

WCCE.UZ

Organised by the Uzbekistan Art and Culture Development Foundation (ACDF), together with the Republic of Indonesia, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the WCCE is a unique moment on the international conference circuit and an essential platform for leaders and innovators to collaborate, drive progress and overcome challenges across the global creative economic landscape.

A modern and vibrant nation situated at the crossroads of the ancient Silk Road, Uzbekistan has long been a hub for thinkers, leaders and creatives. Now, the country is charting a visionary future centred on the creative economy and led by its dynamic, young population.

This forward-thinking spirit makes its capital city, Tashkent, the perfect place to explore the issues and innovations shaping the creative economy. Under this year's theme, Inclusively Creative: A Shifted Reality, this three-day event promises both an unparalleled networking opportunity and an immersive journey, including through diverse talks, experiential workshops, live performances, and cultural experiences throughout Tashkent and the broader country and region.

At the 4th WCCE we are going beyond witnessing history and actively participating in shaping it. Join us.



Meet the organisers

Organisers



Art and Culture Development Foundation of the Republic of Uzbekistan



The Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of the Republic of Indonesia



United Nations
Trade and Development



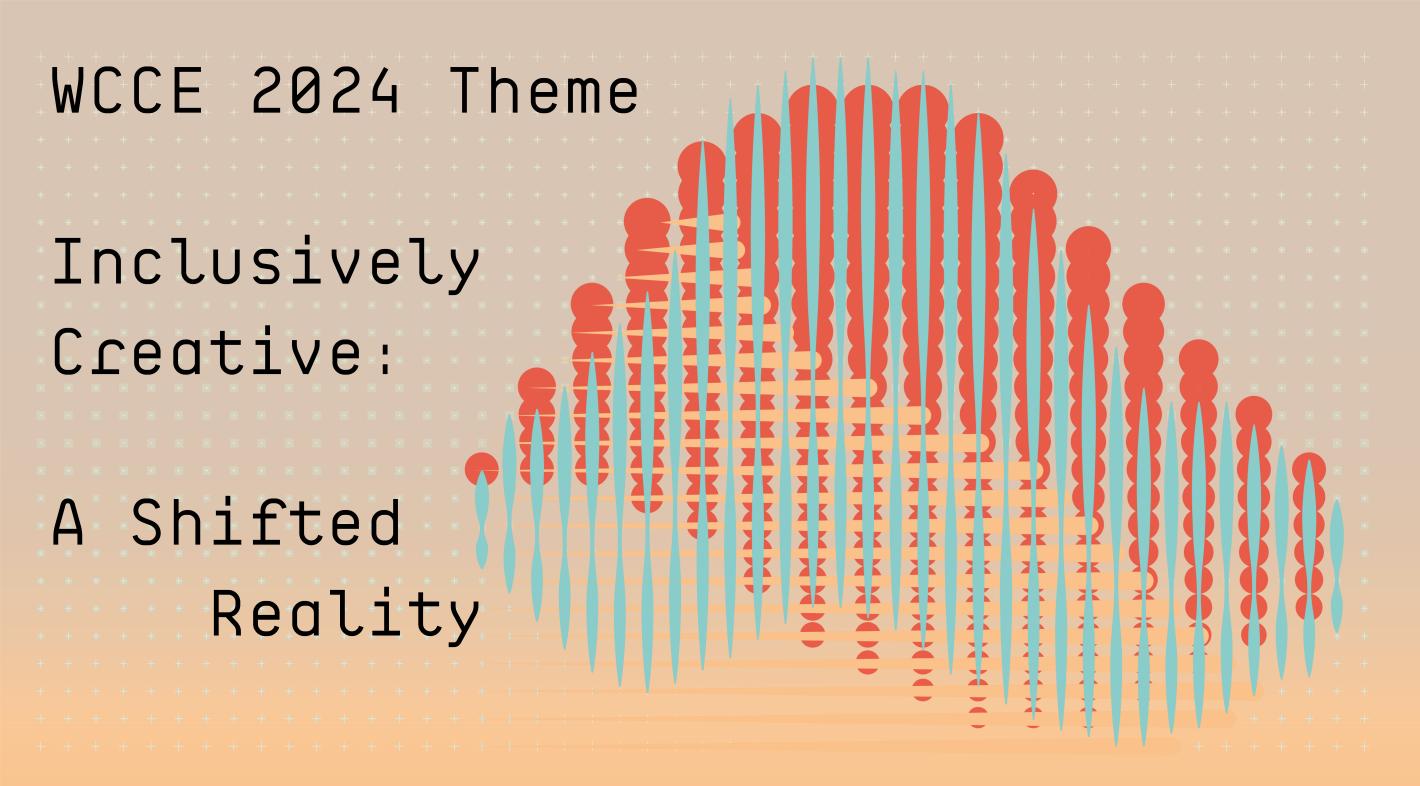
World Intellectual Property Organization

