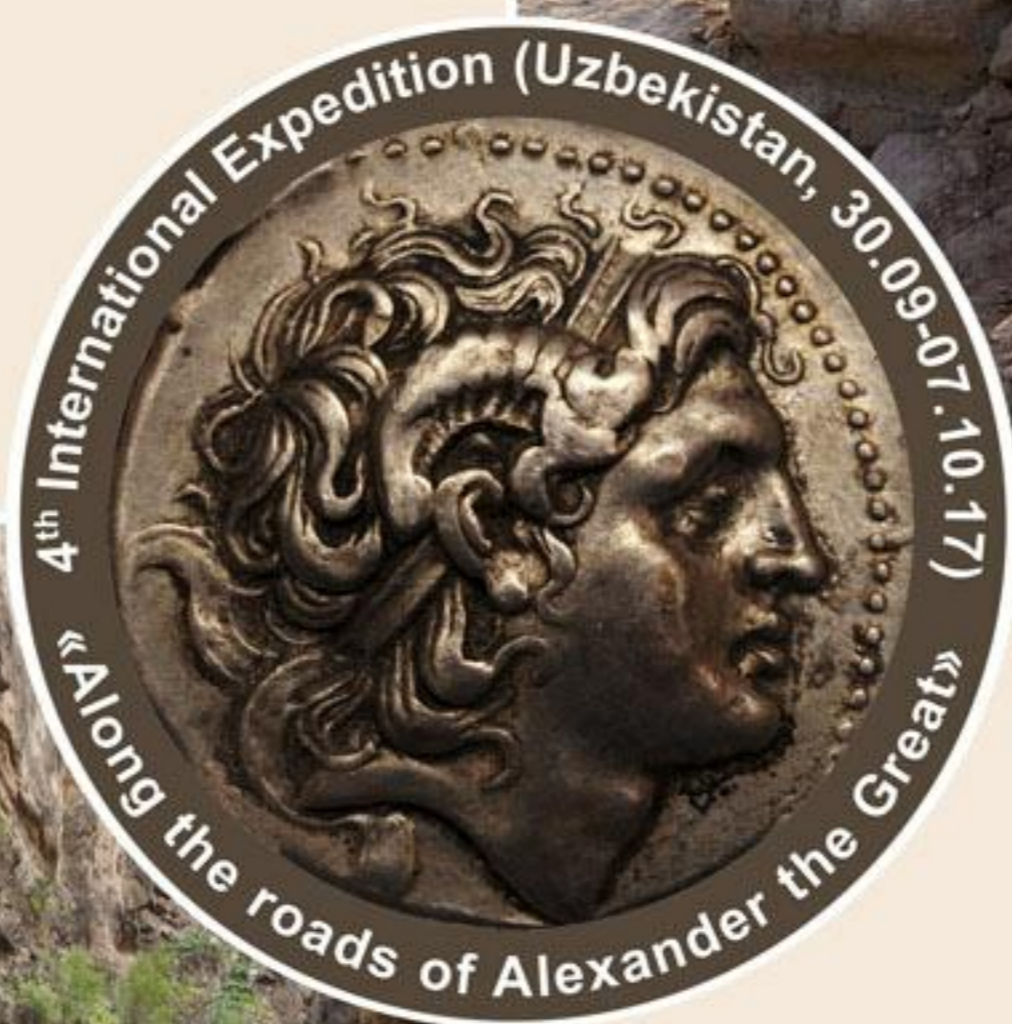
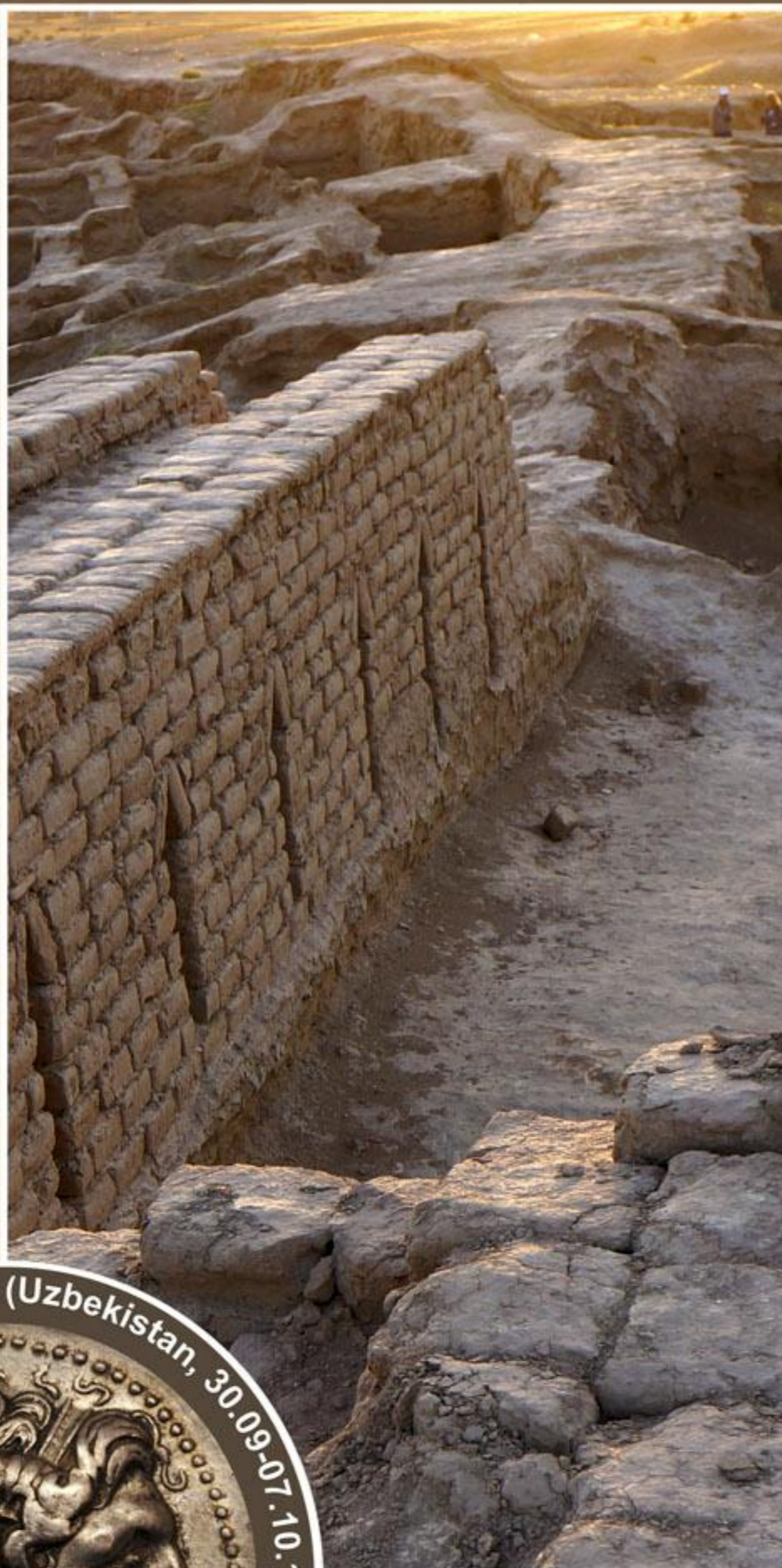




