ALONG CENTRAL ASIA’S SILK ROAD
April 23-May 9, 2020

17 days for $6,594 total price from San Francisco
($5,995 air & land inclusive plus $599 airline taxes and fees)

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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of the Cal Alumni Association

Accompanied by Dr. Laurence Michalak
Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

Travel the ancient Silk Road connecting East and West on this exciting 17-day small group journey. Tour the showpiece white marble Turkmen capital, Ashgabat, and experience a Central Asian bazaar. See Turkmenistan’s prized “Golden Horses” and explore Nisa, a UNESCO site. Discover Khiva’s storied past as a Silk Road trading post, and in ancient Bukhara watch silk weavers and enjoy a home-hosted lunch. Visit Tamerlane’s mausoleum in Samarkand and Uzbekistan’s fascinating capital, Tashkent. Spend a final day touring Russian-accented Almaty.

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What to expect: These trips feature long touring days with travel via motor coach, ship, zodiac, all-terrain vehicle, or train. Travelers are required to board transportation without assistance as well as stand and walk over uneven terrain for extended periods of time. Some tours may include optional higher-intensity activities and travel at higher altitudes with steep ascents and descents. Outings last 4–6 hours most days.

Suitable for: Travelers who are able to comfortably walk four to six miles, or 6,900–9,200 steps, each day.

CAL DISCOVERIES TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM: ALONG CENTRAL ASIA’S SILK ROAD

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Along Central Asia’s Silk Road departing April 23, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure (or by January 19, 2020). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Cal Discoveries Travel, Cal Alumni Association, 1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520.

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Please book my/our air from _____________________________

I/We request a Business Class upgrade  
I will share a room with _________________________________

I request a single room (limited availability)  

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Along Central Asia’s Silk Road, April 23-May 9, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________________ Date __________
Day 1: Depart U.S. for Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Day 2: Arrive Ashgabat  Upon arrival in the Turkmen capital late tonight, we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 3: Ashgabat  After time to rest this morning and have lunch on our own, we meet our tour director and fellow travelers at a welcome briefing. Then we begin our journey along the Silk Road with a panoramic tour of this showpiece city known for its 543 white marble buildings and monuments to the glories of the Turkmen. We tour the well-regarded National Museum of History and the Turkmen Carpet Museum, then enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 4: Ashgabat/Nisa  This morning we experience our first Central Asia bazaar, where locals come from both the city and surrounding desert to sell their wares, including large hand-woven carpets. Next we visit an Akhal-Teke horse stud farm for a demonstration by these “Golden Horses,” the national symbol of Turkmenistan, followed by lunch at the farmhouse. Later we visit the UNESCO archaeological site of Nisa, ancient capital of the Parthian Empire dating to the 3rd century BCE. B,L,D

Day 5: Ashgabat/Kunya-Urgench/Khiva, Uzbekistan  We fly this morning to Dashoguz, Turkmenistan, whose environs host the ancient capital of the Khorezm, and where we visit the ruins of the once monumental Izmukshir Fortress. From here we continue to the Uzbek border crossing then travel on to Khiva. B,L,D

Day 6: Khiva  We get a taste of Khiva’s storied past as a major Silk Road trading post on a morning tour of the Itchan Kala, the “inner city” whose entirety is a UNESCO site. Here we see the turquoise-tiled Kalta Minor minaret – enormous, stout, and unfinished; Kunya Ark citadel; the immense Madrassah of Muhammad Rahim Khan, with its tiled façade; the double-domed Pakhlavan Mahmoud Mausoleum; and the Hunarmand artisans workshop. This afternoon: Islam Khoja minaret, Khiva’s tallest; Juma Mosque, with its 200 wooden pillars; and 163-room Tash Hauli Palace. B,D

Small Group Tour Highlights

White marble city of Ashgabat  •  UNESCO archaeological site of Nisa  •  Historic walled city of Khiva  •  Visits with local artisans  •  Extensive Bukhara touring  •  Home-hosted lunch in Bukhara  •  Legendary Samarkand  •  Central Asian bazaars in five cities  •  Visit to Gur Emir Mausoleum  •  Tashkent touring, including world’s oldest Quran  •  Russian-accented Almaty

Day Itinerary Hotel  Rating
1  Depart U.S. for Ashgabat  
2-4  Ashgabat  Nusay Hotel  Sup. First Class 
5-6  Khiva  Hotel Asia Khiva  First Class 
7-9  Bukhara  Hotel Zangaron Plaza  First Class 
10-12  Samarkand  Hotel DiliMah Premium Luxury  First Class 
13-14  Tashkent  Hyatt Regency Tashkent  Sup. First Class 
15-16  Almaty  InterContinental Almaty  Sup. First Class 
17  Depart Almaty for U.S.  

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Tour membership limited to 20 Cal alumni & friends

Cover photo: Samarkand’s Registan has served as the city’s public square since antiquity.

