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Ceramics & Miniature Painting: The Visual Arts Journey

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Day 1: Day 1: Tashkent Arrival ? Samarkand

Welcome to Uzbekistan! Transfer to Samarkand by fast train. Evening stroll through Registan Square as golden hour illuminates the tilework. Orientation dinner with group.

Overnight at hotel

Day 2: Day 2: Samarkand Paper-Making Workshop

Morning: Visit Konigil village for traditional paper-making workshop. Learn how mulberry bark becomes silk-smooth Samarkand paper. Make your own sheets. Afternoon: Registan tilework study—examine geometric patterns that inspire miniature painting. Homestay with paper-making family.

Overnight at hotel

Day 3: Day 3: Gijduvan Pottery Immersion Day 1

Travel to Gijduvan (1 hour). Full day with 5th-generation UNESCO master Alisher Nazirov. Pottery wheel basics, shaping bowls, learning the famous Gijduvan blue glaze techniques. Evening: Traditional dinner at artisan home. Homestay.

Overnight at hotel

Day 4: Day 4: Gijduvan Pottery Day 2 ? Bukhara

Morning: Glazing and decorating your pottery pieces. Learn geometric pattern composition. Afternoon: Transfer to Bukhara Old City. Check into boutique hotel. Evening walking tour of Lyabi-Hauz plaza.

Overnight at hotel

Day 5: Day 5: Bukhara Miniature Painting Workshop

Full day studying Persian miniature painting with master miniaturist. Morning: History, pigment preparation, brush techniques. Afternoon: Create your own miniature (traditional motifs or personal design). Evening: Bukhara Old City exploration.

Overnight at hotel

Day 6: Day 6: Bukhara Ceramics & Art Studios

Morning: Visit ceramic workshops, see masters creating elaborate plates and bowls. Afternoon: Advanced miniature painting session—add details to your piece. Evening: Farewell dinner at artisan courtyard.

Overnight at hotel

Day 7: Day 7: Bukhara ? Tashkent Departure

Morning: Pick up your fired pottery pieces (shipped if not dry). Transfer to Tashkent. Depart with your miniature painting, pottery, and handmade paper—a visual record of your journey.