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4<sup>th</sup>  
INTERNATIONAL  
EXPEDITION  
«ALONG THE ROADS  
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THE GREAT»

Uzbekistan,  
September 30-October 7,  
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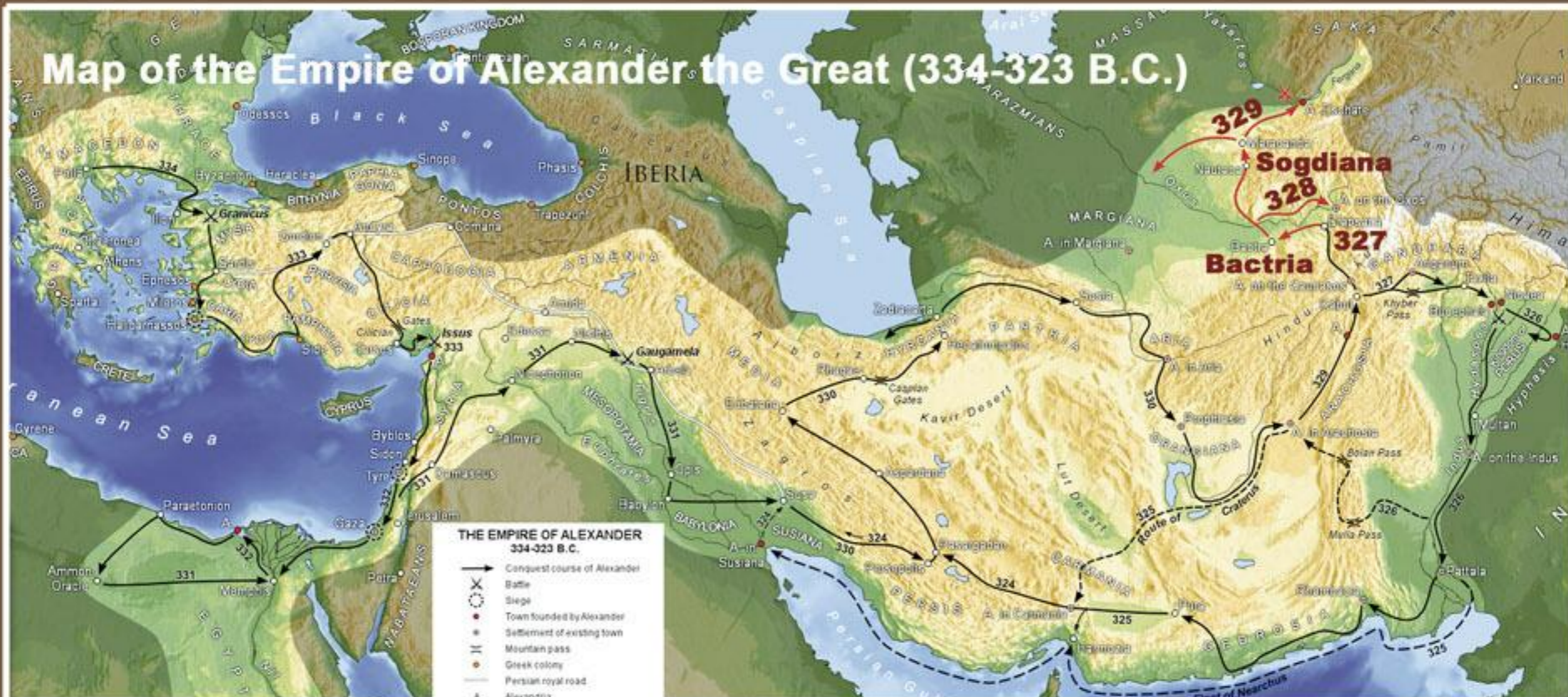


