

FIVE STANS 25 – MORE BUKHARA

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Dear Reader (2024-03-30),

Originally, I thought there was only going to be four posts in this current sequence of Uzbekistan posts. I was wrong. “Five Stans 24 – Bukhara” captures the first part of our visit to Bukhara. Here is part two of that visit. This post is also the final one before we leave Uzbekistan for the second time, and then cross into Turkmenistan.

In today's collection we move from outside to inside details, to 6 photos of scenes that caught my eye. Those scenes include a visit to a puppeteer and a demonstration of a traditional Uzbek crib. The latter was both informative and looked surreal. Today's set finishes with a visit to Bukhara's Registan at night. For those who are reading this on Facebook, please see my previous post for instructions on solving the “The Two Madrasas Problem”.





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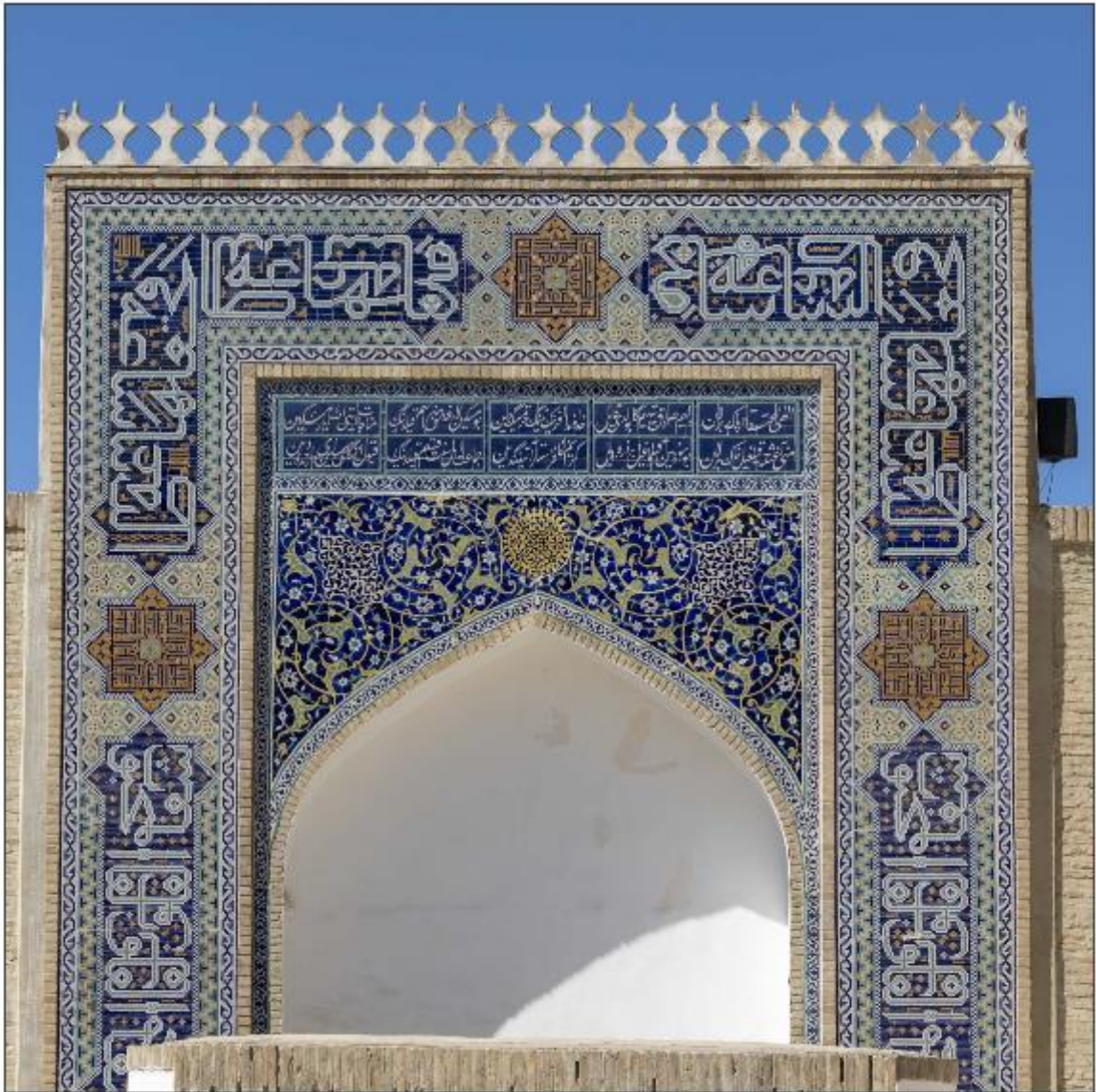
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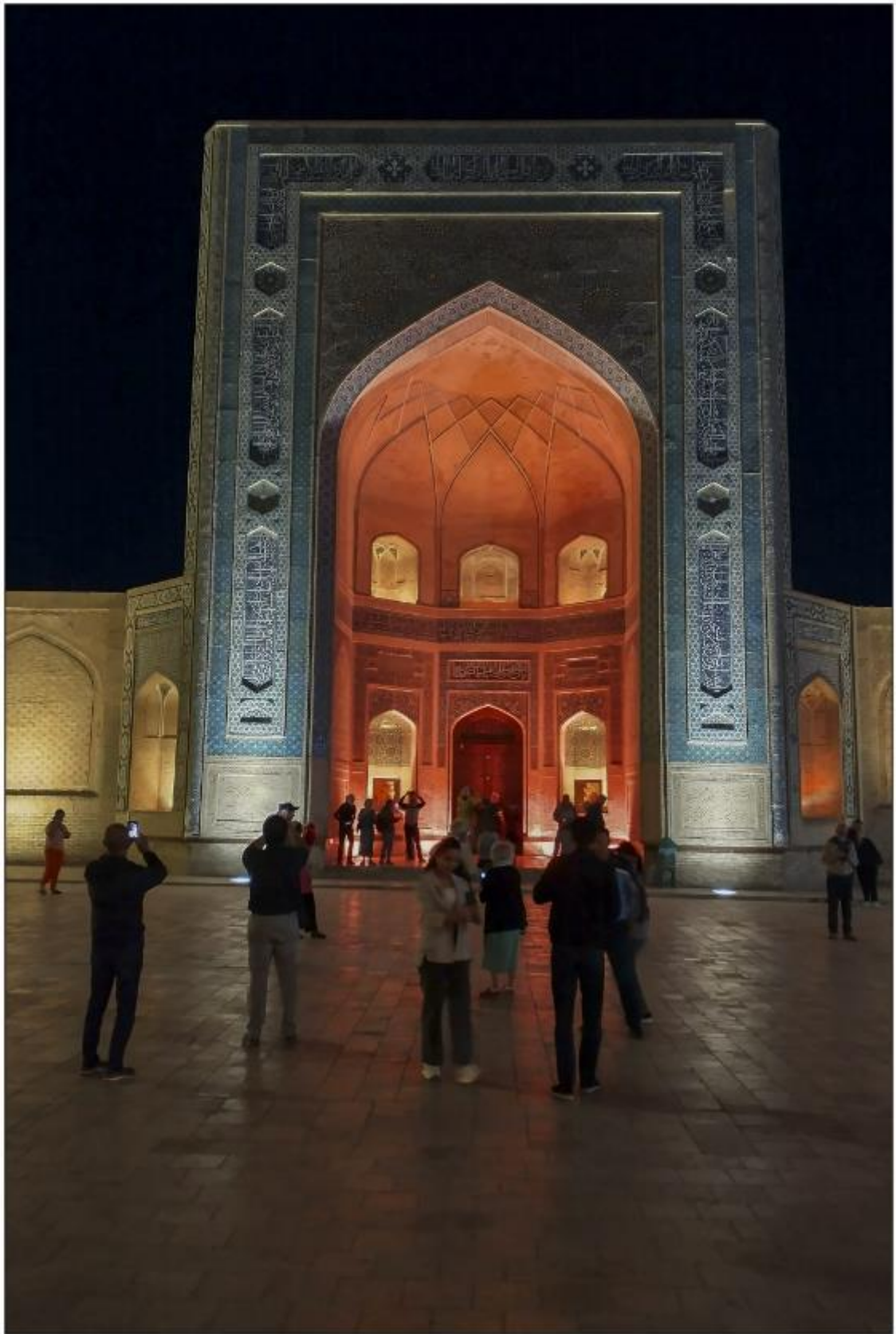
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The Two Madrasas Problem

