

16 Sept to 11 Oct 2027 (26-days) 4 Stan with Pamir Highway- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Estimate trip Ground Cost Rm 22,000 (per pax for group of 10-15pax), RM21,000 (per pax for group 16-19pax)

Update 28 Oct 2026 Estimate trip ground cost will include most entrance fees, 1 train ride in Uzbekistan and several meals. Not included are flights AirAsia KUL to Almaty about RM2,000 and Uzbek Airways Tashkent to KUL about USD323. Take note that some accommodation will be in basic yurts and guesthouses with **shared toilets** due to the remoteness of the area for overnight stays..

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

Come travel across these 4 Central Asian countries located along the Great Silk Road. Highlight of this journey is our road trip across the **Pamir Highway** from Osh, Kyrgyzstan towards Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

We begin in **Kazakhstan** to enjoy the natural wonders around Almaty region. We continue south into **Kyrgyzstan** for more nature and discover Kyrgyz nomadic lifestyle. We then cross into **Tajikistan** using the remote Pamir highway up to Dushanbe. Along the way, we witness the changes to the landscape and begin our Silk Road historic journey. We end our trip with more history and stunning architecture in **Uzbekistan**, home to several UNESCO listed sites. These travel dates provide pleasant weather to experience these 4 countries.

IMPORTANT - Road journey will cross **several high mountain passes above 3,000m**, and the highest is **4,655m** in Tajikistan. We also have several nights in basic accommodation using yurts and guesthouses with **shared toilets**.

B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner

Day 1 PLANE: Assemble in KLIA by **9:30 AM THURS 16 Sept** for AirAsia flight **D7 600** departing **12:45noon** about 8hours flight. We arrive **5:40PM** in Almaty airport. Meet our local guide and transfer to hotel for 2 nights stay. O/N hotel with breakfast provided.

Day 2 Almaty (B) 17 Sep After breakfast, we have an included city tour around **Almaty**. 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 Altyn Emel (B/L/D) 18 Sep We travel 3-4hr eastwards towards Altyn Emel National Park to visit the popular **Singing Dunes**. O/N simple guesthouses in Bashi Village. Lunch and dinner included today.

Day 4 Altyn Emel (B/L/D) 19 Sep Transfer into our 4WD vehicles to enter **Aktau desert mountains**. The drive is about 1.5hr-2hr over uneven & bumpy terrain, but one will be rewarded with colorful desert hills. Hike around to enjoy the multi-colored mountains and canyons. Packed lunch provided here. Return by bumpy road back to Bashi village for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 5 Charyn Canyon & Kaindy Lake (B/L/D) 20 Sep After breakfast, we journey further about 4hr towards **Charyn Canyon**. The beautiful 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. We continue our nature exploration to **Kaindy Lake** which is famous for the dead spruce trunks rising from the lake waters. 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) 21 Sep We drive towards **Kolsai Lake** to enjoy some short walks. The lake is formed due to landslide from tectonic movements. After lunch, we drive to the border town of Kegen. Meet our Kyrgyz team and drive about 1.5hr south west towards Karakol. When we arrive at Karakol, 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) 22 Sep 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 soak in the local hot springs (at 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. Stay 2nd night in Karakol.



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

Day 8 Kochkor (B/L/D) 23 Sep 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 along with local folk show.

Day 9 Song Kul (B/L/D) 24 Sep 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 Kyrgyz 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) 25 Sep 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/L) 26 Sep 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 Murgab, Tajikistan (B/L/D) 27 Sep After breakfast, we begin our drive along the famed **Pamir highway** towards the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan border at Kyzyl-Art via Taldyk Pass. Meet our Tajik drivers and guide, who will bring us south towards **Murgab**. Along the way, we stop at the beautiful Karakul Lake. Our scenic drive will cross the **Ak-Baital Pass** (The White Horse Pass) located at **4,655m**. This was the highest pass in the former USSR with stunning views around. Overnight in local basic guesthouse with shared toilets and dinner included. Lunch along journey included today.



