

**Central Asia Country Dialogue**  
**Monday, May 30 – Saturday, June 4, 2016**  
**Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan**

**REGISTRATION (1 of 2)**

**OVERVIEW & PURPOSE:**

- The Pacific Council will convene a 6-8 day visit to Central Asia: this visit will include a **6-day “Core Trip”** – consisting of visits to **Astana and Almaty in Kazakhstan**, and **Tashkent and Samarkand in Uzbekistan** – along with an optional **2-night extension** to visit **Bukhara** in Uzbekistan. [\[PLEASE SEE PAGE 8 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS\]](#)
  - The **Core Trip** (6 days on the ground) will commence in Astana, Kazakhstan on the morning of Monday, May 30; it will adjourn in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on the evening of Saturday, June 4. Travelers will return to Tashkent for an overnight stay prior to their international departures on June 5.
  - The optional **Extended Trip** will end on Tuesday, June 6, in Bukhara. Travelers will return to Tashkent for an overnight stay prior to their international departures on June 7.
- The Pacific Council's Country Dialogues convene focused, high-level meetings with senior business, cultural, and political leaders in countries of global strategic importance. Our delegations intend to foster a deeper understanding of international affairs and to strengthen global discourse through meetings with key political and cultural stakeholders. As Pacific Council ambassadors, delegation members will represent the West Coast's key interests and concerns in meetings with local leaders while gaining exposure to the rich cultural heritage of each country they visit.

**PRICING & TRIP OPTIONS:**

**Core Trip: May 30 – June 4** (Astana-Almaty-Tashkent-Samarkand-Tashkent)

- The **\$9,923** (individual)/**\$17,846** (couple) registration fee is inclusive of: seven (7) nights of hotel accommodations in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan from the evening of Sunday, May 29, through the morning of Sunday, June 5; two economy-class flights between Astana-Almaty and Almaty-Tashkent; airport transfers; all ground transportation; all meals; all entrance fees to cultural sites; staff support; and all logistical arrangements pertaining to the trip. International airfare and visa costs are not included.

**Extended Trip: May 30-June 6** (Astana-Almaty-Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara-Tashkent)

- The **\$12,625** (individual)/**\$22,501** (couple) registration fee is inclusive of: nine (9) nights of hotel accommodations in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan with the inclusion of an extended visit to the city of Bukhara, from the evening of Sunday, May 29, through the morning of Tuesday, June 7; two economy-class flights between Astana-Almaty and Almaty-Tashkent; airport transfers; all ground transportation; all meals; all entrance fees to cultural sites; staff support; and all logistical arrangements pertaining to the trip. International airfare and visa costs are not included.

**Please submit a 50% deposit of your registration fee no later than Friday, January 29**, to guarantee your spot in the delegation. Full payment will be due Friday, February 26. We will require 20 delegates to proceed with this trip.

**PLEASE SIGN & RETURN VIA FAX to (213) 221.2050 OR**  
**SCAN SIGNED DOCUMENT & EMAIL to: [trips@pacificcouncil.org](mailto:trips@pacificcouncil.org)**

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**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:**

- Outbound and return flights from the United States are not included in the registration fee and are the responsibility of the traveler to schedule and book. Members must be sure to arrange their own international tickets arriving in Astana on or before Sunday, May 29, and departing Tashkent on or after Sunday, June 5, for the Core Trip and Tuesday, June 7, for the Extended Trip.
- We highly encourage travelers to work with our travel agent, Kent Tiedt, on your international travel. He is intimately familiar with all aspects of the trip. Please note that travel options to Central Asia can be limited; we encourage you to book your flights early.

**Contact Information:**

Kent Tiedt  
[kent@kttours.com](mailto:kent@kttours.com)  
(843) 757-2266

**VISAS:**

- **Travel to Uzbekistan requires a visa.** We will send detailed information regarding the visa process in the coming days. Travel to Kazakhstan does not require a visa. Please note that the visa process will be completed on an individual basis and the **registration fee does NOT include visa processing.**

**REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:**

The following items must be returned to the Pacific Council in order to complete your registration:

