

Tashkent Timelines: From Ancient Bazaars to Soviet Subways

1 day

DURATION

1 Days

TOUR TYPE

Hybrid

FROM

\$65 / person

A full-day immersion into Tashkent's cultural tapestry, exploring ancient bazaars, stunning metro art, and key museums that trace the city's Silk Road and Soviet heritage.

Tour Highlights

- ★ Experience the vibrant atmosphere and ancient trade traditions at the iconic Chorsu Bazaar under its majestic blue dome.
- ★ Delve into Uzbekistan's deep history at the State Museum of History of Uzbekistan and the Amir Timur Museum.
- ★ Admire the stunning architectural art and mosaics of Tashkent's Metro, visiting its most beautiful stations.
- ★ Explore the historic Khast Imam Complex, home to the world's oldest Quran, and the monumental Independence Square.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Full Day: Tashkent's Cultural Crossroads

Today's tour is a logical loop through central Tashkent, starting with its ancient religious heart, moving to its grand Soviet-era center, and finishing with the bustling legacy of the Silk Road. We'll travel efficiently on foot and by metro, experiencing the city as locals do.

MORNING:

Meeting & Khast Imam Complex

Meet your guide at the central landmark Hotel Uzbekistan. Begin with a short walk to the Khast Imam Square, the religious center of Tashkent. Visit the Barak-Khan Madrasah, the Tillya Sheikh Mosque, and the Mausoleum of Abu Bakr Kaffal Shashi. The highlight is the Muyi Mubarak Library, which houses the 7th-century Osman Quran, one of the oldest in the world.

Chorsu Bazaar Exploration

A brief 10-minute walk brings you to the iconic Chorsu Bazaar. Explore the vibrant market under its giant blue dome, where you'll find spices, dried fruits, nuts, traditional sweets, and crafts. Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of a market that has operated on this site for centuries. This is also a perfect opportunity to observe daily Uzbek life.

AFTERNOON:

Kukeldash Madrasah & Metro Journey to Amir Timur Square

Adjacent to the bazaar, view the 16th-century Kukeldash Madrasah. Then, descend into the Tashkent Metro at Chorsu station. Enjoy a short ride to Mustaqillik Maydoni station, admiring the station's artistic design. Emerge at the vast Independence Square (Mustaqillik Maydoni), a key Soviet-era site with fountains, monuments, and government buildings.

Lunch Break (Independent)

Your guide will recommend several nearby local restaurants or chaikhanas (tea houses) for an authentic Uzbek lunch. This is an excluded cost, allowing you to choose according to your preference (approx. 1 hour).

Amir Timur Museum

A short walk from the square brings you to the distinctive round-domed Amir Timur Museum. Explore exhibits dedicated to the history of the Timurid Empire, with artifacts, manuscripts, and murals depicting the life of the great conqueror Amir Timur (Tamerlane).

Amir Timur Square & Broadway Walk

Step outside the museum into the green Amir Timur Square, centered on an equestrian statue of the ruler. Enjoy a leisurely stroll down the nearby pedestrian 'Broadway' (official name: Sailgokh Street), known for its artists, souvenir sellers, and carnival atmosphere.

Metro Art Tour to Alisher Navoi Station

Re-enter the metro at Amir Timur station. Your guide will lead you on a short journey, changing lines to visit one or two of the system's most artistically significant stations, such as Kosmonavtlar (Cosmonauts) or Pakhtakor, before arriving at Alisher Navoi station.

State Museum of History of Uzbekistan

Exit at Alisher Navoi station, located next to the beautiful Alisher Navoi Opera and Ballet Theatre. Your final museum visit is the State Museum of History of Uzbekistan. Its extensive collection covers archaeology, ethnography, and numismatics from the Stone Age through the Silk Road era to the modern period, providing perfect context for everything you've seen today.

Tour Conclusion & Farewell

Your tour concludes at the museum. Your guide will provide directions back to your hotel or recommendations for the evening. You are now perfectly situated in a central area with many dining options nearby.

What's Included

- ✓ Professional English-speaking guide for the full day
- ✓ All transportation during the tour (metro rides, walking, and short taxi transfers between non-walkable areas)
- ✓ Entrance fees to the State Museum of History of Uzbekistan and the Amir Timur Museum
- ✓ Bottled water throughout the day

Not Included

- ✗ Hotel pickup and drop-off (meeting point is central)
- ✗ Lunch and any personal snacks or purchases at Chorsu Bazaar
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Tips and gratuities for the guide
- ✗ Any additional personal expenses