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We are looking forward for successful cooperation with you!

Best Regards,

Bakhtiiar Amanzholov  
General Director












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# Silk road



# 5 GLIMPSES OF CENTRAL ASIA 15 DAYS

Ashgabat•Darwaza•Khiva•Bukhara•Samarkand•Tashkent•Khudjand  
Dushanbe•Almaty•Karakol•Bishkek

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Central Asia is an extremely large area of mountains, vast deserts, and grassy steppes. It is bordering with the Caspian Sea and China, from Afghanistan to Russia. Historically, the region has been linked with the Silk Road.

Within a tour “5 Glimpses of Central Asia”, we will explore most famous sights: ancient cities of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Urgench, Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand; Gas crater in endless deserts of Turkmenistan, celestial mountains and unique Issyk-kul lake in Kyrgyzstan, beautiful valleys and gorges of Kazakhstan, Buddha Nirvana Statue and Fann, Pamir mountain ranges in Tajikistan.

Our company's best tours are the result of years of experience and are specially designed to give you the best-organized trip. Taste local cuisine at the best restaurants, learn about history and culture from our best guides, relax and rest at the best hotels.

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## TOUR INFORMATION



### Ashgabat Airport

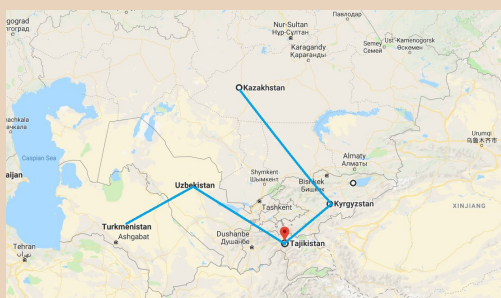
In 2016, Ashgabat completed the construction of a stunningly beautiful, modern, comfortable and ergonomic airport. This air harbor has not only become another architectural attraction of Ashgabat, but also listed in the Guinness Book of Records for the world's largest architectural image of carpet gel on the roof of the passenger terminal. This is the Turkmen national ornament of deep historical and spiritual significance for the Turkmen people.

This international airport is evidence of Turkmenistan's rapid development. 28 telescopic gangways can accept a great number of flights. The airport was awarded several international certificates and prizes and may receive and conduct about 20 million passengers a year! It complies with IATA Class A service standards.



## Useful information

- Season: May - September
- Duration: 14 nights/15 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Altitude: up to 2500 m
- Flight: TK, KC
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/LH/tents
- Visa: [www.mfa.gov.tm](http://www.mfa.gov.tm); [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz);  
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[www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)
- Currency: Som (KGS); Tenge (KZT);  
Sum (UZS); Manat (TMT); Somoni (TJS)
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +4; +5;





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. ASHGABAT AIRPORT.	Arrival by flight TK early in the morning. Transfer to hotel. Early check-in and short rest. City tour, with visits of Ertogrul Gazy Mosque, Independence Park, Neutrality Arch, National Museum, Nissa (UNESCO) and Turkmenbashi Mosque-Mausoleum.
Day 2. ASHGABAT - DARWAZA	Half-day city tour including visits to Anau mosque ruins, Ahalteke horse stables, Central bazaar. Transfer to Darwaza in the Karakum desert, visit Erbent desert community on the way. BBQ dinner. Overnight in tents.
Day 3 DARWAZA - BCP SHAVAT - KHIVA	After camp style breakfast direct transfer to the border post Shavat. Arrival before or after lunch break at post. Transfer to hotel. Have a dinner. Overnight in hotel.
Day 4. KHIWA	City tour in Khiva, around: Ichan-Kala architectural complex (XII-XIX), Ismail Khodja Mausoleum, Muhammed Amin Khan Madrassah, Kunya-Ark Castle (XVI-XVI), Kalta Minor Tower, Tash-Hovli Palace (XIX), Pahlavan Mahmud Mausoleum(XIV-XVIII), Juma Mosque (X) Narrow streets, carved “ayvans” veranda and doors, majestic minarets and mausoleums. Leisure time and overnight at the hotel.
Day 5. KHIWA - BUKHARA	After breakfast, transfer (6-7 hours) to Bukhara through the Red desert “Kyzyl-Kum”. Upon Arrival short city tour. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 6. BUKHARA - SAMARKAND	After breakfast, city tour. Bukhara, home of Ibn Sino (Avicenna), beloved city of the philosopher Hodja Nasriddin. Transfer to railway station for train to Samarkand. Arrival Samarkand and hotel check-in.
Day 7. SAMARKAND - TASHKENT	Full day city tour in Samarkand: Registan Square - Madrassah Ulug Bek (XV), Madrassah Shir-Dor (XVII), Madrassah Tillya-Kori (XVII), Mausoleum Gur Emir - Tamerlane's Tomb (XIV-XV), Bibi Khanum Mosque (XIVXV). Visiting of morning East Siab Bazaar. Transfer to train station. Train to Tashkent. Arrival in Tashkent overnight at the hotel.
Day 8. TASHKENT BP – OYBEK – KHUJAND	Morning city tour around Tashkent: the State Museum of Applied Arts of Uzbekistan, visiting the religious complex Khasti Imam. Border formalities and meeting with guide and driver at the Oybek border. Drive towards Khujand – the centre of Sugd region, second capital of Tajikistan. Lunch upon arrival. Later visits to museum which is located next to the famous fortress of the city. In addition to market to our gaze at mausoleum Shaikh Maslehatoddina 14th century. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 9. KHUJAND - DUSHANBE	After breakfast drive to Dushanbe – the capital city of Tajikistan. Hotel check in. Later visit of Hissar fortress - one of the lord's palaces of the Bukhara Emirate (110km, 3hrs). This fortress is surrounded by monuments and mausoleums XVII-XVIII centuries. Evening excursion, walking in the Independence Square, where you can see the flagpole, which entered to the Records of Guinness Book as the tallest flagpole in the world (H165m), a monument of the founder of first tajik state - Ismail Somoni and a building of the biggest library in Central Asia, 9 floor, with over 11 million books.
Day 10. DUSHANBE - ALMATY (flight)	After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight to Almaty. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. Have a rest. Drive to Big Almaty Lake (opt). Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in hotel.
Day 11. ALMATY	After breakfast, start city tour in Almaty: visit Park of 28 Panfilov Guardsmen, Zenkov Cathedral, Museum of Kazakh National Musical Instruments, Green Bazaar. PM. Visiting Central Mosque, Republic Square and Square of First President. Drive to Kok-Tube Hill and take a cable Car and have the best panoramic view.
Day 12. ALMATY - KARAKOL	After breakfast, drive to Karakol via Kazakh-Kyrgyz border Kegen. En route excursion to Charyn Canyon. Upon arrival to Karakol dinner at local café, overnight at hotel.
Day 13. KARAKOL - BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. En route possible to stop in Cholpon-Ata and have a boat cruise (should be paid supplementary) stop at Burana Tower of XI Century - remains of the ancient city of Balasagun. Upon arrival to Bishkek dinner at local café, overnight at the hotel.
Day 14. BISHKEK – ALA-ARCHA	After breakfast, city tour, including visiting of History Museum, Central Square Ala-Too, Panfilov Park. Then drive to National Park Ala-Archa for easy walk. Drive back to Bishkek and visit Osh bazaar. Dinner at local restaurant with Folkl Music Show. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 15 DEPARTURE DAY	After early breakfast, transfer to Bishkek International Airport “Manas” for departure Flight.