Knowledge Partners:









Inclusively Creative: A Shifted Reality

The 4th WCCE will explore cutting-edge topics, including:

- Workforce Dynamics
- The Rise of Creative and Smart Cities
- The Future of Creative Education
- The Evolution of Creative Lifestyles
- The Future of Arts, Creativity and IP in the Age of AI
- Inclusively Sustainable Futures

At this pivotal moment for the global economy, the WCCE will spark collaborative innovation, champion creative transformation and drive sustainable progress, leading to a significant shift towards shared prosperity and mutual growth in the creative sector.

Programme

- Opening Ceremony
- Business programme (keynotes / plenaries / panel discussion)
- Cultural programme (at CAEX and in the city)
- Education programme
 (workshops / public talks / seminars /
 lectures)

- Ministerial Meeting
- Friends of Creative Economy
- CreatiVillage
- Networking Events

Location : Central Asian Expo Uzbekistan (CAEx)

10:00 - 10:20

Boulevard Stage

10:00 - 10:20

Keynote

Carpet Stage

Keynote

Future of workforce dynamics

Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development

10:20 - 11:20

Boulevard Stage

10:20 - 11:05

2025 World Exposition Japan

Carpet Stage

Plenary

Future Frontiers: Unleashing Potential in Creative Workforces

- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development
- Sylvie Forbin, Deputy Director-General, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Sandiaga S. Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia
- Gayane Umerova, Chairperson, Uzbekistan Art and Culture Development Foundation
- Moderator: Nicolas Buchoud, Co-founder, President, Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development

Panel discussion

Cultural Hubs: Museums as Catalysts for Creative Community in Urban Space

Evolution of Creative Lifestyle

Oussouby Sacko, Professor, Human Environmental Design

Program and the Graduate School of Design, Kyoto Seika

University, Deputy Chairperson, Japan Association for the

- Wang Xudong, Director, Palace Museum
 Yannick Lintz, President, Guimet Museum
 Shaika Nasser Al-Nassr, Director, Museum of Islamic Art
 Mareva Grabowski-Mitsotakis, Creative consultant,
 Entrepreneur
- Moderator: Bobirmirzo Sayomov, Head, Museums Development Department, Agency of Cultural Heritage

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11:20 - 12:20

Boulevard Stage

Plenary

Metropolis Muse: The City as a Haven for Artists and Creators

- Toto Bergamo Rossi, Director, Venetian Heritage
- Wael Al Awar, Principal Architect, the "waiwai", Golden Lion winner at the Venice Architecture Biennale 2021
- **Jean-Michel Crovesi**, General Manager, Hangar Y
- Carlo Ratti, Architect, Engineer, Curator of the 19th International Architecture Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia (2025)
- **Takhmina Turdalieva**, Architect, Founder, Tatalab.uz
- Moderator: John Newbigin, OBE, Chair of Global Creative Economy Council

12:20 - 12:40

Boulevard Stage

Arts in the Global South: What is the Future?

Conversation with

Rajeeb Samdani, Founder and Trustee, Samdani Art Foundation
Cecilia Moses Tham, Founder, Futurity System

11:05 - 11:25

Carpet Stage

Keynote

Stitches of Story: Weaving Craft into Haute Couture

Francesca Amfitheatrof, Artistic Director, LV Watches & Jewelry

11:25 - 12:25

Carpet Stage

Plenary

Creative economies for end-users: investments, finance and IT

- Trinidad Zaldivar, Chief Creativity and Culture Unito Inter-American Development Bank
- Khuram Teshabayev, Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan
- Moderator: Luz Ma De La Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development

12:25 - 12:45

Carpet Stage

Keynote

Inclusively Sustainable Futures

Mutabar Khushvaktova, Digital creator, Eco-activist

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12:40 - 13:25

Boulevard Stage

Panel discussion

Future-Ready IT Education: Nurturing Skills for Tomorrow's Digital Landscape

- Felipe Buitrago, CEO of GO Future Hub, Author, former Minister of Culture of Colombia
- Robert Meeder, Co-Founder, Institute of Future Creations and Chief Innovation Officer at Selyn Exporters
- Rehana Mughal, Director, Creative Economy, British Council
- Moderator: Keith Nurse, President, College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago

