On your way to the Pamirs you can stop in Khirmanjo village, one of many beautiful villages in Shuroabad district, Khatlon region. Distance from Dushanbe to Khirmanjo is about 260 km. You will experience real friendship and Tajik traditional hospitality here. The landscape is of extraordinary beauty with red and white mountains and green shrubs and pistachio woodlands. During spring you can find various flowers and in autumn the colored leaves provide special impressions.

In Khirmanjo you can stay in the homestay of Saidali, where you may have your own separate room with clean bed sheets. If you would like to take a shower you need to request the host in advance to allow for time for the water to be heated. Saidali can also arrange for homestays in other villages (Anjirob, Parvor).

The conservancy of the local NGO “Muhofiz” was established by former traditional hunters of villages in Shuroabad District on the eastern slope of the Hazratishoh range and Southern Darvaz range. They were concerned with the fast decline of markhor and urial populations and agreed between themselves to stop poaching.

**Trekking opportunities**
- Khirmanjo village to Shurobak gorge is 1 to 2 days of trekking and offers many wildlife observation opportunities (in particular wolf, jackal, brown bear, markhor, porcupine, wild boar and birds of prey (lammergeier, golden eagle, Himalayan vulture, roller, bee-eaters and many song birds);
- Kisht village to Khudkham gorge which offers very nice biodiversity, in particular plants, birds and reptiles;
- Khirmanjo to Anjirob, where horseback riding is offered and offers a novel opportunity of enjoying the landscape;
- Anjirob to Parvor on horseback or by car. In Parvor tourists can see the traditional handicraft;
- Parvor to Pasiporvor mountains offers observations of wildlife, in particular markhor and - with great luck - urial.
Guides
It is recommended to hire guides from “Muhofiz”. The rangers of “Muhofiz” are excellent trekking guides and are able to show you the rare wildlife. For a walk into the gorge the cost of a local guide is $15 USD per day. Guided photo shooting is $ 50 USD for one day. The cost for the horse is $25 USD per day and $15 USD half a day and $5 USD per hour. For carrying the luggage the rangers are usually able to assist you in hiring donkeys. The costs for the donkey is $20 USD per day.

What to bring with you
Bring with you trekking equipment including good hiking shoes, binoculars and photo equipment. For taking wildlife pictures you will need a large lens. The local guides also have binoculars and a spotting scope, which is essential for enjoying wildlife observations at long distances.

The culture and the landscape will leave in you great memories. You can bring some memories of Tajik culture back to your family and friends, by purchasing traditional handicrafts souvenirs made by local people.

The best time to visit Khirmanjo is spring and autumn as during summer it is quite hot.

The prices for the homestay and food are the following:
- Bed only $ 9 USD
- Breakfast up to $ 4 USD
- Lunch up to $ 5 USD
- Dinner up to $ 6 USD
If you would like to have a packed lunch with you on your hikes just ask for it. It is $ 1 USD for vegetarian and $ 2 USD for non-vegetarian

For additional information you can visit the PECTA office in the city park in Khorog or go to:
www.pecta.tj
www.wildlife-tajikistan.org

Your investment in the local community will help to further motivate the locals in the protection of wildlife.