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# NOMAD'S LIFE EXPERIENCE TOUR 10 DAYS

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Bishkek•Chon-Kemin•Tash-Rabat•Son-Kul•Kyzyl-Oi•Kyzyl-Tuu  
Bokonbaevo•Jeti-Oguz•Karakol•Issyk-Kul•Bishkek

Have you ever experienced nomadic lifestyle? Do you want to explore and stay with nomad people in the yurts? Then, this tour gives you a great chance to visit Kyrgyz Nomadic families and staying in a yurt. In addition, most attractive places like pearl of Kyrgyzstan Issyk-Kul Lake, high mountainous alpine lake Song-Kul, Tien Shan mountain ranges and best-preserved Silk Road site Tash-Rabat, that is carefully restored stone building that once housed an inn on the Great Silk Road. Take a horseback riding through picturesque places of the valleys and gorges. Big contrast between visiting places; Alpine glaciers, red rocks and semi deserts will give you unforgettable memories. Taste traditional Kyrgyz cuisine cooked at the stake inside of a yurt, in best tradition of nomadic people. Welcome to nomads Land!

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Kyrgyz Taigan

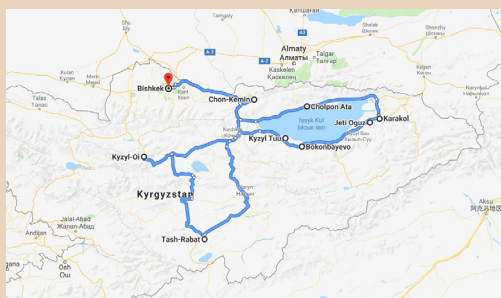
The Kyrgyz Taigan is very old indigenous breed of dog, which mentioned in the Kyrgyz epics. It is well known, that these animals accompanied nomadic people even before our era. As in ancient times, today the Kyrgyz still use greyhound Taigan for hunting, and co-hunt with a bird of prey - golden eagle. Taigan help to chase foxes, badgers, rams, goats and sometimes-even wolves. The name of the breed - «Taigan» - means «unstoppable» in Kyrgyz.

The Taigan is considered as a national breed of Kyrgyzstan, and not well known outside the country. One rarely can see them at exhibitions.

The Kyrgyz Greyhound has a wonderful character. Taigans are very attentive and obedient. Of course, they need training, but it is a pleasure to train them. They learn new orders with interest and quickly understand what is required from them. At the same time, the taigan can be proud and inclined to show independence. This dog, despite thousands of years of friendship with people, is still quite independent. In particularly difficult times, the Kyrgyz people could survive with the help of Taigans' hunt. Not surprisingly, sometimes Kyrgyz greyhounds amaze with their serenity and ability to make decisions independently.

### Useful information

- Season: June - September
- Duration: 7 nights/8 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Altitude: Up to 3600 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH/Yurts
- Visa: United Kingdom & European citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Currency: Som (KGS)
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +4, +5



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DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY	Meet the group at Bishkek International “Manas” Airport. Transfer to hotel for rest. After lunch, city tour of Bishkek.
Day 2. BISHKEK - CHON-KEMIN	After breakfast, drive to Chon-Kemin valley. En route visit Burana Tower. Lunch en route. Upon arrival free time for walking. Dinner and overnight in guest house.
Day 3. CHON-KEMIN - TASH-RABAT	After breakfast, drive to Tash-Rabat caravanserai, which is a well preserved 15th century stone caravanserai in Naryn region. Dinner and overnight in a yurt camp.
Day 4. TASH-RABAT - SON-KUL	After breakfast, drive to Son-kul. Lunch in Naryn. Son-kul is an alpine lake in northern Naryn Province. The altitude of the lake 3016m. Upon arrival to Son-kul, hiking around yurt camps. Dinner and overnight in Yurts.
Day 5. SON-KUL - KYZYL-OI	After breakfast, drive to Kyzyl-Oi village. Kyzyl-Oi is quite different from the other mountain villages in Kyrgyzstan. It existed even before the October Revolution in 1917, and has therefore kept its distinct Central Asian character with its reddish clay houses. After lunch you can ride on horses (opt.) to gorge and enjoy magnificent view of Kokomeran River. Dinner and overnight at local house.
Day 6. KYZYL-OI - KYZYL-TUU - BOKONBAEVO	After breakfast, drive to Bokonbaev village in Issyk-Kul region. En route stop in Kochkor for master class of Uzbek food “Plov” and Kyrgyz bread “Kattama”. Further drive to Kyzyl-Tuu village, which is a fascinating destination for those interested in Kyrgyz nomadic culture who would like to see the yurt installation and demonstration of how to set it up. Then drive to Bokonbaev village. Upon arrival is possible to have a master class of national soup “Shorpo” with “Samsy” (opt).
Day 7. BOKONBAEVO - JETI-OGUZ - KARAKOL	After breakfast, you can see Eagle-hunting show (opt.). Then drive to Karakol town. En route visit Barskoon and Djety-Oguz Gorges and have easy trek. Upon arrival in Karakol, to take part in a master class of cooking Uigur “Lagman” with “laza” sause.
Day 8. KARAKOL - ISSYK-KUL	After breakfast, short city tour in Karakol. Then drive to Cholpon-Ata, visit history museum and petroglyphs. Possible boat cruise (opt.).
Day 9. ISSYK-KUL - BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. En route lunch at local café near Tokmok town. Upon arrival, check in the hotel and leisure time. Dinner.
Day 10. DEPARTURE DAY. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Transfer to airport. See the group off.





Bishkek•Chon-Kemin•Issyk-Kul•Jergalan village•Altyn-Arashan  
Kochkor•Son-Kul•At-Bashi•Tash-Rabat•Chatyr-Kol•Naryn•Bishkek

Kyrgyzstan is famous for its mountainous scenery and a big variety of mountain flowers. More than 90 % of Kyrgyzstan's territory is mountainous and over 40% exceeding 3000 meters above Sea level. In these high altitudes, are growing Edelweiss, a flower of wind chimes bell, a flower of forget-me-not, a flower of the Genus Otocillus, a cornflower, a flower of purple Syringa, Hibiscus syriacus. There are plenty of flowers of Salvia officinalis, Camellia sinensis, red poppies etc.

The best time of a year for flower-lovers are spring and the beginning of summer. This part of the season, give us a great opportunity to watch different kind of tulips, chamomiles, poppies, snowdrops, Edelweiss and other kind of flowers. All the tours for flower watching are guided by experienced Flower guides, arranging the best season and places to visit. Our journey will take place in a very beautiful picturesque places as: Chon-Kemin gorge, Son-Kul Lake, Jergalan Village, Altyn-Arashan Spa Area, Tash-Rabat Caravan Sarai, Chatyr-Kul Lake and At Bashi, Bosogo Valley.

