

Textile Immersion: From Cocoon to Canvas

6 days / 5 nights

DURATION

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STARTING FROM

Margilan

TOUR TYPE

Group only

FROM

\$1,750 / person

Six-day deep dive into Uzbekistan's legendary textile traditions. Witness silk cocoons become shimmering fabric, master ikat dyeing, embroider suzani, and felt-make with nomadic techniques. Perfect for fashion designers and fiber artists.

Tour Highlights

- ★ Complete textile journey: silk reeling → weaving → ikat dyeing → suzani embroidery
- ★ Visit Margilan Silk Factory—see cocoons become fabric
- ★ Hands-on ikat dyeing workshop (tie-dye on silk)
- ★ 2 full days of suzani embroidery with master needlewomen
- ★ Nomadic felt-making techniques
- ★ 4 artisan homestays (weavers, embroiderers)
- ★ Small groups (max 6) = personalized instruction

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival → Margilan (Fergana Valley)

Arrive Tashkent or Fergana. Transfer to Margilan—the silk capital of Central Asia. Evening: Meet your host weaver family. Traditional Fergana pilaf dinner.

Overnight accommodation

Day 2: Silk Immersion Day

Morning: Margilan Silk Factory tour—witness complete silk production. See cocoons boiled, thread reeled, looms in action. Afternoon: Ikat dyeing workshop—learn intricate tie-dye technique. Bind your own silk skein, watch master dye it. Homestay with silk weaver family.

Overnight accommodation

Day 3: Weaving Workshop → Samarkand

Morning: Hands-on time at the loom—try traditional shuttle weaving. See how ikat patterns emerge. Afternoon: Travel to Samarkand. Check into artisan homestay. Evening: Registan visit at sunset.

Overnight accommodation

Day 4: Suzani Embroidery Immersion Day 1

Full day with master suzani embroiderer. Morning: History of suzani (bridal tradition), design principles, stitch types. Afternoon: Begin your suzani panel—choose design. Learn chain stitch, satin stitch, basma (couching). Homestay with embroidery family.

Overnight accommodation

Day 5: Suzani Embroidery Day 2 → Bukhara

Morning: Continue suzani panel—add colors, refine stitches. Master shares family patterns. Afternoon: Travel to Bukhara. Check into boutique hotel. Evening: Textile bazaar tour—see merchants selling ikat, suzani, silk.

Overnight accommodation

Day 6: Felt-Making & Bukhara Textiles

Morning: Nomadic felt-making workshop—turn wool into felt using ancient techniques. Make small felt pieces. Afternoon: Visit Bukhara best textile ateliers. Meet designers blending traditional and modern. Farewell dinner.

What's Included

- ✓ All 6 textile workshops (24+ hours total)
- ✓ 5 nights accommodation (4 homestays + 1 boutique hotel)
- ✓ All breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners
- ✓ Private transportation throughout
- ✓ English-speaking textile specialist guide
- ✓ All materials (silk thread, dyes, embroidery supplies)
- ✓ Silk factory tour (Margilan)
- ✓ Bukhara Old City textile bazaar tour
- ✓ Airport transfers (Tashkent or Fergana)

Not Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ 1 lunch (free time in Bukhara)
- ✗ Personal textile purchases (fabrics, supplies)
- ✗ Tips for artisans (optional but appreciated)
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages