








WELCOME TO CELEBRATE NAVRUZ IN UZBEKISTAN







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**Tour: Special cultural tour on NAVRUZ HOLIDAY
 (Oriental NEW YEAR celebrated on 21st March)
 TASHKENT- SAMARKAND-BUKHARA –KHIVA-TASHKENT
 Duration Tour: 8 days \ 7 nights**

Days	Destinations	Time	Itinerary	
DAY 1 March 20	Tashkent	13:00	<p>Flight to Tashkent by Arrival at Meeting at the airport of Tashkent by English speaking guide. Accommodation in the hotel Full day city tour. Visiting old part of the city: Chorsu bazaar, Kukeldash Madrasah, Khast Imam square.</p> <p>Lunch at local restaurant. Visiting new part of the city: Independence</p>	

		19:00	<p>square, Amir Temur Museum, Alisher Navoi theatre, Amir Temur square etc. Free time</p> <p>Dinner at local restaurant.</p>	
<p>DAY 2 March 21</p>	<p>Tashkent- Samarkand</p>	<p>07:00 08:00 13:00 20:00</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel Transfer to Samarkand Arriving. Accommodation at hotel. Lunch at local restaurant City tour in Samarkand mausoleum of Amir Temur And celebrating big cultural event NAVRUZ in world famous REGISTAN square. Participation in preparing traditional SUMALAK (which prepares all night) and KHALISA meals with local people in MAHALLYA (local community), going to the national concert shows and festivals, experience local customs. Rest at the hotel DINNER traditional with show and concert</p> <p>Taking part in night feast of NAVRUZ holyday!</p> <p>Transfer back to the hotel.</p>	  <p>Holiday NAVRUZ</p>
<p>DAY 3 March 22</p>	<p>Samarkand</p>	<p>08:00 09:00 13:00</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel Sightseeing program of Samarkand Mosque Bibi Khanum – The biggest Mosque ever built in Central Asia as gift from wife of Temerlame to her husband. Siyab local bazaar-unique place where you can get acquainted with the life of Samarkand people. Shahi - Zinda necropolises, a holy place and cemetery with graves of Temured’s dynasty and a grave of cousin of Prophet Muhamed. Observatory of Ulugbek – incredible construction of 15 century for studying astronomy.</p> <p>Lunch tasting finaly the NAVRUZ Meals SUMALAK and KHALISA which prepared by local people during the night of NAVRUZ event FREE TIME Dinner</p>	 

<p>DAY 4 March 23</p>	<p>Samarkand - Bukhara</p>	<p>8:00 9:00 13:30 14:00 19:00</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel Transfer to Bukhara Photo stops at cotton fields Arriving. Accommodation at the hotel Lunch Visiting summer Palace of last Emir of Bukhara FREE TIME Dinner at local restaurant Short excursion of night Bukhara Overnight at the hotel</p>	 
<p>DAY 5 March 24</p>	<p>Bukhara</p>	<p>08:00 09:00 14:00 18:00</p>	<p>Breakfast at hotel Full day of city tour. Visit to Ismael Samani mausoleum (9-10c)- vault of Bukhara rulers' dynasty, Chor-Minor, Chashma-Ayub Mausoleums (14 c), Bukhara local bazaar. Visit to Old Bukhara: Poli-Kalon ensemble including Minaret (12c) , Mosque (15c), functioning Madrassah Miri-Arab (16 c), Amir- Alim-Khan Madrassah (14c), Taqi (trading domes), Kukeldash Madrassah (16c), Lunch at local restaurant Lyab-i-Hauz (17c), Nadir Divanbegi (17c), Magoki Attari (16c), Ulug Beg (15c), Abdul Aziz (17c) Madrassahs; Visit to Registan Ensemble, Ark Fortress (16c) and Bolo-Hauz complex (18 c); Free time at leisure Dinner with national Folklor show for NAVRUZ and show of national clothes at Nodir Devonbegi madrassah and celebration of NAVRUZ</p>	  <p>NAVRUZ IN KHIVA</p>

