



DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

# Destination Tajikistan







## AKDN IN TAJIKISTAN

Operating in Tajikistan since 1992, the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) draws on a strong base of experience in working with mountain societies. The Network has projects in all regions of the country and employs over 3,500 people through its operations.

The Network brings together agencies that operate in a range of areas, including economic development, education, rural development, cultural revitalisation, health care and financial services. Together these agencies work toward a common goal of building institutions and programmes to respond to the contemporary challenges and opportunities of social, economic and cultural growth in Tajikistan.

Source: <http://www.akdn.org/tajikistan>





## FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**Aga Khan Lycée (AKL)**, in Khorog, is the first privately operated school in the Gorno-Badakhshan.

**Ismaili Centre, Dushanbe** opened in October 2009. The building blends many different craft and artisanal traditions of Central Asia.

**Pamir Energy Company**, founded by AKDN and its partners in 2002, manages the operation of all power generation, transmission and distribution facilities of Gorno-Badakhshan.

**The Dushanbe Serena** is a state of the art, five-star hotel that supports Tajikistan's efforts to become a welcoming tourist destination.

**The University of Central Asia (UCA)** was founded in 2000 by the governments of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan, to promote the socio-economic development of Central Asia's mountain societies.



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# DAILY ITINERARY

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# 1 1/2 DAY



#### Dushanbe Serena Hotel

Mashrabiya Tea-house,  
Suzane Lounge

#### Tem Bridge

Tem Bridge is the first of a series of bridges across the Pyanj River that will consolidate permanent overland links between Tajikistan and Afghanistan – Tajikistan.

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### DAY 1

Early morning arrival in Dushanbe

Late breakfast / lunch at the Dushanbe Serena Hotel

Afternoon tour of the Ismaili Centre

Presentation on AKDN activities in Tajikistan

Jamatkhana

Dinner buffet at the Dushanbe Serena Hotel and early night

### DAY 2

Early morning travel to Khorog by road with breakfast and lunch en route

Short stop at the Shurabad bridge

Visit an archaeological site near Kalai Khum

Late evening arrival in Khorog and dinner

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# 3 DAY 3/4



## University of Central Asia

Top: University of Central Asia,  
Construction of Library  
of Khorog Campus

Middle: University of Central Asia,  
Facade works on Academic Building  
of Khorog Campus

Bottom: University of Central Asia,  
Construction of Academic  
Building of Khorog Campus

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### DAY 3

Breakfast in Khorog

UCA site

Darbar site

Nasir Khusraw springs

Khorog City Park

Late lunch at the Serena Chorboough in Khorog Park

Botanical Gardens

Pamir Energy Company

Group dinner at the Khorog Serena Inn

### DAY 4

Breakfast in Khorog

Drive to Wakhan Valley and see Kah-kaha fortress

Lunch en route

Mazar, Yamchun Fortress

Overnight in Yamg Aidars place/home stay/guest houses

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Top: Ismaili Center Dushanbe  
Right: View of Khorog City Park

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### DAY 5

Breakfast in the Wakhan valley

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Yamg Museum

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Solar Calendar

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Drive to Khorog with lunch in the Serena Inn garden

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Afternoon at leisure

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Dinner in Khorog

### DAY 6

Early morning breakfast in Khorog

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Early morning drive to Dushanbe with a stop at Darbar site near Rushan

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Arrival in Dushanbe in the evening and overnight at the Dushanbe Serena Hotel



Top: View of Khorog City Park  
Right: Ismaili Center Dushanbe

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### DAY 7

Breakfast in hotel

City tour of Dushanbe including a tour of Kohi Navruz

Performance at Museum of Traditional Musical Instruments

Statue of Somoni and Palace of Nations

Lunch

Jamatkhana followed by dinner in Dushanbe with AKDN Heads of Agencies and Jamati leadership with traditional Tajik dance and musical performance

### DAY 8

Early morning departure

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OF PROGRAMME DETAILS**

**DATES**

Tour #1: 13–20 July 2016

Tour #2: 1–8 August 2016

**COST**

Single: USD \$1,450

Double: USD \$1,220

**ACCOMMODATION**

Dushanbe Serena Hotel, Dushanbe

Delhi Darbar Inn, or similar in Khorog

Hotel Lal Inn, or similar in Khorog

**SPECIAL NOTE**

Participants must be able to endure poor road conditions, high mountain passes and many kilometres of barren terrain between Dushanbe and Khorog. Estimated travel time between Dushanbe and Khorog 12–15 hours.

**PROGRAMME INCLUDES**

All land transportation in Tajikistan including airport transfers

Accommodation on single/double basis inclusive of breakfast

Meals as specified in the day by day itinerary

English speaking guide during the Discovery Programme

Entrance, park, and sightseeing fees

LOI Visa Support Letter

Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) Permits

Insurance

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## PROGRAMME EXCLUDES

- Photo/video fees in museums
- Gratuity/tips for drivers and tour guides
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Expenses of personal nature
- International airfare
- Fees for additional services in hotels or places of accommodation
- Fees for visa

## VISAS

Each participant must obtain their own travel visa and should verify Tajikistan's visa requirements for their country.

