

## Regional Development Forum

Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 26 October 2022

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## 1. Event venue

Silk Road Samarkand, Congress center Ballroom <a href="https://silkroad-samarkand.com/">https://silkroad-samarkand.com/</a>

## 2. Registration

Online registration for the event is available <u>here</u>.

On-site registration will take place on 26 October 2022 from 9:30 to 10:00 at the workshop venue. For remote participants, a link to connect to the event will be sent additionally one day before the forum.

## 3. Languages

The Forum will be conducted in Russian.

## 4. Recommended hotels

## Hotel «Silk Road by Minyoun 5\*»

Konigil massivi street, 140319 Samarkand, Uzbekistan https://planetofhotels.com/uzbekistan/samarkand/silk-road-minyoun

## Approximate accommodation cost

Room category	Price per day, USD
Standard	from 165

## Hotel «Savitsky Plaza/Lia! By Minyoun Stars of Ulugbek»

Konigil massivi street, 140319 Samarkand, Uzbekistan

https://www.booking.com/hotel/uz/stars-of-ulugbek-by-lia-minyoun-samarkand.ru.html

## Approximate accommodation cost

Room category	Price per day, USD
Single	from 120

## Hotel «ARHAN PALACE»

40 Mir Said Baraka ko'chasi, 140100, Samarkand, Uzbekistan

www.arhan.uz

#### Approximate accommodation cost

Room category	Price per day, USD
Single	from 60
Twin	from 80

#### Hotel «GRAND HOTEL SOGDIANA»

Narpay street 76 A, Samarkand, 140100, Samarkand, Uzbekistan <u>https://mybooking.uz/ru/hotels/samarkand/grand-otel-sogdiana</u>

#### Approximate accommodation cost

Room category	Price per day, USD
Single	from 50
Twin	from 60

#### Hotel «Alexander»

Mirzo Ulugʻbek Koʻchasi 62, Samarkand, Uzbekistan

http://www.alexanderhotel.uz/

#### Approximate accommodation cost

Room category	Price per day, USD
Single	from 80
Twin	from 100

#### 5. Transport

You can get to Samarkand by flying directly to the Samarkand airport or by high-speed train from Tashkent.

Samarkand International Airport is located 8 km from the city center of Samarkand (<u>https://samarkand.aeroport.website/</u>).

The cost of ordering a transfer to the airport is approximately 10-20 USD.

High-speed train Tashkent - Samarkand runs daily, travel time is 2 hours 15 minutes, the train schedule can be found at the link: <u>https://www.advantour.com/rus/uzbekistan/trains/tashkent-samarkand.htm</u>.

In Uzbekistan, international services for calling a taxi Yandex. Taxi, MyTaxi are supported.

Starting from 06:00 to 24:00, buses No. 10, No. 18, No. 31, No. 37 and No. 60 run from the airport to the city. The bus stop can be found near the exit from the arrivals area of the passenger terminal. The fare is paid at the entrance to the driver. A fixed ticket amount is charged - 1200 Uzbek soums (less than 1 USD).

#### 6. Contacts

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## 7. Currency/exchange/credit cards

National currency unit in the Republic of Uzbekistan is Uzbekistan sum (UZS). All payments are made in national currency. Currency exchange offices are available in all cities.

As of 19 August, 2022, the exchange rate of the UZS was:

1 USD = 11 036,25 UZS, 1 Euro = 11 104,54 UZS.

Information on current exchange rate of Uzbekistan sum against other currencies is available at: <a href="http://goldenpages.uz/kurs/">http://goldenpages.uz/kurs/</a>.

Banks are open from 9:00 a.m. till 18:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Currency exchange is carried out by all banks and exchange offices.

#### 8. Climate

Uzbekistan has a sharply continental climate, which is characterized by a large difference between day and night temperatures. Temperatures fluctuate greatly depending on the time of year. The average daytime temperature in October is about +22°C, and at night the average air temperature drops to 7°C.

#### 9. Time

GMT+05:00

## **10. Electric devices**

Voltage power in the Republic of Belarus - 220V / 50 Hz. Electric outlets are of Type C and Type F.



## 11. Communication means

There are three fixed line telephony providers working in Uzbekistan: JS "Uzbektelecom", JV "Est Telecom", JV "Buzton". Mobile communication is provided by Uzdunrobita – trade mark "MTC" (GSM), Unitel – trade mark "Beeline" (GSM), Coscom – trade mark «U-cell» (GSM), UzMobile (CDMA 450).

Telephone code of Tashkent is +998 71. A local call from a regular phone will cost around 12 sum per minute. For international calls from Tashkent, one should dial 00 + code of the country + code of the city or follow the instructions on telephone card.

The Workshop participants can get Internet access in the respective hotels and at the event venue.

## 12. Visa

The Republic of Uzbekistan has bilateral visa free deals with Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

More detailed information can be obtained on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan <u>https://mfa.uz/ru/consular/visa/</u>. Those participants who need entry visa to the Republic of Uzbekistan are recommended to contact their local Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Uzbekistan for information well in advance.

## 13. COVID measures

From 10 June 2022, the special commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to prevent the spread of coronavirus canceled all entry requirements to Uzbekistan.

# However, before planning your trip, please check the current entry requirements for Uzbekistan on your airline's website.

## 14. General information

Samarkand is one of the oldest cities in the world, founded, according to archaeological data, in the middle of the 8th century BC. (Ancient Marakanda), the capital of the Timurid state, became the first capital of Soviet Uzbekistan in 1924. For more than two millennia, the city was a key point on the Great Silk Road between China and Europe, as well as one of the main centers of science in the medieval East.

In the XIV century it was the capital of the empire of Tamerlane and the Timurid dynasty. The vast majority of architectural masterpieces of the city were built in this era and in the era of the Uzbek Dzhanid (Ashtarkhanid) dynasty. It was the period of the highest development of Samarkand.

Samarkand is famous for its many historical and cultural monuments. With its blue-domed madrasahs, caravanserais decorated with facing tiles, magnificent mosques and complexes, Samarkand resembles an open-air museum.



