



Fann Mountains. Tajikistan.

“Chimtarga Pass Trek”

Duration — 11 days

Tajikistan is a mountainous country, the largest part of Pamir is located here. Fann mountains are situated in the west of Tajikistan near the boarder with Uzbekistan. It is one of the most impressive trekking spots in the world. This is the land of turquoise lakes surrounded by mountain peaks above 5000 meters hight. Trekking in the Fann Mountains is the unique opportunity to combine real adventure with authentic local culture.

This 11-day trek leads along the most beautiful lakes of the region, including Kulikalon, Alaudin and Bolshoje Allo Lakes. The highlight of the trek is the 4760 meter high Chimtarga Pass, the highest pass of Fann Mountains, giving an incredible high-altitude experience without the need for specialist climbing skills. Throughout the route, except for crossing the Chimtarga pass, we can travel light - pack animals (donkeys) carry equipment and bags.

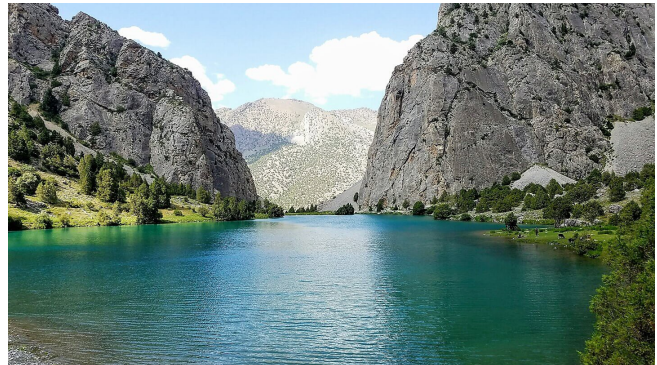
DAY 1. Samarkand — Artuch Base Camp

Distance: 110 km Travel time: about 4 - 5 hours

Arrival at Samarkand airport in the morning. Transfer to Tajik boarder about 1 hour. We will walk across the boarder and continue ride in a tajic minibus to Artuch base camp. On the way it's possible to visit the oriental bazaar in Penjikent. We will have dinner and spend the night in the rooms of Artuch (2200 m).



Penjikent bazaar



Chukurak lake

DAY 2. Chukurak Pass — Kulikalon Lakes

6 km walking, 950 m elevation gain, 400 m loss

Trek to Chukurak Lake and after to Chukurak Pass. The top of the pass is at 3150 meters and the view is amazing on Kulikalon lakes and summits of the Fann Mountains including Maria (4970m) Mirali (5120m), Rudaki (4900m) and Adamtash (4700m) which are known as the "Kulikalon Wall". After descent about 400 meters we will set up the camp on the lake. Overnight: tented camp (2830 m).



View from Chukurak Pass



The Kulikalon Wall

DAY 3. Dushakha Lake

5 km walking, 160 m elevation gain

An easy trekking day as we walk a short distance to Dushakha Lake. Situated at the foot of a mountain cirque, this is one of the most photogenic spots in Fann Mountains. Overnight: tented camp (2990 m).



Dushakha Lake on the foot of Mirali North Face

DAY 4. Alauddin Pass (3770 m) — Alauddin Lake

6 km walking, 800 m elevation gain, 1000 m loss

Trek over Alauddin Pass (3770 m). Here we will be able to see the incredible snowcapped peaks of Chapdara (5050m), Bodhona (5138m) and Zamok (5070m). Overnight: tented camp (2780 m).



View of Chapdara peak (5197 m) and Alauddin lakes from the slope under Alauddin pass



Alauddin lake

DAY 5. Piala lake, Mutnye lakes

7 km walking, 700 m elevation gain

Trek to Mutnye lakes (3500 m). A moderate hiking day, we will climb to the lakes located at the foot of the highest point of Fann Mountains - Chimtarga peak (5489 m). The route passes by the small Piala lake and takes about 4 hours. Overnight: tented camp (3490 m).



Pack donkeys walking up



Mutnye lakes

DAY 6. Chimtarga High Camp

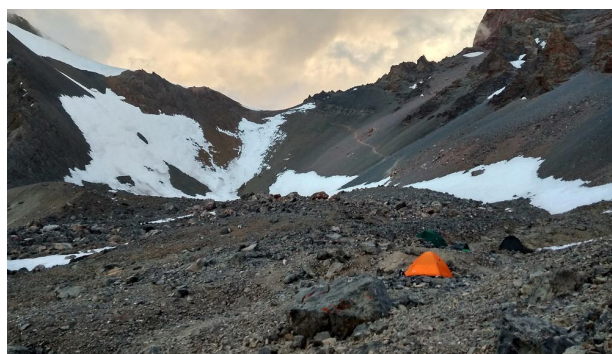
5 km walking, 1010 m elevation gain

A steep ascent up to Chimtarga High Camp below Chimtarga Pass. We will bivvy at an altitude of around 4500 m, that is the highest point of overnight stay of the entire route. The weather is quite cold there, and warm clothes will be required.

Note: our pack animals will only be able to walk until Mutnye lakes and will not be able to cross the pass. Porters can be hired in the place of pack animals to carry your things for the duration of the trip (up to 15 kg) but this must be done in advance.



