

PROGRAMMA for 1 day

Day 1 . Shymkent - Otrar Settlement - Turkestan - Shymkent

09:00AM Departure to Otrar Settlement (220 km.),
Otrar is the city where medieval philosopher and scientist Al-Farabi was born and lived. Otrar settlement was founded in IV century BC. This center of trade and craftsmanship was the main point of the caravan routes between Eastern Europe and China. The remains of the citadel and other large buildings, as well as the main gate and rabad, covering an area of about 10 square kilometers, have survived to the present days.

Visit:

- **archaeological site of the ancient settlement of Otrar.**
- **Arystan-Bab Mausoleum (teacher and spiritual mentor of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi.**

Transfer to Turkestan (70 km). Turkestan was founded around 500 AD at the crossroads of caravan routes from Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva in northern Kazakhstan. The city was known as the spiritual and political center of the Turkic-speaking people in the XVI-XVIII centuries, and was the capital of the Kazakh Khanate.

Visit:

- **"Azret-Sultan" historical and architectural complex, Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi**

(Necropolis, a fragment of the fortress wall, citadel with gates, Hammam, Hilvet underground mosque).

Transfer to Shymkent (170 km). Overnight in Shymkent.



**Tour Price :(per pax): - on request,
depends on the number of people in the group and the kinds of transport**

Include:

- Transport – 1 day
- All excursions ;**
- The English speaking guide -1 day ,
- Entrance fee to the museums