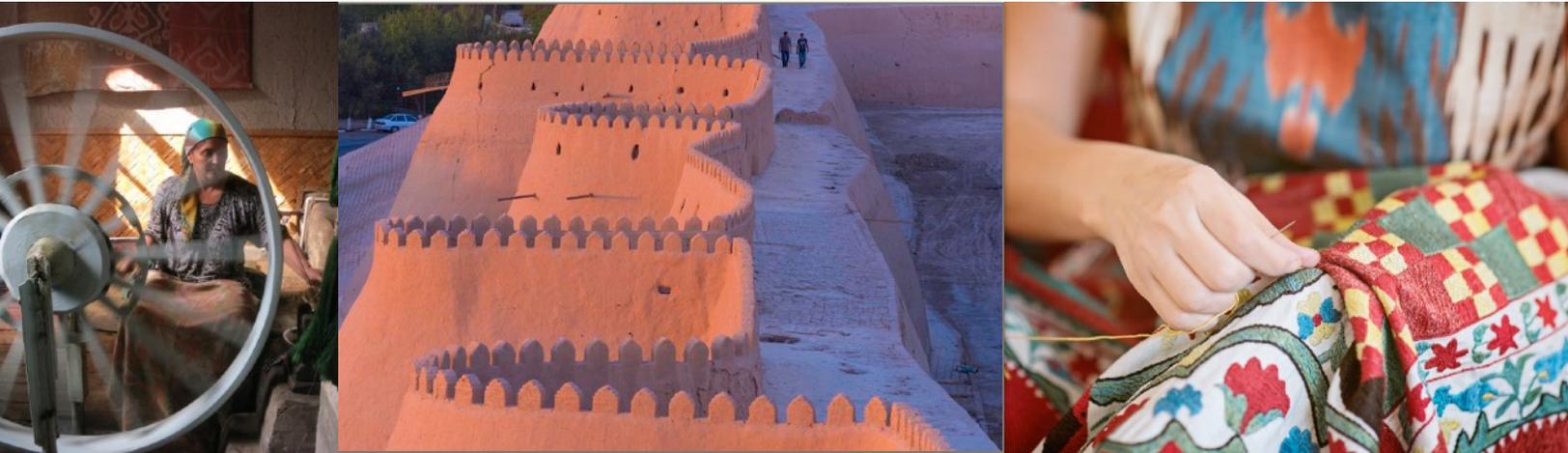




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## **PASSPORT TO FOLK ART: UZBEKISTAN**

**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 *madrasahs*, 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 Karakaplak 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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