Uzbek is a Central Asian Turkic language spoken by 27 million people who live in the heart of Central Asia. The nation is well-known for its legendary and historic cultural centers such as Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Shakhrisabz, and Tashkent. Uzbekistan also shares both a deeply integrated history with the Islamic world and a complex political and social relationship with Russia and other former-Soviet republics. Not only will you learn to appreciate the rich philological tradition and cultural landscapes of the Uzbeks, but studying Uzbek will give you a larger vision of the great Islamic and Russian traditions of the region as a whole. Uzbek which is written using a Cyrillic Uzbek alphabet is an easy language to read, write, and speak – particularly for students with a background in Cyrillic scripts and Turkic languages.

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