

## General Information

The information, which contains here will be very useful for you and will help to avoid some misunderstanding. By familiarizing more in details with this information you, essentially will facilitate your stay.

Capital – Tashkent city. Republic of Uzbekistan is located in vast territory in the middle of Central Asia, mainly between Amudarya and Sirdarya rivers. It is bordering with 5 neighbor republics: Kyrgyzstan in north-east, Kazakhstan in north-west, Tajikistan in south-east, Turkmenistan in south-west, in south, on short section, with Afghanistan.



## Uzbekistan

Flag, the history of Uzbekistan. Photo of Uzbekistan Map of Uzbekistan



**Uzbekistan** - an independent state in Central Asia. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Uzbekistan has chosen democratic policies and has since successfully implements the reforms went into the international economic community, as a full member of it.

Uzbekistan - an unusual edge, original, with a rich heritage. It is home to a surprisingly talented and generous people. People are very kind and friendly soul, carefully preserving its traditions

and customs. Every national holiday has become for all residents of the State. People expect them and was pleased. So, for Nowruz, Khayit, Constitution Day, Independence Day each year with interest the students prepare national dances, songs, recite poems, and Uzbek poets their own, treat each other with sweets national, arrange exhibitions crafts. Even the lessons of the Uzbek language are unlike the usual lessons. They instill a love of poetry and prose, acquaint us with the national traditions and customs. Young people grew up in verse Agakhi, Shermukhamedov Muniz, Fizuli Bedil, plays Kahhar Abdullah, Nazim Hikmet. Of course, after an acquaintance with the works of these great people want to read yourself rubai, and not in translation but in the original.

In the years of independence has been given a powerful impetus to the development of art and creativity in all its manifestations. This contributed to the revival of national, cultural and spiritual values, as well as out of Uzbekistan in the international arena. In the field of musical art national contest "Uzbekistan - manim Watani" and international - "Shark Taronalari" became representative forum to facilitate the identification of talent.

Recently semnadtsatiletie musical culture of Uzbekistan was enriched with new works by composers R. Abdullaev, FG Alimov, A. Ergashev, FM and D.F. Yanov-Yanovsky, A. Ikramov, N. Giyasova, MA Atajanova, Mansurov, J. Nazarova, and others. They found a creative refraction tone maqam and modern harmony, folk and pop rhythms, ideas, high morals, philosophical reflections, gentle humor, emotional and aesthetic richness.

But there is more than can be proud of our free country. We manufacture aircraft, excavators, power transformers, electric cranes, a wide range of consumer goods. Our products are exported to various countries around the world. The modern economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan is a multi-territorial-production complex. It is based on natural gas industries, ferrous and non ferrous metals, cotton, textiles, canning, and others. But the main treasure of Uzbekistan is cotton. Its significance in the economy free of Uzbekistan cotton is one of the leading places. It is in line with the bread, metal, oil. That is why since ancient times people affectionately call it "white gold".

### **General information**

**Location:** Central Asia, north of Afghanistan.

**Coordinates:** 41-00 N, 64-00 east longitude.

**Area:** 447,900 sq. km. km. of these land - 425,900 sq km water - 22,000 sq km

**Population:** over 29 million people. (2011) 37% - 63% and urban - rural.

**Population density:** 59, 4 per square. km.

**The composition of the population:** 80% Uzbek, Russian 5, 5%, Tajiks 5%, Kazakh 5%, 2% Karakalpak, Tatar 1, 5%.

**Administrative divisions:** 12 regions, 1 autonomous republic (Karakalpakstan)

**The capital of Uzbekistan:** Tashkent more than 2, 5 million

**Language:** Uzbek language - the state language, Russian - the language of international communication

**Religions:** Islam - 88%, Christian - 9%, 3% - the believers of other areas (for more details>>>>)

**Time:** GMT + 5 hours

**Electricity:** 220 V AC, 50 A, the standard-pin plug socket

**Internet zone:** Uz

**Uzbekistan's international telephone code:** +998

**The currency is the sum**

## **The national flag of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

### **Flag of Uzbekistan**



The law "On the State Flag of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted on November 18, 1991 at the eighth session of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Symbols of the State Flag of the Republic of Uzbekistan continues the best traditions of the flags of the great powers that have existed in our country, at the same time reflects the natural characteristics of the republic, national and cultural characteristics.

Sky-blue color - a symbol of blue sky and clean water. This color is considered in the East, its elected once for a flag and Amir Temur.

White - the symbol of peace and purity. Young independent state must overcome on the way various obstacles. White on the flag means good wishes to the way it was clean and bright.