13:30 - 14:00

• Lunch break & DJ set featuring Josef Tumari

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14:00 - 14:20

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Keynote

The Future of Arts, Creativity and IP in the age of AI

Sylvie Forbin, Deputy Director-General, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization

14:20 - 15:20

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Plenary

Professions of the Future: Dream Big

- Aaron Rasmussen, Co-founder of Masterclass
 Adama Sanneh, Co-founder & CEO, Moleskine Foundation
 Sharof Rajabbayev, Director of the Agency of Innovative
 Development, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations
 Arizona Muse, Model, Eco-activist
- Moderator: I Made Adhi Pratama, Cooperation Analyst, Ministry for Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia

14:00 - 14:45

Carpet Stage

Panel discussion

Creative industries for system change

- **Edna dos Santos-Duisenberg**, Co-founder, Vice President for Global Partnerships, the World Creativity Organization
- Luz Ma De La Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development
- Dimiter Gantchev, Deputy Director and Senior Manager, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Sherzod Shermatov, Minister of Digital Technologies of Republic of Uzbekistan
- Moderator: Ricky Pesik, Deputy Chairman, Indonesia Chamber of Commerce

14:45 - 15:30

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Panel discussion

Art of Storytelling

- **Stefano Poda**, Opera Director, Set-Costume-Lighting Designer, Choreographer
- **Teo Yang**, Product designer & Founder of Teo Yang Studio **Shirin Brueckner**, Founder, Atelier Brueckner
- Jasurbek Ruzmat, CEO, Digital Garden Illustration Studio
- Moderator: Ali Y. Khadra, Founder, Canvas & Sorbet magazines

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Panel discussion

Innovative Minds: Understanding the Science Behind Creativity

John Howkins, Global strategist, author and speaker

Shakhlo Turdikulova, Vice President, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Doctor of Biological Sciences

Rick Shangraw, Founding President, American University of Technology

Pearl Wang Haoqing, Director, Center for Global Cooperation and Education Development, USC-SJTU Institute of Cultural and Creative Industry, Deputy Director, Global Communication Research Institute, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

 Moderator: Alisher Ashurov, First Vice Rector, Turin Polytechnic University in Tashkent

16:05 - 16:50

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Panel discussion

Cultivating Digital Pioneers: Future of Skills and Creative Leadership

- **Eliana Prada,** Sector Specialist in Creative Economy, Inter-American Development Bank
- Daria Zolotukhina, Chief Talent Officer, Yandex
- Nadia Paredes, Founder, Creative Studio and Professor, Continuing Education at the Anáhuac University
- Komiljon Karimov, Rector, Westmister International University in Tashkent
- Moderator: Mashael Al Yahya, Creative Director, Misk Art Institute

15:30 - 16:15

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Panel discussion

Reviving Local Artisanship While Remaining Global

- Nadia Samdani, Co-Founder, Samdani Art Foundation
- Nada Debs, Designer
- Maywand Jabarkhyl, CEO, Fatima Bint Mohamed bin Zayed Initiative
- Alisher Rakhimov, Master of Ceramic
- Moderator: Ikko Yokoyama, Lead Curator, Design and Architecture M+

16:15 - 17:00

Carpet Stage

Panel discussion

Central Asia's Design Code

- **Aziza Azim,** Creative Director, Azi Land; Founder, AZI.STUDIO
- Ulugbek Holmurodov, Architect, Founder, Hlmrdv Gallery, Holmuradov Architects, Holmuradov Design
- Aijan Firsova, Designer, Cut A Dash brand
- **Bauyrzhan Shadibekov**, CEO, VISA Fashion Week in Almaty and Tashkent
- Moderator: Oleg Drobot, CEO, Elle O'zbekiston

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Panel discussion

Voices of Change: The Power of Art and Creative Expression

- **Pradeep Sharma**, Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage, Salama bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation
- Maywand Jabarkhyl, CEO, Fatima Bint Mohamed bin Zayed Initiative
- Zeynep Utku, Founder, Arts Connected
- **Azizbek Mannopov**, Deputy Chairperson, Uzbekistan Art and Culture Development Foundation
- Moderator: Sara Raza, Global art curator, Writer

17:35 - 17:50

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Performance

Vocal performance by Marcelito Pomoy

End of day two at CAEx

Panel discussion

What is the Interplay between AI and Intellectual Property?

- Guillaume Therien, Partner, Tryptiq Capital
- Bokhodir Ayupov, CEO, IT Park University Uzbekistan
- Sanjar Norquvatov, Head of Department, Ministry of Justice of Uzbekistan
- Azizjon Azimi, Founder, A7o
- Moderator: Shimer Diao, Head of Global Partnerships and Business Excellence, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence

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The Future of Work in the Creative

Ecosystem: Ensuring Inclusivity,

Ekaterina Cherkes-Zade, Director, Center for Creative Economy Development of the Agency of Strategic Initiatives Bakhodic Rakhmatov, Director, Agency for Strategic Reforms

Sustainability, and Resilience.

