

10-Day Journey Through Afghanistan's Silk Road Heritage

Afghanistan | 10 days / 9 nights | From USD 1,599 per person

Discover the rich heritage of Afghanistan on a 10-day journey through the historic Silk Road, where ancient civilizations, diverse cultures, and breathtaking landscapes come together. From the vibrant streets of Kabul to the spectacular Bamiyan Valley and the historic beauty of Herat, explore remarkable archaeological treasures, magnificent Islamic architecture, and landscapes shaped by centuries of history. This immersive journey offers a unique opportunity to experience Afghanistan's cultural heritage, ancient traditions, natural beauty, and authentic local life, following the routes once traveled by merchants, scholars, and explorers across Asia.

ROUTE

Kabul > Bamyán > Band-e-Amir > Mazar-i-Sharif > Herat

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kabul - The Cultural Gateway: Explore the National Museum of Afghanistan and peaceful Babur Gardens while discovering the capital's rich historical character.
- Bamiyan - Ancient Heritage & Mountain Beauty: Experience the spectacular Bamiyan Valley, the historic Buddha niches, ancient caves, and dramatic highland scenery.
- Herat - City of Art & History: Discover the magnificent Great Mosque of Herat and the historic Herat Citadel, reflecting centuries of Persian and Timurid influence.
- Journey Along the Silk Road: Travel through scenic mountain passes, fertile valleys, and historic settlements once connected by ancient trade routes.
- Experience Afghan Culture: Explore traditional bazaars, meet local artisans, taste regional cuisine, and experience the warmth of Afghan hospitality.

DAY BY DAY (10 DAYS)

Day 1: Arrival in Kabul

- Arrival at Kabul International Airport and welcome
- Hotel check-in and tour orientation
- Short city walks depending on arrival time
- Traditional Afghan dinner
- 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: Discover Kabul

- Full-day exploration of Kabul's cultural and historical landmarks
- Visit the National Museum of Afghanistan
- Explore the historic Babur Gardens
- Discover traditional bazaars and local neighborhoods
- 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 the spectacular Bamyan Valley
- Arrival and hotel check-in
- Continue to Band-e-Amir National Park
- Enjoy lakeside walks and scenic viewpoints
- Optional boat ride, horse riding, and swimming where conditions permit
- 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: Explore Bamyan Valley

- Visit the historic Buddha niches of Bamyan
- Explore ancient caves and archaeological remains
- Discover the surrounding mountain landscapes
- Enjoy panoramic sunset views across the valley
- 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: Band-e-Amir National Park

- Full-day excursion to Afghanistan's first national park
- Explore the spectacular chain of deep-blue lakes
- Walking trails and photography opportunities
- Relax beside the lakes and enjoy the peaceful highland scenery
- Return to Bamyan
- Overnight in Bamyan

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

Transport: Private 4WD vehicle; walking as described

Day 6: Bamyan to Mazar-i-Sharif

- Depart Bamyan for Mazar-i-Sharif
- Journey through changing mountain and valley landscapes
- Arrival in Mazar-i-Sharif and hotel check-in
- Evening at leisure
- 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: Discover Mazar-i-Sharif

- Visit the magnificent Shrine of Ali and its distinctive blue-tiled architecture
- Explore traditional markets and local neighborhoods
- Experience the cultural atmosphere of northern Afghanistan
- 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 8: Mazar-i-Sharif to Herat

- Morning transfer to the airport
- Domestic flight to historic Herat
- Hotel check-in and rest
- Optional introductory walk through 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 9: Explore Historic Herat

- Visit the magnificent Great Mosque of Herat
- Explore the historic Herat Citadel
- Discover traditional bazaars and local handicraft workshops
- Experience Herat's rich Persian and Timurid 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 10: Departure from Herat

- Final morning at leisure
- Hotel check-out
- Transfer to Herat Airport
- Departure and conclusion of the Silk Road journey across Afghanistan

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 1,599 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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