



TURKMENISTAN & MORE

GOLDEN EAGLE: JEWELS OF THE SILK ROAD (TOUR CODE: 17024)

STARTS AND ENDS

Almaty to
Baku

TRAVEL PERIODS

14 Oct 2027

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

A captivating journey through the lands where ancient civilisations flourished and the world's great religious and political ideas were born.

Highlights

- Evening drinks reception on the beautifully lit Registan Square, Samarkand
- Explore the historic, UNESCO honoured, cities of Khiva, Merv, Bukhara and Samarkand
- Visit the spectacular Nomad Games Festival on the shores of Lake Issyk-Kul

Aboard the Golden Eagle, journey from Almaty to Baku through three remarkable Central Asian nations – a captivating tapestry of cultures and landscapes shaped by a shared Soviet past, yet each proudly distinct. Discover Uzbekistan's magnificent mosques and vibrant bazaars, alongside the breathtaking green valleys and tranquil landscapes of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. This extraordinary eight-day adventure offers a unique opportunity to experience one of the world's most remarkable rail journeys, combining fascinating destinations with the timeless romance of luxury train travel.

INCLUSIONS

- Five-star post hotel accommodation in Baku & Almaty
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Freshly prepared meals on board
- Golden Eagle Gala Caviar dinner
- Generous drinks allowance, including international wines with lunch and dinner
- Expertly guided off-train excursions
- 24-hour cabin attendance service
- Experienced Tour Management team
- Private ensuite accommodation on the Golden Eagle train
- All gratuities - on and off the train
- Luggage portage throughout the journey
- Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board

ITINERARY

Day

1

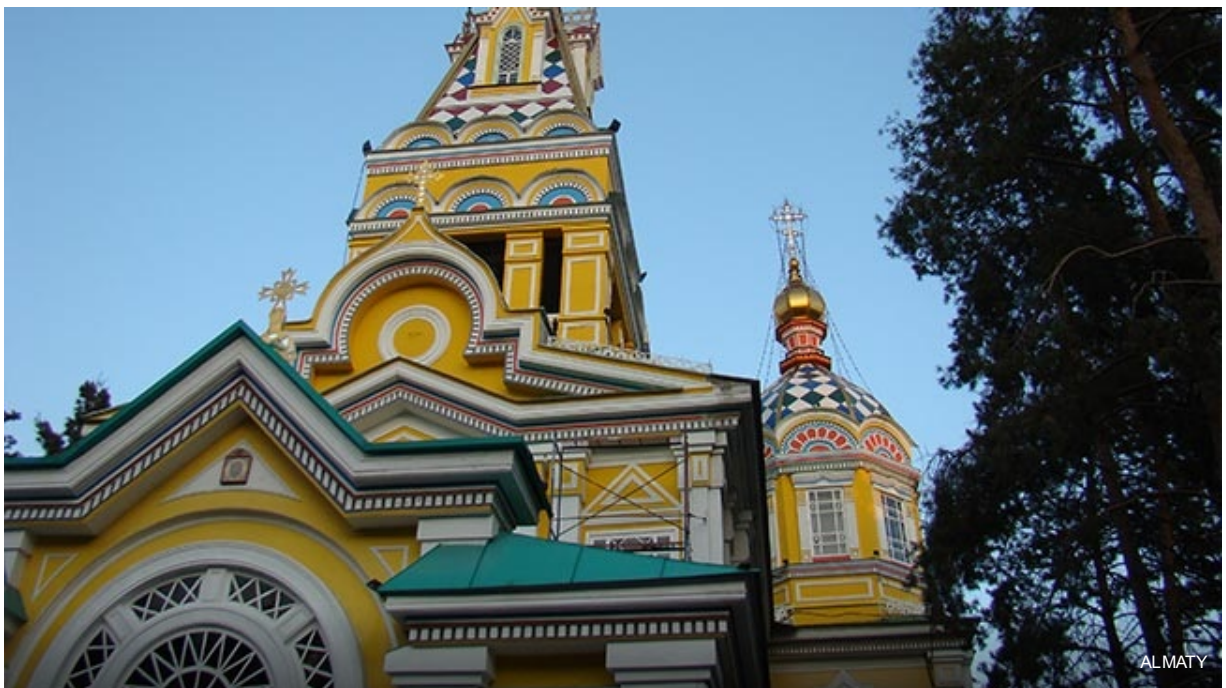
Almaty

Arrive in Almaty, where you will be greeted upon arrival and privately transferred to your centrally located hotel for a one-night stay.

