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Information for applicants

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With approx. 36.8 million (2024) inhabitants, Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia. In terms of area (449,000 km²), it is about the size of Sweden. Alongside Liechtenstein, the country is the only two landlocked countries in the world, which poses particular challenges for economic development.

Climate and sights

The climate in Uzbekistan is continental. The summers are long and very hot (around 40 degrees C and more at peak times). In winter, on the other hand, it gets cold and there can be short periods of temperature fluctuations of up to 50° C in short periods. Depending on the region, especially in the desert, there are long dry periods - this can lead to fluctuations in the water and energy supply.

Medical care

The Federal Foreign Office recommends checking the standard vaccinations according to the current vaccination calendar of the Robert Koch Institute for children and adults (see: www.rki.de) when travelling and completing them if necessary. This includes vaccinations against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and polio, possibly also against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and against influenza (flu) and pneumococci. Vaccinations against hepatitis A, typhoid, hepatitis B and rabies are recommended as travel vaccinations for long-term stays or those at particular risk.

There are international private clinics at the Tashkent site that provide basic medical care. Facilities in the public healthcare system do not consistently meet international standards.

Accommodation and quality of life

The rental housing market is fast-moving, and it is generally not difficult to find a suitable place to live. Renting a 2-bedroom flat in the city center should cost around 600-1200 euros; for a 5-room house about 2000 - 2300 euros per month. Apartments are often partially or fully furnished - this can usually be negotiated.

In the capital there are many green parks and public squares with fountains, as well as a good selection of cafés and restaurants. Fitness clubs and swimming pools (aqua parks) are available; the opera house and cultural institutions are worth a visit. Mountains, lakes and national parks are only a few hours' drive away. There is a reliable rail service to all the main towns in the country, Samarkand and Bukhara, including a fast train connection.

Shops and services

The supermarkets in the capital Tashkent are well stocked with consumer goods and have Western brands produced for the Central Asian market. In rural areas, the choice is more limited. The many large bazaars in Tashkent offer a large selection of fresh fruit and vegetables and all everyday products. The prices for local goods are comparatively low; "western" products, especially clothing, wine, perfumes etc. can significantly exceed western standards. Restaurants, cinemas, and cultural events are comparatively inexpensive although restaurants can reach Western price levels depending on the standard.

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 international schools in Tashkent that offer pre-school, primary and secondary education in English with corresponding international school fees. IB degrees are also possible. Enrollment usually takes place in/by August and includes a placement 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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