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## Bird-watching tour in Uzbekistan

Tour itinerary: Tashkent - Beldersay mountains - Samarkand - Takhtakaracha hills - Zerafshan pools - Bukhara - Amu Bukhara canal and Todakul lake - Kyzylkum desert - Tashkent  
8 days/ 7 nights

Are you ornithologist or do you like birds and want to photo rarely seen birds? Let's take fascinating tour to Beldersay mountains, Takhtakaracha hills close to Samarkand, Zerafshan pools, Amu Darya canal and Todakul lake. You will surely enjoy nature, mainly mountains, hills and lakes of Uzbekistan.



### Day 1. Tashkent

Arrival in Tashkent International airport, transfer to the hotel, check-in. Free-time. Overnight in Tashkent.

### Day 2. Tashkent - Beldersay mountains – Tashkent

05.00 Transfer to Beldersay (1.5 hour), arrive in Beldersay hotel area. After having boxed breakfast start birding. Lunch in Beldersay hotel restaurant. Afternoon drive back to Tashkent. Dinner. Night in Tashkent.

### Day 3. Tashkent - Samarkand

Breakfast.

08.00 am Transfer to Samarkand (320 km). On the way we'll have 2 stops for birding. Arrive in Samarkand, check-in the hotel. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Samarkand with visiting architectural monuments. Free time. Overnight in Samarkand.

### Day 4. Samarkand- Takhtakaracha hills- Samarkand

05.00 Transfer to Takhtakaracha hills (50 km from Samarkand). Boxed breakfast upon arrival. Then we'll start bird watching in the hills. Picnic lunch in the hillside and continue birding. In the afternoon drive back to Samarkand. We'll have some time for sightseeing tour in Samarkand. Free time. Overnight in Samarkand.

### Day 5. Samarkand to Zerafshan pools/Samarkand – Bukhara

05.30 Early morning drive to Zerafshan pools (only 15km outside the city). Time for birding (about 1,5 hour).

Back to the hotel for breakfast. Check out the hotel, transfer to Bukhara (280 km). Arrive in Bukhara, check-in the hotel, lunch and sightseeing tour in Bukhara. Free-time. Overnight in Bukhara.

### Day 6. Bukhara – Amu Darya canal and Todakul lake - Bukhara

05.30 Transfer to Amu Darya Canal and Toda Kol lake for birding.

12:00 Back to Bukhara. Lunch and sightseeing in Bukhara. Free-time. Overnight in Bukhara.





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#### Day 7. Bukhara – Kyzylkum desert – Bukhara – Tashkent

05.00 Departure for Kyzylkum desert, 150-200 km west of Bukhara for the main key bird Pander's Ground Jay (*Podoces panderi*).

Drive back to Bukhara in the afternoon. Free-time. Evening flight to Tashkent. Arrive in Tashkent, check-in the hotel. Overnight in Tashkent.

#### Day 8. Tashkent

Breakfast. Free time. Departure from Tashkent. End of the tour.

#### Accommodation:

City	Hotels
Bukhara	Amelia Boutique
Samarkand	Asia Samarkand
Tashkent	Shodlik or Le Grande Plaza 3*
	OR OTHER HOTELS OF THE SAME LEVEL

#### Tour Price includes:

- Hotel accommodation;
- All entrance fees to the monuments and museums as specified in the program;
- Transportation services all over the tour;
- Local guides in each city;
- Visa invitation letter for Uzbekistan (if necessary).

#### Tour Price does not include:

- Airfare international flights;
- Meals (lunches and dinners).