The following is provided as a general guideline only:

Holders of passports issued by almost 48 countries are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival at the Dushanbe International Airport, valid for a maximum stay of 45 days. These countries include Canada, Mexico, South Africa, United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France and Switzerland. For more information [please click here](#)

A valid passport and visa are required to enter and exit Tajikistan.

To apply for a tourism (T) visa you need:

- two visa application forms ([available by clicking here](#))
- your travel itinerary
- two passport photos (3x4 cm)
- a passport which has at least six months validity
- a photocopy of the biographical page of your passport

Tourist visas are issued for a duration not exceeding 45 days and are not subject to extension or replacement. If you are issued a tourist visa you should leave the country before the visa expiration date.

Upon registration and payment, the Discovery Programme Manager for

Tajikistan will contact you and provide you with more information about the process for obtaining visas. Please follow their instructions accordingly.

## FLIGHTS

Fly Dubai is the suggested airline for travel to Tajikistan from Africa/Middle East/Asia Pacific. For those arriving through Europe with Turkish Airlines earlier than the start dates of the Discovery Programme, accommodation is available by booking directly with the Dushanbe Serena Hotel.

## PRE-GAMES

Suggested inbound flight: FZ777 DXB - DYU 22:35—03:00  
Tuesday, 12 July 2016

Suggested outbound flight: FZ778 DYU - DXB 04:25—07:00  
Wednesday, 20 July 2016

## POST-GAMES

Suggested inbound flight: FZ777 DXB - DYU 22:35—03:00  
Sunday, 31 July 2016

Suggested outbound flight: FZ778 DYU - DXB 04:25—07:00  
Monday, 8 August 2016

## REGISTRATION

To complete the online registration and payment, please click here or visit <http://www.axistravel.com/games2016/discovery-programme>

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# DISCOVERY PROGRAMME - TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Participant Responsibility and Eligibility

Participants are responsible for selecting an appropriate Discovery Programme that matches their interests and physical abilities and for preparing for the tour by understanding the Descriptive Daily Itinerary.

Participants must be in good physical health and be 18 years of age or older or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to join the Discovery Programme.

All submitted registrations are subject to review and acceptance by the Discovery Programme team. We reserve the right to request additional information or medical clearance or to refuse to accept any traveler on any Discovery Programme, for any reason, at our sole discretion.

## Payment

As we may be required to pay for services and accommodations immediately and in full at the time of reservation on your behalf, full payment for the Discovery Programme is due at the time of booking.

## Cancellations and Refund Policy

Should you need to cancel your selected Discovery Programme, please notify us immediately by email at TajikistanDP2016@gmail.com within seven days of your confirmation. The following charges will apply:

- Cancellation within 7 days of confirmation but no later than 29 June 2016: \$100
- Cancellation after 29 June 2016: No refund

## Please note:

Partial refunds are not available for any missed days of the Discovery Programme or any whole or part of the programme, including meals, accommodation and/or any other service not utilised by the participant during the Discovery Programme.

We reserve the right to substitute or cancel any programme prior to departure for any reason whatsoever. In which case a full refund of the programme would be provided. In the event of a full cancellation, we are not responsible for any expense incurred by participants in preparation of their trip. (this includes, but is not limited to, additional hotel accommodation bookings, visa fees and/or airfares).

Organisers of the Discovery Programme reserve the right, without penalty, to make changes to the published itinerary at any time, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they consider it necessary for the comfort and safety of participants.

## Visas and Passports

A passport with six months' validity from the end of the Discovery Programme is required for participation. Participants are responsible for obtaining all essential visas prior to departure. We cannot guarantee visa or permit approval by foreign governments, and cannot assume responsibility for incorrect or improperly issued visas, permits or passport documentation, or for any costs associated with a participant's refused visa or permit issuance or refused entry into a country due to incorrect or incomplete documentation.

## Discovery Programme Costs

The following costs are not included in the Discovery Programme:

- International airfares
- Costs associated with obtaining visas or border fees
- Airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities
- Meals, other than those specified in the itinerary
- Visits to sites not included in the itinerary

- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone charges, internet access

- Optional activities

Quoted programme prices are based on single or double occupancy. Published prices may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted. We are under no obligation to give a breakdown of costs of any part of the Discovery Programme.

Photography and or Videography during the Discovery Programme

We reserve the right to take photographs and videography documentary during the Discovery Programme and to use them for promotional, historical and archive related purposes. By registering for the Discovery Programme, you agree to allow photos or videos to be used accordingly. Participants who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to their Discovery Programme Manager at the beginning of their programme.

## Other

The 2016 Discovery Programme has been co-developed by the Jubilee Games and the National Council of the respective participating countries. Axis Travel (Dubai, UAE) is not involved in the planning or implementation of the Discovery Programme and is solely an intermediary to process payments for participants and help make any additional travel arrangements outside of what is included in the costs of the Discovery Programme.

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