

Silk Road Artisan Trail: The 5-Day Sampler

5 days / 4 nights

DURATION

5 Days

STARTING FROM

Fergana

TOUR TYPE

Group only

FROM

\$1,450 / person

Five action-packed days experiencing diverse Silk Road crafts. Pottery, embroidery, metalwork, and wood carving in Bukhara, Gijduvan, and Samarkand. Perfect for one-week vacations—maximum craft diversity, best value per day.

Tour Highlights

- ★ 6 different craft workshops in 5 days (pottery, suzani, metalwork, wood carving)
- ★ Fast-paced immersion—experience maximum craft diversity
- ★ UNESCO masters in Gijduvan pottery
- ★ Bukhara Old City artisan quarter exploration
- ★ Best value: \$290/day for comprehensive experience
- ★ 3 artisan homestays + 1 boutique hotel
- ★ Small groups (max 6 travelers)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival Samarkand → Gijduvan Pottery

Arrive Samarkand. Quick Registan photo stop, then travel to Gijduvan (1 hour). Afternoon: Pottery workshop with UNESCO master—learn wheel throwing, shaping techniques. Evening: Traditional dinner at potter home. Homestay.

Overnight accommodation

Day 2: Gijduvan Glazing → Bukhara Metalwork

Morning: Glaze and decorate your pottery pieces. Learn Gijduvan blue techniques. Afternoon: Travel to Bukhara. Evening: Blacksmith workshop—watch master forge knives, try basic metalworking. Boutique hotel in Old City.

Overnight accommodation

Day 3: Bukhara Suzani Embroidery

Full day with master embroiderer. Morning: Suzani history, stitch techniques, design principles. Afternoon: Begin your own suzani panel—choose motifs, learn chain and satin stitch. Evening: Bukhara Old City walking tour. Homestay with embroidery family.

Overnight accommodation

Day 4: Wood Carving & Artisan Quarter

Morning: Wood carving workshop—learn traditional Bukhara door and pillar carving. Try chisel and mallet on walnut wood. Afternoon: Guided tour of Bukhara artisan quarters—visit carpet weavers, miniature painters, goldsmiths. Evening: Continue suzani embroidery. Homestay.

Overnight accommodation

Day 5: Final Craft Session → Samarkand

Morning: Carpet weaving demonstration and quick try at loom. Pick up fired pottery. Afternoon: Travel to Samarkand. Registan detailed tour—study tilework that inspires crafts. Evening: Farewell dinner. Transfer to Tashkent or overnight Samarkand.

What's Included

- ✓ All 6 craft workshops with master artisans (16+ hours)
- ✓ 4 nights accommodation (3 homestays + 1 boutique hotel)
- ✓ All breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- ✓ Private transportation throughout
- ✓ English-speaking cultural guide
- ✓ All workshop materials and supplies
- ✓ UNESCO site entrance fees (Registan, Bukhara)
- ✓ Airport transfers (Tashkent or Bukhara)

Not Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ 1 lunch (free time in Bukhara)
- ✗ Personal expenses and craft purchases
- ✗ Tips for guides and artisans (optional)
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages