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Pottery & Suzani Intensive: Masters of Clay and Thread

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Day 1: Day 1: Samarkand Arrival & Orientation

Arrive Samarkand. Hotel check-in. Evening: Registan Square walking tour at golden hour. Orientation dinner—meet your small group and guide. Discuss the week ahead.

Overnight at hotel

Day 2: Day 2: Gijduvan Pottery Workshop Day 1

Morning: Transfer to Gijduvan (1 hour). Meet UNESCO master potter Alisher Nazirov. Pottery wheel session—learn centering and shaping techniques. Afternoon: Create bowls and plates. Evening: Traditional dinner at potter home. Homestay.

Overnight at hotel

Day 3: Day 3: Gijduvan Pottery Day 2 ? Bukhara

Morning: Glazing and decorating your pottery. Learn the famous Gijduvan blue glaze patterns. Afternoon: Drive to Bukhara (1 hour). Old City walking tour. Evening: Explore Lyabi-Hauz plaza. Boutique hotel.

Overnight at hotel

Day 4: Day 4: Bukhara Suzani Embroidery Day 1

Full day with master embroiderer. Morning: Suzani history, design principles, stitch types (chain, satin, basma). Afternoon: Begin your own suzani panel—choose traditional or modern design. Homestay with embroidery family.

Overnight at hotel

## Day 5: Day 5: Bukhara Suzani Embroidery Day 2

Full day continuing your suzani. Morning: Add colors, refine stitches. Master shares family patterns and stories. Afternoon: Visit Bukhara textile bazaar—see merchants selling suzani and ikat. Evening: Farewell dinner at artisan courtyard. Homestay.

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*Overnight at hotel*

## Day 6: Day 6: Bukhara ? Samarkand Departure

Morning: Pick up your fired pottery pieces (or arrange shipping). Transfer back to Samarkand. Afternoon: Final Registan visit, souvenir shopping. Depart with your pottery, suzani panel, and new artisan connections.