



Along Central Asia's Silk Road

October 19-November 4, 2026

17 days for \$8,594 total price from San Francisco
(\$7,795 air & land inclusive plus \$799 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear Commonwealth Club World Affairs Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 17-day tour to experience the great Silk Road cities of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan.

Begin in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, with a comprehensive city tour and a yurt-making demonstration. En route to Kazakhstan's largest city, Almaty, stop at Tamgaly Gorge to see the Tamgaly Petroglyphs, then ascend a mountain for panoramic views. In Uzbekistan's fascinating capital, Tashkent, witness its treasured 8th-century Quran and Chorsu Bazaar. Uncover Khiva's storied past with a tour of the Itchan Kala, a UNESCO treasure. In ancient Bukhara, watch silk weavers at work and visit the home of a Sufi miniaturist. Conclude the tour in legendary Samarkand with a visit to the Gur Emir Mausoleum, Tamerlane's tomb, before a brief return to Tashkent.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

CLUB TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM: ALONG CENTRAL ASIA'S SILK ROAD

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Club Travel at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Club Travel representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Commonwealth Club World Affairs' office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Commonwealth Club World Affairs**
Attn: Club Travel
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San Francisco, CA 94105

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to Business Class ☐

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

We require membership in Commonwealth Club World Affairs to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

☐ I am a current member of Commonwealth Club World Affairs.

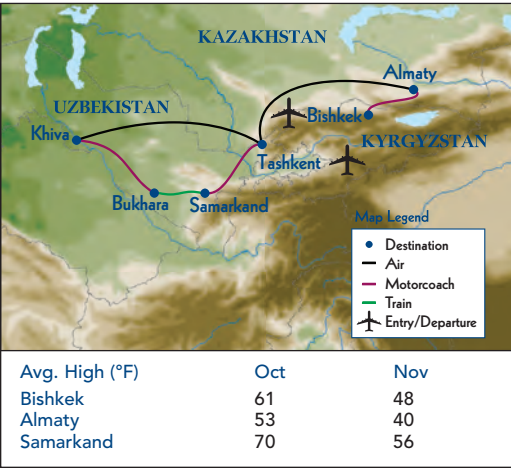
☐ I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

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Traveling the ancient Silk Road route connecting East and West, we encounter a mélange of culture and religion, art and architecture that conjures tales of trade and treasure, intrigue and empire. On this exciting small group journey, we relish the unfamiliar – and embrace the humanity we share with the people of Central Asia.



Monday, October 19: Depart U.S. for Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Tuesday, October 20: Arrive Bishkek Upon arrival in the Kyrgyz capital late tonight, we transfer directly to our hotel.

Wednesday, October 21: Bishkek After time to rest and have lunch on our own, we meet our tour director and fellow travelers at a briefing about the journey ahead. Then we take our first steps along the Silk Road, with a panoramic tour of Bishkek. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Thursday, October 22: Bishkek/Burana We travel east this morning to the village of Burana, whose 11th-century tower is the sole remaining remnant of the ancient Silk Road city of Balasagun. We walk among the surrounding “balbal” stone statues dating from the 6th to 10th centuries then enjoy lunch in the home of Kyrgyz family. Next: a yurt-making demonstration in this country where the nomadic lifestyle is still practiced. *B,L*

Friday, October 23: Bishkek/Almaty, Kazakhstan En route to Almaty this morning, we stop at Tamgaly Gorge to see the Tamgaly Petroglyphs that date to the Bronze Age. We enjoy a picnic lunch in this archaeological landscape then continue on to Almaty, where tonight we dine at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Saturday, October 24: Almaty This morning we tour Almaty, Kazakhstan’s largest city and cultural and commercial center. We begin at Panfilov Park and the adjacent Holy Ascension Cathedral, an example of early 20th-century Russian Orthodox architecture. Next, we visit the Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments, showcasing unique national instruments. Then we head outside the city to ascend Kok Tobe mountain by gondola to enjoy panoramic views of Almaty and the surrounding Tian Shan mountains. Late this afternoon, we attend a falconry demonstration. *B,L*

Sunday, October 25: Almaty/Tashkent, Uzbekistan We fly this morning to the Uzbek capital of Tashkent, where this afternoon we visit the Museum of Applied

Physical Activity Level

2 Easy/Moderate

Walk 1-3 miles daily, often on uneven terrain; western-style toilets not always available; long days of travel via motorcoach (most notably between Khiva and Bukhara); some hotels do not have elevators

Your Tour at a Glance			
Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Bishkek		
2-4	Bishkek	Hyatt Regency Bishkek	Sup. First Class
5-6	Almaty	InterContinental Almaty	Sup. First Class
7-8	Tashkent	Hyatt Regency Tashkent	Sup. First Class
9-10	Khiva	Hotel Bankir Khiva	First Class
11-12	Bukhara	Mercure Bukhara Old Town	First Class
13-15	Samarkand	Mövenpick Samarkand	First Class
16	Tashkent	Hyatt Regency Tashkent	Sup. First Class
17	Depart Tashkent for U.S.		
Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.			

Cover photo: We visit Registan, Samarkand’s historic public square, on Monday, November 2.