Keynote

The Rise of Creative and Smart Cities

Yin Nina, Secretary-General, Creative Economy Development Centre, Shanghai Creative Industry Association

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of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Conversation with

Carpet Stage

Panel discussion

Big Creative Ideas: Who is Changing the Game in the Central Asia?

- Irina Kharitonova, Founder, Innovative Creative Institute
- Vadim Pavlov, Product Director, Golden House
- Sherali Djurabaev, Managing Director, Wavemaker/Tajikistan
- Moderator: Nazgul Kubakaeva, Executive Director, Association of Creative Industries of Kyrgyzstan

Plenary

Code Makers & Shapers: Bridging Tech and Creativity

- Daniar Amanaliev, Co-founder and Band Master, ololo Group Akmal Salikhov, Business Development Director, East Games; Founder, Game Development Incubator, GameDev Goethe
- Guillaume Therien, Partner, Tryptig Capital (TBC)
- Moderator: Jamila Khalibaeva, Global Marketing Director, TT-Pack Uzbekistan

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Panel discussion

The Soundtrack of Innovation: Music as the Heartbeat of Creative Industries

- Matas Petrikas, Founding member, SoundCloud
- Actyom Atanesyan, AR manager in service for music promo BandLink and one of the biggest music streaming services in CIS
- Isabella Pek, Department of Culture, Arts, Tourism and Sports, Kuala Lumpur City Hall
- Georges Tomb, Composer, Concert pianist
- Moderator: Madina Ishmuradova, Creative Producer

12:05 - 12:15

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Performance

Performance by the rock band Flyin Up

A special session by UN Trade and Development

Launch of the UNCTAD Creative Economy Outlook 2024

- Katalin Bokor, Economic Affairs Officer, UN Trade and Development
- **Leonila T. Baluyut**, Assistant Secretary, **Co**mpetitiveness and Innovation Group, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines
- **Keith Nurse**, President, College of Science Technology and Applied Arts Trinidad and Tobago
- Felipe Buitrago, CEO, GO Future Hub, former Minister of Culture of Colombia
- Moderator: Luz Ma De La Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development

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Panel discussion

Imagining Urban Futures: a dialogue on creative cities

- Izan Satrina Mohd Sallehuddin, Senior Director, Think City
- Borina Andrieu, Managing Director, Wilmotte & Associés
- Denise Bax, Secretary, UNESCO Creative Cities Network and Coordinator of the UNESCO Cities Platform, Culture Sector, UNESCO
- Sabina Burkhanova, Artisan, Carpet Maker
- Moderator: Dwinita Larasati, Deputy of Strategic Partnership, the Indonesia Creative Cities Network

13:00 - 13:45

Boulevard Stage

Panel discussion

Creative Structures: Bridging Architecture, Design, and Economic Growth

- Ahmed Al-Mannai, Co-Founder, Shepherd Studio
- Fahad Alobaidly, Acting Director, Design Doha Biennial
- **Ekaterina Golovatyuk**, Architect, Co-founder, Grace
- Jayden Ali, Founder, JA Projects
- Moderator: Cyril Zammit, Independent design advisor

13:00 - 13:45

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Panel discussion

Arts as a Multi-Industry Catalyst: Startups Leading the Way

- Mike Pio Roda, Founder, Creative VC
- Bekzod Fayozov, VFX Supervisor, United Soft
- Nisaa Jetha, Global Impact Strategist
- Muborakxon Yusupova, Project manager, Grace Projects
- Moderator: Birce Batman, Entrepreneurship, Cooperation, and Technology Transfer Department, Bilkent University

A special session by the British Council

How to reframe the value of creative industries and boost "impact investment" in the region?