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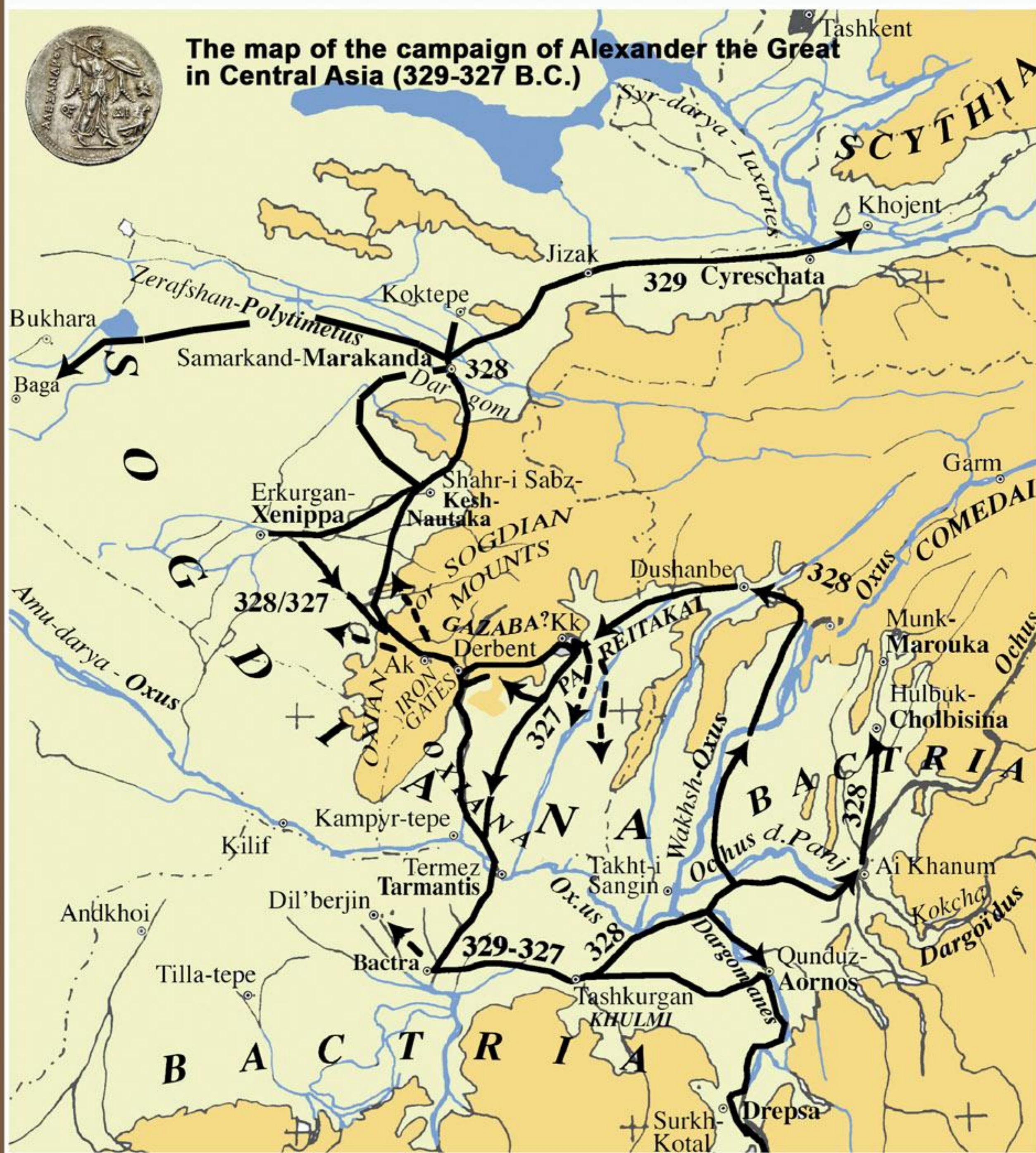


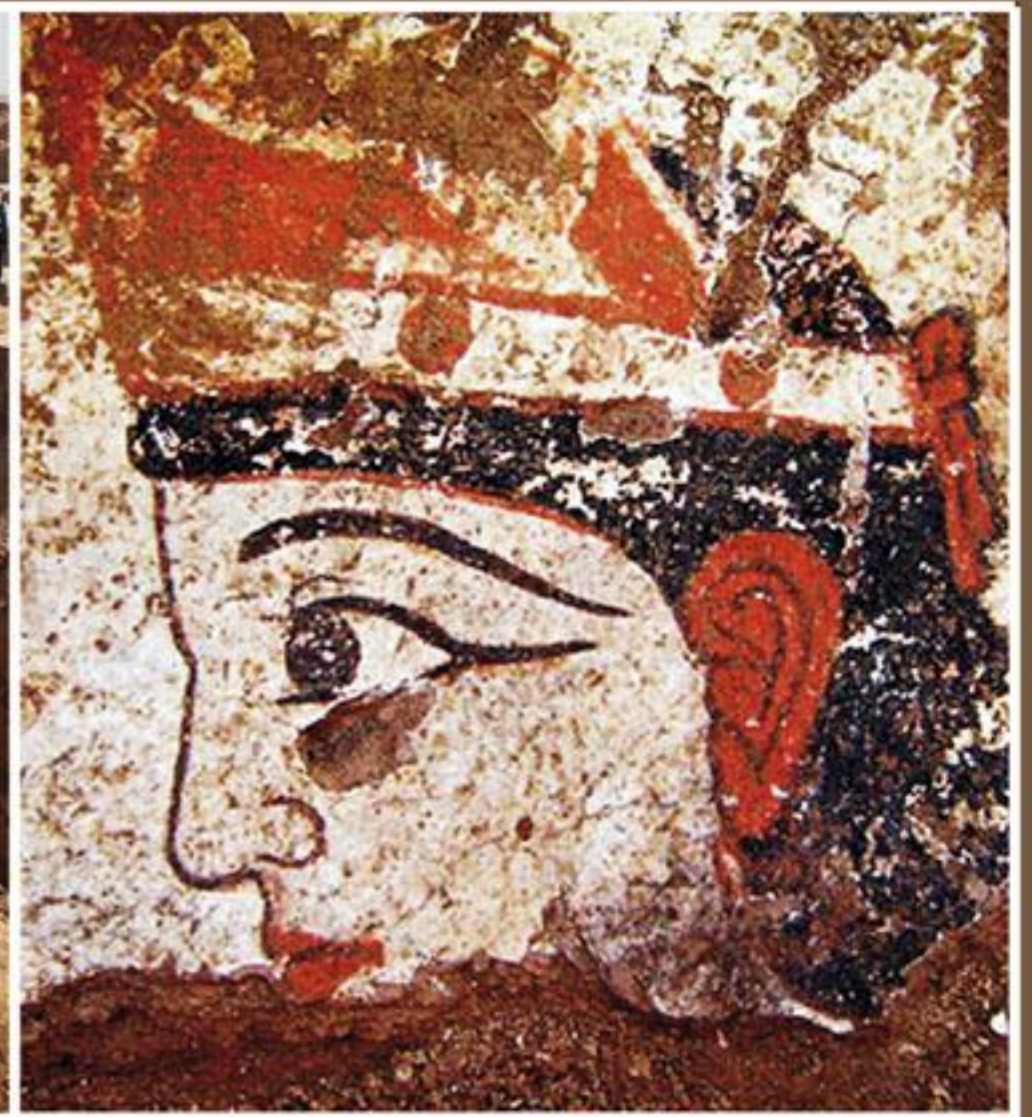
The next IV international expedition "Along the Roads of Alexander the Great" is organized in Uzbekistan on September 30-October 7, 2017. The expedition members will travel to the historical places connected with the stay of Alexander the Great in Bactria and Sogdiana in the years 329-327. BC, they will get acquainted with archaeological monuments, artifacts in the museums, versions of reconstructions of the routes of royal campaigns and events that led to a great reconciliation, crowned by the wedding of Alexander and Roxanne.