Services included in main tour price:	Services excluded in main tour price:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double accommodation with breakfast • Transport service all over tour by luxury air conditioned transport • Portages charge at airports and hotels Tips at the airports and hotels • Uzbek Visa support (free of charge) • Unlimited Bottle of mineral water • OPTIONAL services for your choice; • Local flight Urgench – Tashkent Tashkent: Tickets for performance in Alisher Navoi Theatre, Visiting Christian churches, Cup of Tea at Tashkent TV tower restaurant Tashkent zoo and botanic garden. Any museums of Tashkent And much more • Samarkand, Bukhara, Tashkent : Decussating of local wines of local factories, all museums, theatres, taking part in national holydays, parties and customs / Traditions. Visiting Uzbek families, Schools, medical institutions, bazaars, archives of ancient books, libraries and much much more. • Presents from Roxana Tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airfare due to the program (international) • All optional deviations from the main itinerary • Meals (lunches and dinners) • Photo-and video charges • All personal expenses (extra luggage fee, room service, medical expenses/insurance, etc.) • Trip cancellation / accident insurance • Tips to the guides and drivers

Suggested accommodation:			
Cities	Luxury hotels	Tourist option (4 star)	Budget option
Tashkent	Intercontinental*****	Asia	B&B Grand Orzu or similar
Samarkand	President Palace**** or similar	Asia	B&B Kamilla Or similar
Bukhara	Bukhara Palace**** or similar	Asia	B&B Nodirbek or similar
Khiva(Urgench)	Khorezm Palace**** or similar	Asia	Asia Or similar.

Type of groups	Luxury	Tourist option (4 star)	Budget option
2 pax group	999 \$	895\$	743\$
3 pax group	893 \$	789\$	637\$
4 pax group	919 \$	815\$	663\$
5 pax group	871 \$	767\$	615\$
6 pax group	839 \$	735\$	583\$
7 pax group	817 \$	713\$	561\$
8 pax group	799 \$	695\$	543\$
Additional			
Single supplement	286\$	120\$	66\$
Prices in USD per person.			

Navruz (also called Noruz, Nowruz, Nowrooz, and Nawruz), the spring "New Year" holiday, has been celebrated for more than 2.500 years, perhaps for as long as 5.000 years. Originating in Persia and long associated with the ancient Zoroastrian religion, its name means "new day" in Farsi because to ancient Persians it marked the first day of the New Year. On this day, Persian kings would have worn a crown with images of the annual solar cycle on their heads, participated in a divine mass in the Temple of Fire, and distributed generous gifts to citizens.

Today, Navruz is celebrated each year on **March 21**, when the sun enters the sign of Aries on the astrological calendar. In the northern hemisphere, this date frequently coincides with the spring equinox, the day on which the number of daylight hours equals the number of nighttime hours. On our modern Gregorian calendar, the spring equinox varies from March 19 to March 21. Although their calendars were different, ancient peoples followed the course of the sun and moon closely, and knew that the seasons began to change on this date. For them, it was if the powers of light had overcome the powers of darkness, allowing the earth to awaken and life to be rekindled. Many of us have similar feelings today, even though we understand the more scientific explanation: that the northern hemisphere begins to tilt toward the sun at this date, which results in longer and warmer days.

As Turks and other nomadic peoples moved into Central Asia and areas around Persia, they adopted the celebration of Navruz. Just as the Saxon holiday of Ostara was embraced by Christianity and become Easter in the West, Navruz traditions, which had taken strong roots in life of Eurasian farmers and townspeople, survived the coming of Islam to the area 1.400 years ago. Today, Navruz is celebrated widely and colorfully in Iran, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and the western provinces of China, as well as by Kurds in Turkey, Syria and Iraq and by Tatars and Bashkirs in southern Russia. In the last ten years, the Central Asian republics have recognized Navruz as an official holiday. Its celebration is marked by concerts in parks and squares, trade fairs and national horseracing competitions.