

Afghanistan's Hidden Highlands - 6-Day Journey

Afghanistan | 6 days / 5 nights | From USD 849 per person

Heart of Afghanistan - 6-Day Adventure is an immersive journey through the country's remarkable central highlands, combining rich history, vibrant culture, and spectacular mountain landscapes. Beginning in Kabul, the adventure continues to the legendary Bamiyan Valley, the stunning blue lakes of Band-e Amir National Park, and the historic city of Ghazni. Along the way, discover ancient Silk Road heritage, remarkable Buddhist archaeological sites, dramatic valleys, and Afghanistan's unique cultural traditions. This six-day journey is designed to showcase the beauty, history, and timeless character of central Afghanistan in one unforgettable experience.

ROUTE

Kabul > Bamyān > Band-e-Amir > Ghazni

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kabul - Gateway to Afghan Heritage: Explore the National Museum, peaceful Babur Gardens, and vibrant local bazaars while discovering the capital's rich history.
- Bamiyan - Ancient Wonders: Discover the spectacular Bamiyan Valley, the historic Buddha niches, and ancient caves surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery.
- Band-e Amir - Turquoise Lakes: Visit Afghanistan's first national park and admire its stunning chain of deep-blue lakes framed by rugged cliffs and highland landscapes.
- Ghazni - Medieval Legacy: Explore Ghazni's historic minarets, Islamic monuments, and archaeological treasures from its era as a powerful medieval center.
- Journey Through the Highlands: Travel across scenic valleys, rugged mountain passes, and traditional villages along routes shaped by centuries of Silk Road history.

DAY BY DAY (6 DAYS)

Day 1: Arrival in Kabul

- Pickup from Kabul International Airport
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in, and tour briefing
- Optional visit to a local tailor for 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
- Visit 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: Kabul to Bamyān

- Scenic drive from Kabul toward the spectacular Bamyān Valley
- Arrival and hotel check-in
- Permit arrangements and preparation for the following excursions
- Continue toward Band-e Amir and enjoy the surrounding highland scenery
- Optional activities such as boating, horse riding, and swimming, where available
- Opportunity to taste traditional Bamyān 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 3: Band-e Amir National Park

- Full-day excursion to Band-e Amir National Park
- Explore the remarkable chain of turquoise-blue lakes
- Enjoy walking trails, photography, and scenic viewpoints
- Experience the peaceful atmosphere of Afghanistan's first national park
- Return to Bamyan in the evening
- 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 to Ghazni

- Depart Bamyan and travel south toward historic Ghazni
- Journey through rugged highlands, valleys, and traditional villages
- Scenic stops along the route
- Arrival in Ghazni and hotel check-in
- Overnight in Ghazni

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 5: Explore Ghazni & Return to Kabul

- Morning exploration of Ghazni's historic landmarks
- Visit the famous Ghazni Minarets and selected Islamic monuments
- Discover the city's medieval heritage and archaeological sites
- Drive back to Kabul through scenic landscapes
- 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: Departure from Kabul

- Hotel check-out and final preparations
- Transfer to Kabul International Airport
- Departure and conclusion of the Central Highlands adventure

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

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 849 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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