## Along the roads of Alexander the Great in Uzbekistan

The moderator of the expedition is the tour operator in Uzbekistan - Marakanda Expedition Company.

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The program of the expedition includes visiting ancient archaeological sites: the mountain fortress Uzundara at Cuesta Suzistag (rock of Sisimitra), the Buzgalahona gorge at the Iron Gates, the port city of Kampyr-Tepa (Alexandria on Oaks), the Greco-Macedonian fortress of Kurganzol near Baysun, Kyzyl-Tepa ancient settlement (ancient Margania), Yorkirgan (Ksenippa), Uzunkir (Nautaka), Paikend, Afrasiab (Marakanda / Zariaspa), Kok-Tepa (Gava / Basileia).



The members of expedition will get acquainted with the antique collections of the State Museum of History in Tashkent, the Archaeological Museum in Termez, the Museum of Local History in the Ark of Bukhara, Museum of Paikend, Samarkand Museum of History and Culture, Museum of History in Afrasiab.

Working languages - Russian, English, Greek.

## Scientific support

### Scientific curators:

- **Edvard Rtweladze**, Doctor of Historical Science, Academician of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan;
- **Claude Rapin**, French National Center for Scientific Research.

Expedition expert guide – **Sverchkov Leonid**, PhD.

### Scientific partners:

- **Tokharistan archaeological expedition** of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (headed by Academician Rtweladze E.V.);
- **Bactrian party** of the SAE of the Institute of Archeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (headed by Dvurechenskaya N.D).

**SATURDAY****Tashkent****30**

- \* Arrival to Tashkent International Airport
- \* Meeting at the airport, transfer to the hotel
- \* Tour around Tashkent
- \* Acquaintance with the ancient collection of the State Museum of History
- \* Opening of the Alexander's Forum

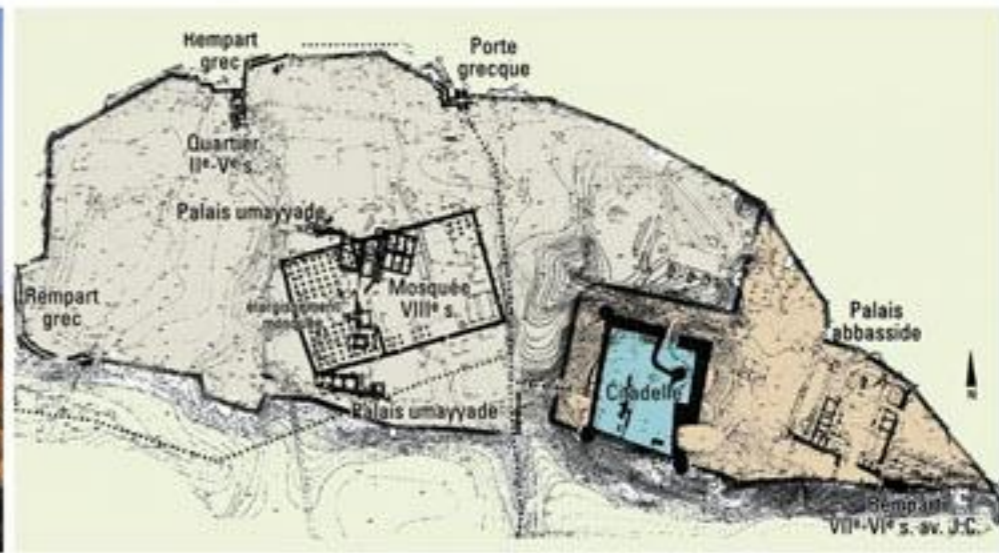
**SEPTEMBER**

The place of gathering for participants of the expedition is the capital of Uzbekistan. They will be able to fly here from more than 40 cities of the world. The expedition will be opened with Alexander's forum, including dialogues about life, time, legacy of Alexander the Great, presentations of experts.

A journey to the past of Central Asia and to the time of Alexander the Great will start for the members of the expedition with a visit to the main historical museum of Uzbekistan in Tashkent, exploration of the collection of ancient artifacts, including unique archaeological finds.

