

Help Sheet to Design a Tour for a Group Interested in Science and Technology

The basics:

As part of the Soviet Union throughout its existence, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan were involved in all the scientific and technological endeavors of that state. Kazakhstan was a major center of the Soviet space program and still has a launch site for space missions. Uzbekistan too emphasizes development and has an annual innovation fair where researchers and industrialists can discuss ideas.

How to research your topic:

Look up “Kazakhstan space program” to find out what is/was happening and where. Also, look up “Uzbekistan science and technology” and also find out when/where the “Uzbekistan innovation fair” will take place. And for a historical perspective, look up “observatory Uzbekistan.”

Planning the itinerary:

Find out if you can tour the Baikonur Cosmodrome and what you can see there. Look up “Kazakhstan space program tourism” and see what else you can find (Karaganda’s Eco Museum rocket section). Check out some of the places and events in Uzbekistan that you discovered in your research.

Tour Group Travel from place to place:

In planning your itinerary, you can take short regional flights to get to or from big cities that are far apart (e.g. from Nur-Sultan to Almaty or Tashkent). Be sure to check on Kayak.com or some other site to see if there are flights between cities that you want to visit. You don’t want to waste time on travel from place to place, so find direct flights. You must somehow strike a balance in your itinerary so that your travelers can see as many places as possible but not so many places that they spend all their time traveling without enough time to see things.