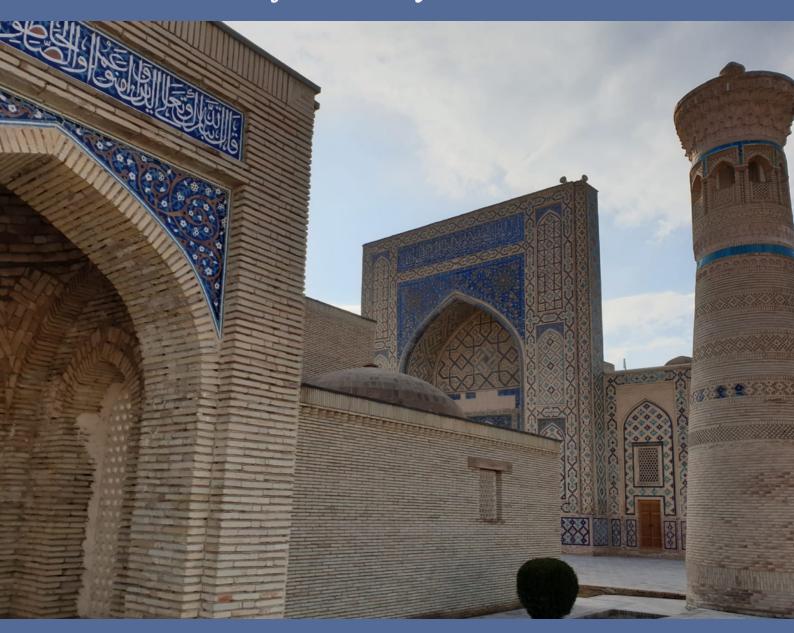
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### Tashkent & Bukhara, Uzbekistan

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### Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is a country in Central Asia. It is bordered by Kazakhstan to the north; Kyrgyzstan to the north-east; Tajikistan to the south-east; Afghanistan to the south; and Turkmenistan to the south-west. Its capital and largest city is Tashkent.

The Sahabi Qutham ibn al-'Abbās (RA), and many saints and scholars are buried here. There are also claims that the grave of Prophet Daniel (AS) is in Samarqand, Uzbekistan. It is also known for its architecture, Masjids and Madrasahs.

# The old Khorasan, before division



This is the land referred to in history books as Khorasan. A part of Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and the surrounding areas, all formed Khorasan.



The conquest of Khorasan started during the Khilāfah of Hadhrat Uthman (RA), where parts of Korasan was conquered by Abdullah ibn Amir (RH).

Then during the Khilafah of Hadhrat Mu'awiyah (RA), Samarqand, Bukhara etc was conquered by Saīd ibn Uthman. Thereafter Muhallab ibn Abī Sufra (RH) and Qutaibah ibn Muslim (RH) completely conquered it.



Uzbekistan's currency is called So'm, 10000 So'm approximately equals to £6.17.

#### Cost for food and accommodation



If the booking is made at the hotel, an average room for two adults will cost £30 per night. A meal for four adults in a restaurant is approximately £25. A fast train in Business class from Tashkent to Bukhara (approximately 580 to 600 miles) is around £18.



From the year 1924 to 1991, during the Soviet rule, Uzbekistan became a communist country, and to practice Islam openly became difficult.

With independence in 1991, the opportunity came for Muslims in Uzbekistan to practice freely and openly. We saw a lot of attendees in Fajr Salāh, everyone, including the youth and children would make Salam. Sadly, however, the majority of the people could not be seen wearing Islamic attire.

Uzbek people are very friendly, polite and hospitable. Over 90% are Muslim, and from the Hanafi school of thought.

### **Tashkent**

We arrived (Myself, Muhammad Sajid Sufi, Moulana Abdurrauf Kılıçaslan and Muhammad Musab Kılıçaslan), to Tashkent, Uzbekistan on Sunday 19th February 2023 at 4 am.

We performed our Fajr Salāh in Tashkent Islom Ota Masjidi, followed by breakfast. Due to limited days, we continued our Journey on the same day via a high speed train to Bukhara.