**SUNDAY****Tashkent - Samarkand (Marakanda)****1**

- \* Express train «Tashkent-Samarkand»
- \* Alexander's forum in Samarkand
- \* Sightseeing and walking tour around the historic town of Samarkand
- \* Watching the exposition of the museum of Samarkand History at Afrasiab
- \* Visiting the «acropolis» of Marakanda on the settlement of Afrasiab
- \* Transfer by night train «Samarkand-Darband»

**OCTOBER**

Arrian: «Alexander, adding local horses to his cavalry, headed to Marakanda - the capital of Sogdiana». Quintus Curtius: «From there, on the fourth day they came to town Marakanda. Its walls are 70 stadia in length (approx. 12 km), the fortress is surrounded by a second wall» ...



Marakanda. The ancient city was located on a hill of Afrasiab, on the area of 220 hectares. In the VI-V centuries BC, under the Achaemenids, Marakanda became the capital of Sogd. At that time the city was encircled by a wall with towers, there was built a citadel and the palace of the Persian viceroy.

**MONDAY****Samarkand - Pandaheyon - Termez****2**

- \* Transfer by road «Darband-Sayrob-Uzundara» (30 km)
- \* Walking up to the cuesta and inspection of the ancient fortress Uzundara
- \* Transfer by the road «Sayrob-Gagarino-Termez» (92+45 km),
- \* Visiting the settlement of Kampyr-tepa (ancient port city on the Amu-Darya)
- \* Acquaintance with the exposition of the Archaeological Museum in Termez
- \* Alexander's forum in Termez

**OCTOBER**

Within the Northern Bactria, first the expedition will visit the fortress in the mountains in the tract of Uzundara at 1650 m above sea level (Boysun district). It protected the mountain passes between Bactria and Sogdiana from the last quarter of the IV century to the middle of the II century BC.



The settlement of Kampyr-tepa stands in the place of an old crossing over the Oxus (Amu Darya), which was on the «royal road», connecting the capitals of Sogdiana and Bactria. Here under the Achaemenids there was built a fort (Shor-tepa) for serving and protection of the crossing. At the time of Alexander, the port was moved to Kampyr-tepa, where a new fortress – Pandaheyon was founded.

**TUESDAY**

**Termez (Αλεξάνδρεια στο Οxus) - Shakhrisabz**

**3**

**OCTOBER**

- \* Visiting the site of ancient Termez (Hakimi Termezi, Fayaz-Tepa)
- \* Bus transfer «Termez-Boysun-Shakhrisabz» (150+165 km)
- \* Visiting the Kurganzol fortress, walking through the gorge Buzgalahona near the «Iron Gates» /3 km/ (Vicinity of Arimas and Horien rocks)
- \* Evening tour around Shakhrisabz, watching the History museum ,
- \* Alexander's forum in Shakhrisabz



By the site of another ancient crossing at Termez, Alexander the Great founded Alexandria on the Oxus. Under Kushans a major Buddhist center originated here.



In the vicinity of Boysun were found the remains of a fortress with a diameter of 25 meters - one of the fortresses built by Alexander to protect the road between Bactria and Sogdiana. Scientists attribute this place to «Arimas and Horien rocks». The main road ran along the bottom of the Buzgalahona gorge.

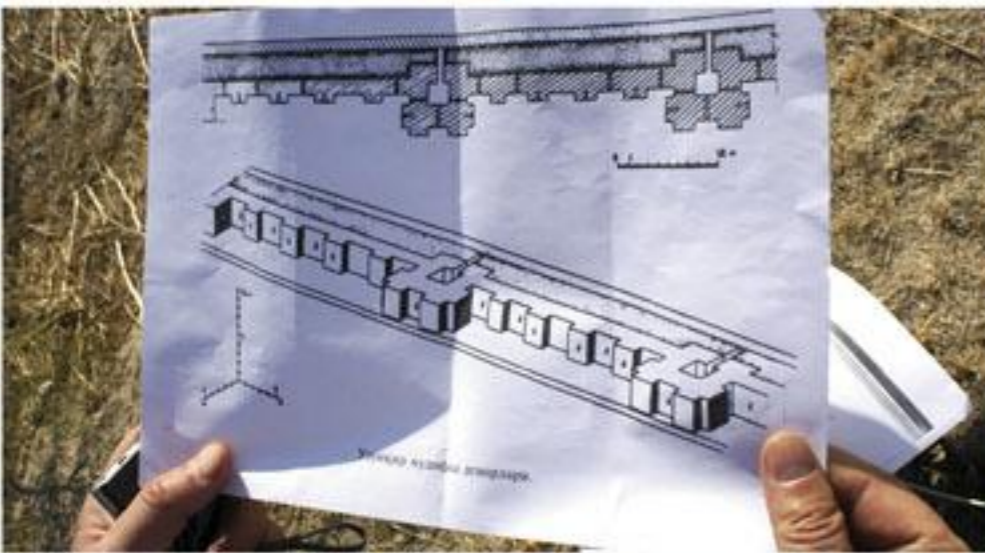
**WEDNESDAY**

**Shakhrisabz - Nautaka - Xenippa - Bukhara**

**4**

**OCTOBER**

- \* Bus transfer «Shakhrisabz-Uzandara-Yerkurgan» (20 + 115 km)
- \* Visiting the settlement of Uzandara (antique Nautaka)
- \* Visiting the settlement of Yerkurgan (antique Xenippa)
- \* Bus transfer «Yerkurgan-Bukhara» (155 km)
- \* Walking tour around the old town of Bukhara
- \* Alexander's forum in Bukhara



A large town Nautaka where Alexander the Great wintered in 328-327 BC is localized to the site of Uzunkir. It is located 9 km northwest of Kitab on a steep bank of Shurabsay. By the VII-VI centuries BC this town occupied an area of 70 hectares and had a citadel and a defensive walls.



Yerkurgan presents the ruins of an ancient town near Karshi, founded in the IX-VIII centuries BC. At the time of Alexander, that was the central town of the region - Xenippa (according to another version – «Branchids' city»). In the "inner city", with the area of 40 hectares there were excavated remains of the citadel, the palace and the city sanctuary.