Red stripes - the life force pulsing in every living thing, a symbol of life itself.

Green - the personification of nature. Currently, the world is growing movement for environmental protection, whose symbol is also green.

Crescent corresponds to a centuries-old traditions of Uzbek people. Crescent and star - the symbol of a cloudless sky and the world. On our 12 stars. The number 12 is considered a sign of perfection.

### **National Emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

#### **Emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan**



The law "On the State Emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was passed July 2, 1992 at the tenth session of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In the center of Khumo-bird with wings spread, which is a symbol of happiness and freedom. Great Uzbek poet Alisher Navoi called Khumo as the kindest of all living beings.

In the upper part of the emblem is octagonal, symbolizing the sign approval of the republic, inside it - crescent with a star.

The image of the sun - a wish that the way our country has always been illuminated by bright light. At the same time the sun points to the unique climatic conditions of the country.

Spikes - a symbol of sustenance, stems from the drop-down cotton bolls - the richness of our solar ground that her fame throughout the world. Spikes and cotton bolls, entwined with a ribbon National Flag means the consolidation of the people living in the country.

### **Location**

The Republic of Uzbekistan is located in the central part of Central Asia between two rivers - the Amu Darya and Syr Darya. In the north-west of the country is Turan Lowland and Tien-Shan Mountains, and south-east - ridges of the Pamir-Alai. Kyzylkum desert in the north. Uzbekistan borders with Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

### **Climate**

The climate in Uzbekistan is sharply continental. The average monthly temperature in winter - from +10 to +3 oC. Summers are hot and dry. In summer, temperatures range from +35 to +45 oC. Autumn is warm enough. At this time, the markets most delightful, well-known Uzbek fruits and vegetables. The air temperature in this time of year is about 13 oC.

Weather in Uzbekistan>>>>

Nature of Uzbekistan>>>>

### **Tourist seasons**

Because of the peculiarity of climate, first half of tourist season falls on spring months: March, April, May, and the second half is in August, September and October. Also there is tourist activity in winter months for the lovers of mountains and winter sports (ski, snowboard)

### **Kitchen**

The Uzbek kitchen there is more than a thousand national dishes, and about 100 ways to cook Uzbek pilaf. In every region of the country it is cooked in its own way. Caloric value and environmental friendliness of local food is unique. Uzbek cuisine can not describe in words, it should try. Great-tasting fruits and vegetables grown under the warm sun, the east are also components of Uzbek cuisine.

### **Currency**

All cash payments are made in sum (UZS, code 153) - the national currency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which was put into circulation on July 1, 1994

A sum consists of 100 tiyinov.

**Currency exchange offices are generally located in banks, markets, hotels, airports and are available in every city of Uzbekistan.**

### **Language**

Uzbek - the official language of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the language of interethnic communication. Up to 80% of the population can communicate in Russian. In some regions, such as Samarkand and Bukhara, the indigenous people speak Tajik.

A short Russian-Uzbek phrase>>>>

### **Clothing**

To travel to Uzbekistan, we recommend wearing a very light and loose clothing to cool evenings you can wear sweater or jacket. During the excursions and sightseeing on foot in the dry and dusty (sand, cobble, etc.), current will be comfortable, solid shoes with strong soles. There is a

need to remove shoes at the entrance to some religious sites and facilities. There are no special dress code for visiting Islamic religious sites, except for the need to cover most parts of your body including hands and feet.

Tourists better to dress comfortably, but not for fashion. Jewelry and any clothing that requires special attention, it is desirable to leave the house.

Because of the high risk of sunburn in the hot season, you should include in your wardrobe with broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

In some areas of Uzbekistan, a typical tourist might seem extremely rich, in comparison with the locals. The blatant display of jewelry, handbags, wallets and cameras will provide you from the crowd. Be discreet.

### **Luggage**

Bag with a long, strong strap or a small backpack - the most practical way of transportation of the camera and personal belongings during your stay in the territory of Uzbekistan. Your luggage should have a lock. Make sure that luggage is labeled. Your name must be specified on the label, and label the bags inside. All this will allow airport officials to identify your luggage in case of loss. Never leave luggage or personal belongings unattended in the airport, railway station, in other places.

Free baggage allowance on flights - 20 kg per person, plus one additional piece of hand baggage on domestic flights within Central Asia, except Turkmenistan, where the maximum baggage weight - 10 kg. As you travel to certain areas, where travel conditions are basic, strongly urge the baggage limit one suitcase or backpack and a sleeping bag. An important part of your luggage will also be a folder or wallet to store your necessary documents and money.

