

# *Friends of Nukus Museum*



The Nukus Museum (home of the Savitsky Collection) and the Friends of Nukus Museum (FoNM) are pleased to announce **Karakalpakia 101—Journey to the Heart of a Culture**—comprising a 5-day study/field trip to Nukus, Karakalpakstan from **October 27—31, 2008**.

Centered around and coordinated by the Museum and its staff, **Karakalpakia 101** is designed to enhance public awareness about, and interest in the distinctive culture, economy and history of Karakalpakstan and its people. The program, detailed in the attachment to this announcement, comprises a combination of lectures and presentations, docent-led visits to all departments of the Museum, and related field visits to archeological relics and sites of ancient Khorezm (present-day Karakalpakstan). It starts with a half-day of activities in Tashkent on October 26.

As its title implies, **Karakalpakia 101** is an introductory, pilot activity and, for this reason, its first edition will be limited to a small group of 5-6 individuals based in Tashkent. Thus, in addition to a serious interest in learning more about Karakalpakstan—including, but not only, its famous Museum—participants need to be able and willing to appreciate the experimental nature and spirit of the program. If successful, the Museum, with FoNM's support, plans to make **Karakalpakia 101** a regular (*e.g.* semi-annual) feature of its public outreach activities.

The fee for **Karakalpakia 101**, payable directly to the Museum (in cash) is: **US\$350 per person**. This covers: (a) local transport in, and two field trips outside Nukus (by minibus/van); (b) three meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) daily, plus coffee/tea breaks; and (c) services of Museum docents, guides and interpreters. The fee does not include transport to and from Nukus (€92 or ±US\$130 TAS/NUC/TAS roundtrip via Uzbekistan Airways) or accommodation in Nukus, ranging from \$25-40 single to \$40-65 double per night.

Individuals interested in participating in—and becoming the first graduates of—**Karakalpakia 101** are invited to send an email, including their full name, address, telephone number(s), email, and institutional affiliation, if any, to: [friendsnukusmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:friendsnukusmuseum@gmail.com), copied to [museum\\_savitsky@intal.uz](mailto:museum_savitsky@intal.uz) as soon as possible, but not later than **Monday, October 20**.

Attachment: Karakalpakia 101—Program

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## **KARAKALPAKIA 101—*Journey into the heart of a culture* October 26—31, 2008**

### **PROGRAM<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Sunday, October 26:**

- 2:00 p.m. Private visit to **Oral Tansykbaev's home/museum** in Tashkent
- 4:00 p.m. **Briefing on Karakalpakstan, Nukus Museum & Savitsky Collection**  
—David Pearce, Chairman, FoNM  
—Eric Aubert, UNESCO/Tashkent & FoNM Intern
- 6:00 p.m. Private screening of related film(s) from Soviet film archives at Kinoteater

#### **Monday, October 27:**

- 8:00 a.m. Dep. Tashkent, HY
- 10:45 a.m. Arr. Nukus, and transfer to accommodation
- 11:30 a.m. **Welcome, Orientation and Program Overview**—Ms. Marinika Babanazarova, Director, Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art (Nukus Museum)
- 12:30 p.m. Informal Lunch (at Museum's café)
- 2:00 p.m. **Introduction to Ancient Civilisation of Khorezm**— presentation and guided tour of Museum's collection of Khorezm-related relics by member of Academy of Sciences and Museum restorer
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at local restaurant

#### **Tuesday, October 28:**

- 9:00 a.m. **Field trip to archeological sites and ruins of ancient Khorezm** (followed by picnic lunch on site)
- 3:00 p.m. **Introduction to traditional Karakalpak culture, language and lifestyle**—presentation and guided tour of Museum's collection of Karakalpak-related artefacts by Museum staff (followed by demonstration of folk dancing, throat singing, etc.)

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<sup>1</sup> All times approximate and subject to re-confirmation

6:00 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant

### Wednesday, October 29:

10:00 a.m. **Karakalpakstan: Economic Development & Prospects**— presentation & discussion of role of cotton and fishing since 1960s and potential role of energy and (cultural) tourism

12:30 p.m. Informal lunch (at Museum's café)

2:00 p.m. **Introduction to Savitsky and the Savitsky Collection**— Presentation and guided tour by Ms. Marinika Babanazarova, Director, Karakalpakstan State Museum of Art

6:00 p.m. Dinner at a local restaurant

### Thursday, October 30:

9:00 a.m. **Field Trip to Moynaq<sup>2</sup>**, including tour of ship cemetery, and visits to cannery, museum, and camel herding (followed by picnic lunch)

4:00 p.m. Arrive back in Nukus

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Museum (or Government Guest House), hosted by Karakalpakstan Minister of Culture

### Friday, October 31:

9:00 a.m. **Visits to: (a) Museum Archives, Library, and Restoration Studios; (b) Savitsky's grave (Russian Cemetery); and 'Progress' School (tbc)**

Afternoon Free

8:25 p.m. Dep. Nukus, HY

9:50 p.m. Arr. Tashkent

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**Fee:** **US\$350 per person**, which includes: local (and field trip) transport; breakfast, lunch & dinner daily; coffee/tea breaks; services of guides/tutors & interpreters; and, souvenirs.

**N.B.** 1. **Airfare:** Tashkent/Nukus/Tashkent round-trip is **UZS 167,000 or €92 or US\$130**;  
2. **Hotel: Zhibek Zholy** (15 rooms from **\$25-40 single** to **\$40-65 double** per night, including breakfast)—this small bed & breakfast-style hotel is within walking distance (100 m) of the Museum

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<sup>2</sup> Nukus—Museum is about 200 kms (2½ hours)