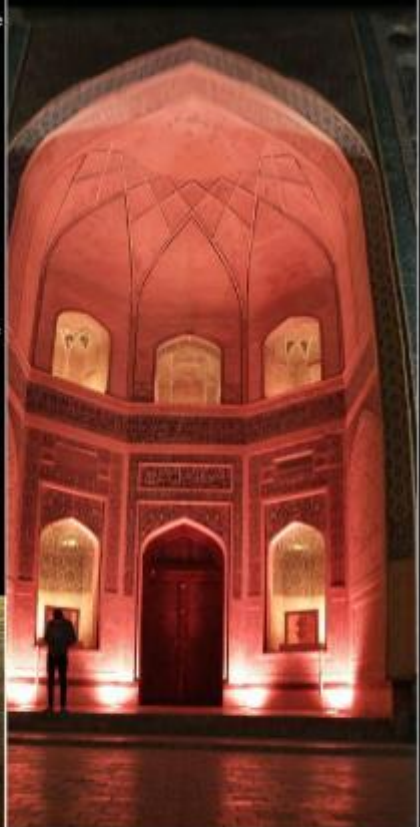
In today's world there are many vexing questions that require more thought and consideration than they are getting. Today's problem, known as the Two Madrasas Problem, is not one of the those important vexing ones.

The challenge is to capture two madrasas that face each other in the same photograph. The solution comes from our guide who was taught the technique by Bedouin kids in Petra when she was there. The technique is known as the Bedouin Backbend Panorama.

- 1) To begin center yourself facing one madrasa.
- 2) Switch your phone to panorama mode, hold your phone in both hands, and begin your panorama at what will be the bottom of the image.
- 3) Slowly raise your arms keeping the phone level.
- 4) As you raise your arms begin to bend your back and curl your phone towards the opposing madrasa.
- 5) Complete the panorama once you have done irreparable damage to your back.
- 6) Repeat as necessary until you achieve some semblance of success.

Note In the interest of reducing the amount of sky I collapsed that segment of the image into a much shorter part using Photoshop.

An alternate solution (see below) to the Two Madrasas Problem is known as the Canadian Turtle Panorama.





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You are welcome to share a link to this page with others.
As always, all comments are welcome and sought.
Cheers, Sean

2 Replies to “Five Stans 25 – More Bukhara”

1. **Keith Cartmell** says:

2024-04-13 at 19:41

1. I always wonder what is behind the doors.

4. That sort of looks like a prison yard tower. Or a safe viewing platform to watch a buzkashi game.

6. An interesting juxtaposition of roofs. They sort of remind me of permanent igloos.

17. The idea of Tales of 1001 Nights from a Muslim perspective had never occurred to me. Love the little statues.

18. The intricacy of the fabric work is just as amazing as the tiling on buildings.

22. I would certainly do it by lying down, and using a really wide lens.

1. **spd_wp_admin** says:

2024-04-14 at 11:07

According to the Wikipedia article "Islam in Uzbekistan",
~ 90% of the population is Muslim (The CIA Factbook estimates 88%, mostly Sunni)

~ The country is regarded a cultural and religious hub in the Central Asian region.[2]

~ 9% of the population follow Russian Orthodox Christianity

~ 4% other religious and non-religious

~ An estimated 93,000 Jews were once present.

~ According to a 2009 Pew Research Center report, Uzbekistan's population is 96.3% Muslim, around 54% identifies as non-denominational Muslim

This last point is particularly revealing because as you would probably expect, just as there is a wide range of Christian practices, the same exists in Muslim Uzbekistan. From the vantage point of a traveler, people wear a variety of clothes and life continues when prayer is called.