

Merv Day Trip Turkmenistan



INTRODUCTION:

This is a one day extension that can be done at the start or end of any Turkmenistan tour. It begins and ends in Ashgabat, so is easily accessible, and is perfect for those history buffs out there who want to see a bit more of the ancient stuff whilst in Turkmenistan.

Tour Details:

PRICE: \$400 USD

START: Ashgabat

FINISH: Ashgabat

INCLUSIONS:

- Transport as per itinerary, beginning and ending in Ashgabat
- Entrance fees to Merv and Mary Museum
- English speaking guide

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Day 1: Ashgabat - Mary - Merv - Ashgabat

- You'll be picked up early in the morning for the first flight to Mary.
- Fly to Mary on Turkmenistan Airlines, an experience in and of itself.
- Depending on the time of the flight, you might want to stop for some breakfast before driving to Merv, which is just half an hour's drive from the modern city of Mary and now a UNESCO world heritage listed site. Merv is the oldest and best preserved ancient oasis city along the Silk Road, and at one point during the 12 th Century was possibly even the largest city in the world.
- Spend the morning exploring the shrines, temples, towers, city walls, fortresses, castles and mausoleums, the most notable of which is that of Sultan Sandzhar Dar-al-Akhir which reaches forty metres into the sky, topped by an almost completely intact brick dome.
- Return to the modern city of Mary, where you can stop for some lunch, before visiting the Mary Museum if there is time.
- Return to the airport to catch the evening flight back to Ashgabat.
- Arrive in Ashgabat, transfer to the hotel.