

Business trip to Uzbekistan

In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Honorary Consul of Finland for Uzbekistan Alisher Juraev, Aid for Trade project of the UN development program and the Association of Finnish Entrepreneurs, we will organizing a business trip to Uzbekistan in early November (October 31-November 4, 2022). The leader of the trip will be Mr Ilkka Räisänen, the Rowing Ambassador of Finland for Central Asia.

The participants will get to know Uzbekistan's business opportunities, partners, authorities and international financiers of projects. The Uzbek participants will be hand-picked according to wishes of the participating Finnish companies and relevant sectors.

Preliminary program (5 days and 4 nights):

- **3 days in Tashkent**, the capital of Uzbekistan:
 - Getting to know Tashkent on the day of arrival (after rest)
 - Business seminar for the delegation led by Mr Ambassador Ilkka Räisänen
 - Also development cooperation experts from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representatives of Uzbek companies and ministries, and international financiers will participate the seminar.
 - Business meetings
 - The local companies to be invited to the business meetings will be selected according to wishes of the participating Finnish companies.
 - F2F (B2B) "dating conversations" with selected local representatives and local company premises visits as to be requested.
 - Uzbek companies present themselves e.g.:
 - Agricultural products and their processing
 - Water treatment
 - Energy industry
 - Mining industry
 - Construction materials
 - Tourism
 - Other sectors according to the interests of the participating companies, e.g. green energy and circular economy etc.
- **1 day and 1 night in Samarkand**, the second largest city in Uzbekistan, where participants can get to know the achievements of the high culture of the Silk Road era. In Samarkand, there are magnificent medieval, thousand and one night-themed magnificent structures that enchant the sky with their blue domes and oriental architecture. In addition, we will visit a Samarkand Industrial Zone.
- **1 evening and 1 night in Tashkent**, after returning from Samarkand, resting before the journey to home.

The trip will be organized if at least 8 companies participate. A maximum of 20 companies will be included.

The recommended travel routes from Helsinki to Tashkent and back are via Istanbul or Riga. Via Istanbul there are more options every day and via Riga you can travel in both directions on Tuesdays and Fridays (this information may change).

The price of the trip is initially €1,750 (+VAT 24%) / participant + flights (round-trip flight from Helsinki in Economy class around €300 - €700 at the time of writing). It is also possible to participate only in the Tashkent seminar and B2B meetings, in which case the price is €1,550 (+VAT 24%). If necessary, the organizer can assist in booking flights.

The price includes accommodation in Uzbekistan, business events and meetings, a trip to Samarkand for those who wish, travel within Uzbekistan and all meals.

The price does not include travel in Finland, flights, travel insurance or alcohol products.

Registrations and additional information requests by 30 September 2022 to anssi.karppinen@qide.fi.

Regards,
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