## TOUR INFORMATION



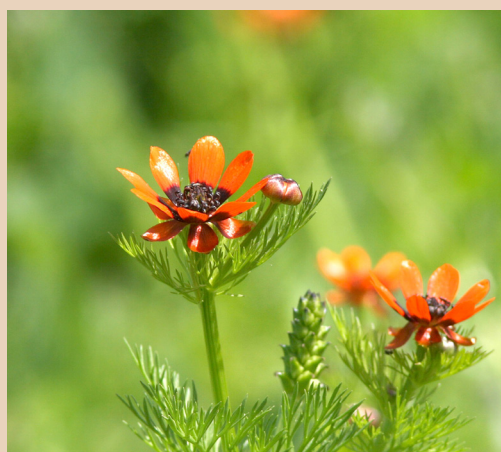
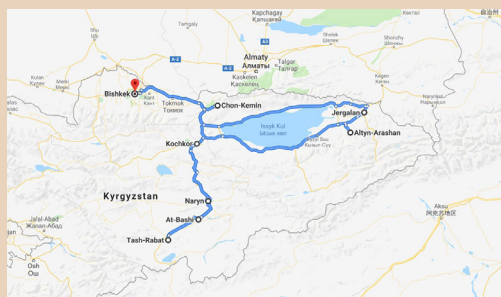
### Edelweiss

For people of the mountains, Edelweiss flower is a symbol of happiness and love, and even there is a very beautiful and sad legend about its origin. The passionate hearts of two lovers could not live without each other. Fate has ordered differently - they had to separate from each other. Both of them were horrifying with the thought of the coming separation. The only way to stay together they found to die together and jumped off the cliff. After their death, the rocks covered with white flowers of Edelweiss...Since then; for mountain peoples- Edelweiss have become a symbol of courage and steadfastness.

Edelweiss is Noble white - this is how the name of this wonderful flower translated from German. The vitality of Edelweiss, as well as that of other highland plants, is amazing and admirable. Life in the mountains is harsh: strongly thin air, sudden changes of heat and cold. Here in such «extreme» conditions, at an altitude of more than 2000 m, among the bare rocks and rocky talus blossoms every summer covered with legends beautiful edelweiss. In the highlands, it forms single bumps, and on mountain meadows stretches a beautiful carpet. The genus of Edelweiss includes about 40 species with many common features, but the most famous of them is the Edelweiss Alpine, a low herbaceous plant with baskets surrounded by white radiant leaves, which makes the inflorescences look like stars carved from thin white felt. The height of the peduncle is 15-25 cm. Leaves are petiolate, narrow, long, green from above and white-fronted from below.

### Useful information

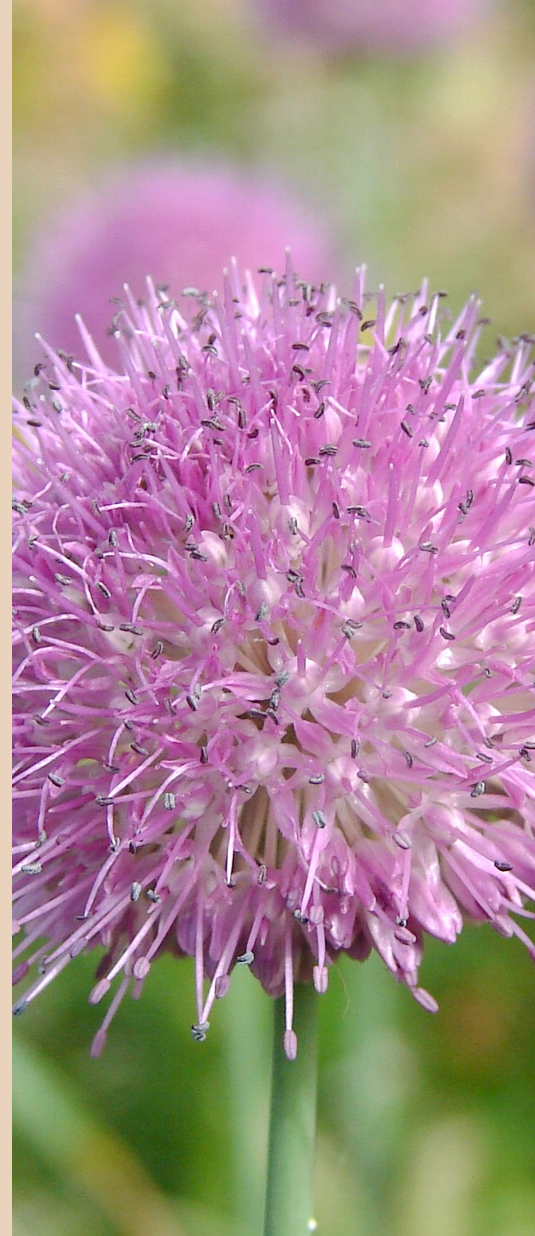
- Season: April-June/July-August
- Duration: 11 nights/12 days
- Type of tour: special tour
- Altitude: up to 3350 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/LH/ yurts/tents
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information follow the link [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Currency: Som (KGS)
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +4 +5



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DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Meet the group at Bishkek airport and transfer to hotel. PM city tour: Central Square Ala-Too, History Museum(under reconstruction), Osh Bazaar, Panfilov Park. Dinner at local Restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. BISHKEK - CHON-KEMIN	After breakfast, drive to Chon-Kemin valley. En route visit Burana Tower of XI century. Upon arrival free time for walking around the village. Horse riding in Chon-Kemin valley is optional (opt.) Dinner and overnight in guesthouse.
Day 3. CHON-KEMIN – ISSYK-KUL LAKE	After breakfast, drive to Lake Issyk Kul - the 2nd largest high mountainous lake in the world. Lunch on the way. Upon arrival, a boat cruise with unforgettable view of the lake (opt.). Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 4. ISSYK-KUL – JERGALAN VILLAGE	After breakfast, drive to the village Jergalan. Lunch in guest house. After lunch, take a trip around the guesthouse. Enjoy flower watching and horseback riding (opt.). Then you can watch the Yurt installation show (opt.) and have a frog therapy. Dinner and overnight in guesthouse.
Day 5. JERGALAN – ALTYN-ARASHAN VALLEY	After breakfast, drive to Altyn-Arashan hot spring valley at 3800 m altitude. Here you can enjoy the thermal bath and watch the flowers. Dinner and overnight in tents.
Day 6. ALTYN- ARASHAN – KOCHKOR	After breakfast, drive to Bokonbaevo on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. Enjoy the Eagle Hunting Show (opt.). After lunch in local Kyrgyz family, drive to the village of Kochkor. Dinner and overnight in local house.
Day 7. KOCHKOR – SON-KUL LAKE	After breakfast, drive to the 2nd largest lake in Kyrgyzstan - Son-Kul lake. Cross the mountain pass and enjoy a breathtaking view of the grassland highland plants along the road. Upon arrival, dinner and overnight in yurts. Horse riding is optional.
Day 8. SON-KUL - AT- BASHI – TASH-RABAT	After breakfast, drive to Naryn through Dolon pass and arrive at At-Bashi. Lunch in local cafe/house. After lunch visit the «Bosogo» gorge. Then drive to Tash-Rabat Caravanserai. Dinner and overnight in yurts.
Day 9. TASH-RABAT – CHATYR-KOL LAKE	After breakfast, drive to the 3rd largest lake in Kyrgyzstan - Chatyr-Kol lake. Lunch with lunch-boxes. Enjoy alpine plants near the Chatyr-Kol lake at 3350m altitude. Dinner and overnight in tents.
Day 10. CHATYR-KOL LAKE – NARYN	After breakfast, drive to Naryn city. On the way lunch at local house or cafe. After arriving in Naryn you have a nice trip to the Salkyn-Tor Gorge. Watch flowers in the gorge. Overnight in guesthouse in Naryn.
Day 11. NARYN – BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. Lunch on the way in Kochkor. Dinner at local restaurant in Bishkek. Overnight in hotel.
Day 12. DEPARTURE DAY	After breakfast transfer to Bishkek airport for home flight. After all formalities, see the group off.





