



Turkmenistan Tour: From Desert to Coast - 10 Days – 9 Nights

Day	Destination
1 Night	Ashgabat
1 Night	Serdar (Gyzylarbat)
1 Night	Balkanabat
1 Night	Turkmenbashi
1 Night	Ashgabat
1 Night	Darvaza
1 Night	Ashgabat
1 Night	Mary
1 Night	Ashgabat

Day 1: Day 1: Ashgabat – arrival

Arrival in Ashgabat. Transfer to the hotel. Check in at noon.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

Day 2: Day 2: Ashgabat – Nohur – Serdar

After breakfast drive to Nohur mountain village in the Kopet Dag Mountains (visit tribal cemetery and pilgrim site; silk weaving households, Kyz Bibi site and cemetery, waterfall, and Greet Tree). On the way stop to see Turkmenbashi Mosque Mausoleum and Goek Tepe Mosque. Continue drive to Serdar through Kopet Dag Mountains. Arrive in Serdar, check in to the hotel.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

Day 3: Day 3: Serdar – Dekhistan – Balkanabat

Drive to Dekhistan and Mashat Ata via Karakala and Moon Mountains, and Sumbar River valleys. Arrive in Balkanabat. Overnight at the hotel.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

Day 4: Day 4: Balkanabat – Turkmenbashi

Drive to Turkmenbashi at Caspian Sea via Mollagara salt lake. Arrival in Turkmenbashi, check in to the hotel. Free time.

Overnight Stay at the Hotels.

Day 5: Day 5: Turkmenbashi – Ashgabat

In the morning sightseeing Turkmenbashi. Visit fish bazaar, Gate of Central Asia, Awaza beach area. After sightseeing transfer to airport. Take a flight to Ashgabat. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel.

Overnight Stay at the Hotel.

Day 6: Day 6: Ashgabat – Darvaza

After breakfast start sightseeing tour in Ashgabat – the capital of Turkmenistan which has experienced boom of “Marble Architecture”. Visit Central Square, Monument of Neutrality and newly built Independence Park with monuments of the first President of Turkmenistan. Continue sightseeing in Ashgabat. Explore archaeological site of Old Nisa (included in UNESCO World Heritage list) and Spiritual Mosque, one of the biggest mosques in Central Asia.

In the afternoon depart to Darvaza Gas Crater located in the middle of Karakum desert with visit of Kekirdek (270 km, 4 h.). Arrive at the crater, set up the camp. Enjoy a delicious fire-cooked meal for dinner near the burning gas crater. Overnight in tents.

Duration of sightseeing tour: 5-6 hours

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Day 7: Day 7: Darvaza – Kunya Urgench – Dashoguz – Ashgabat

After camp style breakfast, drive to Kunya-Urgench (270 km, 4 hrs). Visit mausoleums of Turebek Khanyim, Sultan Tekesh, Sultan II Arslan, Najmaddin-Kubra, Sultan Ali. Discover the Kutlug Timur Minaret and Kyrk Molla Hill. After sightseeing continue driving to Dashoguz airport (100 km, 1 h 30 min). Take an evening flight to Ashgabat, upon arrival transfer to the hotel for overnight.

Duration of sightseeing tour: 2 hours

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Day 8: Day 8: Ashgabat – Mary

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take a morning flight to Mary (370 km, 40 min). Upon arrival drive to Merv (40 km, 30 min). Sightseeing Merv, an ancient city that was a major center of international trade and crafts located on the Silk Road. In the afternoon visit History museum of region. Discover historical park with Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum, Large and Small Gyz Kala, Erk-Kala, Gyaaur-Kala, Keshk Fortress, and others. Return to Mary.

Duration of sightseeing tour: 4-5 hours

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Day 9: Day 9: Mary – Margush – Mary – Ashgabat

Full morning for visit to the excavations of the ancient Margush country capital – Gonur, which consists

of the Palace of the city, Fire and Water Temples, Royal Necropolis. Return to Mary. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for flight to Ashgabat. Arrive in Ashgabat.

Duration of sightseeing tour: 4-5 hours

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Day 10: Day 10: Ashgabat – departure

Check out from the hotel till noon. Free time till transfer to the Airport. End of the tour.

Highlights

This 10-day tour to Turkmenistan includes all country's major cities with all its modern wealth and heritage of the ancestors. In addition you will enjoy the grandeur of the Karakum Desert crossed by the tour route, and along with that you will stay on the edge of gas crater, called by the locals as «The Gate to Blazes». The tour program full of events will not make you feel bored, because historical sites alternate with natural landscapes and large cities with picturesque villages.

Tour Includes

- All transfers: 1-2 pax by sedan type car; 3 pax by 5 seat minivan; 4-8 pax by 14 seat minibus; 9-20 pax by 35 seat bus or two minibuses; 20 pax and more by 55 seat bus; 4WD vehicle on days 4-6;
- Accommodation based on double/twin room sharing, gender or couple shared homestay room, shared 2-person tent, shared 4-person sleeper coach (all including breakfast);
- Utensils and necessary equipment for staying in tents (sleeping bags, sleeping mats, pillows, dining table, chairs);
- Meals (4 dinners) in locations where no public dining options are available (Nohur, Dehistan, train and Darvaza);
- English speaking tour leader;
- Sightseeing tour program in each city;
- Entrance fees to sights as per itinerary;
- Economy class domestic tickets for flights Turkmenbashi-Ashgabat, Dashoguz-Ashgabat-Mary-Ashgabat;

- Porter services on the tour;
- Bottled water 1.5l per person a day.

Tour Excludes

- Airfare / Visa / Insurance.
- GST 5%
- TCS at 5% (Tax Collected at Source)
- Any increase in Airfare, Visa fees, Airport taxes, Govt. Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and any applicability of new taxes from Govt.
- Any up gradation in Airline class or hotel room category
- Cost of Air ticket deviation charges
- Any Increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangements which may come in to effect prior to departure
- Cost of pre or post tour hotel accommodation
- Any extra expense such as route change, Airline change, Date change, Accommodation facilities, etc incurred due to the unforeseen, unavoidable forced majeure circumstances during the tour
- Cost of insurance for 61years and above
- Porterage, laundry, telephone charges, shopping, wines & alcoholic beverages, items of personal nature and food or drink which is not part of a set group menu
- Any extra cost incurred on behalf of an individual due to illness, accident, hospitalisation, or any personal emergency
- Any services or activity charges other than those included in the group tour itinerary
- To and fro Air fare, Airport transfers, insurance, visa fees to join/leave the group for joining and leaving guests
- Anything specifically not mentioned in the 'tour price includes' column

- Conversion Rate on the date of actual payment will be based on the Rate of Euro on XE.com + INR 1.50
- Airfare to be calculated at the time of booking as per actual.