Along Central Asia’s Silk Road

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Traveling the ancient Silk Road connecting East and West, we encounter a mélange of culture and religion, art and architecture that conjures tales of trade and treasure, intrigue and empire. On this exciting small group journey, we relish the exotic – and embrace the humanity we share with the welcoming people of Central Asia.
Day 7: Khiva/Bukhara  This morning we journey through the Kyzylkum Desert to Bukhara, with lunch en route. Upon arrival in this ancient city of Silk Road commerce and religious piety, we visit the Chor Minor madrassah, with its four minarets. This evening we dine at Akbar House, the preserved home of a 19th-century Jewish merchant. B,L,D

Day 8: Bukhara  Today begins with a walking tour of the 16th-century Lyab-i Hauz religious complex. We continue to the domed Taki-Telpak Furushon bazaar known for its headgear: embroidered skull caps, turbans, and heavy fur hats; then on to a bazaar where we watch silk weavers at work. Next, we return to the Old Jewish Quarter to visit the home of a Sufi miniaturist, where we learn about his craft and enjoy a traditional lunch of plov – lamb and rice – the Uzbek national dish. Touring continues this afternoon at the Poi Kalyan religious center; the massive earthen Ark of Bukhara Fortress, which served as an active fort from its 5th-century origins until 1920; and the Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum. B,L

Day 9: Bukhara/Gijduvan  This morning we head outside the city to the nearby village of Gijduvan to visit the Narzullaev Ceramics Workshop, where seven generations of potters have been fabricating bowls and plates using traditional methods, designs, and colors for more than a century. We continue on to Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace, a jumble of Russian and Bukharan influences and the summer residence of the last emir of Bukhara. After lunch at a local restaurant, we return to Bukhara. B,L,D

Day 10: Bukhara/Samarkand  Today, we call on one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites for Central Asian Muslims: the Memorial Complex of Naqshbandi. The 14th-century Sufi theologian who mentored the emperor Timur and whose mausoleum is now considered the “Central Asian Mecca,” Naqshbandi founded the world’s largest order of Sufi Muslims. Next, we travel by train to Samarkand, legendary stop on the Silk Road and one of Central Asia’s oldest continuously inhabited cities. Upon arrival early this evening, we enjoy dinner together then get our first glimpse of vast Registan, the mosaic-tiled public square flanked by three ornate madrassahs that have stood here for centuries. B,L,D

Day 11: Samarkand  Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan left their marks on Samarkand, as did Tamerlane (Timur), who made it capital of his Islamic empire in the 14th century; he or his descendants built many of the historic buildings and monuments we see here today. Our touring begins at Registan Square, once and current heart of the city. We continue to 15th-century Bibi-Khanym mosque, and Siyob Bazaar, the city’s largest market. This afternoon we visit a historic winery for a tour and tasting. B,L

Day 12: Samarkand  Our discovery of this crossroads of culture continues today at the Shakhi Zinda necropolis and temple complex, whose 20-plus buildings date from the 11th to 19th centuries; the Afrasiyab Museum, a huge archaeological site and museum of the city’s history; and 15th-century Ulugh Beg Observatory. This evening we pay a visit to the Gur Emir Mausoleum, Tamerlane’s resting place. We dine together at a local restaurant then make a last stop to see Registan lit up for the evening. B,L,D

Day 13: Samarkand/Jizzakh/Tashkent  En route by motorcoach today to the Uzbek capital, we stop at Jizzakh to visit Jilanuti Pass, the “Gates of Tamerlane” passage between the Nuratin and Turkestan
Day 14: Tashkent
A morning tour of Uzbekistan’s capital begins in the Old City at the Khazrati Imam Complex of mosques and madrassahs. Here we see the world’s oldest surviving Islamic holy book, the 8th-century Uthman Quran, brought to Tashkent by Tamerlane. Next: Chorsu Bazaar, under whose massive green dome locals purchase everything from produce to clothing. Tonight we attend a performance of ballet, classical music, or opera at the national opera house. B,L,D

Day 15: Tashkent/Almaty, Kazakhstan
At the Museum of Applied Arts this morning, we see fine examples of Uzbek crafts, including embroidery, jewelry, ceramics, and carpets. Later, we visit the studio of renowned ceramist Akbar Rakhimov. Then we transfer to the airport for our flight to Almaty.

Day 16: Almaty, Kazakhstan
Kazakhstan’s largest city and cultural and commercial center, Almaty has a decided Russian flavor, as we see on this morning’s tour. Highlights: Paniflov Park, Ascension Cathedral, and the Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments. We then ascend nearby Kok Tobe mountain by gondola and enjoy panoramic views of the city and surrounding Tian Shan mountains. Late this afternoon, we attend a falconry demonstration and learn about this ancient nomadic practice before our farewell dinner this evening. B,L,D

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
• 15 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
• 36 meals: 15 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 10 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
• $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Cal Discoveries/Odysseys Unlimited tour ($200 after 3 tours; $300 after 10 tours)

Tour Departures: April 23, 2020
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $599, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $4,795 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Due to strict visa restrictions, no new reservations can be accepted within 95 days of the tour.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For information and reservations, please contact Cal Discoveries Travel:
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Enrichment Lecturer
Dr. Laurence Michalak is a cultural anthropologist and specialist in North Africa and Western Europe. Born in Woodland, California, Larry did a B.A. at Stanford (1964), was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tunisia, then did an M.A. at the University of London (1970) and Ph.D. at UC Berkeley (1983). At Cal, he was Vice Chair of UCB’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies and taught for 23 years before retiring in 2002. Besides Arabic, he speaks fluent French, good Spanish, and fair German. He has traveled widely in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America. He has taught and lectured on the anthropology of food, tourism, migration, globalization, and problems of economic development. He is the author of books on social legislation and labor migration and is currently working on a book on informal commerce.

Day 17: Depart for U.S.
Very early this morning we depart for the airport for our connecting flight to the U.S. B
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only Tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.’s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price;
cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
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If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

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CAA Membership Policy
One traveler per room, whether an alumni or friend, must be a current Cal Alumni Association member at the time of departure to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. Payment of $60 for seniors 65 years and over and $75 for others establishes a regular or affiliate membership with all other Association benefits. Memberships are for individuals only, and are nonrefundable and non-transferable. A traveling pair and their children under 21 years of age may travel on one membership. Please make dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express number with expiration date for payment. You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While other airlines may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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