



# FERGANA VALLEY

COMMUNITY TOURISM NETWORK - CTN



CTN RECOMMENDED ROUTE - 5 DAYS

## EXPLORE FERGANA VALLEY'S ART AND FASHION SCENE

The Fergana Valley is known as the heartland of handicrafts and craftsmanship in Uzbekistan. One of the things that makes traveling here unique is the opportunity to meet artisans and learn from them in their studios. This Recommended Route focuses on art and fashion connects you with our CTN artisan members throughout the Fergana Valley. Many are continuing the traditional handicrafts passed down through generations, as well as creating new designs that blend the old and the new.



We welcome you to discover the beauty of the Fergana Valley in Uzbekistan with CTN!

By connecting you directly with local tourism businesses, artisans and communities, CTN provides travellers a unique opportunity to engage with local handicrafts, people, cuisine and nature in a way that conserves cultural heritage, keeps money local and supports small businesses.

**CTN Recommended Routes help you discover immersive, off-the-beaten-path travel experiences** along the Silk Road to help you plan your visit to Fergana Valley. Routes can be adjusted in terms of duration, sightseeing stops and artisan visits according to your interests, needs and schedule.

**Recommendation:**  
**Work with one of our CTN member tour operators or tour guides to help you organize your trip.**

They can assist with customizing your itinerary, organizing visits to artisans, arranging transportation and accommodation, and many other services. At a minimum, we recommend hiring a private driver as not all places are easily accessible by public transport or shared taxi.

**Note: Visiting artisans and their studios requires prior booking or reservation.**

Our CTN tour operators and tour guides can help arrange these visits for you.




## DAYS 1-2: Explore the Handicrafts of Fergana Region

**Transportation to Fergana Valley:** We recommend that you to travel by train from Tashkent to Margilan (4.5 hours).

**Choose from a large range of artisans and studios to explore the rich handicraft traditions of Fergana Region:**

- **Margilan:** Rasuljon Mirzaakhmedov is a 9th generation ikat fabric designer who runs the Margilan Crafts Development Center in the beautifully renovated 19th century Said Akmad-Khoja Madrassa.
- **Margilan:** Nargiza Sherkhodjayeva offers traditional embroidery (suzani), ikat, and silk carpets in her handicrafts shop, Nora & Co.
- **Fergana City:** Matmusaev Eldorbek is the founder of El-Nur Leather workshop, a studio specializing in handmade leather products.
- **Fergana City:** Nargiza Yuldasheva is the founder of Begoyim Creates which designs beautiful traditional clothing as well as pieces with a modern twist.
- **Kuvasoy:** Khayrutdin Zaynudinov of Simurgh Designs is a renowned clothing designer who uses traditional embroidery and fabrics with a speciality in Chapans (long, traditional coats).
- **Rishtan:** Diyorbek Nazirov comes from a long line of master potters and continues to create ceramics using traditional methods and symbolic patterns in his studio at the International Ceramics Centre.
- **Shohardonobod:** Sadokat Mirzaeva, founder of Art House Sadosh, makes handmade dolls, embroidery (suzani), purses and ikat items.
- **Uchkuprik Village:** Rano Botaboyeva produces jewellery inspired by traditional Uzbek stories, symbols and processes.

 Stay at CTN member Ikat House in Margilan

## DAY 3 Discover the Craftsmanship of Andijan Region

**Transportation:** Travel by train or taxi to Andijan city for at least one night, ideally two.


**Select several places to visit in Andijan Region to explore its rich handicrafts heritage:**

**Shakhrikhan:** Muzaffar Umarov is a 10th generation knifemaker who loves sharing with visitors to his workshop the traditional

techniques and stories behind these famous knives, including those made with Damascus steel.

**Registan, Andijan City:** Explore the variety of handicraft shops and museum around the Registan where the artisans are happy to share their craft and story with you.

**Andijan City:** Visit the workshop of Mirzabakhrom Abduvahobov, a 15th generation master potter who is continuing the traditions of Andijan-style handmade ceramics.

 Stay at CTN Member Uzbechka Hotel in Andijan

## DAY 4 Meet the Masters of Namangan Region

**Transportation:** Transfer by car or train to Namangan City.


**Learn about Namangan Region's long history handicrafts by visiting the following artisans and shops:**

**Namangan City:** Silk Granat owned by Marina Djabbarova is a beautiful shop filled with high quality handicrafts sourced from local artisans.

**Namangan City:** Isakjanov Abdulbosit is the founder of Abdulhakim Suzani Embroidery that produces traditional handmade embroidered products and clothing.

**Gurumsaroy Town:** Buvayev Vakhobjon is a prominent artisan of Gurumsaroy ceramics. Visit his workshop in the beautiful little town of Gurumsaroy either as a day trip from Namangan City or en route to Tashkent.

**Yangiqo'rg'on District:** Nurbek Khatammirzayev is reviving the ancient pottery traditions of Ahsikent and his ceramics are distinguished by natural colours.

 Stay at CTN Member Atlas Hostel in Namangan

## DAY 5 Return to Tashkent or Continue to Kyrgyzstan

**Return to Tashkent:** Take a train or shared taxi from Pop or Namangan city, or a flight from Namangan city.

**Crossing into Kyrgyzstan:** If you are continuing onto Kyrgyzstan, go through the Uchkurgan-Kensay border around one hour from Namangan City and cross into Jalal-Abad Region. Arslanbob (good for homestays) is around two hours from the border. Alternatively, you can cross the Dostyk border near Andijan to reach Osh.



## TOUR COMPANIES & TRAVEL AGENCIES

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## The Fergana Valley Community Tourism Network (CTN)

CTN is a growing network of local tourism enterprises spread across the Fergana Valley in Uzbekistan that helps connect travellers directly to local artisans, communities and travel experiences in a way that values and preserves traditional and contemporary culture.



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