This evening, you are invited to a Welcome Dinner at the hotel, offering the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and enjoy an introduction to the remarkable journey ahead. Relax and savour your first evening in Kazakhstan before your rail adventure begins.

Overnight hotel accommodation in **Almaty**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

2

Almaty & board the Golden Eagle

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Almaty. Highlights include a visit to Panfilov Park, located in the heart of the city, and the impressive Zenkov Cathedral, a 19th century Russian Orthodox church renowned for being one of the world's largest wooden buildings, constructed entirely without nails.

This afternoon, board the elegant Golden Eagle. After settling into your comfortable cabins, the journey begins travelling through the diverse landscapes of Kazakhstan before crossing the border into Kyrgyzstan. As evening falls, a sumptuous Welcome Dinner will be served on board, accompanied by a selection of fine wines.

Overnight stay aboard **The Golden Eagle**.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Lake Issyk-kul, Kyrgyzstan

Today, enjoy an extended visit to the magnificent Lake Issyk-Kul, the second-largest alpine lake in the world. Along the shore, experience a privately arranged cultural festival showcasing Kyrgyzstan's rich nomadic heritage.

Witness traditional sports and pastimes, including horseback wrestling, hunting with Golden Eagles, archery, and ordo, a strategic game played with cow kneecaps. Traditional music, dance, colourful costumes, and craft demonstrations provide a fascinating insight into the enduring culture of the Central Asian steppes.

Following the festival, there is an opportunity to visit the open-air Museum of Petroglyphs before returning to the train.

Overnight stay aboard **The Golden Eagle**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



LAKE ISSYK-KUL

Day 4

Onboard the Golden Eagle

Enjoy a leisurely day onboard as the Golden Eagle Express journeys from Kyrgyzstan into Uzbekistan.

Relax in the comfort of your cabin or take in the ever-changing scenery from the Bar Lounge Car as vast plains, rolling hills, and distant mountain ranges give way to the historic landscapes of Central Asia. It is the perfect opportunity to unwind, enjoy the train's exceptional hospitality, and reflect on the experiences of the journey so far.

Overnight stay aboard **The Golden Eagle**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAIN

Day 5

Tashkent

Today, explore Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, a vibrant city that was largely rebuilt in a modern Soviet style following the devastating earthquake of 1966. Today's tour includes the historic Old Town, where traditional homes and religious buildings line narrow streets. Here, visit a small library housing one of Islam's most revered treasures – the Uthman Quran,

believed to be among the world's oldest surviving Korans.

We also visit the Railway Museum, showcasing the region's rich rail heritage, and the Museum of Applied Arts, renowned for its collection of traditional Uzbek craftsmanship, ceramics, textiles, and decorative arts.

Overnight stay aboard **The Golden Eagle**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6

Samarkand

Today, explore Samarkand's most iconic landmarks, including the spectacular Registan Square, the city's architectural heart, the elegant Bibi-Khanym Mosque, and the Ulugh Beg Observatory, one of the earliest and most important astronomical observatories of the Islamic world, built in 1428.

This evening, experience the magic of Samarkand after dark with a visit to the beautifully illuminated Registan Square. From reserved seats, enjoy a captivating light and sound show that brings to life the fascinating history, culture, and legacy of this legendary Silk Road city.

Overnight stay aboard **The Golden Eagle**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



SAMARKAND

Day **7**

Bukhara

Bukhara is one of Central Asia's most remarkable Silk Road cities, renowned for its beautifully preserved historic centre. Your tour includes a visit to The Ark, the former fortress-palace of the Emirs of Bukhara, and Poi-Kalyan Square, home to the magnificent Kalyan Mosque and its iconic minaret.