### **Health**

Travel in Uzbekistan will be held in areas that are not dangerous to a large extent in terms of infectious diseases, so that no official vaccinations for foreign travel is required. However, we strongly recommend you to prevent certain diseases to consult with your doctor.

You have to be ready for minor stomach complaints, because in some areas, the water contains large amounts of mineral and metallic salts. Consult your doctor or pharmacist about the acquisition of medical supplies and prevention of these diseases.

One of the major threats to health in the hot season - is dehydration. So always keep your body hydrated soft drinks.

Sunburn can also be a potential problem. It is advisable to carry suntan lotion and broad-brimmed hat. If you want you can take vitamins, to gargle to prevent basic infections, flu tablets, aspirins, plasters, antiseptic and antibacterial cream. Please let us know if you have allergies or need a special diet that need attention during the trip, unless your doctor has prescribed any treatment, make sure you have adequate stocks of medicines for the duration of leave.

### **Insurance**

As this kind of services in Uzbekistan is still developing, it is advisable to be insured at home by your local insurance company.

### **Security**

In hotels, unfortunately, not always provided by the presence of individual safes in the rooms. Therefore, all the important documents: passport, currency, traveler's checks, airline tickets, credit cards, etc. should be kept to yourself. Use caution to avoid loss of property.

Once moved into the hotel, give your passport to register. Do not forget to pick it up before leaving!

### **Extras**

You are responsible for covering the cost of your hotel extras such as phone calls, room service, mini-bar

in your room and laundry. Before departing from all the hotels on the tour, please ensure that you have checked with the front desk for any personal charges that the hotel may have made to your room.

### **Photography**

For tourists who want to capture the interest of space, there are no taboos. Photography is prohibited only in the airport and railway stations, in some religious places, military facilities and the Tashkent metro. Accompanying guide will explain everything always interesting moments. Also note that the payment for photography in most sightseeing places (not included in the price of the tour).

Film and batteries are available for sale, but suggest you buy all the necessary items before you arrive, especially if you have the latest modification or complicated type of photo / video camera, which requires a certain kind of film or batteries.

### **Beverages**

Mineral water contains the local production of higher levels of minerals than the water of foreign manufacture, and taste may seem to you quite salty (these mineral waters are healing).

Online, there are always imported spirits and other alcoholic beverages. However, we consider it expedient to warn you that in some places the origin of certain alcoholic beverages is highly questionable, and prices may be inflated.

### **Shopping**

Tourists will be impressed interesting jewelry, clothing and handicraft production in Central Asia. Books, postcards and maps also are common gifts. There are restrictions on the export of carpets. Detailed information on this subject ask before you buy your guide. Buying anything in the bazaars and in some other places of trade, no harm will bargain with the seller. In this case, the price of goods can be reduced.

### **Additional payments**

You are responsible for paying these additional hotel bills, like phone calls, room service, mini bar and laundry use. Before leaving the hotel provided a tour, please make sure you pay any additional charges.

### **Public Holidays**

January 1 - New Year

March 8 - International Women's Day

March 21 - Navruz (the Central Asian New Year)

9 May - Memorial Day

September 1 - Independence Day

October 1 - Teacher's day

December 8 - Constitution Day

### **Religious holidays with varying dates:**

Ramazan Hait

Kurban Hait

### **Business hours:**

Banks

Working dates: weekdays

Business hours: 09:00-16:00

Closed: Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

Post offices  
Working days: weekdays  
Business hours: 09:00-18:00  
Closed: Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

Department stores  
Working days: weekdays  
Business hours: 09:00-18:00  
Closed: Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

Government organizations  
Working days: weekdays  
Business hours: 09:00-18:00  
Closed: Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

### **Rent a car**

International Permit required. Minimum age is 18 years. Drive on the right. Speed limits 50-70 km/h in urban areas, 90 km/h on highways. Car rent with driver is widely offered rather than without driver.

### **Tips**

Tipping is widely used. If you are satisfied with service, you can leave some tips. It will be gladly accepted.

### **What to take**

If you are coming to Uzbekistan as a tourist following items are essential to take while staying: a backpack is very useful in carrying personal things, a hat, sunglasses, light shoes, sun blocks and light colored cotton clothes during summer and hot periods; a light water and windproof jacket is useful during autumn and period of light showers and at nights in the desert. Uzbekistan is a conservative country, though with Muslim traditions; therefore clothes should be conservative. Women and men may wear long slacks and shirts or blouses with sleeves.

