to Khujand, a city dating from the 7th centuries BC, one of the oldest in Central Asia. Visit the fortress of Timur Malik known to have been the seat of the Tajik people's liberation during a battle against Genghis Khan. Visit of the municipal museum, religious dwellings renowned for their historic mulberry trees, as well as the monument of Amir Ismail Samani, built in 1999. In the evening, dinner by the Sirdari river and overnight in the hotel in Khujand. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Khujand, Shakhristan, Dushanbe

This morning, visit a gold craftsman in Khujand. Then, discover the Sa'dabad Complex, initially built and inhabited by the Qajar dynasty of monarchs in the 19th century. After the visit, walk to the carpet market and admire the craftsmanship of the local weavers. After lunch, return to the capital via the Shakhristan and Anzob passes, arriving in Dushanbe late afternoon in time for an early farewell dinner in the local restaurant "Chayana Rohat". Departure preparations and rest at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Dushanbe, USA

Around mid-night be ready for your transfer to the airport to board your flight back home.

[B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare New York/Dushanbe
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation:
 - Dushanbe 4 nights
 - Khujand 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 4 lunches
 - 4 dinners
- Sightseeing tour of Dushanbe
- Tour the remains of 2nd century Mug Teppe
- Visit the fortress of Timur Malik
- Discover the Sa'dabad Complex
- English speaking guide

- Entrance to all sites visited
- Transport by suitable vehicle
- Mineral water during the tour

Tour does not include:

- Airfare related taxes and fees
- Airport departure tax
- Travel insurance
- Visa and invitation letter
- Meals not specified in the program
- Optional activities or tours
- Early check-in
- Tips to guides and/or drivers
- Local and/or international phone calls
- Personal and/or medical expenses

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel	Category	Tripadvisor
Mixed Classes			
Dushanbe	Atlas	First Class	5
Khujand	Hotel Firuz	Superior	3.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Price:

Room	2-3 Pax	4-5 Pax	6-9 Pax
Double	\$2,195	\$1,565	\$1,595
Single	\$2,405	\$1,775	\$1,809

Prices are minimum per person and may change without notice.

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Group Quotations

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.