You will also explore Bukhara's atmospheric Trading Domes and the charming Lyabi-Hauz Square, a lively gathering place shaded by mulberry trees. This evening, weather permitting, enjoy a memorable barbecue on the station platform before the train departs.

Overnight stay aboard **The Golden Eagle**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



KALYAN MOSQUE, BUKHARA

Day **8**

Khiva Baku

Today, explore the ancient city of Khiva, one of the Silk Road's most important trading centres and now a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Rising dramatically from the desert, Khiva is a remarkably preserved open-air museum, enclosed within imposing city walls and filled with magnificent mosques, madrassas, minarets, and bustling courtyards. A walk through its historic streets offers an unforgettable glimpse into the splendour of a bygone age.

This afternoon, board a private charter flight to Baku, Azerbaijan's vibrant capital on the shores of the Caspian Sea, where you will enjoy an overnight stay and a Farewell Dinner at a 5* hotel.

Overnight hotel accommodation in **Baku**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 9

Baku

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward journey, bringing your remarkable adventure along the Silk Road to a close.

Why not extend your adventure of a lifetime? Contact an Entire Travel Reservations Consultant to arrange additional hotel nights and discover touring options in Baku.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Golden Eagle

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

LIFE ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE

The Golden Eagle has been carefully designed with emphasis on your comfort, relaxation and enjoyment. In addition to our private en-suite sleeping cabins, we offer a beautifully appointed Bar Lounge Car and Restaurant Cars.

The Golden Eagle, comprising three categories of cabins, featuring state-of-the-art amenities and en-suite facilities, is the only private train of its kind operating in these regions of the world.

SILVER CABIN

Silver Class cabins, which are more compact at 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres), feature a small double lower bed and a single upper bed as well as DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe and large picture window.



The Silver Class cabins have private en-suite wet room with a washbasin, toilet and shower.

- Sleeps 2 in lower small double bed or bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with 'wet-room' style shower and toilet
- Bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer and toiletries provided
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water available at all times
- Laundry service available at an additional charge
- Drinks in the Bar Lounge Car included from the Standard Bar List

Room Upgrades

Gold Cabin

At 77 sq ft (7 sq metres) Gold Class cabins are extremely well-proportioned and have everything from a private bathroom with separate power shower cubicle and underfloor heating to a DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, large picture window as well as featuring a double lower bed and a single upper bed.

Guests in Gold Class benefit from complimentary drinks off the Standard Bar List in the Bar Lounge Car.

- Sleeps 2 in either lower standard double bed or bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower and underfloor heating
- Bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer and toiletries provided
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin available at all times
- Drinks in the Bar Lounge Car included from the Standard Bar List
- Laundry service available at an additional charge



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Imperial Suite

Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins available onboard the Golden Eagle measuring 120 sq ft (11.1 sq metres) and benefiting from a large and luxurious double bed as well as a lounge area with dressing table.

Imperial Suite facilities include a private en-suite bathroom with power shower and the luxury of underfloor heating; individual air-conditioning; wardrobe; DVD/CD player with LCD screen; complimentary fully stocked minibar; safe; small library and two large picture windows to watch the world go by.

Exemplary service starts with a complimentary bottle of Dom Perignon champagne when you board the train to toast the start of your wonderful adventure.

A note for Imperial Suite guests:

A private guide and chauffeured car service is included in many of the destinations we visit on your journey, however, in locations where there are a limited number of experienced and qualified tour guides available, we may offer a shared car service among Imperial Suite guests. Imperial Suite guests will also benefit from the inclusion of drinks from the Standard and Premium Bar list in the Bar Lounge Car, a laundry service and room upgrades to the next available category at the hotels which are featured in the itinerary.

- Sleeps 2 in a large Double Bed (1.5m by 1.9m)
- Sitting area
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe

- Dressing table
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower and underfloor heating
- Bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer and toiletries provided
- Complimentary minibar
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water available at all times
- In-cabin dining available on request
- Drinks from the Bar Lounge Car included from the Standard and Premium Bar List (excluding Premium Wine List)
- Private car and guide options in selected cities for off-train excursion programme
- Laundry service included



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Departure dates:

- 14 Oct - 22 Oct, 2027

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package