

Ceramics & Miniature Painting: The Visual Arts Journey

7 days / 6 nights

DURATION

7 Days

STARTING FROM

Bukhara

TOUR TYPE

Group only

FROM

\$1,950 / person

Seven days exploring Uzbekistan's finest visual crafts. From clay to canvas—master pottery with UNESCO artisans, learn Persian miniature painting, and discover paper-making traditions in Samarkand.

Tour Highlights

- ★ 5 master workshops: pottery (Gijduvan), miniature painting, paper-making, ceramics glazing
- ★ Learn Persian miniature techniques from Bukhara's masters
- ★ Hands-on pottery wheel sessions with UNESCO-recognized artisans
- ★ Create your own miniature painting to take home
- ★ 3 artisan homestays + 3 boutique hotel nights
- ★ Visit Registan and Bukhara's Old City
- ★ Small groups (max 6) for quality studio time

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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 accommodation

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 accommodation

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 accommodation

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 accommodation

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 accommodation

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 accommodation

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.

What's Included

- ✓ All 5 craft workshops with master artisans (18+ hours)
- ✓ 6 nights accommodation (3 homestays + 3 boutique hotels)
- ✓ All breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners
- ✓ Private transportation throughout
- ✓ English-speaking cultural guide
- ✓ All materials for workshops (clay, paints, paper)
- ✓ UNESCO site entrance fees (Registan, Bukhara)
- ✓ Airport transfers (Tashkent)
- ✓ Workshop certificates from masters

Not Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ 2 lunches (free time in cities)
- ✗ Personal expenses and souvenirs
- ✗ Tips for guides and artisans (optional)
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages