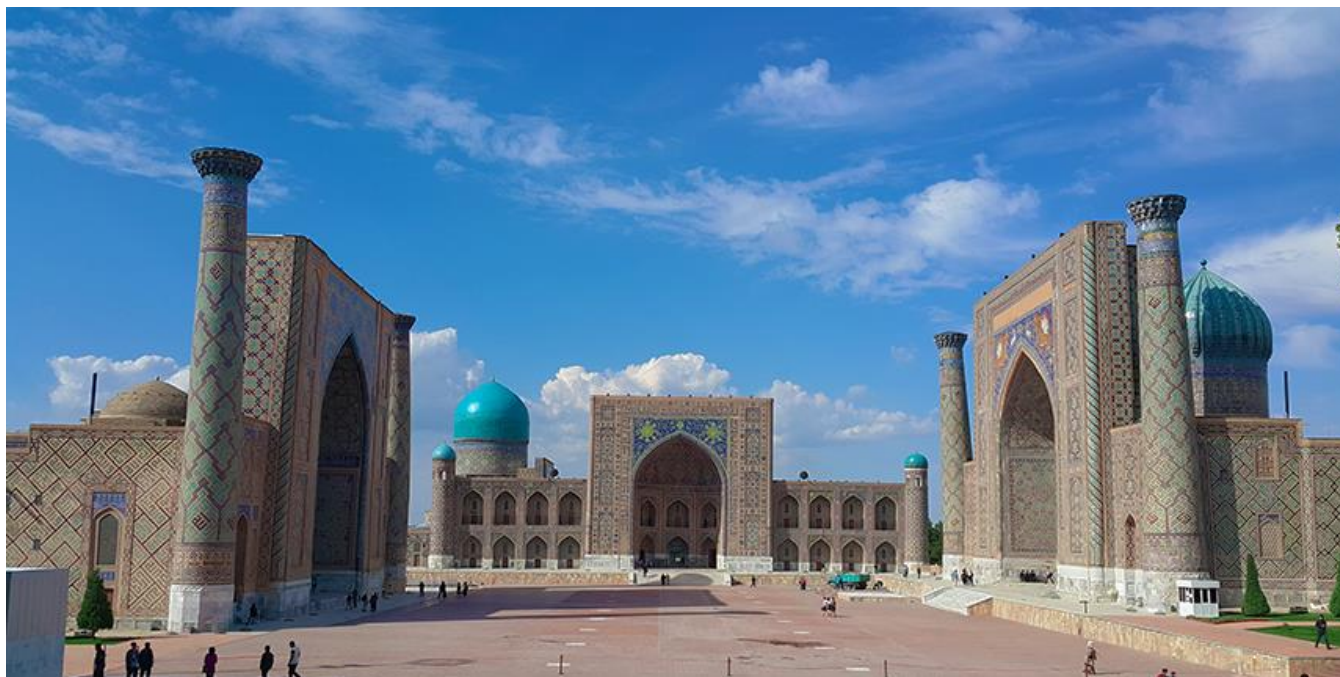


# SAMARKAND



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- **Samarkand** - the second greatest city of Uzbekistan, the center of Samarkand region. In ancient times city was called as **Marakanda** - capital of **Sogdiana**. The origin of the name of the city is still unknown. It is supposed that the word “**Samar**” is a name of one conqueror, and prefix “**kand**” means “**the city**”, “**settlement**”. Abu-Raykhan Beruni and Makhmud Kashgari, great scholars of XI century, held opinion that etymology of the word “**Samarkand**” came from “**semizkent**” - “**rich population**”.

# GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

The Republic of Uzbekistan is situated between the rivers of **Amudarya and Syrdarya** and occupies 447,400 square meters. The span of the territory from the west to the east is 1,425 km and from the north to the south - 930 km.



The economy of Samarkand is based primarily on *agriculture* and *industry*. Agriculture-related enterprises include the processing of *silk* and *cotton, fruit canning*, and the production of *wine, clothing, leatherware and footwear, and tobacco*. Metalworking and machinery production are leading industries.



# REGISTAN MOSQUE

The Registan was the heart of the ancient city of Samarkhand of the Timurid dynasty now in Uzbekistan. The Registan and its **three madrasahs**, from left to right **Ulugh Beg Madrasah**, **Tilya Kori**, **Sher Dor Madrasahs**.



## Ulug Beg madrasah

The Ulug Bek Madrasah, built during the Timurid Empire era of Timur. The corners are flanked by high minarets. There are deep galleries along the axes. Originally the Ulugh Beg Madrasah was a two-storied building with four domed *darakhonas* (lecture room) at the corners.