# BAIKONUR SPACEPORT TOUR 6 DAYS

Nur-Sultan•Kyzyl-Orda•Bakonur•Almaty•Charyn Canyon•Almaty

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Baikonur tour is a special offer. Just imagine, in Soviet times Baikonur was a closed military town, and spaceport was the most secret. Today, there is a great opportunity to learn about the history of the astronautics, see the samples of real missiles, spaceships and meet the people who dedicated their life to the Space Exploration.

Baikonur Spaceport tour consists of three parts: first destination, Nur-Sultan (Astana), brand new capital of Kazakhstan, ultra-modern metropolis and is the northernmost capital city in Asia. Second visiting is Baikonur town and the Museum of history of astronautics and visit to the Baikonur space center itself. There you can see launching platforms and hangars, as well as the museum of astronautics with the real space shuttle Buran where you can try to take the hold of controls. Third, Almaty- the southern capital of Kazakhstan, it is in the center of the Eurasian continent, at the foothills of the Trans-Ili Ala-Tau Mountains, the northernmost ridge of the Tien Shan Mountains. From Almaty there is one-day trip to the Charyn Canyon, where you will have an unforgettable view of a huge gorge with cliffs and of various colors and shades.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Baikonur

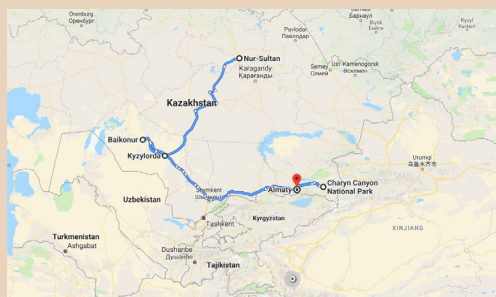
Baikonur is a city of Russian Federation, located in Kyzylorda Region, in the southern Kazakhstan

Russia rented the city and spaceport, until 2050 from Kazakhstan, annually paying about 200 million dollars. Therefore, Baikonur is the territory of Russia. The Russian laws are in force here, the Roubles are official currency, and city authorities functioning like in Russia and different from Kazakhstan. On the central square, there is still a statue of Lenin; most of them taken away to the outskirts of Kazakh cities. To get to Baikonur, you need to get a special permission. It can be issued either through acquaintances (if you have them in this city), or with the assistance of travel agencies. There are also organizations that can act as a host party and take all the hassle of processing documents on their own, contenting themselves with a reasonable fee.

Everything in the city remind spaceport: the name of shops, restaurants, with a dozen advertising posters and banners, with Yuri Gagarin smiles. The world's first man in an open space became a brand here. Baikonur is a city where every house is involved in space exploration.

## Useful information

- Season: June - September
- Duration: 5 nights/6 days
- Type of tour: special tour
- Altitude: up to 2000 m
- Flight: TK, KC
- Accommodation: hotel/guest house
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)
- Currency: Tenge (KZT)
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +5 U





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. NUR-SULTAN AIRPORT	Arrival in Nur-Sultan (Astana), the capital city of Kazakhstan. Nur-Sultan sightseeing tour including the Constitution Square, Presidential Centre of Culture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, shopping center Khan Shatyr, “Astana-Baiterek” monument, the Kazakh Eli Square, Khazret Sultan mosque and Palace of Independence. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. NUR-SULTAN - KYZYLORDA - BAIKONUR	Early breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to airport for flight Astana– Kyzylorda. Arrival to the Kyzylorda airport, transfer to the train station (Train #41 Kyzylorda-Baikonur). Arrival to the train station of Baikonur. Meeting, transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. BAIKONUR	Baikonur city tour and visit Spaceport History Museum, “Buran” Orbital complex. Transfer to the site number 254. Report of the crew to the State Commission. Transfer to the site number 1, visit to the “Gagarin’s start” complex. Transfer to the city. Overnight in Baikonur.
Day 4. BAIKONUR - ALMATY	Early check out, transfer to the train station (Train #24 EOD Baikonur-Kyzylorda). Arrival to Kyzylorda, transfer to the airport, have a flight Kyzylorda – Almaty. PM arrival to Almaty airport, transfer to hotel. Overnight in hotel.
Day 5. ALMATY – CHARYN CANYON – ALMATY	After breakfast drive to the Charyn Canyon – along the Charyn River, 200 kilometers (125 mi) east of Almaty, close to the Chinese border. The canyon is 80 kilometers (50mi) in length. Walking through the Canyons. Drive back to Almaty. Overnight in hotel.
Day 6. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to airport. See the group off.





# KAZAKHSTAN & KYRGYZSTAN INDUSTRIAL TOUR 8 DAYS

Almaty•Bishkek•Tokmok•Balykchy•Cholpon-Ata•Karakol•Bishkek

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Kazakhstan is a fantastic destination for an industrial tour. The country is rich in mineral resources and in some categories of mining Kazakhstan is among the world leaders. The territory and economy of Kazakhstan is the largest in Central Asia, both absolute and per capita. The main industrial attraction of the tour will be an excursion to confectionery and distillery factories, degustation of national drinks, made out of camels' and mares' milk.

A visit to Kyrgyzstan with an industrial focus is a unique experience. First, Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country and its economy mostly relies on power industry. Secondly, the growth of industrial production is increasing mainly due to light industry, especially by an increasing production in the textile industry: the production of clothing, footwear and other leather products. There is furthermore an interesting project supported by a Japanese regional development program, the "one village-one product"-project, which is a great impact for local communities' development. There are many manufacturing units all over regions in Kyrgyzstan making souvenirs and goods of a high quality. Planned excursions to the well-known local factories producing national drinks and sweets.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Honey from Issyk-Kul Province

Honey collected in the Mountainous fields of Issyk-Kul Province is widely known among honey lovers. This area is rich in vegetation cover of such herbs as yellow edelweiss, rosehip, barberry, currant, mountain ash, juniper, honeysuckle, black barberry. The combination of these herbs, which contain a huge amount of vitamins, gives honey a healing power.

