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# SURKHANDARYA REGION - CROSSROADS OF CULTURES AND ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS









**S**urkhandarya region is the most southern region of Uzbekistan. Surrounded in the north of Hissar Mountains, and to the west by spurs Kugitangtau and Baysuntau, the region is ideal for mountain and ecological tourism.

At the administrative center of the area Termez and in its neighborhood, a number of ancient archaeological and architectural monuments, the ruins of ancient Zoroastrian, Nestorian and Buddhist fortresses and cities, and also the monuments of the Islamic architecture are available.

The architectural complex of Hakim at-Termizi, the memorial complex of Sultan Saodat, Khanaka Kyrk-Kyz, buddhist cult center Karatepa, buddhist temple complex Fayaztepa, Jarkurgan minaret, buddhist mortar Zurmala, Teshik-Tash cave, (where in 1938-1939 the remains of a child-neanderthaler were detected by scientists), ancient settlement Dalverzintepe are ancient monuments in Surkhandarya region.





- SULTAN SAODAT ENSEMBLE -



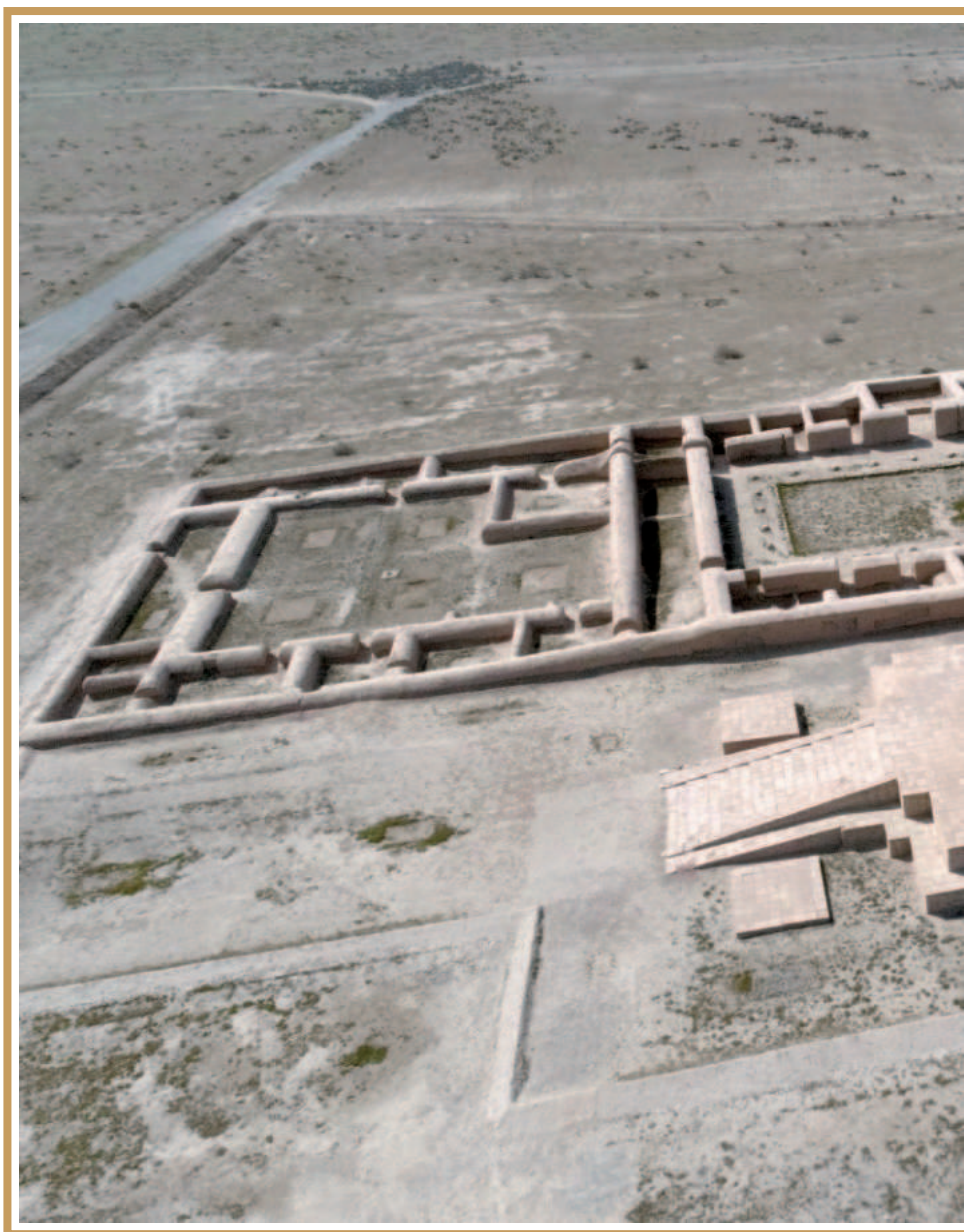
*An impressive architectural complex is important both  
in terms of architectural heritage and religion.*