Sajid Ibrahim Sufi











Breakfast being prepared



Afrosiyob high speed train



### Hotel in Bukhara





### Visit to the graves of the seven saints in Bukhara



Bukhara is the birthplace of seven great saints from the Naqshbandi order

### Part of the golden chain of the Naqshbandi order

#### Prophet Muhammad

- 1. Abū Bakr aṣ-Ṣiddīq (RA)
- 2. Salmān al-Fārisī (RA)
- 3. Qāsim bin Muhammad bin Abī Bakr (RH)
- 4. Ja far aṣ-Ṣādiq (RH)
- 5. Bāyazīd Busṭāmī (RH)
- 6. Abul Hasan Kharqānī (RH)
- 7. Abul Qasim Gurgāni (RH)
- 8. Abū 'Alī Fārmidī (RH)
- 9. Yūsuf Hamdānī (RH)
- 10. Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH)
- 11. Arif Riyogarī (RH)
- 12. Mahmūd Injīr Faghnawī (RH)
- 13. Azīzān Alī Ramītānī (RH)
- 14. Muḥammad Bābā Samāsī (RH)
- 15. Amīr Kalāl (RH)
- 16. Bahā'ud Dīn Naqshband (RH)

# Complex, grave and room of Shaykh 'Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH)

Shaykh 'Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH) was a descendant of Hadhrat Imām Mālik (RH), whilst his mother was a descendant of the Roman Emperor. His pious father, 'Abdul Jamīl (RH), was regarded as amongst the great Imāms and saints of the time.











Seclusion room of Shaykh 'Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH)



Grave of the respected mother of Shaykh 'Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH)

### Grave of Shaykh 'Ārif Riyogarī (RH)

Shaykh 'Ārif Riyogarī (RH) was amongst the greatest Khulafā' (disciples) of Shaykh Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH). He remained in the company of Shaykh 'Abdul Khāliq Gujduwānī (RH) for the duration of his life, obtaining spiritual treasures from him. After the demise of his Shaykh, he ascended the seat of advising people, and remained engaged in guiding the creation. He held a high position in knowledge, forbearance, abstention, Taqwā, worship

and following the Sunnah.









# Shaykh Mahmūd Injīr Faghnawī (RH)

Shaykh Maḥmūd Injīr Faghnawī was amongst the best and most accomplished Khulafā' of Shaykh 'Ārif Riyogarī (RH).

During his final moments, Shaykh 'Ārif Riyogarī (RH) granted him Khilāfah and permission to call the creation unto Allāh.







## Shaykh 'Alī Ramītānī (RH)

Shaykh 'Alī Ramītānī (RH) was amongst the incomparable Khulafā' of Shaykh Maḥmūd 'Injīr Faghnawī (RH). He is also known as "Hazrat 'Azīzān". He achieved a lofty position despite being a weaver by profession.

Hazrat Mawlana Jalālud Dīn Rūmī (RH) composed the following poetry in reference to him:

If it wasn't for the 'knowledge of the state'
(from The Almighty) being superior to
traditional knowledge (books);

How else would the great personalities of Bukhara become slaves to a weaver?







The middle grave is of Shaykh 'Alī Ramītānī (RH)



# Shaykh Muhammad Bābā Samāsī (RH)

O'ZBEKISTON MUSULMONLARI IDORASI BUXORO VILOYATI ROMITAN TUMANI EXO'JA MUHAMMAD BOBOIY SAMOSIY" JOME' MASJIDI



Outside of the grave

### Grave of Shaykh Muḥammad Bābā Samāsī (RH) from the inside



#### Shaykh Sayyid Amīr Kalāl (RH)

Shaykh Sayyid Amīr Kalāl (RH) was amongst the most illustrious Khulafā' of Shaykh Muhammad Bābā Samāsī (RH). He was a Sayyid - descendant of keeper. His noble mother said "During my pregnancy with Amīr Kalāl, whenever I ate a doubtful morsel I would be wracked with such pain that I could not obtain any relief until I had vomited it out. When this occurred several times, I came to realise that it is because of this child. I then became extremely cautious in every morsel that I ate."







## Shaykh Bahā'ud Dīn Naqshband (RH)

The founder of the Naqshbandīyyah order, Shaykh Bahā'ud Dīn Naqshband (RH). Before him, the order was known as Rasūliyyah Ṣiddīqiyyah

Shaykh Muḥammad Bābā Samāsī (RH) related the excellence of Shaykh Bahā'ud Dīn before he was even born, saying, "the time is approaching when a great person will be born in these lands. I can smell his fragrance. The world will be illuminated by his presence and multitudes of people will attain benefit from him."

His Shaykh and teacher was Shaykh Sayyid Amīr Kalāl (RH).