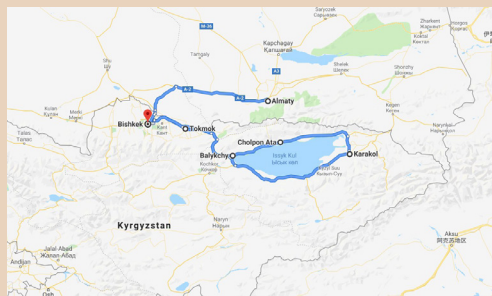
Issyk-Kul honey due to its special climate conditions has a special smell and taste and people collect various kinds of this product. These are: field, sainfoin, herbal, mountain and alpine honey. The most common is sainfoin honey, collected from clover. A rare, very valuable honey collected from thyme, oregano. They grow in the highland area. It is dark and delicious.

This type of honey increases the body's resistance to colds and infectious diseases, helps to restore performance in case of mental and physical fatigue. It has a special fragrant smell and thick consistency.



### Useful information

- Season: May - September
- Duration: 7 nights/8 days
- Type of tour: culture tour
- Altitude: up to 2500 m
- Flight: TK, KC
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/LH
- Visa: [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg); [www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)
- Currency: Som (KGS); Tenge (KZT);
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +4; +5;





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY ALMATY	Arrival, meeting with local guide, transfer to the hotel, check in.
Day 2. ALMATY CITY TOUR	Breakfast. Start City Tour: A visit to an industrial plant: Confectionery Factory, Cognac Factory, Degustation, Excursion, Transfer Camel Farm “Daulet Beket”, excursion around the farm, degustation of national drinks and sweets made from camel milk. Transfer to Almaty, dinner, overnight in Almaty.
Day 3. ALMATY- BISHKEK	After breakfast, visits to construction companies, car-building factories. Transfer to Bishkek through Kordai checkpoint (Kyrgyz/Kazakh border). Upon arrival, visiting Osh bazaar. After dinner walking in the evening Bishkek at the Ala-Too square.
Day 4. BISHKEK CITY TOUR	After breakfast, drive to the Ala Archa National Park. Return to Bishkek, Confectionery house “Kulikovsky”, sweets tasting. “Shoro” factory (factory producing national drinks), degustation of national drinks: “Maxym”, “chalap” etc. Universities, Flower Garden, flower shop - making flower arrangements. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 5. BISHKEK - TOKMOK - BALKYCHY – CHOLPON ATA	After breakfast, visit factories operating since Soviet Times. In Tokmok town - visit glass factory, and excursion to Archeological Museum Complex “Burana” Tower. Lunch. Transfer to Balykchy town. Visit Balykchy cement factory, flour-milling head. Transfer to Cholpon Ata, touristic town. Upon arrival in Cholpon Ata, dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 6. CHOLPON ATA – KARAKOL	Breakfast, visit the hippodrome in Cholpon Ata city, horse farm and transfer to Karakol, upon arrival, visit the workshop “ONE VILLAGE ONE PRODUCT” organized by JICA, hand-made soap or felt made products - the tourists will do a mini master show by themselves. Beekeeping farm. Lagman show (noodle making). Arrival to Jergalan excursion to the agricultural farm, dinner. After dinner, near the river “qua-qua therapy” - the therapy is carried out in this way that people listen sound of quarking frogs, relaxation, soothing training, admiring the stars, bonfire.
Day 7. KARAKOL - BISHKEK on the South Shore	Breakfast, transfer to Bishkek, on the way visiting jam workshop where they make jam out of natural berries. Tamga village, a military sanatorium, built by Japanese war prisoners. Drive to Bokonbaevo, in Kyzyl-Tuu - yurt installation show. Drive to Bishkek. Upon arrival in Bishkek, dinner, overnight at the hotel.
Day 8. BISHKEK - ALMATY	Breakfast, transfer to Almaty. Lunch. City tour: Green bazaar, Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments, Kok-Tube Hill. Transfer to airport.





# KYRGYZ AGRO TOUR 8 DAYS

Bishkek•Kochkor•Naryn•Kyzyl-Tuu•Bokonbaevo•Barskoon•Ak-Suu•Bishkek

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Kyrgyzstan is an agricultural country. Our tourist destination will help you to discover Kyrgyz farming and Agriculture throughout the countryside. This Agro tour takes place mainly in the area Naryn and Issyk-Kul (Provinces). Naryn Province is located in eastern Kyrgyzstan and borders the People's Republic of China. This area shows the original landscape of Kyrgyzstan, such as the beautiful Tian Shan mountain range, the high plateau meadow and the high mountain lakes. Local population are involved mostly in animal farming. While the city center might get busy, we will have journey to remote areas to escape city routine. The following area will be the Issyk-Kul province in northeastern part of Kyrgyzstan. We will have agro tour around the beautiful Lake Issyk-Kul. First stop will be in the village Bokonbaevo, located on the south shore of the lake. You will have the opportunity to see the life of Kyzyl-Tuu village people, where most of them are engaged in manufacturing the traditional Kyrgyz home – a yurt. Another option for the following day will be collection of apples, apricots and pears in the Barskoon Village. In Ak-Suu Village we can experience beekeeping in a beehive.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### «Excellent» sort of Apples

Remarkably, today there are more than 7500 thousand varieties of apples in the world. Apple orchards occupy an incredibly large area of 5 million hectares. Thus, almost every second fruit tree is an apple tree.

Apples of Issyk-Kul Province occupy a very special place in all this fruit diversity, which is eloquently proved by many facts. One of the reasons favorable geographical location and moderate sea climate. These very significant facts give domestic apples a unique taste and unique chemical composition.

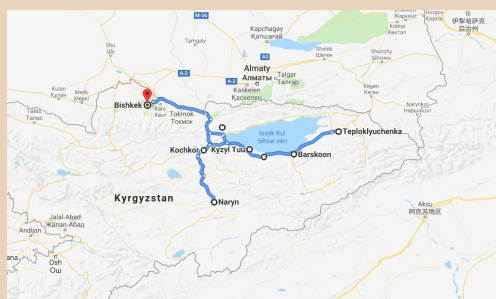
«Excellent» sort of Issyk-Kul apples. Its name speaks for itself. Back in the 20-30s, this apple came to Kyrgyzstan from America, settled down and proved itself perfectly.

The «excellent» sort is winter-resistant, has exceptionally elegant coloring, very delicate skin, aromatic, and sour flesh. It is important to note that Issyk-Kul apples of this sort have a high yield and, most importantly, a unique tart taste. These fruits grow in highland gardens and watered from the purest mountain rivers. Usually apples of «Excellent» sort are average size, but under favorable conditions sometimes reach 250 grams. Ripe by September and can be stored almost until June.



