



## Trip to Turkmenistan (#20874)

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### Trip Highlights

Ashgabat-Balkanabat-Turkmenbashi-Darvaza-Ashgabat

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1. Airport – Ashgabat (flight)

Arrival at Ashgabat International Airport. You will be met by our representatives and transferred to the hotel. Early check-in and rest at hotel.

Free time till noon. Breakfast in time. (\*Breakfast is served at hotel until 10:00).

In the afternoon, you will have an Ashgabat city tour. You will see the Wedding Palace, modern “Yildyz” Hotel, Ferries Wheel, Constitution Monument, Arch of Neutrality, Monument and Park of Independence, and Ertogrul Gazy Mosque. Overnight at a hotel.



Dinner in the restaurant.

**Hotel:** Hotel 4\* (Sport Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 02****Day 2. Ashgabat – Nokhur village – Karakala – Balkanabat (ca. 565 km, 6-7h)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Start your morning drive to Nokhur Village in the western Kopetdag Mountains in 4x4 vehicles (157 km, 2h).

From Nohur Village, you will follow a stunning route to Karakala (Mahtymguly), covering (129 km, 2h). This journey will take you through the Hasardag Nature Reserve and the ancient Sumbar Valley, where you can admire Moon Mountain. You'll have the opportunity to experience landscapes that resemble the Moon's surface right here on Earth.

Drive to Balkanabat (278km, 4h). Overnight in a hotel in Balkanabat.

**Hotel:** Hotel 3\* (Nebitchi Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03****Day 3. Balkanabat – Yangykala – Turkmenbashi (ca. 330 km, 4h)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit to pilgrimage sight Gozli-Ata on the way to drive to Yangykala Canyons, one of the scenic natural objects of Turkmenistan. The word expression “Yangy kala” translates from Turkmen as “fire fortress”. Indeed, the sheer cliffs of white, yellow, ocher, purple, and red colours, fancily carved by winds and rains, are very similar to the stone castles from a fantasy. Explore the Canyons.

Overnight at a hotel in Turkmen Bashi

**Hotel:** Hotel 3\* (Charlak Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast



## Day 04

## Day 4. Turkmenbashi (city tour)

After breakfast, a sightseeing tour of Turkmen Bashi. Formerly known as Krasnovodsk, Turkmen Bashi is a city located in western Turkmenistan on the Caspian Sea. Founded in 1869, it is a relatively young city that serves as an important transportation hub due to its seaport and railway connections. While Turkmen Bashi may not be filled with ancient historical sites, it offers a unique blend of natural beauty and modern development, along with easy access to some fascinating destinations.

During your visit, you will explore Kenar Bazaar, which features a variety of foods and clothing, and spend time at the Caspian Sea coast. Although the city itself is not large, it has a distinctive ambiance that sets it apart from any other place in the world.

Dinner at the restaurant.

**Hotel:** Hotel 3\* (Charlak Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 05

## Day 5. Turkmenbashi – Ashgabat – Darvaza (flight/ca.276 km, 4h)

Morning flight from Turkmen Bashi to Ashgabat at 08:40.

In the morning, you will visit Horse Stable to see the national pride of the Turkmen people— Akhalteke horses, the nicest horses in the world. 5000 years ago, Turkmens began breeding Akhalteke horses. The World's unique breed was never mixed with other breeds. Illustrious Emperors like Alexander the Great and Darius I desired to own Ahalteke horses. There are over 35 beautiful horses on the farm. Per superstition, every sick person who touches an Ahalteke horse will get well soon.

Afternoon drive to Darvaza burning Gas Crater (276km, 4h) which is one of the top international tourist destinations. Stopping in the village of Yerbent and observing the village life adds a special excitement to this trip. The area is rich in natural gas. Burning for more than 50 years, Darvaza Gas Crater shines like a pearl in the middle of the Karakum desert. Besides Darvaza Gas Crater, you will also see water and mud craters. One of the most vivid and addictive features of this trip is the fresh air of the desert and experiencing the nomadic life in person. At night, while the light of the Gas Crater hits the sky, you will camp in the Turkmen national yurt or private tents and barbecue for dinner. This unique landscape in the world will fascinate you and you will want to come again.

BBQ dinner at the yurt camp.



**Hotel:** Yurt Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 06

### Day 6. Darwaza – Ashgabat (ca. 276 km, 4h)

Picnic-style breakfast in the yurt camp.

After breakfast, drive back to Ashgabat. Hotel check-in and rest at the hotel.

**Hotel:** Hotel 4\* (Sport Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

### Day 7. Ashgabat – Departure

Early in the morning, transfer to the Ashgabat International Airport. Departure.

## Inclusions

Transportation as per program per AC regular road vehicles & 4 x 4 where terrain requires.

English-speaking guide.

Accommodation mentioned in the program in twin/double room/yurt.

Early check-in on day 1.

Breakfast.

1 BBQ dinner at Darvaza.

Visits mentioned in the program.

Flight ticket: Turkmenbashi – Ashgabat.

Letter of Invitation (State Registration, Travel Pass).

Mineral water.

## Exclusions



International flights  
Extra Airport transfer:  
Personal expenses  
Single room supplement: Available on request.  
Insurance.  
Full board (set menu)\*\*\* - Available on request.  
Tips for guide, driver etc.  
Optional activities  
Late check-out\*\*  
Porters for baggage in hotels and airport  
Payment for photos & videos in UNESCO sites & museums  
Cost of Turkmen visa w/border fees - Available on request.  
PCR-Test.  
Alcohol.  
Services not mentioned as included.

## Note

### Hotels Used or Similar

Ashgabat - Hotel 4\* (Sport Hotel)  
Balkanabat - Hotel 3\* (Nebitchi Hotel)  
Turkmenbashi - Hotel 3\* (Charlak Hotel)  
Darvaza - Yurt Camps

**Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.**

Standard check-in after 14:00, check-out before 12:00 \*\* Set menu includes salad, soup, main course, bread, tea & water.

**Note:** The offered accommodation options are subject to availability. Reservations are made only after confirmation and payment.

Due to the changing conditions of some roads & traffic, it might take slightly more or less time to drive than the mentioned driving time in the program.

Breakfast box in case of very early morning departures.



Make sure you have a spare change with you to facilitate and expedite visa and other procedures at the airport.

No single room will be provided at yurt camps.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

**15 May, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025**

4 pax

AUD 3,041 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

6 pax

AUD 2,933 P P twin share

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