

# 15-Day Afghanistan Grand Tour - Journey Along the Silk Road

Afghanistan | 15 days / 14 nights | From USD 1,799 per person

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Embark on a 15-day journey through Afghanistan's legendary Silk Road, exploring ancient cities, remarkable heritage sites, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant local culture. From Kabul and the spectacular Bamiyan Valley to the historic treasures of Herat and Mazar-i-Sharif, discover the crossroads where civilizations, cultures, and trade routes met for centuries. This immersive adventure combines history, architecture, nature, and authentic cultural experiences for an unforgettable exploration of Afghanistan.

## ROUTE

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**Kabul > Bamiyan > Band-e-Amir > Mazar-i-Sharif > Samangan > Balkh > Herat > Kandahar > Ghazni**

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- Kabul - Gateway to Afghan Heritage: Explore Kabul's historic landmarks, including the National Museum and peaceful Babur Gardens, while experiencing the city's unique blend of history and contemporary life.
- Bamiyan - Land of Ancient Wonders: Discover the spectacular Bamiyan Valley, historic Buddha niches, ancient caves, and breathtaking landscapes surrounded by the Hindu Kush mountains.
- Herat - A Timurid Masterpiece: Step into Afghanistan's artistic and architectural heritage with visits to the magnificent Great Mosque and historic Herat Citadel.
- Mazar-i-Sharif - The Blue Jewel: Visit the remarkable Shrine of Ali and admire its distinctive blue-tiled architecture, a celebrated symbol of Mazar-i-Sharif.
- Across the Silk Road: Follow historic routes through rugged mountains, peaceful valleys, and vast landscapes once traveled by merchants, explorers, and caravans.
- Experience Afghan Culture: Connect with local communities, explore colorful markets, sample traditional flavors, and discover the craftsmanship and hospitality that define Afghan culture.

## DAY BY DAY (15 DAYS)

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### Day 1: Arrival in Kabul

- Arrival at Kabul International Airport
- Hotel check-in and time to relax
- Introductory exploration of Shahr-e Naw and local markets
- Welcome tea and tour briefing
- Overnight in Kabul

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### Day 2: Kabul - Bamiyan

- Scenic drive through the Hindu Kush
- Arrival in the historic Bamiyan Valley
- Visit the Buddha niches and surrounding cliffs
- Short walk through a nearby local village
- Overnight in Bamiyan

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 3: Discover Band-e-Amir**

- Full-day excursion to Band-e-Amir National Park
- Enjoy the spectacular blue lakes and mountain scenery
- Lakeside picnic, boat ride, and photography stops
- Return to Bamyán
- Overnight in Bamyán

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 4: Bamyán - Mazar-i-Sharif via Salang**

- Journey from Bamyán toward Mazar-i-Sharif
- Cross the scenic Salang Pass
- Enjoy panoramic mountain and valley views
- Arrival in Mazar-i-Sharif and relaxation
- Overnight in Mazar-i-Sharif

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 5: Explore Mazar-i-Sharif**

- Visit the magnificent Blue Mosque and surrounding complex
- Explore traditional bazaars and local neighborhoods
- Discover the city's cultural atmosphere
- Overnight in Mazar-i-Sharif

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 6: Samangan Historical Excursion**

- Full-day trip to historic Samangan
- Explore important archaeological and cultural landmarks
- Return to Mazar-i-Sharif in the evening
- Overnight in Mazar-i-Sharif

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 7: Balkh Heritage Tour - Flight to Herat**

- Explore the ancient city of Balkh and its historic sites
- Afternoon flight to Herat
- Free time for relaxation or an optional city walk
- Overnight in Herat

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private ground transport; domestic flight arrangements and cost to be confirmed

### **Day 8: Discover Historic Herat**

- Visit the magnificent Great Mosque of Herat
- Explore the historic Herat Citadel
- Walk through traditional bazaars and handicraft markets
- Experience Herat's rich Persian-Islamic heritage
- Overnight in Herat

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 9: Herat - Overnight Journey to Kandahar**

- Continue exploring selected landmarks in Herat
- Enjoy free time for shopping and local experiences
- Evening departure by bus toward Kandahar
- Overnight in transit

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 10: Explore Kandahar**

- Arrival in Kandahar
- Discover selected historical and cultural landmarks
- Explore local markets and experience the city's unique atmosphere
- Overnight in Kandahar

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 11: Kandahar - Ghazni**

- Continue sightseeing in Kandahar
- Depart by road toward historic Ghazni
- Scenic journey through southern Afghanistan
- Overnight in Ghazni

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 12: Ghazni - Kabul**

- Explore Ghazni's historic monuments and cultural heritage
- Visit selected landmarks before departure
- Drive back to Kabul
- Overnight in Kabul

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 13: Kabul Cultural Discovery**

- Visit the National Museum of Afghanistan
- Explore the historic Babur Gardens
- Enjoy views from the Shuhada-e-Saliheen area
- Browse local craft shops and traditional markets
- Overnight in Kabul

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### **Day 14: Kabul - Final Exploration**

- Discover additional cultural and historical attractions
- Explore local neighborhoods and markets
- Free time for shopping, photography, or relaxation
- Overnight in Kabul

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

## Day 15: Departure from Kabul

- Hotel check-out
- Transfer to Kabul International Airport
- Departure and end of the Silk Road adventure

Meals: Three daily meals and drinking water; arrival/departure meals depend on timing

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

### INCLUDED

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- Accommodation: 3-4 Star Hotels
- Transportation: Private 4WD Vehicles
- Meals: 3 Daily Meals + Drinking Water
- Professional Tour Guide
- All Required Permits
- Letter of Invitation
- Entrance Fees to Listed Attractions
- Local SIM Card & Wi-Fi

### NOT INCLUDED

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- Visa Fees
- International Flights
- Personal Expenses, Shopping, Soft Drinks & Snacks
- Travel Insurance

### GOOD TO KNOW

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#### Season & group size

Spring and summer departures, with a maximum of 8 travellers. Dates and departure availability are confirmed by the Kabul team.

#### Price & booking

Advertised starting price: USD 1,799 per person. Request a written quotation for your dates, group and room arrangements. International flights, visa fees, insurance and personal expenses are excluded.

#### Domestic flights

Where a domestic flight appears in the itinerary, its schedule, availability and inclusion in the final price must be confirmed with the Kabul office before booking.

#### Permits & access

The package includes a letter of invitation and required local permits. Site visits, road journeys and activities remain subject to permissions, local access, weather and operating conditions. Confirm the final route before booking.

#### Accommodation & connectivity

Packages are based on 3-4-star hotels. Hotel names, room occupancy and availability are confirmed in your quotation. Local SIM and Wi-Fi access depend on coverage and availability.

### FLIGHTS, AND CHANGING ANYTHING ON THIS ITINERARY

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Flights are quoted on request. We hold IATA accreditation and can ticket any airline from Dubai alongside this itinerary.

Every itinerary here is a starting point. We rebuild any of it around your own dates, hotels, pace and budget, for couples, families or groups.

Prices are a lead-in fare and move with the season, the airline and the hotel chosen. Tell us your dates and we will confirm a firm quotation.

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