## Useful information

- Season: May-September
- Duration: 7 nights/8 days
- Type of tour: special tour
- Altitude: up to 2500 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/LH
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information visit [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Time Zone: GMT/UTC +4, +5
- Currency: Som (KGS)



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DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Meet the group at Manas Airport. Transfer to hotel for rest. After lunch start city tour in Bishkek. Visit Ala-Too Square, Panfilov Park, Manas Statue, Fine Arts Museum, Victory Square and Osh Bazaar. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in guesthouse.
Day 2. BISHKEK - KOCHKOR	After breakfast, drive to Kochkor. En route visit Burana Tower. Upon arrival, free time for walking or optionally possible to see felt carpet making show (opt.). Dinner and overnight in local house.
Day 3. KOCHKOR - NARYN	After breakfast, drive to Naryn. Upon arrival, you can find a local farm house activities like animal husbandry and gardening, and also you can take part in this activity. Lunch and dinner at local house.
Day 4. NARYN - KYZYL-TUU - BOKONBAEVO	After breakfast, drive to Bokonbaevo village, located at the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. En route visit Kyzyl-Tuu village and enjoy yurt installation show (opt.). After lunch, drive to Bokonbaevo. Dinner and overnight in local house.
Day 5. BOKONBAEVO - BARSKOON	After breakfast, drive to Barskoon gorge. Then have a lunch at local house and taking part on collecting currant and apricot, or apple and pear. Dinner and overnight at local house.
Day 6. BARSKOON - AK-SUU	After breakfast, drive to village Ak-Suu for collecting honey in the Apiary. Lunch, dinner and overnight at local house.
Day 7. AK-SUU - BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. Lunch en route. Upon arrival to Bishkek, dinner at local restaurant and transfer to hotel.
Day 8. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to the airport. See the group off.





# CENTRAL ASIAN CUISINE COOKING TOUR IN KYRGYZSTAN

Bishkek•Chon-Kemin•Son-Kul•Kochkor•Karakol•Cholpon-Ata•Tamchy•Bishkek

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Kyrgyzstan is amazing destination for so many reasons, its nature, history and culture. However, the Kyrgyz culinary is one of the main reason to visit this country. Kyrgyz cuisine is very diverse and combined, partly from nomadic ancestors' heredity and influence from neighboring Asian countries. Presently, more than 80 ethnic groups live in Kyrgyzstan and they are all mutually enriching culinary of the country.

In this tour, we organize a great journey to traditional Kyrgyz, Uighur and Uzbek cuisines.

In Chon-Kemin Valley we will see baking of traditional Uzbek bread "Patir Nan" in "Tandyr" oven. Subsequently, we will watch baking of the Kyrgyz traditional bread "Kattama", and taste national dish "Kuardak" in Kochkor town. Furthermore, in village Bokonbaevo, we will try Kyrgyz traditional soup "Shorpo" with "Samsa" (baked dish with various fillings). In Karakol town, we will taste Uighur traditional dish – "Lagman" with famous spicy "Laza" sauce. And the best part of the Kyrgyz culinary: "Beshbarmak" (translated as five fingers, supposed to eat by hands) Kyrgyz people cook for guests and traditional fried bread "Boorsok".

## TOUR INFORMATION



### How to cook Central Asian Plov

So many cooks, so many plov recipes. Nevertheless, there are basic rules that everyone should follow.

**Rice-** this is the main stumbling block for all the cooks who have ever-cooked plov. However, almost all of them agree that the best is Batken rice, as well as other varieties. You can also try to cook rice with other types of rice, but preferably not too starchy.  
**Meat-** Lamb traditionally used for plov, but beef is also suitable.

**Vegetables** -there are two main vegetables ingredients: onions and carrots. Different sort of onions can be used. Carrots a bit different: in Central Asia, plov is often cooked with yellow carrots, but in its absence, the usual orange one is also suitable.

**Oil-** Plov cooked using either vegetable oil, or animal fat or both. The easiest way to use refined sunflower oil.

Plov is a fat dish. On average, about 200-250 ml of oil used per 1 kg of rice.

**Spices** - we can highlight more or less traditional seasonings:

garlic (slightly peeled off and put in whole heads); Spicy red pepper (laid with a whole pod); zira; barberry; ground black or red pepper.

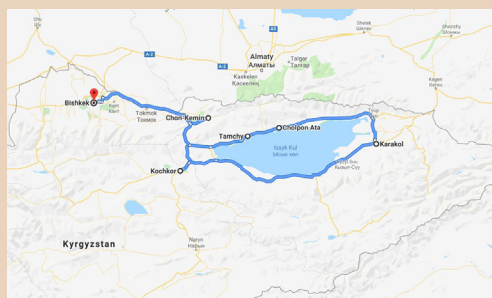
The basic principle of plov is to fry meat first. Then the onions should be roasted until golden brown. When the meat and onions are roasted, the carrots are added. It is roasted for a few minutes until softened. Then all the ingredients are poured with hot water. It should cover the meat by 1-2 cm. Then garlic, a pod of red pepper, spices and other ingredients are placed. Everything is salted to taste and cooked on moderate heat for at least 40 minutes before softening the meat.

Plov is traditionally served on a large plate, and the top is decorated with a head of garlic. This dish is best combined with a light salad of fresh vegetables.



### Useful information

- Season: June-September
- Duration: 7 nights/8 days
- Type of tour: culture tour
- Altitude: up to 3000 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/LH/yurts
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information visit [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Time Zone: GMT/UTC +4, +5
- Currency: Som (KGS)





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Meet the group at Manas Airport. Transfer to hotel for rest. After lunch, start city tour in Bishkek. Visit Ala-Too Square, Panfilov Park, History Museum (under reconstruction), Victory Square and Osh Bazaar. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the guest house.
Day 2. BISHKEK - CHON-KEMIN	After breakfast, drive to Chon-Kemin valley. En route visit Burana Tower of XI Century. Lunch en route. Upon arrival free time for easy walk. Demonstration of baking bread in Tandyr oven. Dinner and overnight in guest house.
Day 3. CHON-KEMIN - SON-KUL LAKE	After breakfast, drive to Son-Kul Lake - the 2nd largest lake in Kyrgyzstan. Here you'll enjoy with culinary show of national dish Kuurdak. Horse riding. Dinner and overnight in yurts.
Day 4. SON-KUL - KOCHKOR - BOKONBAEVO	After breakfast, drive to Bokonbaevo. En route stop in Kochkor for master class of Uzbek food Plov and Kyrgyz bread Kattama. Continue to Bokonbaevo village. Upon arrival possible Eagle hunting show (opt.). Then master class of national soup Shorpo and Samsy. Overnight in local house.
Day 5. BOKONBAEVO - BARSKOON - DJETI-OGUZ - KARAKOL	After breakfast, drive to Karakol. En route visit Barskoon waterfall and Djety-Oguz gorge. Easy walk. Upon arrival in Karakol master class of Uighur dish Lagman with laza sauce. Overnight in local house.
Day 6. KARAKOL - CHOLPON-ATA - TAMCHY	After breakfast, short city tour in Karakol. Visit Dugan Mosque and Orthodox Church. Then drive to Cholpon-Ata to visit local history museum and petroglyphs - open air museum of field stones. Possible boat cruise (opt.). Then continue driving to Tamchy, where is master class of national food Beshbarmak and Boorsok. Overnight in local house.
Day 7. TAMCHY - BISHKEK	AM free time for walking around the lake. After lunch, drive to Bishkek. Upon arrival farewell dinner in Supara ethno restaurant complex. Overnight in guest house.
Day 8. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to airport. See the group off.



