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Samarkand is a city in Uzbekistan (Central Asia). It is located at the foot of the Alai Mountains, atan altitude of 720 meters. In the southeast, 400 km away, are the famous Pamir mountains.

Samarkand was known to the ancient Greeks as "Marakanda", being famous for the fertile plain "Zarashon", called by the Greeks "Polytimetos". The city was founded by the Persians, and in 329 BC the citadel wasconquered by Alexander the Great. Under Muslim rule, the city's development was rapid, especially under the Persian rule of the Samanid dynasty. The Mongols under the leadership of Ginghis Khan destroy the city in1220. Under the reign of the Mongol Khan Timur Lenk, Samarkand becomes the capital of his empire. In1925, the city became the capital of Uzbekistan, the capital was later moved to Tashkent.

