

Discover Afghanistan - An 8-Day Heritage & Cultural Adventure

Afghanistan | 8 days / 7 nights | From USD 1,249 per person

Experience the diverse beauty and rich heritage of Afghanistan on an unforgettable 8-day journey through its historic cities, ancient landmarks, and spectacular landscapes. Explore the cultural heart of Kabul, discover the remarkable heritage of Bamiyan Valley, and experience the crystal-clear lakes of Band-e Amir National Park. Continue to the historic city of Herat, renowned for its architectural treasures and cultural heritage, before returning to Kabul. This carefully designed journey combines history, culture, nature, and authentic local experiences, offering a memorable introduction to the heart of Afghanistan.

ROUTE

Kabul > Bamyar > Band-e-Amir > Herat

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kabul - Heart of Afghanistan: Discover the National Museum, peaceful Babur Gardens, and lively traditional bazaars while experiencing the capital's unique character.
- Bamiyan - Heritage Among the Mountains: Explore the historic Buddha niches, ancient caves, and spectacular mountain scenery of the Bamiyan Valley.
- Band-e Amir - Blue Lakes of Afghanistan: Visit the country's first national park and admire its remarkable chain of deep-blue lakes surrounded by dramatic cliffs and highland landscapes.
- Herat - A City of Timurid Heritage: Marvel at the architectural beauty of the Great Mosque of Herat and explore the historic Herat Citadel.
- Journey Through Diverse Landscapes: Travel across scenic mountain roads, valleys, and open landscapes along routes once connected to the legendary Silk Road.

DAY BY DAY (8 DAYS)

Day 1: Arrival in Kabul

- Airport pickup and transfer to the hotel
- Hotel check-in and tour orientation
- Optional visit to a local tailor to arrange traditional Afghan clothing
- Explore the historic bird market and Mandawi Bazaar
- Visit selected cultural landmarks, including Shah-Do Shamshira Mosque and the Ethnographic Research Museum, subject to timing
- Discover the Shrine of Sakhi and enjoy views from Bibi Mahro Hill
- 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: Explore Kabul

- Visit the National Museum of Afghanistan
- Explore Darul Aman Palace
- Visit Babur Gardens or Chihilston Garden, depending on preference
- Enjoy panoramic views of Kabul from Toop Hill
- Explore local streets and markets

- Visit Qargha Lake and continue to the scenic Paghman Valley and its historic palaces
- Overnight in Kabul

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 3: Kabul to Bamyan

- Scenic drive toward Bamyan through spectacular mountain landscapes
- Arrival, permit arrangements, and hotel check-in
- Continue to Band-e Amir and discover its breathtaking blue lakes
- Enjoy lakeside walks and scenic viewpoints
- Optional activities such as boating and horse riding, where available
- Opportunity to taste traditional Bamyan cuisine
- Overnight in Bamyan

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 4: Bamyan Valley & Band-e Amir

- Morning visit to the historic Buddha niches and surrounding caves in Bamyan Valley
- Explore the area's remarkable archaeological and cultural heritage
- Continue to Band-e Amir National Park
- Discover its dramatic cliffs, deep-blue lakes, and highland scenery
- Photography and relaxation opportunities
- Overnight in Bamyan

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 5: Bamyan to Kabul

- Depart Bamyan for Kabul
- Scenic drive through mountain valleys and rural landscapes
- Stops along the route for photography and local experiences
- Arrival in Kabul and hotel check-in
- Overnight in Kabul

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 6: Kabul to Herat

- Morning transfer to the airport
- Domestic flight to historic Herat
- Hotel check-in and time to relax
- Optional introductory walking tour of the city
- 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 7: Discover Historic Herat

- Visit the magnificent Great Mosque of Herat
- Explore the historic Herat Citadel
- Discover traditional bazaars and artisan quarters
- Experience Herat's rich cultural and architectural 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 8: Herat to Kabul & Departure

- Morning transfer to Herat Airport
- Domestic flight back to Kabul
- Connect with onward international departure
- End of the 8-day Afghanistan journey

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

INCLUDED

- 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

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

GOOD TO KNOW

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 1,249 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

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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