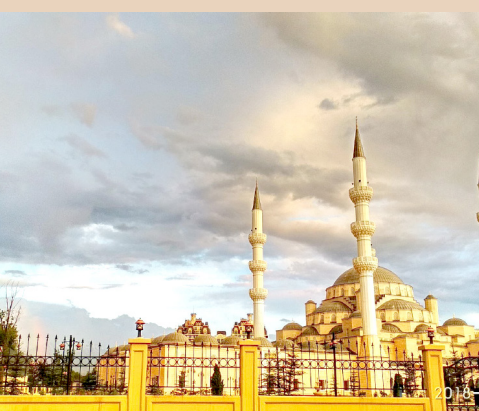


# SACRED PLACES OF KYRGYZSTAN 11 DAYS

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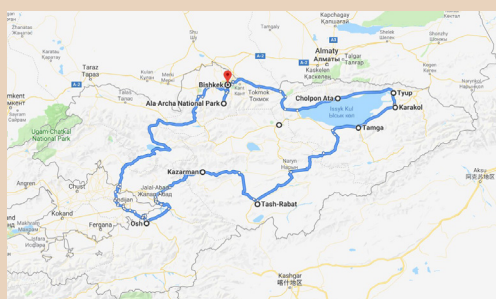
Bishkek•Ala-Archa•Osh•Shakh Fasil•Kazarman•Son-Kul  
Tash-Rabat•Tamga•Karakol•Tup•Cholpon-Ata•Bishkek

The Holy Mountain “Sulaiman Too” in Osh is perhaps the most significant, and almost certainly the best-known religious pilgrimage site in Central Asia. In 2009, it was the first mountain to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. In no other single place of Central Asia, you can find such a concentration of sacred sights; that people are visiting. People are uttering a prayer to have children, being healthy and wish for happiness from God, on the top of the Mountain. Suleiman Too, is also well known for being Central Asian Hajj destination for Muslim pilgrims before going to Mecca. The Valley of Sacred Springs of Manzhyl-Ata is located on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake. The name Manzhyl-Ata comes from the name of the visionary, who spread Islam among the local population. There are 8 sacred willows here, near which those miraculous springs are sheltered: 12 springs. Each spring has its own name and unique properties. Mineral deposits and underground waters give the area a unique energy, completing the miraculous image of the valley. Today, pilgrimages enjoy the pure healing water - all this can be done in the wonderful Manzhyl-Ata valley.



## Useful information

- Season: June-September
- Duration: 10 nights/11 days
- Type of tour: Special tour
- Height: 3500 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/Yurts/LH/GH
- Visas: Visas for UK and EU citizens are not required.
- Visa information: [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Air carrier: TK
- Currency: Som (KGS)
- Time difference: GMT/UTC +4, +5;



## TOUR INFORMATION



### Sulaiman-Too

Sulaiman-Too is a symbol of Osh city and main Holy site for Muslims. Since ancient times, until nowadays, Sulaiman Too considered being one of the most sacred places for Muslims, since time immemorial, this place is considered sacred, for the present Muslims, a three-time visit to Sulaiman-Too is equal to the Hajj in Mecca of Saudi Arabia.

In the distant past, Sulaiman-Too served as a landmark for travelers who considered it sacred. This ancient monument of art and history has been known since time immemorial. Up until the XVI century, the mountain was called Bara-Kuh, afterwards it was renamed into Tahti-Suleiman, which means «the throne of Solomon». This sacred mountain was called until the XX century, and nowadays it is called Sulaiman-Too-the Mountain of Sulaiman.

The mountain has always had a cult meaning for believers, especially for fire worshipers. Some historians believe that the prophet of Zoroastrianism Zatushtura who lived and worked on his theories in one of the caves of Sulaiman-Too. There was also one of the temples of the Zoroastrian cult of water and fire. It is possible that the name of the city of Osh comes from these words - Ohcho, Yakhsha-Osh. Until now, the mountain keeps a lot of valuable and surprising information - hundreds of petroglyphs are carved on stone slabs, walls of caves and grottoes.

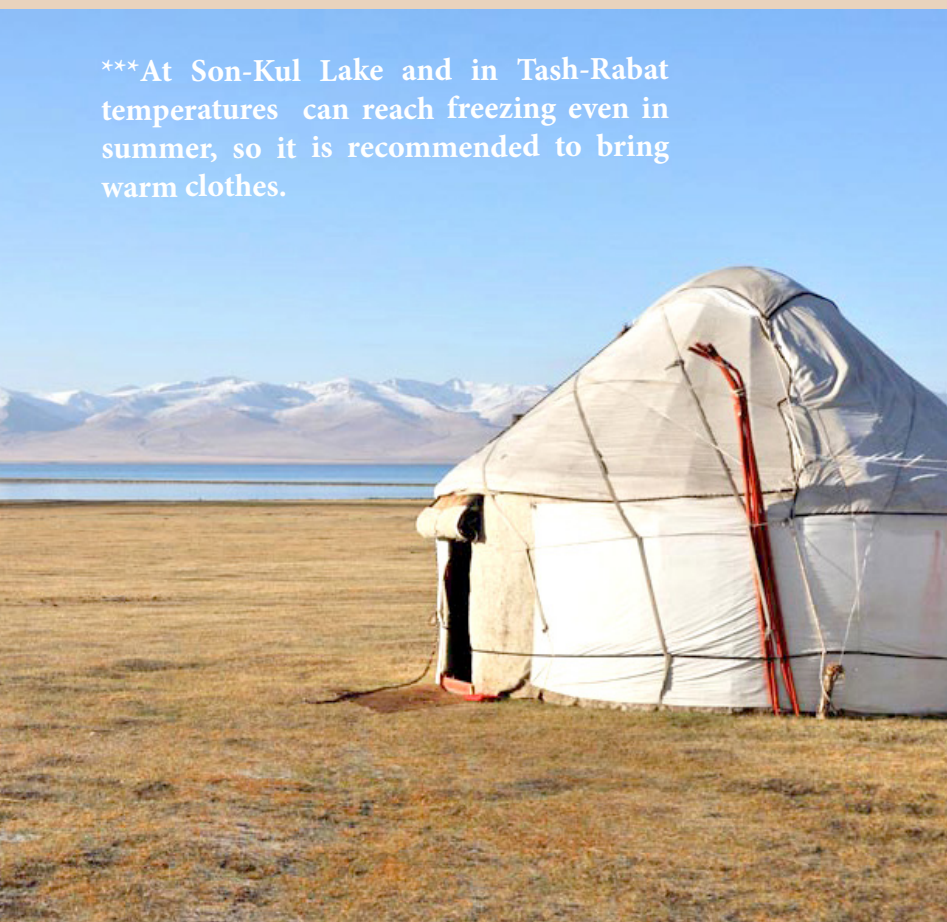
In 2009, the sacred mountain Sulaiman-Too was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. DAY OF ARRIVAL. BISHKEK	Meet the group at the “Manas” International Airport. Transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon city tour: Central square Ala-Too, a monument to the legendary national hero Manas. Walk through the Oak Park. Visit to the Russian Orthodox Cathedral. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. BISHKEK-ALA ARCHA-OSH	Breakfast. Drive to Ala-Archa National Park. Easy walk and picnic. Return to Bishkek. In the evening transfer to the airport for the Flight to Osh (second largest city of Kyrgyzstan). Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. OSH-SHAKH FASIL	Breakfast. Visit sacred «Sulaiman-Too». The mountain was once a main place of pilgrimage for Muslim and other believers. According to UNESCO, this place is the best example of a sacred mountain in Central Asia, which has been revered for thousands of years. The site is still a popular place among local Muslim pilgrims. If you follow the stairs to the highest point, you will find a mosque founded by Babur in 1510. Afterwards departure to the waterfall Abschir-Sai. Overnight in the guest house.
Day 4. SHAKH FASIL-KAZARMAN	Breakfast. Departure to Zhalalabad. Visit to the Safed Bulan and Shah Fasil Mausoleum. Continue to Kazarman. Overnight stay in a local house.
Day 5. KAZARMAN-SON-KUL	Breakfast. Departure to the pearl of Kyrgyzstan - Lake Son-Kul. Lake Son-Kul lies at an altitude of 3,016 meters above sea level. Overnight in the traditional nomadic yurts.
Day 6. SON-KUL-TASH-RABAT	Breakfast. Horse riding around the Son Kul lake. Afternoon departure to Tash-Rabat, a well-preserved 15th century caravanserai in the At Bashy district of Naryn Province. Tash-Rabat is located at an altitude of 3,000 meters. In the south is the Chatyr-Kul Lake and the Torugart Pass. In the north Koshoy Korgon, a castle ruin of unknown age. The area is a popular destination for hiking and horse riding. Afterwards dinner and overnight in a yurt camp.
Day 7. TASH-RABAT-TAMGA	Breakfast. Departure to Tamga. The village is located on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. Drive along the southern side of Issyk-Kul Lake. Visit of the holy place Manzhyl-Ata. Overnight stay in guest house.
Day 8. TAMGA-KARAKOL	Breakfast. Departure to Karakol. On the way excursion in Jeti-Oguz gorge. Easy hike. After arrival in Karakol, city tour: Dungan Mosque, Russian Orthodox Church. Visit to the museum of the famous Traveller M.V. Prejvalskiy. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 9. KARAKOL-TUP-CHOLPON-ATA	Breakfast. Departure to Cholpon-Ata, stop in the village of Tup. Visit St. Matthew relics. Upon arrival in Cholpon-Ata, visit the petroglyph an open-air museum. Boat cruise at Issyk-Kul Lake. Overnight stay in the guest house.
Day 10. CHOLPON-ATA-BISHKEK	Breakfast. Departure for Bishkek via Tokmok. Visit the ruins of Ak-Beshim and the Burana Tower. Overnight stay at the hotel.
Day 11. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to the airport. See the group off.

