

TOP 5 TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN TURKESTAN



Since the time of the Timur, Turkistan has been a significant destination for pilgrims. The Sufi saint Yasawi's shrine draws visitors from all around Kazakhstan and its neighboring nations.

Turkistan is a worthwhile stopover if you are traveling through Kazakhstan from east to west if you want to observe current religious practices and be amazed by the enormous.

Yassi used to be the name for Turkistan. Before Ahmet Yasawi (Ahmet of Yassi), a respected Sufi instructor, chose it as his final resting place in the 12th century, it was a minor location. When Timur made a pilgrimage to the area in 1389 and commissioned the building of a mausoleum, things really took off.

At the time of Timur's passing in 1405, the mausoleum was still unfinished. Nevertheless, it is a grand and stunning structure that is reminiscent of Samarkand's Gur Emir and Bibi Khanym mosque. Tourism Review introduces Turkestan's top 5 attractions.

1/ Ahmed Yasawi Mausoleum

The spectacular brick and tile tomb was built in 1389 by Turco-Mongol potentate Timur for Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, a Sufi poet and teacher from the 12th century. There are also the tombs of Kazakh khans and sages.

The recently refurbished building still sparkles with blue, white, and turquoise tilework, surrounded by lush lawns and flowerbeds, despite never having been finished.

Muslims from Central Asia still make frequent pilgrimages to the mausoleum, claiming that three visits are equivalent to one Umrah to Mecca.

A massive bronze kazan constructed of an alloy of seven metals (iron, zinc, lead, tin, gold, silver, and copper) that was returned to Kazakhstan from the Hermitage's collection may be found there, along with other relics.

2/ Mausoleum Complex

The mausoleum has drawn considerable buildings throughout the years. The 15th-century mausoleum of Rabia Sultan Begim, one of Timur's granddaughters, is located next to the Yasawi Mausoleum.

The Friday mosque is located to the south on top of a small hill, and right next to it is a modest, contemporary-looking structure with a green cupola that houses the Hilvet underground mosque, which was constructed around the little cave cell where Yasawi is reputed to have meditated in his final years.

It is a significant and beautiful religious place to visit. Esim Khan's square mausoleum is located in front of the mausoleum complex.

3/ Karavansaray

Karavansaray, run by the Rixos group, combines elements of a theme park and a commercial center. You are not the target audience if you think that sounds terrible. This construction is targeted toward daytrippers from the area as well as visitors from Tashkent, Bishkek, Almaty, and Nur-Sultan.

A short distance from the Yasawi Mausoleum, Turkistan's local leaders opened this \$200 million outdoor shopping and entertainment center in April 2021.

If you and/or your children are interested in activities of this nature, you can watch an 8D movie at the Golden Egg theater, go on rides at the family amusement complex, watch an equestrian performance at the arena, or take a boat trip on the canal.

4/ Farab Library

The "Farab" library is quickly becoming a favorite among Turkestan's bookworms. It is situated in the midst of glowing structures. On the direction of the region's ruler, Omirzak Shokeyev, this library was built in a contemporary style as a multipurpose educational facility. The educational center's three-story storage facility holds 480,000 books.

Look at the exhibits on Turkic scripts in the atrium on the ground floor and Turkistan history on the third floor. The concept store for Visit Turkistan is located on the ground floor. The library's architecture is very beautiful.

The library currently contains 280,000 books. Every citizen will be able to explore the library's extensive book collection and learn more about creative concepts and scientific theories as early as 2021.

5/ The "Shildekhana" monument

The name "Shildekhana" derives from the Persian words "chehel," which means forty, and "khana," which means house; hence it refers to a residence where one stays for forty days. In this regard, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) gave a commandment: "God will make the fountain of wisdom flow from his heart to his speech. Whoever spends 40 days and nights in devotion for the sake of God with earnest intentions."

The "Shildekhana" monument, which belongs to the "Azirat Sultan" state historical and cultural reserve-museum and has republican status from the 12th to the 14th centuries, is situated 22 meters from the northwest side of the mausoleum of Khoja Ahmet Yasawi. The coordinates are 43.17.864 and 068.16.210. 219 meters above sea level is the height.

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