Driving along Panj river with Afghanistan on the left / Pamir highway from Karakul to Murgab

Day 13 Khorog (B/L) 28 Sep We have a long driving day as we journey south west towards **Khorog** about 320km away. Along the way, we stop to view ancient petroglyphs inside caves. Overnight in hotel with breakfast included

Day 14 Kalaikhum (B/L) 29 Sep After breakfast, we drive north west 240km towards **Kalaikhum**. We stop at Norak water reservoir called Tajik Sea and continue on and over the Shuraba Pass at 2,267m. This is the border region with Afghanistan and we will drive next to Panj river, which forms the natural border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan. Overnight in local guesthouse.

Day 15 Dushanbe (B) 30 Sep After breakfast, we drive westwards 370km towards the capital city of Dushanbe. Along the way, we pass various small villages and dramatic mountainscape. After lunch time at own expenses, we stop at 11th century Hulbuk Palace and museum in the Vole district. We also have a brief stop at Mir Said Aliya Hamadoni mausoleum. Upon reaching Dushanbe, this mark the end of our drive on the Pamir highway. Overnight in Dushanbe hotel for next 2 nights.

Day 16 Dushanbe (B) 1 Oct Full day to explore **Dushanbe**, the biggest and capital city of Tajikistan. This include the Tajikistan National Museum of Antiquities, where a famous reclining Buddha in Nirvana statue can be seen. We also take some time out at the botanical garden and bazaar to experience the local life. We drive 30km out to visit 18th century Hisor fortress, a local mausoleum and madrassah before returning back to Dushanbe. O/N hotel for 2nd night



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

Day 17 Panjakent (B) 2 Oct After breakfast, we drive 250km northwest 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 2nights.

Day 18 Panjakent (B/L/D) 3 Oct Today we get to stretch our legs and enjoy Tajik's nature at **Haftul 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. Return to Panjakent for our last night in Tajikistan and farewell dinner included. O/N hotel for 2nd night.

Day 19 Samarkand, Uzbekistan (B) 4 Oct 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.

Day 20 Samarkand, Uzbekistan (B) 5 Oct We continue our exploration around Samarkand to visit Ulugbek observatory, Shakh Zinda necropolis and local bazaar. Rest of afternoon free & easy for own exploration and shopping. Stay 2nd night

Samarkand. Own meals today. Being one of the top tourist destination in Uzbekistan, plenty of restaurants are available to try the local flavors. O/N hotel

Day 21 Bus to Bukhara (B/L) 6 Oct After breakfast, we drive about 270km westwards towards **Bukhara**, another UNESCO listed historic city. 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 22 Bukhara (B) 7 Oct 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.



Iconic Kalyan Minaret in Bukhara / Colourful Chorsu Bazaar in Tashkent

Day 23 Train to Tashkent (B) 8 Oct Morning free & easy before our local train towards capital city of Tashkent. O/N Tashkent hotel for 2 nights breakfasts provided for.

Day 24 Tashkent (B/D) 9 Oct 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. Enjoy our farewell Uzbek dinner tonight.

Day 25 Tashkent-Plane (B) 10 Oct Free & easy day. Members have the option to discover more of the city using the local metro stations or visit many of the informative museums here. Final transfer to Tashkent airport for our evening flight **10 Oct** using **Uzbek Airways** departing Tashkent **11:40PM** direct flight 7.5hr back to KUL, arriving next morning.

Day 26 Home: Arriving KLIA **10:10AM 11 OCT 2027 MON**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Trip Ground Cost includes accommodation, entrance fees, meals where indicated and travelling to sites mentioned above. Own meals budget at 24 X USD15 = USD360
2. Ground cost includes 1 train ride economy class in Uzbekistan (Bukhara to Tashkent) and GBAO permit for travel around Pamir region.
3. Accommodations will be in twins/doubles for guesthouses and hotels. There will be some yurts and guesthouses in Kyrgyzstan where toilets are shared
4. Not covered are flights fare & airport taxes, alcoholic or soft drinks during meals included and tipping for guides and drivers.
5. Yongo reserves the right to adjust or impose additional surcharges on trip cost if there is a significant fluctuation in foreign exchange rates affecting hotels and ground handlers.
6. A non refundable trip deposit of **Rm7,000** will be payable to confirm your place.

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