Poi Kalyan, a religious complex located in Bukhara, at sunset

Arts, housing fine examples of Uzbek crafts, including embroidery, jewelry, ceramics, and carpets. After checking in at our hotel, we have free time this afternoon before dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Monday, October 26: Tashkent Our morning tour begins in the Old City at the Khazrati Imam Complex of mosques and madrassahs. Here we see the world's oldest surviving Islamic holy book, the 8th-century Uthman Quran, brought to Tashkent by Tamerlane. Next: Chorsu Bazaar, under whose massive green dome locals purchase everything from produce to clothing. Tonight, we attend a performance of ballet, classical music, or opera at the national opera house (if the theater's schedule permits). *B,L*

Tuesday, October 27: Tashkent/Urgench/Khiva Very early this morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Urgench, then continue on to Khiva. We get a taste of Khiva's storied past as a major trading post along the Silk Road as we begin exploring the Itchan Kala, the "inner city" whose entirety is a UNESCO site. We start at the double-domed Pakhlavan Mahmud Mausoleum then visit the Islam Khoja minaret, followed by the Juma Mosque, with its 200 wooden pillars. Late afternoon we attend a performance of the Khiva Puppet Theatre. *B,L,D*

Wednesday, October 28: Khiva We continue our exploration of this 1,500-year-old city at the turquoise-tiled Kalta Minor minaret – enormous, stout, and unfinished. We continue on to Kunya Ark citadel; the immense Madrassah of Muhammad Rahim Khan, with its tiled façade; the 163-room Tash Hauli Palace; and the Hunarmand artisans' workshop. Tonight, we dine on a rooftop terrace overlooking the city, where we enjoy a sunset cocktail party followed by dinner with a local folklore performance. *B,D*

Thursday, October 29: Khiva/Bukhara This morning we journey by train through the Kyzylkum Desert to Bukhara. Upon arrival in this ancient city of the Silk Road commerce and religious piety, we visit the 15th-century Poi Kalyan religious complex. This evening we dine at Akbar House, the preserved home of a 19th-century Jewish merchant, then dine together at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Friday, October 30: Bukhara Today begins with a walking tour of the 16th-century Lyab-i Hauz religious complex. We continue to the domed Taki-Telpak Furushon bazaar known for its headgear: embroidered skull caps, turbans, and heavy fur hats; then on to a bazaar where we watch silk weavers at work. Next, we return to the Old Jewish Quarter to visit the home of a Sufi miniaturist, where we learn about his craft and enjoy a traditional lunch of *plov* – lamb and rice- the Uzbek national dish. Touring continues this afternoon at the Chor Minor madrassah, with its four minarets; the Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum; and the massive 5th-century earthen Ark of Bukhara Fortress. *B,L*

Saturday, October 31: Bukhara/Gijduvan/Samarkand This morning we call on a sacred pilgrimage site: the Memorial Complex of Naqshband, burial site of the founder of the world's largest order of Sufi Muslims. Next: the Narzullaev Ceramics Workshop, where potters have used traditional methods for more than a century. After lunch here, we board the train for Samarkand, legendary stop on the Silk Road. Tonight, we get our first glimpse of vast Registan, the mosaic-tiled public square flanked by three ornate madrassahs that have stood here since the 14th century. *B,L,D*

Sunday, November 1: Samarkand Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan left their marks on Samarkand, as did Tamarlane (Timur), who made it capital of his



WHO LIVES SEES, BUT WHO
TRAVELS SEES MORE.”

– IBN BATTUTA

Islamic empire in the 14th century. Our touring today begins at Registan Square, once and current heart of the city, where we join in a calligraphy workshop. We continue to 15th-century Bibi-Khanym mosque, and Siyob Bazaar, the city's largest market. This afternoon we visit a historic winery for a tour and tasting. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Monday, November 2: Samarkand Our discovery of this crossroads of culture continues today at the Afrasiyab Museum, a huge archaeological site and museum depicting the city's 2,500-year history; 15th-century Ulugh Beg Observatory, one



Welcoming people greet us along the Silk Road.

of the finest in the Islamic world; and the Meros Paper Mill, where artisans craft traditional handmade paper. We enjoy lunch on our own then explore the Shakhi Zinda Necropolis and temple complex, whose 20-plus buildings date from the 11th to 19th centuries. This evening, we visit the Gur Emir Mausoleum, Tamarlane's resting place. After dinner at a local restaurant, we make a last stop to see Registan lit up for the evening. *B,D*

Tuesday, November 3: Samarkand/Tashkent We return today to the Uzbek capital. After arriving in Tashkent early this afternoon, we have time for lunch on our own then visit the studio of renowned ceramist Akbar Rakhimov. Tonight, we toast our adventure along the Silk Road at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 14 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 15 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- Guest lectures and/or briefings
- Club representative at 15 guests



Khiva's city walls

Wednesday, November 4: Depart for U.S. Early this morning we depart for the airport for our connecting flight to the U.S.

Tour Departs: October 19, 2026

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles	\$8,594
Boston, New York, Washington D.C.	\$8,294
Denver, Portland, Seattle	\$8,894
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,995

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$799, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$5,395 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Contact Club Travel at

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee. In addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Eligibility: We require membership in Commonweath Club World Affairs to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonweathclub.org/ membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility: The liability of Commonweath Club World Affairs, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Commonweath Club World Affairs and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Commonweath Club World Affairs and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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