- Completed Registration & Payment Form** [Page 3]
- Completed Delegate Information Form** [Page 4]
- Signed Liability Waiver** (*2 signed copies required for couples*) [Page 5]
- Signed Deposit/Cancellation Policy, Fitness Requirement** (*2 signed copies required for couples*) [Page 6]
- Scanned Copy of Passport(s) (in color)**
- High Resolution Photo** for inclusion in our trip materials
- Brief Biography** of 200-300 words for inclusion in trip materials

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**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT**

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**Core Trip: May 30 – June 4** (Astana-Almaty-Tashkent-Samarkand-Tashkent)

- Single: \$9,923**
- Couple: \$17,846**
- Additional contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

*The Pacific Council's International Country Dialogues require a great deal of staff planning to execute. We would ask members with the capacity to do so to contribute above and beyond the direct costs of the trip to assist in offsetting the cost of staff planning and time that is central to making this trip possible.*

**Extended Trip: May 30 – June 6** (Astana-Almaty-Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara-Tashkent)

- Single: \$12,625**
- Couple: \$22,501**
- Additional contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

- CHECK** | Please make checks payable to the Pacific Council on International Policy  
Mail to: Pacific Council on International Policy  
ATTN: Trips Department  
725 S. Figueroa St., Suite 450  
Los Angeles, CA 90017
- CREDIT CARD** | Please remit credit card payment below via mail, email, or fax (213) 221-2018.
  - Visa
  - MasterCard
  - AMEX
  - Discover

**TOTAL PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Credit Card Number**

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**Expiration Date**

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**Security Code**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Billing Address (City, State/Province, Country, Zip/Postal Code)**

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**Name as it Appears on Card (please print)**

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**Cardholder's Signature**

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**DELEGATE INFORMATION**

**DELEGATE DETAILS:**

**Delegate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Partner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**

Please provide us with your **passport information** AND **scan/mail a color copy of your passport photo page & passport information page to us**. This information is necessary for hotel bookings and flights. If you are traveling with your spouse/partner, please include an additional completed passport information page and copies of your spouse/partner's passport.

**Delegate** Surname (last name as displayed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate Given Names (first name, middle name(s) as displayed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Partner** Surname (last name as displayed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner Given Names (first name, middle name(s) as displayed on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LIABILITY WAIVER:**

In consideration of Pacific Council on International Policy, a California not-for-profit organization ("Pacific Council"), organizing, arranging and permitting me to participate in the May/June 2016 visit to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, I hereby waive all rights which I may now have or which may accrue in the future against the Pacific Council, its respective directors, officers, employees and members (collectively "Pacific Council Representatives"), and I hereby release and discharge Pacific Council Representatives from and against all liability for any and all actions, damages, causes of action suits, costs, losses, expenses, claims, demands, and judgments (collectively the "Losses and Claims"), which I, my spouse, family members, children, invitees, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees ever had, now have or hereafter can shall or may have resulting from or arising in connection with my travel to attendance at or participation in the visit to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and any related activities.

I acknowledge that certain legal rights against Pacific Council or the Pacific Council Representatives may be available to me now or in the future as a result of any Losses and Claims, and that by executing this waiver and release of liability, my spouse and I are forever relinquishing those rights against Pacific Council or the Pacific Council Representatives. I acknowledge that no praises, representations, or affirmations of fact were made to me by Pacific Council or the Pacific Council Representative concerning the safety of the visit to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, the security precautions taken in sponsoring the visit to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, the relative safety or danger associated with or connected in any way to the visit to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and affirm that I have read and understand the foregoing provisions of this waiver and accept the terms of this waiver and release of liability as a condition to my participation in the visit to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, I further agree that this release be governed by the laws of the applicable jurisdiction.

**I understand and accept the waiver of liability.**

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**Participant Signature**

**Date**

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**DEPOSIT & CANCELLATION POLICY:**

The Pacific Council requires receipt of the full registration fee by Friday, February 26, to confirm your reservation. If you must cancel your reservation, all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of the date of payment. No exceptions will be made. While we do not anticipate doing so, should the Pacific Council on International Policy be forced to cancel or postpone the trip outlined in these materials, refunds will be considered in accordance with the circumstances of the cancellation.

**The Pacific Council strongly encourages travelers to purchase travel insurance.**

- I understand the cancellation policy and have refused the travel insurance option.
- I understand the cancellation policy and plan to purchase travel insurance.

