

TURKMENISTAN GROUP TRIPS

Day 1: Ashgabat / Dashoguz (Uzbekistan border)

Option1: Arrive at Ashgabat International Airport. Our representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel (check in on time). Overnight at the hotel.

Option2: Our representative will meet you at the Turkmen/Uzbek border 'Shavat'. Transfer to your hotel in Dashoguz (15km). Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: Darvaza

Breakfast at the hotel. Afternoon drive to **Darvaza Burning Gas Crater**, one of the top international tourist destinations. The area is rich in natural gas. Burning over 50 years, Darvaza Gas Crater shines like a pearl in the Karakum desert. One of the most vivid and addictive features of this trip is the fresh air of the desert and experiencing the nomadic life in person. At night, while the light of the Gas Crater hits the sky, you will camp in the Turkmen national **yurt** or private **tents** and have a **barbecue** for dinner. This unique landscape will fascinate you and you will want to come again.



Day 3: Darvaza – Ashgabat

Picnic-style breakfast in Darvaza. After breakfast, drive to Ashgabat (276km).

Afternoon you will have an Ashgabat city tour. You will see the **Wedding Palace, modern "Yildyz" Hotel, Ferries Wheel, Constitution Monument, Arch of Neutrality, Monument and Park of Independence, Ertogrul Gazy Mosque, Ashgabat Olympic Stadium and Halk Hakydasy Memorial Complex**. Overnight in Ashgabat.



Day 4: Ashgabat

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, drive to visit the **Carpet Museum**, one of the best in Central Asia featuring designs from the Tekke, Yamud, Sarik and Chodor tribes. The Turkmen Carpet Museum is one of the cultural centres of Turkmenistan, where about 2000 carpet exhibits, including rare ones, are exhibited. For



example, the museum has the smallest carpet to wear keys, as well as the world’s largest hand carpet with a total area of 301 m², which was woven in 2001, and in 2003 it was added to the Guinness Book of Records.

Then drive to visit **Horse Stable** to see a national pride of the Turkmen people – Akhalteke horses, the nicest horses in the world. 5000 years ago, Turkmen began to breed Akhalteke horses. The World’s unique breed was never mixed with other breeds. Such illustrious Emperors like Alexander the Great, and Darius I desired to own Ahalteke horses. There are over 35 beautiful horses on the farm. Per superstition, every sick person who touches an Ahalteke horse will get well soon.

Afternoon, visit **Gulistan Bazaar** (Russian Bazaar), which is one of the largest and oldest covered markets and a must-visit for any traveller to Ashgabat. The ground floor of the bazaar is dedicated to fresh produce, such as fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, and dairy products. There are also stalls selling spices, nuts, dried fruits, and other food items. The second floor of the bazaar is home to a variety of shops selling clothing, and souvenirs.

Overnight at the hotel.



Day 5: Departure

Transfer to Ashgabat International Airport for the flight home.

Optional: Morning flight to Dashoguz or Turkmenabat, followed by transfer to the Turkmen/Uzbek border near Khiva (from Dashoguz) or Bukhara (from Turkmenabat). (additional 110 USD p/p)

Service includes:	Service does not include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Invitation (State Registration, Travel Pass) • Accommodation in DBL/Twin room: • Sport hotel 4* - 2 nights • Dashoguz hotel 4* - 1 night • Stantrips Yurt Camp – 1 night (incl sleeping mats, sleeping bags, pillows, light) • Escort English-speaking guide service • Transportation as per program per AC regular road vehicles and 4x4 where terrain requires • Entrance fee: per program • Meals: BF at hotel, BBQ dinner at Darvaza • 1.5 L water per person per day • Travel tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Cost of Turkmen visa w/border fees (85-100 USD) • PCR test • Payment for photos and videos in UNESCO sites & museums • Meals: L & D • Tips for guide and driver • Medical insurance • Services not shown in the program • Single supplement – 105 USD

Price in USD per person	595
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Pricing is based on shared accommodation. A single supplement fee (105 USD) will be required if no suitable roommate is found, and the single supplement is only applicable in hotels.

Other notes:

1. *Due to the changing conditions of some roads & traffic, it might take slightly more or less time to drive than the mentioned driving time in the program*
2. *If the traveller stays more than 3 working days in Turkmenistan, the travel agency will register and stamp your passport on a local Tourist Board.*
3. *An express PCR test for Covid-19 will be taken upon arrival. It costs between 33-37 USD.*
4. *Breakfast box in case of very early morning departures.*
5. *Make sure you have a spare change with you to facilitate and expedite visa and other procedures at the airport.*

Group Dates	March	March	April	April	May	May	June	June	July	July
Day 11: Shavat - Dashoguz	14	28	11	25	9	23	6	20	4	18
Day 12: Dashoguz – Darvaza	15	29	12	26	10	24	7	21	5	19
Day 13: Darvaza – Ashgabat	16	30	13	27	11	25	8	22	6	20
Day 14: Ashgabat	17	31	14	28	12	26	9	23	7	21
Day 15: Departure	18	1	15	29	13	27	10	24	8	22

Group Dates	Aug	Aug	Sep	Sep	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov
Day 11: Shavat - Dashoguz	15	29	5	15	3	17	24	7
Day 12: Dashoguz – Darvaza	16	30	6	16	4	18	25	8
Day 13: Darvaza – Ashgabat	17	31	7	17	5	19	26	9
Day 14: Ashgabat	18	1	8	18	6	20	27	10
Day 15: Departure	19	2	9	19	7	21	28	11