Chimtarga Peak (5489 m) and Energiya Peak (5120 m)



Chimtarga High Camp below Chimtarga Pass

DAY 7. Chimtarga Pass (4760 m) — Bolshoje Allo Lake

11.3 km walking, 260 m elevation gain, 1610 m loss

Today we will ascent to the highest point of the entire route - the Chimtarga pass (4760 m). The journey from high camp to the top of the pass is relatively short because we gained most of the altitude the day before. The views from Chimtarga Pass are impressive. From the both sides of the pass there are two highest mountains in the range, Chimtagra Peak (5489 m) and Energiya Peak (5120 m). On the opposite side There are the peaks of the Mutnye Lakes circle: Zamok (5020 m), Bolshaja (Big) Ganza (5306 m), Malaja (Small) Ganza (4946 m), Krasnye Zori Peak (4746 m) and others. After a brief rest at the top of the pass we make the long descent down to Bolshoje (Big) Allo Lake. Overnight: tented camp (3150 m).



Views from Chimtarga Pass

DAY 8. Rest day or reserved day in case of bad weather

6 km walking, 230 m elevation gain, 230 m loss

This day is reserved day for your rest. There is no such guarantee that we will have favorable weather throughout our route, this day is set aside as a contingency. We can simply relax on the lake, or we can hike the radial trail to Verhnee Allo Lake. Overnight: tented camp at the same place (3490 m).



Bolshoje (Big) Allo Lake



DAY 9. Maloje (Small) Allo Lake

7 km walking, 780 m descent

Descent along the Zindon Valley to Maloje (Small) Allo Lake. We will build a camp on the bank of the Zindon River. This evening is the last in the high mountains. Overnight: tented camp (2370 m).



Zindon river



Archamaidan River Valley

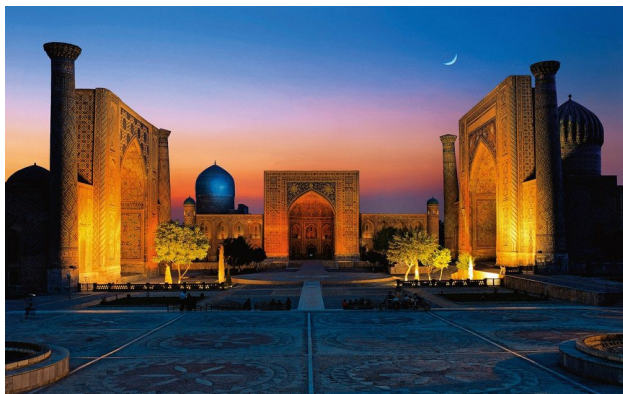
DAY 10. Archamaidan River and return to Samarkand

6 km walking, 560 m descent

We make our final descent and meet our driver at the end of the trail. He will take us to the border town of Penjikent. Crossing the border into Uzbekistan we will meet another vehicle and drive to Samarkand. Overnight: local guest house.

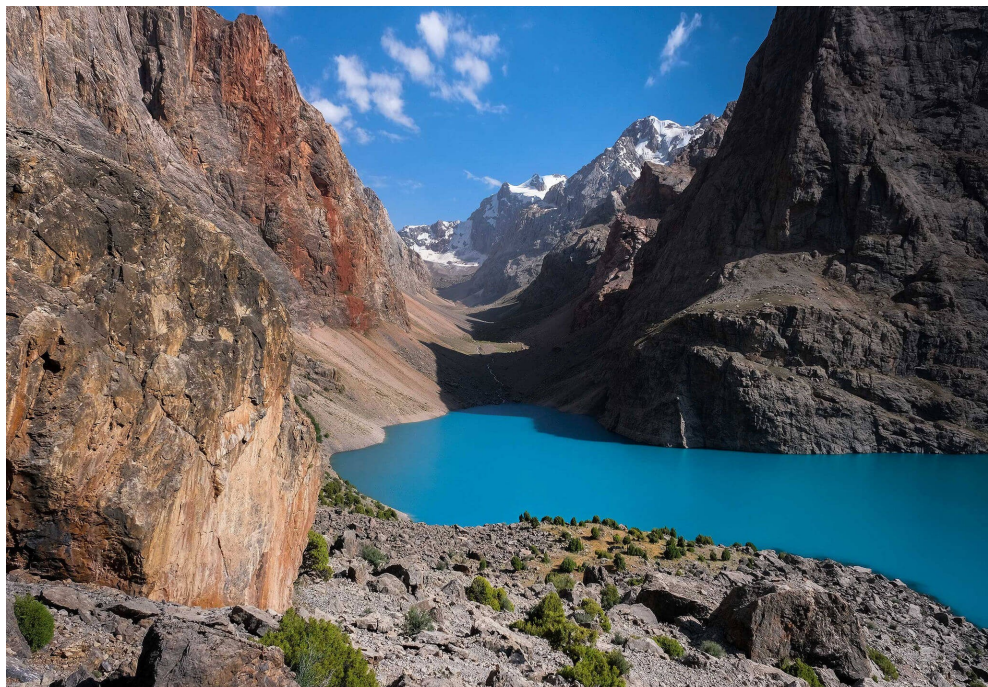
DAY 11. Departure

Transfer from the guest house to Samarkand International Airport.



Additional tour to Bukhara is available on request.





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