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Participant Signature

Date

**FITNESS REQUIREMENT:**

I acknowledge that traveling abroad may involve physical activities including but not limited to: walking moderate distances, climbing stairs and standing for extended periods of time. I attest that I am in good physical health and will be able to successfully complete these and other physically demanding tasks.

- I understand and accept the fitness requirement.

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Participant Signature

Date

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**IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTES**

The following are very specific instructions regarding travel for this trip:

- All delegates must arrange their own international travel to arrive in Astana, Kazakhstan on or before Sunday, May 29, and depart from Tashkent, Uzbekistan on Sunday, June 5, for Core Trip delegates and Tuesday, June 7, for Extended Trip delegates or thereafter. Hotel accommodations have been made for the entire stay, from the evening of Sunday, May 29, through the morning of Sunday, June 5 – Tuesday, June 7.
- The delegation will stay at the [Rixos President Hotel in Astana](#), the [Ritz-Carlton in Almaty](#), the [Tashkent Palace in Tashkent](#), and the [Grand Samarkand Superior in Samarkand](#). The hotel in Bukhara is yet to be determined. Please note that while the Ritz-Carlton in Almaty is a true luxury hotel, Uzbekistan does not have 5-star equivalent hotels: participants should expect more modest accommodations.
- **Travel to Uzbekistan requires a visa.** We will send detailed information regarding the visa process in the coming days.
- We encourage you to work with our travel agent, Kent W. Tiedt of KT Tours LLC, who is familiar with our itinerary and who has teams on the ground in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Kent is happy to assist you with your international airfare and/or any extension of your hotel stay prior to May 29 in Astana or beyond June 5 in Tashkent, Samarkand, or Bukhara. Kent is also available to assist with hotel upgrades or any additional travel arrangements related to this trip.

**Contact Information:**

Kent Tiedt  
[kent@kttours.com](mailto:kent@kttours.com)  
(843) 757-2266

- **Ms. Ashley McKenzie**, the Pacific Council's Trips Officer, is the primary point person for this trip. Please contact Ashley with any questions pertaining to the delegation. Ashley can be reached via her direct line at (213) 221-2018 or via email at [amckenzie@pacificcouncil.org](mailto:amckenzie@pacificcouncil.org) or [trips@pacificcouncil.org](mailto:trips@pacificcouncil.org).

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**TRAVEL ITINERARY OVERVIEW:**

**Core Trip Itinerary**

Sunday May 29	Monday May 30	Tuesday May 31	Wednesday June 1	Thursday June 2	Friday June 3	Saturday June 4	Sunday June 5
<b>Astana</b>	<b>Astana</b>	<b>Astana- Almaty</b>	<b>Almaty- Tashkent</b>	<b>Tashkent</b>	<b>Tashkent- Samarkand</b>	<b>Samarkand- Tashkent*</b>	<b>Tashkent</b>
<i>Rixos President Hotel</i>	<i>Rixos President Hotel</i>	<i>Ritz- Carlton</i>	<i>Tashkent Palace</i>	<i>Tashkent Palace</i>	<i>Grand Samarkand Superior</i>	<i>Tashkent Palace</i>	<i>Core Trip departures</i>
<b><u>Arrivals</u></b>  Delegates should arrive in Astana no later than early evening	Visit to US Embassy and cultural site visits	Morning flight/ Meetings and cultural site visits	Meetings and cultural site visits/Evening flight	Visit to US Embassy and cultural site visits	Morning high speed rail transfer/ Cultural site visits	Cultural site visits/evening high speed rail transfer to Tashkent (Core Trip) or Bukhara (Extended Trip)	

\*Travelers that join the optional trip extension would travel on to Bukhara instead of returning to Tashkent, as shown below.

**Extended Trip Itinerary**

Saturday June 4	Sunday June 5	Monday June 6	Tuesday June 7
<b>Samarkand- Bukhara</b>	<b>Bukhara</b>	<b>Bukhara-Tashkent</b>	<b>Tashkent</b>
<i>Hotel: TBD</i>	<i>Hotel: TBD</i>	<i>Tashkent Palace</i>	<i>Extended Trip departures</i>
Cultural site visits/evening high speed rail transfer to Bukhara	Cultural site visits	Cultural site visits/Afternoon high speed rail transfer	