Border Crossings

OYBEK
(Uzbekistan–Tajikistan) The best option from Tashkent to northern Tajikistan. The nearby Bekabad crossing is not open to foreigners.

TAZHEN
(Kazakhstan–Uzbekistan) Remote desert road and rail crossing between Beyneu and Kungrad, used by trains to Aktau and from Russia to Tashkent.

SHAVAT/DASHOGUZ
(Turkmenistan–Uzbekistan) The best option between Khiva and Dashoguz/Konye-Urgench. From Nukus take the less-used alternative further west via Khojeli.

TEMIRBABA/GARABOGAZ
(Turkmenistan–Kazakhstan) Extremely remote, partially dirt track between Zhanaozen and Turkmenbashy, with 4WDs making the 10-hour trip.

FARAB/ALAT
(Turkmenistan–Uzbekistan) Turkmenabat to Bukhara, requires a 10-minute walk across no-man’s land. US$12–14 entry tax into Turkmenistan must be paid in US dollars.

PENJIKENT
(Uzbekistan–Tajikistan) Currently closed due to political tensions. Check in advance.

DENAU/TURSUNZADE
(Uzbekistan–Tajikistan) Useful crossing at Sarissiyi if headed from southern Uzbekistan to Dushanbe.

KANIBODOM
(Tajikistan–Uzbekistan) Quiet crossing between Zhanaozen and Turkmenbashy.

KORDAY
(Kyrgyzstan–Kazakhstan) The main crossing between Bishkek and Almaty, so can be busy with traders. Plenty of public transport, including direct through transport.

KOR DAY
(Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan) Scenic high pass on the Pamir Hwy, freezing in winter with snow possible even in June. Need a GBAO permit to enter Tajikistan. Little public transport.

KARKARA
(Kazakhstan–Kyrgyzstan) Scenic summer-only option between Kegen and Tüp reopened in 2013. Hire a car or makes for a good bike ride.

UCHKURGAN
(Uzbekistan–Kyrgyzstan) Minor crossing that offers a shortcut to Namangan if you’re not visiting Osh. Little public transport here.

DOSTYK/DUSTLYK
(Uzbekistan–Kyrgyzstan) The most reliable crossing between Andijon and Osh, with plenty of local transport but subject to political tensions. The nearby Khanabad crossing to Jalal-Abad is less reliable.

KYZYL-ART
(Uzbekistan–Kyrgyzstan) Scenic border crossing between Dostyk/Alashankou and Osh, with plenty of local transport but subject to political tensions.

Border Crossings to/from Central Asia

1. Gaudan/Bajgiran
2. Saraghs
3. Turkmenbashi
4. Qolma Pass
5. Khorgos
6. Dostyk/Alashankou
7. Maykapshagay/Jeminay (Jimunai)
8. Torugart Pass
9. Irkeshtam Pass
10. Friendship Bridge Termiz/Hayratan
11. Ishkashim
12. Aktau

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