

Shahrisabz Day Tour from Samarkand (Group & Private) - Konigil & Mountain Pass

1 Day (6-8 hours)

DURATION

1 Days

STARTING FROM

Shahrisabz

TOUR TYPE

Hybrid

FROM

\$50 / person

Join a small guided group from Samarkand to Shahrisabz via the scenic Tahtakaracha Pass. Explore Ak-Saray Palace, Dorut Tilavat, and Kok-Gumbaz Mosque with a licensed guide

Tour Highlights

- ★ Scenic drive across the Takhtakaracha Mountain Pass with panoramic Zarafshan views
- ★ Teshik-Tosh ("Rock with the Hole") natural viewpoint – famous filming location
- ★ Konigil village visit with live silk paper-making demonstration
- ★ Monumental Ak-Saray Palace ruins – Timur's grand summer residence
- ★ Kok-Gumbaz Mosque with its striking turquoise dome
- ★ Dorut-Tilavat memorial complex – sacred Timurid mausoleums
- ★ Scenic photo stops overlooking Karaterpin Reservoir and rural landscapes
- ★ Available as Private Tour or Small Group Experience

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Samarkand - Konigil - Shahrisabz - Samarkand

Full-day cultural journey from Samarkand to Shahrisabz, combining artisan traditions, mountain landscapes, and UNESCO heritage monuments.

MORNING:

Hotel Pickup in Samarkand

Convenient pickup from your hotel in Samarkand city center.

Konigil Village Artisan Workshops

Experience traditional silk paper craftsmanship in Konigil village, where artisans use centuries-old mulberry techniques to create handmade Samarkand paper. Observe the full process from bark preparation to finished sheets.

Takhtakaracha Mountain Pass

Scenic photo stop at the Takhtakaracha Pass (2,675m). Enjoy panoramic mountain views along the historic route between Samarkand and Shahrisabz.

Teshik Tosh Natural Viewpoint

Short scenic stop at a dramatic natural viewpoint in the mountain landscape.

Ak-Saray Palace

Explore the ruins of Timur's magnificent summer palace, once the grandest building in the empire. The massive entrance portal with its intricate blue-and-gold tile mosaics remains awe-inspiring. Once intended to surpass all monuments of the era, its monumental gateway still reflects Timur's imperial ambition.

AFTERNOON:

Lunch Break

Enjoy a relaxing lunch at a local restaurant in Shahrisabz with traditional Uzbek cuisine.

Kok-Gumbaz Mosque

Visit the 15th-century Blue Dome Mosque built by Ulugbek. Admire the striking turquoise dome and elegant courtyard.

Dorut-Tilavat Memorial Complex

A serene medieval complex housing the mausoleums of Timur's father and spiritual teacher. Features beautiful carved marble and tilework. A peaceful spiritual complex offering insight into the legacy of Timur's family.

Free Time & Local Market

Optional free time to explore the local bazaar, browse handicrafts, and soak in the atmosphere of this historic city at your own pace.

Return to Samarkand

Scenic drive back through the mountains. Arrival approximately 18:00-18:30.

What's Included

- ✓ Round-trip comfortable transportation from Samarkand
- ✓ Professional experienced driver
- ✓ Licensed guide (included in Group option)
- ✓ Flexible departure time (Private option)
- ✓ Hotel pickup & drop-off (Private option)
- ✓ Scenic photo stops along the route
- ✓ Free time for independent exploration

Not Included

- ✗ Lunch and personal meals
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Personal expenses and souvenirs
- ✗ Tips (optional)
- ✗ Entrance fees (if not included in price)