

THE ORIENT SILK ROAD EXPRESS

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6 days, 5 nights from £720

Comfortably cross Uzbekistan by private train. Visit the most significant, historic and fascinating cities along the Central Asian Silk Road—Tashkent, Samarkand, Khiva and Bukhara. Choose from four comfortable cabin types: Habibi, Ali Baba, Aladdin and Kalif, with Kalif being the most luxurious with private en suite facilities in each cabin.

The Route



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 TASHKENT, THE GREEN OASIS



The journey begins with boarding your private train in the evening, departing for Shakhrisabz. Overnight on board. (D)

DAY 2 SHAKHRISABZ, THE MIGHTY

Under immense blue skies, you tour vibrant Tashkent, the Uzbek capital along the old Silk Road. Through the city's monumental architecture, you witness history in earthen brick and turquoise tile. Caravanserai, fortress, museum, madrasah, rising from the desert.

In the cool dusk, you take a trip to the opera and enjoy a performance (dependent on schedule). Later, amid the pillars and chandeliers of Tashkent station, you board your private train to travel the Silk Road trail to Shakhrisabz.

Overnight on board. Meals included: breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D).

DAY 3 BUKHARA, THE NOBLE



Situated in the middle of the Kyzyl Kum desert, Bukhara features about one thousand monuments, which recall the halcyon days of the Great Silk Road. Foreign spices, furs and especially silk fabrics were stored and handled in the caravansaries. In the old city (UNESCO-World Culture Heritage) you'll see the Kaljan Minaret and the Labi-Hauz Ensemble. In front of the Nasreddin-on-the-donkey monument you'll listen to some anecdotes about him. In a madrasa courtyard you watch a performance of local dances, and a presentation of colourful

national costumes with musical accompaniment.

Overnight: Hotel Asia Bukhara (or similar). (BLD)

DAY 4 MAUSOLEUM OF THE SAMANID

Today, you'll experience Bukhara in an all-day tour program, including lunch. Bukhara is a large, unique and authentic art museum that maintains its old oriental face. In the morning, we guide you to the magnificent Mire-e-Arab Madrasah and the most beautiful and precious building in Central Asia, the Samanid Mausoleum. Then you'll take a tour through the fortress

Ark. You'll see the coronation hall and visit the summer residence of the last Emir. In the evening your train departs.
Overnight on board. (BD)

DAY 5 A FAIRY TALE OF 1001 NIGHTS

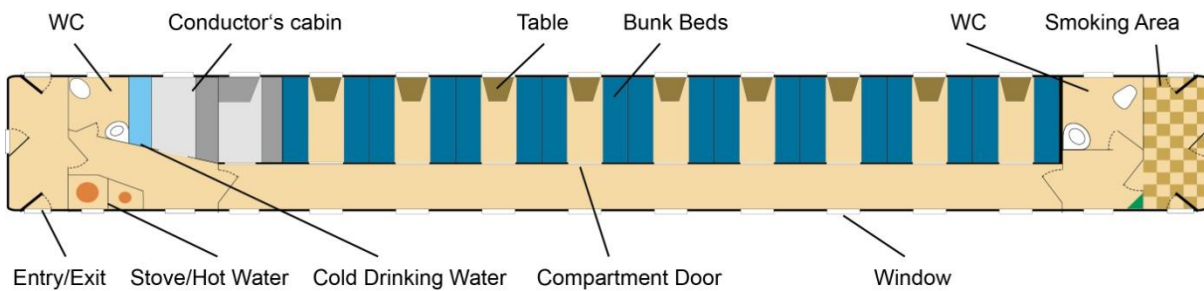
After breakfast you will go to the Southern border of the seven river lands, in the oasis of Khiva. When you stand before the mighty city wall of Khiva with its gates and bastions of clay, you are in another world: Around the Kalta Minor Minaret life still pulses today as it did in old times, and on a tour you see palaces, mosques, minarets, mausoleums and Koranic schools that show you, what medieval oriental urban development must have been like. You will enjoy lunch in the atmosphere of the former SummerPalace of the Emir.
Overnight on board. (BLD)

DAY 6 SAMARKAND, THE ANCIENT

After breakfast your Private Train will arrive in Samarkand. (B)

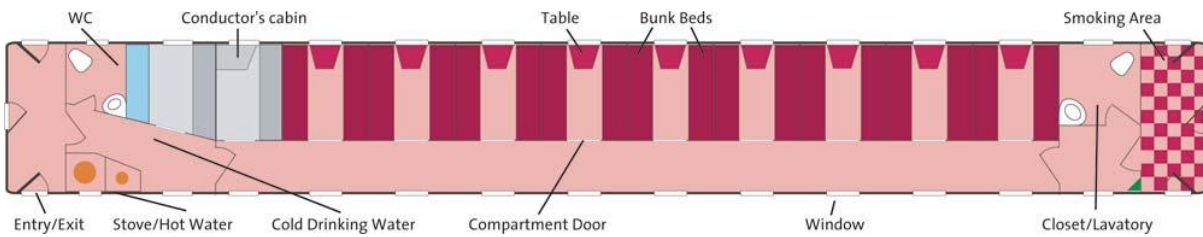
Compartments

Habibi



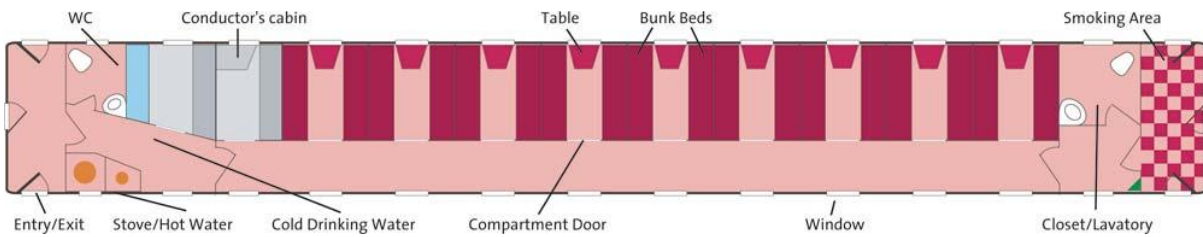
This compartment has sleeping berths (26.4 × 72.4 in / 67 × 184cm) for up to four guests. A table near the window separates lower and upper berths on either side. Each car has nine compartments, with washroom facilities at both ends.

