PASSPORT TO FOLK ART: UZBEKISTAN
INCLUDING TASHKENT, SAMARKAND, BUKHARA, KHIVA & NUKUS
October 8 - 24, 2021

Journey back in time at the old quarter of Tashkent, Khast-Imam Square to see one of the oldest surviving Korans before visiting embroiderer Madina Kasimbaeva with her dark red “Palak” designs, Muhayo Alieyava’s Bibi-Hanum for contemporary apparel with Uzbek textiles, the Museum of Applied Arts and ceramicist Akbar Rakhimov.

Visit the Shah-i-Zinda Necropolis of Samarkand, A UNESCO World Heritage Center, where elaborately decorated buildings that date to the 1300s reflect the development of the monumental art and architecture of the Timurid dynasty, and Valentina Romanenko, a famous textile designer known for her rich blends of silk, painting and embroidery.

Sightsee around the beautiful Registan Square and its imposing madrassahs, before making paper with local artists. Visit the biggest mosque in Samarkand - Bibi-Khanum and the colorful and frenetic Siob Market that is nearby.

Find an antique ikat or embroidery at the Urgut Market before meeting ceramists at the Urgut Ceramic School.

Continue on the Silk Road to Bukhara to visit the famous embroiderer Farkhod Ramazoznov. Pack in more of the beautiful artisan traditions of Bukhara by visiting a silk weaving workshop, the Bukhara Gold Embroidery Factory, the Museum of Blacksmith’s Art, and much more!

Explore the historic walled city of Khiva visiting woodcarvers, carpet weavers and UNESCO silk weavers. Visit Nukus to see the Museum of Igor Savitsky, where wondrous works of art from the Karakalpak people are housed.

Along the way, enjoy unique Uzbek dining experiences (including making pilav with locals) and exploring local spice markets, while staying in charming inns and hotels that are beautifully appointed with traditional Uzbek decor.

$7,840 Per Person, Sharing; $975 Single Supplement
MAXIMUM 12 TRAVELERS: Based on 10 travelers or a surcharge will apply
$1,500 non-refundable deposit due at booking

Included: Airport transfers, accommodations, all meals, local beverages, tours/entrance fees, expert English speaking guides, local transport, regional flight (Nukus-Tashkent), train ticket (Margilan-Tashkent), assistance with visa process, gratuities

Not Included: International flights, travel insurance (required), spirits & specialty coffees, room service, personal expenses, optional activities, camera/video fees, visas, $500 tax deductible donation to IFAM (required to secure space)

Optional Add-On to Kyrgyzstan!

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