

COMPANY & CREDENTIALS

Operational Coverage: Central Asia

One partner for the whole region: five countries, their gateways, border crossings and the way we run multi-country programs.

Country	Main gateways	Time	Currency	Key areas we operate
Kazakhstan	Almaty (ALA) Astana	UTC+5	Tenge (KZT)	Almaty and the Tian Shan foothills, Shymbulak and Medeu, Big Almaty Lake, Charyn Canyon, Kolsai and Kaindy lakes, Altyn-Emel, Tamgaly, ethno-villages, Astana, Mangystau (Aktau)
Uzbekistan	Tashkent (TAS) Samarkand (SKD)	UTC+5	Som (UZS)	Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Nukus and the Aral Sea (Muynak); high-speed rail between the Silk Road cities
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek (Manas) or via Almaty	UTC+6	Som (KGS)	Bishkek, Ala-Archa, Burana, Lake Issyk-Kul (Cholpon-Ata, Karakol), Altyn-Arashan, Son-Kul, Kel-Suu
Tajikistan	Dushanbe (DYU) or via Samarkand	UTC+5	Somoni (TJS)	Penjikent, the Fann Mountains and Seven Lakes (Haft Kul); mountain and expedition routes
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat (ASB)	UTC+5	Manat (TMT)	Ashgabat, Darvaza gas crater, Kunya-Urgench, ancient Merv

01 How we operate

Single point of contact

You deal with one team for the whole route. We prepare one program, one quotation and one set of documents, even when the group crosses several borders.

Local teams in every country

Services in each country are delivered by our own staff and trusted local ground teams we have worked with for years, under King Wings coordination and standards.

Seamless hand-overs

At each border the next guide and vehicle are confirmed in advance, with an agreed meeting point on the other side.

Open-jaw routing

Multi-country programs are built to arrive in one country and depart from another, without unnecessary back-tracking.

02 Key land border crossings

Crossing	Border	Season	Notes
Korday	Kazakhstan ↔ Kyrgyzstan	All year	Main Almaty–Bishkek road; luggage may be scanned.
Karkara (Kegen)	Kazakhstan ↔ Kyrgyzstan	Seasonal	Mountain crossing linking the Kolsai area with eastern Issyk-Kul. Opening dates are confirmed for each season.
Zhibek Zholy	Kazakhstan ↔ Uzbekistan	All year	Shymkent–Tashkent route; queues possible at peak hours.
Jartepa / Sarazm	Uzbekistan ↔ Tajikistan	Check per season	Samarkand–Penjikent; access to the Fann Mountains and Seven Lakes.
Shavat – Dashoguz	Uzbekistan ↔ Turkmenistan	Check per season	Khiva side; Turkmen visa with Letter of Invitation required.
Alat – Farap	Uzbekistan ↔ Turkmenistan	Check per season	Bukhara side; Turkmen visa with Letter of Invitation required.

Photography is not allowed at border checkpoints. Entry rules depend on each traveller's nationality and change from time to time; we check them for your market when we prepare the program.

03 Planning notes

- **Seasons.** Cities and the Silk Road run all year. Mountain areas, high passes and some crossings are best from late spring to early autumn.
- **Distances.** Driving times are long and roads in the mountains are slow. We plan realistic day lengths for the age and profile of each group.
- **Connectivity.** Mobile signal is weak or absent in canyons and mountains (Charyn, Kaindy, Kolsai, Son-Kul). In Turkmenistan internet access is limited.
- **Special permits.** Some areas, such as Big Almaty Lake and Kel-Suu, are border zones: passports or permits are required and arranged in advance.

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