**THURSDAY**

**Bukhara - Baga/Paykend - Samarkand**

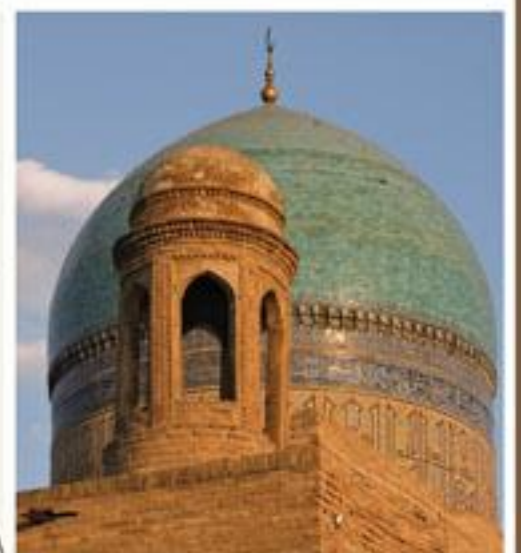
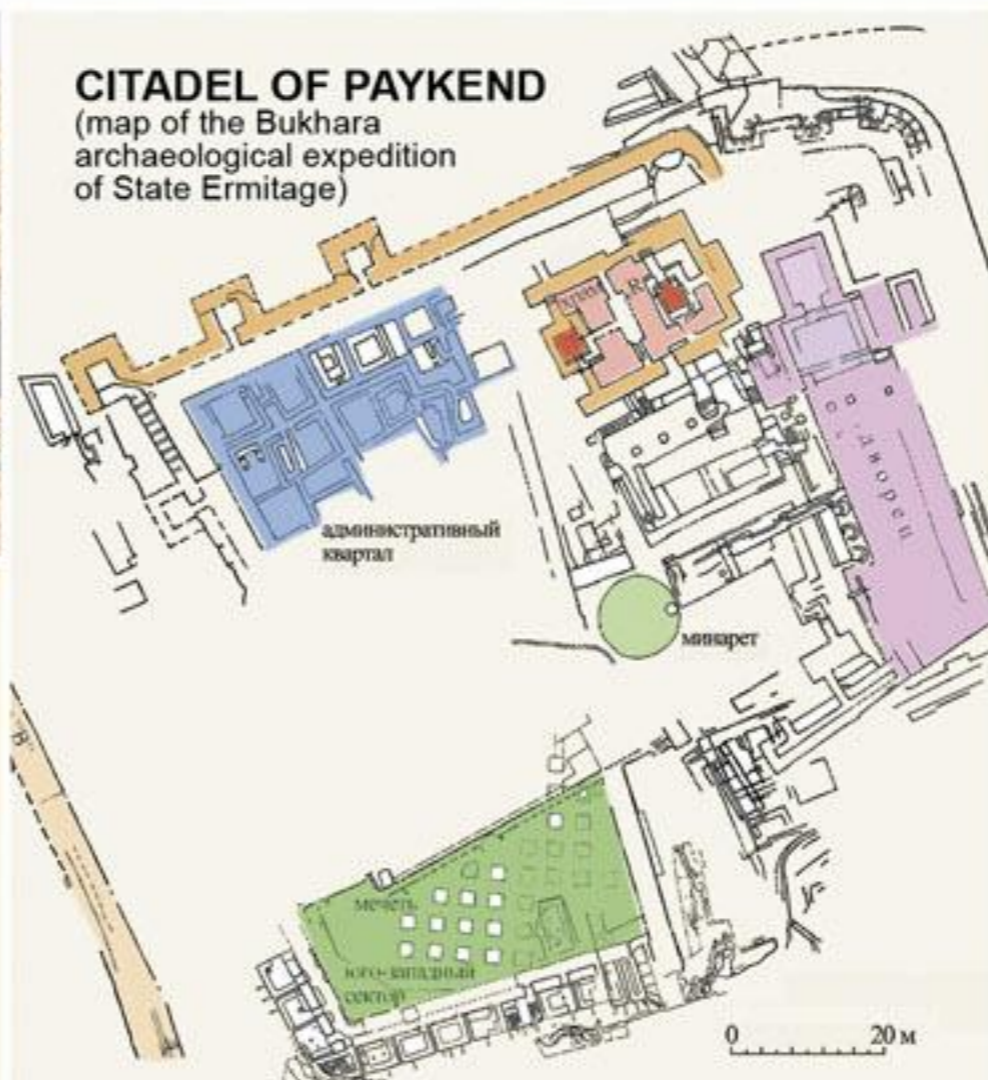
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**OCTOBER**

- \* Bus transfer «Bukhara-Paykend-Bukhara-Kagan» (60+60+20 km)
- \* Visiting the settlement of Paykend (antique Baga), acquaintance with the museum in Paykend
- \* Walking tour around the old town of Bukhara, visiting the museum in the Ark
- \* Express train «Kagan (Bukhara)-Samarkand»
- \* Alexander's forum in Samarkand



Paykend is located to the west of the road from Sogdiana to Khorezm, near the crossing over the Oxus to Margiana. Apparently, under the Achaemenids this way became part of the «royal road». In the time of Alexander the Great here was built a border fortress Baga, which later became the foundation for a citadel.



The construction of Ark - the citadel of Bukhara is dated to the IV century BC, which makes it a candidate to be an ancient Baga, Arrian wrote about.

