World Affairs Council of Houston

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The Silk Road Trip - Visas
April 4 - 23, 2012

Country	Letter Req'd?	# of Entries	Visa Cost	Visa Form	# of Photos	Ind/Grp	Timing	Processing Time
Krygyzstan	No	1	$100	Yes	1	Ind	Jan '12	5-7 bus days
Tajikistan	Yes	1	$25	Yes	2	Grp	Feb '12	15-21 business
Uzbekistan	Yes	3	$190	Yes	1	Grp	Feb '12	days
Turkmenistan	Yes	1	$35	Yes	1	Grp	Feb '12	& mail time
Kazakhstan	No	1	$60	Yes	1	Ind	Mar '12	5-7 bus days
Totals			$410 (postage add'l)	5 forms	6			

Notes:

*Invitation Letters will be provided by our travel agent. Must have complete traveler list by end of year.
*Those countries not requiring invitatation letters for visa processing must be applied for individually.
*Uzbekistan Visa Fee is $140 + $20 visa processing fee + $10 per entry (3 entries)
Note: Uzbek visas must be obtained prior to Turkmen visas
*Passports must be valid 6 months beyond stay
*Photos must be passport-size
*Apply for Kyrgyzstan Visa on individual basis by mid-january
* Group processing for Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan completed by end of February
*Apply for Kazakhstan Visa in March on individual basis (Kazakh visas only have 3-month validity from issue date)

Documents to be submitted to Council by end of January:

1) Uzbek Visa App
2) Turkmen Visa App
3) Tajik Visa App
4) 4 Passport-size photos
5) Orginal passport
6) Payments for each visa app (one payment will be submitted for the group)