Ali Baba



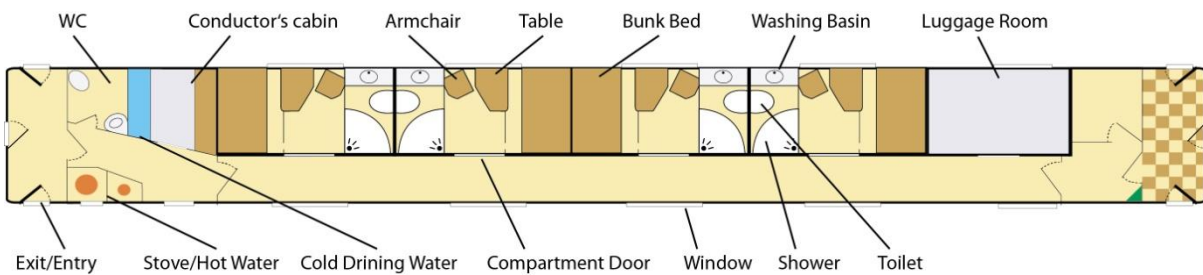
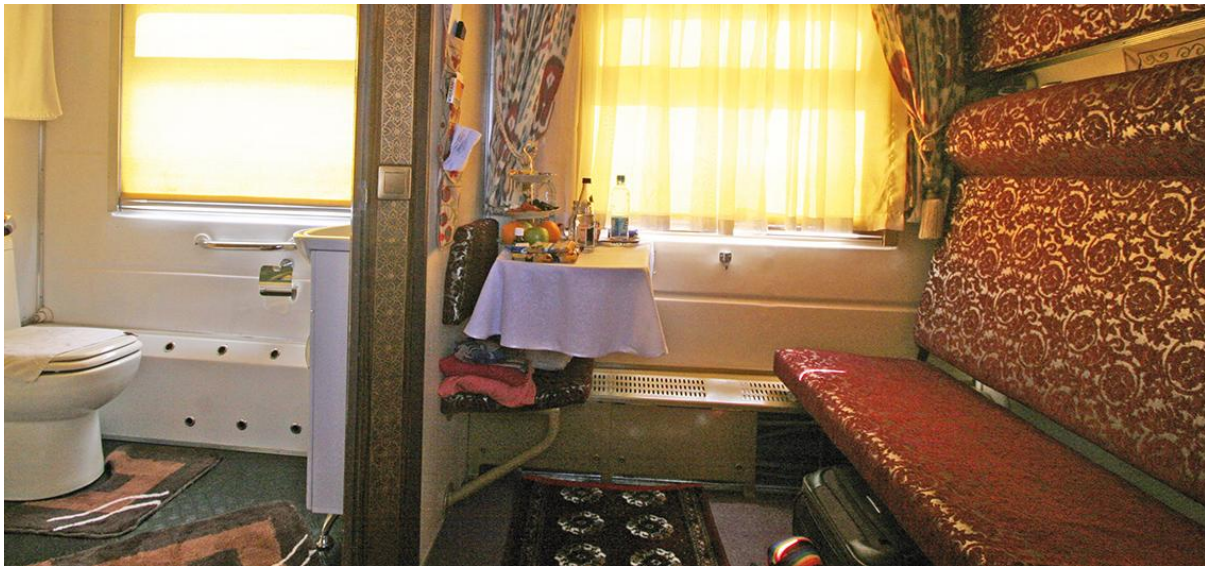
This compartment has two lower berths (27.5 × 74.8 in/67 × 184 cm each), as well as a table and additional storage space. Each car has nine compartments, with washroom facilities at both ends.

Aladdin



This category features two lower beds (27.5 × 74.8 in/67 × 184 cm each), a small table and storage space. Each car has eight compartments and a shower, together with washroom facilities at both ends. Guests in this category also receive one bathrobe per compartment.

Kalif



The Orient Silk Road Express' grandest accommodation. The Kalif category features two beds, upper and lower (31.6 × 68.5 in/80 × 174 cm and 44 × 72.4 in/112 × 184 cm). Each compartment includes a closet, safe and private bathroom with a separate shower cabin. Each car in this category is limited to four compartments and a maximum of just eight guests.

Orient Silk Road 2017 Departures

From £720 per person, please [click to book](#)

- 24 September 2017 (6 days)

Booking Conditions

Included in the price

- 4 overnights on the Private Train according to the booked category
- 1 hotel overnight in Bukhara
- All meals according to program (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)
- Sightseeing program including all entrance fees according to program
- Transfers according to program
- Multi-lingual Lernidee Tour Director
- Experienced local guides for a maximum of 26 guests per group
- Doctor on board
- Log book with information about the Silk Road

Excluded from the price

- International flights
- Visa fees paid directly to the Consulate
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities

Please note that 15% deposit is paid on this tour

Cancellation policy

Up to 93 days prior to departure: 15% of total price

Up to 12 days prior to departure: 80% of total price

Up to 43 days prior to departure: 45% of total price

Up to 2 days prior to departure: 90% of total price