**FRIDAY**

**Samarkand (Marakanda) - Βασιλεια**

**6**

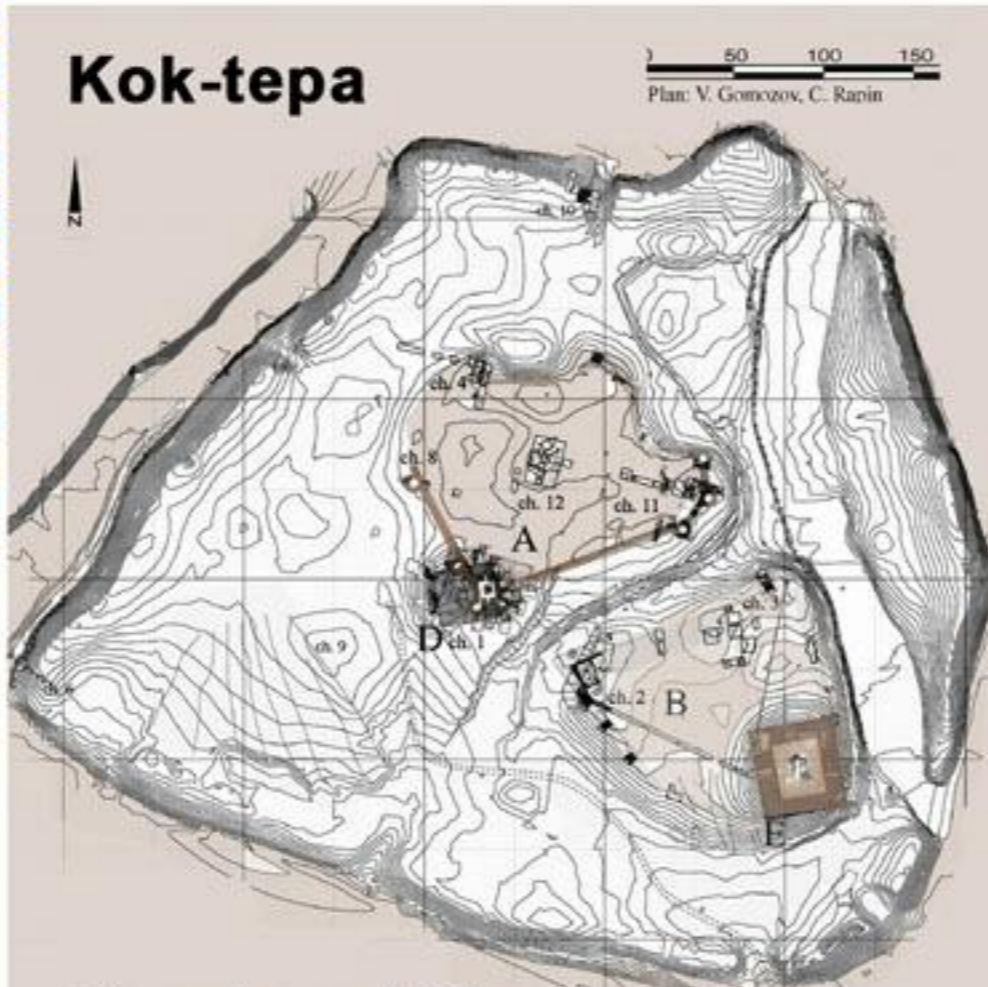
- \* Bus transfer «Samarkand-Kok-tepa-Samarkand» (50+50 km)
- \* Visiting the settlement of Kok-tepa (antique Basilea)
- \* Acquaintance with the exposition of the Museum of History and Culture
- \* Classic tour around Samarkand
- \* Alexander's final forum in Samarkand.
- \* The outcomes of the Expedition. Conversations around the campfire

**OCTOBER**



The expedition will visit Samarkand museums and get acquainted with the unique artifacts excavated on the sites of ancient Sogdiana.

**Kok-tepa**



**Βασιλεια / Basilea**



25 km to the north of the capital Marakanda there was a pre-Akhaemenid capital of Sogdiana, which Arrian calls «Basileya», that is a royal city. Here on the site of Kok-tepa settlement was the residence of a legendary king of Turan - Afrasiab, here Sogdian leader Spitamen was hiding.

**SATURDAY**

**Samarkand - Kafir-kala - Tashkent**

**7**

- \* Watching the sunrise from the citadel of Marakanda (Afrasiab)
- \* Bus transfer «Samarkand-Kafir-kala-Samarkand» (20 + 20 km)
- \* Watching the settlement of Kafir-kala (royal residence Rivdad)
- \* Visiting the bazaar
- \* Free time

**OCTOBER**



On the bank of the Dargom canal, there stand the ruins of Kafir-Kala with a powerful citadel and towers. In the ancient times, that could be a fortress defending the approaches to Marakanda. Special status of the city may derive from the fact that in the VI-VIII centuries it was a summer residence of the kings of Samarkand.



Anyone may be interested to understand why three greatest military leaders of the world: Alexander, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane fought to possess Samarkand.

**SUNDAY**

**Tashkent**

**8**

- \* Night and morning transfer to the airport
- \* Seeing off the foreign participants at Tashkent airport

**OCTOBER**



After completing a week-long trip to Samarkand, the expedition members, filled with new experiences and knowledge are returning to Tashkent. The international aircrafts will deliver them back to their home countries.

## Information partners:

- \* portal "Kultura.uz" - [www.kultura.uz](http://www.kultura.uz);
- \* News agency Podrobno.uz - [www.podrobno.uz](http://www.podrobno.uz);
- \* Information portal Norma - [www.norma.uz](http://www.norma.uz);
- \* "Welcome to Uzbekistan" portal - [www.welcomeuzbekistan.uz](http://www.welcomeuzbekistan.uz);
- \* Portal "Archeology of Central Asia" - [www.archaeologyca.su](http://www.archaeologyca.su).



