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Information for applicants

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With a population of roughly 33 million (as at 2017), Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia. It is roughly the same size as Sweden, at 449,000 km². Besides Liechtenstein, it is the only double land-locked country in the world, which is a bio geophysical barrier to successful economic development.

Climate and sights

Uzbekistan has a continental climate, with long, hot summers. Winters, on the other hand, are cold and temperature fluctuations of up to 50°C can occur. Temperatures rise as you travel from north to south. The average maximum temperature in July is 34°C, though temperatures can reach over 40°C. In some regions, especially in the desert, there are extended periods of drought.

Medical care

The German Federal Foreign Office recommends checking and, if necessary, completing the standard vaccinations in accordance with the Robert Koch Institute’s immunisation schedule for children and adults (see: www.rki.de). For adults, that includes vaccinations against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and polio, if necessary, also against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), as well as influenza (flu) and pneumococcal infections. The travel vaccines recommended are those against hepatitis A, and for long-term stays or in case of particular risk, also against typhus, hepatitis B and rabies.

Accommodation and quality of life

The rental apartment market is fast-moving, and it is generally not difficult to find good accommodation. Rent for a two-room apartment in the city centre should cost less than EUR 450; a five-room house costs about EUR 2,000 per month. The capital city has many green parks and public squares with fountains, as well as a good selection of cafés and restaurants. There are gyms and swimming pools; the opera house is also worth a visit. Mountains, lakes and national parks are just a few hours’ drive away.

Shops and services

Supermarkets in the capital Tashkent are well stocked with consumables, and also have western products made for the Central Asian market. The many large bazaars in Tashkent offer a wide selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. Prices for local goods are very low by comparison; western products, especially clothing, wine, perfumes etc. can be far more expensive than in the west. The major supermarket chains are present in all the major cities in Uzbekistan. The range in rural areas is less varied. Restaurants, cinemas and going out are comparatively very inexpensive. Dinner for two in a good restaurant, including alcoholic beverages, costs roughly EUR 15.

Accompanying partners and children

Married accompanying partners can generally obtain a visa easily and, after arrival, accreditation (residence permit). Unmarried partners are entitled to a visa (at their own expense), but not to accreditation. If accompanying spouses wish to work in the country,
they need to re-register, a procedure that takes roughly 1 month.

There are several fee-paying international schools in Tashkent, offering pre-school, primary school and secondary school education in English. They also prepare pupils for the International Baccalaureate. School children must generally be registered in/by August, and registration includes an assessment test.

Good to know

As a result of the change of president in 2016, many changes and reforms are currently underway to simplify official procedures and generally make the country more open. As a result, information available online about Uzbekistan may be extremely outdated.

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