### **Airlines in Uzbekistan**

All domestic flights are operated by National Company Uzbekistan Airways. Flights schedule can be changed without prior notice. Maximum luggage limit – 20kg per person + 5kg hand luggage. Clients should be at the airport minimum 1.5 hours before for domestic flights; and 2.5 hours before for international flights.

### **Documentation**

In order to enter and travel to Uzbekistan, you must have a passport. Visa for Russian citizens to enter the Republic of Uzbekistan is not required. The hotel will provide you with a certificate of registration, which is at the exit of Uzbekistan may be required to present passport control officers. If you decide to stay with friends, then you must be registered in the Local Police Department in the community.

### **Visa**

The Uzbek Cabinet has issued a resolution on the simplification of procedures for issuing visas to citizens of below coming list of countries visiting Uzbekistan:

- France
- Italy
- Belgium
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Japan
- Germany
- Austria
- Spain



- Switzerland
- Latvia
- USA
- Malaysia

The move is aimed at boosting political, trade and economic, tourist's, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation with these states.

Starting from now at the Uzbek foreign Ministry's missions abroad visas will issue to citizens of the specified countries, who are visiting Uzbekistan on business, within two working days for the period of one year. The requirement to provide an invitation from a legal entity registered in Uzbekistan has been abolished. One-month multiple entry visas for citizens will be issued within two office days. The requirement to provide tourist vouchers of the Uzbek tourism national company or tourist organizations has also been abolished.

Citizens of other countries not listed about need to hold an invitation letter to get the visa to Uzbekistan. To obtain the visa you have to send following information at least 15 days before arrival.

- Full name
- Citizenship
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Sex
- Copy of passport (scanned or faxed)
- Number of passport
- Workplace (company name and scanned or faxed employment letter)
- Position
- Place of obtaining visa (city, country)
- Duration of your stay in Uzbekistan: from – until
- Duration of your stay in hotel: one of our hotels or other options (check in-check out)
- Number of entries: single / double, triple

### **Airport and Customs Regulations**

Dear guests and citizens of republic of Uzbekistan! To avoid violation of custom legislation when entering into Uzbekistan, during customs control and registration you need to know below coming information:

- While crossing customs border of republic of Uzbekistan each passenger needs to fill custom declaration form T-6 by declaring foreign currency in cash, currency values, inventory holdings and other belongings of private use.
- Bringing foreign currency in cash into republic of Uzbekistan as well as traveling cheque are allowed in unlimited amount for residents and non residents but must be declared in custom form T-6

### **Bringing foreign currency in cash into republic of Uzbekistan with certification of form of TC-21**

If resident or nonresident wish, foreign currency can be put on deposit with certificate TC-21, free of charge. First copy of TC-21 certificate with stamp is given to owner (passenger).

Detected fake foreign currency in cash, during custom inspection, not allowed entering into republic of Uzbekistan. Fake currency is stopped with drawing up of an act in set form of law.

### **List of items prohibited to import into republic of Uzbekistan**

- Publications, manuscripts, cliché, pictures, illustrations, photos, photographic films, photo negatives,
- Movie – video – audio products, gram records, sound materials aimed or related to undermine state and social regime, braking territorial integrity, political independency and state sovereignty, propagandizing war, terrorism, violence, national oneness and religious hatred, racism and its variety (anti-Semitism, fascism) as well as pornographic materials.

- Prohibited import and export of rare and disappearing sort of animals in republic of Uzbekistan, listed in Red Book.
- Import of goods, by natural person, for commercial activity, required registration of this person as an individual entrepreneur with right for import and export operations.
- Limit of import of precious metals, not obliged by custom fees, are 5 units with total weight no more than 30 grams. Import and export of precious metals and jewelry for commercial aims are carried only with license given by Ministry of external Economic Relations and Trade of republic of Uzbekistan.
- Import of radio electronic facilities and high-frequency equipments carried only with approval of appropriate authority of republic of Uzbekistan. (Centre of Electromagnetic Compatibility of Communication and Information Ministry of Uzbekistan)
- To import photogenic and animal origin, special permit need from appropriate authority of republic of Uzbekistan. (Sanitary -Epidemiology Station)
- Import and export of drugs and medical equipment allowed only with permission of Ministry of Health of republic of Uzbekistan.
- Not showing in custom declaration and not presenting to custom inspector during oral inquiry of foreign currency in cash, inventory holdings and other belongings, will be understood and appear as factor of breaking custom laws of republic of Uzbekistan. When such law breaking facts of custom laws are found, they will be validated with procedural documents according to articles of customs code of republic of Uzbekistan.

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