## Organizational support

Organizational support to the IV International Expedition is provided by:

- \* Consulate General of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Athens (Consul General - Kasimov O.);
- \* Tashkent City Society of Greek Culture (chairman - Kozmidi E.I);
- \* Society "Greco-Eurasian Alliance" (Greece, President - Lambrakis Xenophon);
- \* Greek Cultural Center in Moscow (Russia, director - Yannici Theodora);
- \* Travel agency "Mouzenidis Intour" (general director - Kuzmin D. N.);
- \* Friendship Society "Uzbekistan-Greece" (chairman - Ashurov M.H.);
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- \* Tashkent Business Club (chairman - Karimov I.R).

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## Content program

- \* During the expedition, in the town of Tashkent, Termez, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara and Samarkand, there will be held **Alexandria Forum** sessions (45 min.) with presentation of latest historical reconstructions of events associated with the eastern campaign of Alexander the Great.
- \* In the evenings, the participants will be able to contact in the open **Dialogues about Alexander the Great**, his time, destiny, inner world, accomplishments and heritage, his historical mission in the interaction of civilizations between East and West.
- \* Based on the outcomes of the expedition, a book named "**Alexander the Great: Dialogue between East and West**", will be issued in electronic format, including reports and scientific information at the Alexandria Forum, summary of dialogues about Alexander, travel notes of the participants.





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The cost of participation in the expedition (the tour price) is 1500 Eu (8 days / 8 nights).

Discounts. Researchers, teachers, students of profile disciplines (historians, archaeologists, art historians) have a 30 percent discount for participation in the expedition.

Applications for participation in the expedition should be addressed to e-mail - [info@marakanda.net](mailto:info@marakanda.net).

Forecast of average temperature during the expedition: day - 20-22 °C, night - 10-12 °C. The weather is sunny, there may be a slight rainfall. The participants of the expedition must have equipment for the hiking (trekking) in the mountains and desert terrain (shoes, headwear and etc.).

For more information you can contact:

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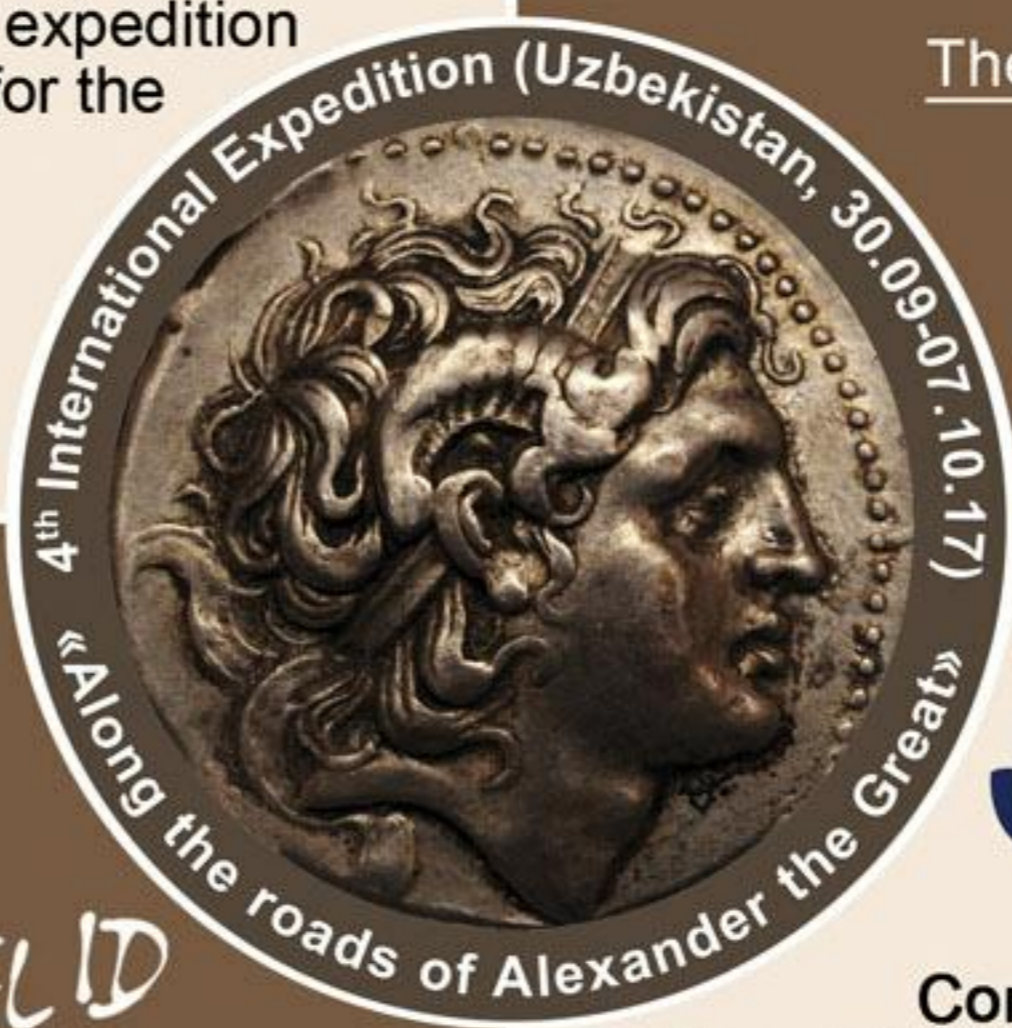
Tour price includes:

- Visa support, excluding the visa fee payment;
- Meeting / seeing off at the airport;
- Accommodation in 2-bed rooms in hotels (\*\*\*\* - Tashkent, Samarkand, \*\*\* - Bukhara, Shakhrisabz, Termez);
- Meals (full board);
- Transport service (car, train) according to the program;
- Service of a guide-interpreter;
- Provision with information materials for the expedition;
- Entrance tickets to the monuments and museums;
- Mineral water (1 liter per a person each day.).

Tour price does not include the following:

- Payment for international flights;
- Personal expenses, except for the above mentioned
- The cost of alcoholic beverages;
- Photo and video fees at the sites.

The deadline for sending applications for participation in the expedition is August 15, 2017.



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