

Religions on the Silk Road Alumni itinerary
Todd and Tricia Johnson
Friday, October 1- Friday, October 15, 2027

Itinerary

Friday, Oct 1

Leave U.S. for Istanbul in the evening

Saturday, Oct 2

Afternoon arrival in Istanbul

Meet and transfer to Deluxe Golden Horn Hotel in Sultanahmet

Sunday, Oct 3

Visit Old City, Hippodrome, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Underground Cistern, Spice Bazaar

Monday, Oct 4

Visit Chora Chapel, Bosphorus Boat Tour, Topkapi Palace, Archaeology Museum

Tuesday, Oct 5

Morning flight to Tashkent

Dinner at Hotel

Wednesday, Oct 6

Village Guest House, History of Religion in Uzbekistan, Cooking Class

Thursday, Oct 7

Morning drive to Samarkand

Check into hotel and walk to Registan Square for evening light show

Friday, Oct 8

Tour Samarkand

Visit spectacular Registan Square, remains of Bibi-Khanum Mosque, Siyob Museum, Ulugbek Observatory, Shakhi-Zinda Necropolis, tomb of Daniel and Gur-Emir Mausoleum – the mausoleum of Amir Timur.

Saturday, Oct 9

Morning drive to Bukhara

Walk to the center of the city for dinner in 2,500-year-old square

Sunday, Oct 10

Tour Bukhara

Take a walking sightseeing tour with a guide in historic center of Bukhara which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Visit Lyabi-Khauz Ensemble, Magoki-Attori Mosque, trade domes, Ulugbek and Abdulazizkhan madrasahs,

Monday, Oct 11

Tour Bukhara

Kalyan Minaret, Kalyan Mosque and Miri-Arab Madrasah, legendary Ark Fortress, Bolo-Khauz Mosque and Chashma-Ayub mausoleum.

Tuesday, Oct 12

Morning drive to Khiva

Walk to outdoor restaurant in the walled city for dinner

Wednesday, Oct 13

Tour Khiva

Visit Main fortress – Ichan-Kala, Kunya-Ark fortress, Dishan-Kala fortress; Ancient mosques and madrassas, minarets, mausoleums – there are more than 100 of them in Khiva; Palaces and residences of Khiva rulers; Ancient caravanserais and baths; walk along the wall around sunset.

Thursday, Oct 14

Morning flight Khiva to Tashkent

Afternoon in Chorsu market for souvenirs

Friday, Oct 15

Morning flight to Istanbul

Connecting flights to U.S. in afternoon, arrival in evening