

TravelBliss

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Duration: 7-10 hours

Location: Samarkand – Tajikistan– Samarkand

About

Just 70 Km from Samarkand, and you have a chance to visit Penjikent, town in Tajikistan, where you may visit Ancient Penjikent - ruins of old Sogdian town founded in 5th century and abandoned in the 8th century by Arabs. Foundations of houses, a citadel with a couple of Zoroastrian fire temples and city bazaar are visible in the excavated ruins and Sarazm ruins - one of the ancient settlement in Central Asia with 5500 year civilization. In 2010 Sarazm was added to the list of Human heritage by UNESCO.

Khaftkul Valley

Pick up from Samarkand hotel, drive to Boarder with Uzbek driver, meet your Tajik guide/driver at other side of boarder, drive to lowest lake – Nezhigon – is at an elevation of 1,640 metres. Its name comes from the Tajik word for eyelashes, although the reasoning behind this name is not clear. It is distinguished by its range of vibrant colours: depending on the lighting and season, the water can be turquoise, blue, or even purple.

1 hour 30minutes

Khaftkul Valley

Soya Lake is named after the Tajik word for “shadow” – as this lake is situated between high cliffs, it is in shade almost all day. Like Nezhigon, the water in Soya Lake changes colour depending on the weather and time of day.

1 hour 30 minutes • Admission Ticket Free

Khaftkul Valley

The third lake, Gushor, is 400 metres from Soya and as you approach it you’ll see a turbulent stream connecting the two. All these names mean “watchful”. Gushor Lake is surrounded by steep cliffs and was once the home of poisonous snakes, which explains the origin of the lake’s name.

45 minutes • Admission Ticket Free

Khaftkul Valley

Nofin, the fourth of the seven lakes, is very elongated – it is more than 2.5 kilometres long but only about 200 metres wide. The lake’s name means “umbilical cord”, due to Nofin being the central one of seven lakes and very long, like an umbilical cord. Locals tell various legends and say that the lake has secrets., lunch break

1 hour 30 minutes • Admission Ticket Free

Khaftkul Valley

Khurdak - this lake, the name of which means “baby”, is the smallest of the Seven Lakes. The distance from Nofin Lake to Khurdak Lake is 1.5 km, and along the way you can see the village of Padrut.

45 minutes • Admission Ticket Free

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This is the largest and, to many people, the most beautiful of the Seven Lakes. The expanse of blue water and the majestic mountains in the background create a magnificent landscape. Petroglyphs of primitive people have been found on the shore of Marguzor and, in the Middle Ages, semiprecious stones were mined near the lake. Today, at the southern end of the lake is a small village whose houses are scattered on the surrounding slopes. Locals tell legends and fairytales about Lake Marguzor.

50 minutes • Admission Ticket Free

Khaftkul Valley

Hazorchashma - the seventh and highest of the Seven Lakes is located at around 2,400 metres above sea level. The name Hazorchashma (or Azorchashma) means “thousand springs” – the lake is fed by the waters of two rivers and many streams and springs. Hazorchashma is the last lake in the gorge of the Shing River. The road ends here and beyond this there are no further settlements and you find only the wildlife of the Fan Mountains.

40 minutes • Admission Ticket Free

Samarkand

pass Uzbek boarder drive back to your starting point
1 hour

Pickup details

- We pick up all travelers from their hotels in Samarkand

What's included

- Air-conditioned vehicle
- All Fees and Taxes
- Professional Certified Guide

What's not included

- Lunch
- **Make sure to get your Tajikistan tourism visa if it is required for your country**

Price

- *1 person in a group – 210\$ per person**
- *2 persons in a group – 200\$ per person**
- *3 persons in a group – 190\$ per person**

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