- Nastya Goncharova, Creative entrepreneur, Researcher Indira Uzbekova, Regional Director,
- Accelerate Prosperity, Aga Khan Development Network
- Andy Pratt, Chair of Creative Economy, UNESCO
- Laura Callanan, Founder, Upstart Co-Lab
- Moderator: Daniar Amanaliyev, Co-founder and band master of ololo group, Chair of Kyrgyzstan's Creative Industries Park Board

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Lunch break & DJ set featuring Doppi Twins

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A special session by the British Council

A Global perspective on the creative economy

- **Edna dos Santos-Duisenberg**, Economist, Co-founder and Vice President for Global Partnerships, World Creativity Organization
- **Daniar Amanaliev,** Co-founder and band master, ololo group, Chair of Kyrgyzstan's Creative Industries Park Board
- Avril Joffe, Independent professional researcher and a research associate with the Cultural Policy and Management Department at the Wits School of Arts, University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg
- Moderator: John Newbigin, OBE, Chair of Global Creative Economy Council

Panel discussion

Spaces for togetherness - crafting the Bukhara Biennial

- Laila Gohar, Artist
- Ahmad Angawi, Multidisciplinary Creative, Associate
 Director, Al Makmad Foundation and the Founder of Zawiya 97
 Subodh Gupta, Contemporary artist
- Gulnoza Irgasheva, Filmmaker, Researcher
- Moderator: Diana Campbell, Curator, writer; Artistic Director, Bukhara Biennial; Artistic Director, Samdani Art Foundation; Chief curator, Dhaka Art Summit

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A special session by the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia

Enhancing international cooperation on creative economy for sustainable development United Nations in New York

- Marisa Henderson, Chief of the Creative Economy Programme, UNCTAD
- John Howkins, Author and creative industries expert, UK
- Nicolas Buchoud, President of the Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development
- Moderator: Dwinita Larasati, Indonesia Creative Cities Network

16:00 - 17:00

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Closing Ceremony

- Vocal performance by the director of **Music Lab** at Qatar Museums, Dana Al Ameer.
- Choreographic performance by the **Indonesian delegation with the Bumi Purnati** troupe.
- DJ set featuring DJs from the Sublimation collective.

Special Events

Location : Central Asian Expo Uzbekistan (CAEx)

October 2

15:00 - 18:00

Friends of Creative Economy Forum

Venue: Ayvon Plaza

A key WCCE forum to advance the mainstreaming conversation on global creative economy

October 3

11:30 - 13:30

Ministerial
Meeting
(by invitation only)

Venue: Ayvon Plaza

A Minister and Senior Official level meeting to deliberate and discuss their experience on creative economy and industries development as well as to adopt the WCCE outcome document

October 3

09:00 - 12:00

Ideathon: Bridging creativity gap - building inclusive space for creatives in Uzbekistan

Venue: Mahalla Square

Collaborative event of Uzbekistan Art and Culture Development Foundation and IT Park Uzbekistan

October 4

15:00 - 17:00

Start-up pitch session

Venue: Mahalla Square

Collaborative event of Uzbekistan Art and Culture Development Foundation, Agency for Youth Affairs of Uzbekistan and IT Park Uzbekistan

October 4

12:30 - 16:00

International Meeting of Creative Producers' Club

Venue: Ayvon Plaza

Centre of Creative Economy at the Agency of Strategic Initiatives

Curated sessions

Location : Central Asian Expo Uzbekistan (CAEx)
Ayvon Plaza

October 3

15:00 - 16:00

Global Creative Economy Council

Creative economy in action, practical policies for growing creative economy

October 3

16:00 - 17:00

British Council

Bridging education and practitioners: lessons and prospects for creative industries

October 3

17:00 - 18:00

British Council

Empowering local economies: The impact of creative interdisciplinary projects beyond the capital

October 4

10:30 - 12:30

Asian Development Bank Institute

Creative Economy in Times of Climate Change

Cultural programme

Tashkent

Visits to historical sites:

- Museum of Applied Arts
- The Hazrati Imam complex
- Suzani by Kasimbaeva
- Rakhimov's Ceramic Studio
- Tour to the museum-library of the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan, which houses the Quran of Usman ("Tashkent Quran")
- Nationwide Children's Library
- CCA Artist Residencies
- State Museum of the Timurids

Tashkent Modernism trail

- Zhemchug Residential Building «vertical mahalla»
- State circus of Uzbekistan
- Chorsu Bazaar
- People's Friendship Palace
- Tashkent metro
- State Museum of History of Uzbekistan
- Hotel Uzbekistan
- Tashkent TV Tower

Samackand

Visits to historical sites:

- The Bibi Khanum Mosque
- Registan Square
- Shah-i-Zinda Mausoleum
- Gur Emir Mausoleum
- Ulugh Beg Observatory

Bukhaca

Visits to historical sites:

- Lyabi-Hauz Square
- Maghoki Attori Mosque
- Caravanserai complexes
- Khodja-Gaukushan Ensemble
- Mir-i Arab Ensemble and Kalon
 Mosque
- Ark Citadel
- Samanid Mausoleum

Nukus

A visit to:

State Museum of Art named after Igor Savitsky and its «Avant-garde in the Desert» exhibition

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