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Silk Road Artisan Trail: The 5-Day Sampler

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

Day 1: 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 at hotel

Day 2: 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 at hotel

Day 3: 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 at hotel

Day 4: 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 at hotel

Day 5: 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.

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