*The Sultan-Saadat memorial and cultural complex is the family tomb of the descendants of the Prophet Muhammad. The formation of the complex began in the 9th century with the construction of the mausoleum of the founder of the Termez Seyid family of Sufi sheikh Hassan al Amir.*







*In a kilometer north-west of the ancient city of Termez, in 1963, the Buddhist temple-monastery complex of Fayaztepa was discovered. The area of the complex is 1.5 sq km and consists of a temple, a monastery, and outbuildings and belongs to the I-III centuries BC.*

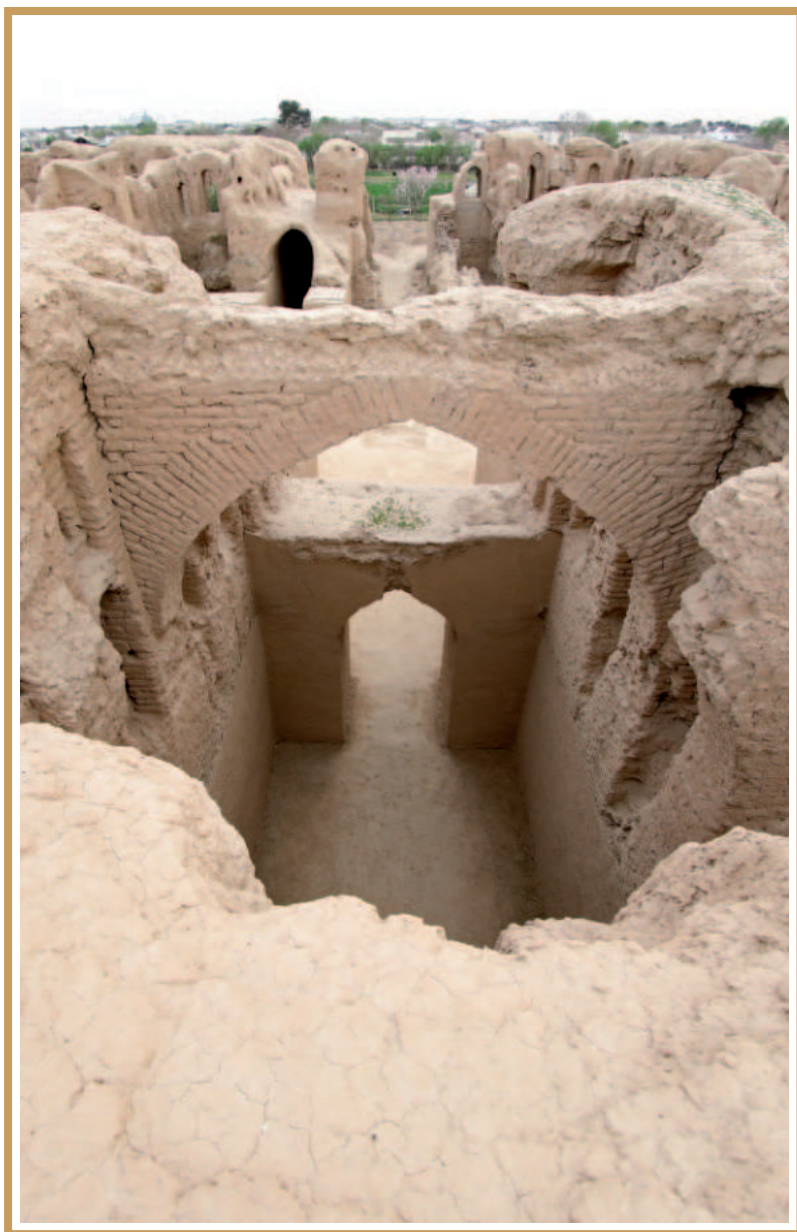








- ABODE OF FEARLESS AMAZONS -



*"Kirk-Kyz" - literally - "forty girls". The monument is connected with a folk legend about Princess Gulaim and her forty girls bravely fought against the attacking nomads.*



*The Kirk-Kyz fortress is located on the western side of Termez, and is a square structure of adobe bricks with powerful towers located in the corners.*







*Boysun's cultural heritage in Surkhandarya region and Uzbek "Shashmakom" are included in a list of intangible masterpieces of UNESCO's World Cultural heritage.*







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