\*\*\*At Son-Kul Lake and in Tash-Rabat temperatures can reach freezing even in summer, so it is recommended to bring warm clothes.





# TRAIN TOUR THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA & CHINA 8-9 DAYS

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Nur-Sultan•Almaty•Bishkek•Issyk-Kul•Karakol•Charyn Canyon•Kulzha•Urumchi

Travelling by train through Kazakhstan is a great way to travel this vast country, through endless steppes and sprawling desert landscapes. As long as, main cities lie thousands kilometers away from one another, this is an exciting and comfortable way to get around Kazakhstan. There are trains routing across Kazakhstan that connect cities of Nur-Sultan, Karaganda, Shymkent, Almaty, and other cities.

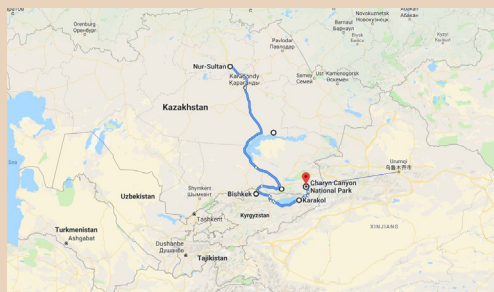
Travelling by train through Kyrgyzstan is the best way to experience Retro Train from Soviet Era. Kyrgyzstan is the most mountainous country in Central Asia. From the capital city Bishkek, the line extends to Balykchy on Issyk-Kul Lake.

Traveling around China by train is not only a great way to travel with comfort, but also an opportunity to get to know the country from within. China boasts an extensive rail network as well as modern and highly comfortable trains. Train route Kazakhstan-China fully repeats the part of the Great Silk Road, a caravan road linking East with West like in the middle Ages.



## Useful information

- Season: May-October
- Duration: 8 nights/9 days
- Type of tour: Special tours
- Height: 1800 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH/LH/ Train
- Visas: Visas for UK and EU citizens are not required.
- Visa information: [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)  
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[www.fmprc.gov.cn](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn)
- Air carrier: TK, KC
- Currency: Som (KGS); Tenge (KZT); Yuan (CNY);
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4; +5;



## TOUR INFORMATION



### «Baiterek»

«Baiterek» is a national monument in Nur-Sultan city. The idea to build the monument belongs to the former President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev's initial plan for Baiterek was born on an ordinary paper napkin, and the head of state drew a plan for futuristic design.

Today, this napkin is stored in the Museum of the First President in Nur-Sultan, along with other exhibits - scientific works, awards, gifts related to the activities of the leader of the nation.

The monument «Baiterek» has a deep philosophical meaning, reflecting the views of ancient nomads. The Ishim River represents the World River, where on the bank grows "Baiterek"- Tree of Life. Baiterek means «high poplar tree» in English.

Baiterek serves as a model of the Universe: the underground world corresponds to the roots, the earthly world - the trunk, and the heavenly world - the crown. The huge gilded glass sphere in diameter of 22 meters, crowning a design, symbolizes golden egg, which is laid in a tree crown by the bird of happiness "Samruk". The height of the monument «Baiterek» is also symbolic: 97 meters (without a ball) mark the transfer of the capital from Almaty to Astana in 1997.

Baiterek Monument, the cultural centre of Astana, embodying the idea of a future-oriented state, and has utilitarian significance.

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DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL IN NUR-SULTAN	Arrival at the International Airport. Welcoming by local guide. Transfer to the hotel.
Day 2. NUR-SULTAN-ALMATY	Breakfast. City tour: Hazret Sultan Mosque, Palace of Peace and Harmony, Ata-Meken Museum. Lunch and dinner, transfer to the train station. Departure at 20:50, train no. 706 T. Overnight in train.
Day 3. ALMATY	Breakfast. Arrival at 09:52, city tour, falcon show. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 4. ALMATY-BISHKEK	Breakfast. Departure at 08:40 to Bishkek by train no. 385N. Arrival at 20:46, overnight at the hotel in Bishkek.
Day 5. BISHKEK-ISSYK KUL	Early breakfast, departure to Issyk-Kul at 06:25, train number 608, arrival in Balykchy at 11:20. Transfer to Cholpon-Ata, boat cruise, transfer to Karakol, upon arrival visit Dungan Mosque and the Orthodox Church.
Day 6. KARAKOL-CHARYN CANYON-KULZHA (Chinese part)	Breakfast. Transfer to Kulzha via Kegen. On the way you will see the Charyn Canyon. Transfer to Khorgos (Kazakh-Chinese border). Crossing the border. Dinner, departure by train K9790B to Kulzha. Arrival in the evening and transfer to the hotel. The «Khorgos» border check point is open from 8:30 to 18:30, lunch from 13 to 14:30.
Day 7. KULZHA-URUMQI	Breakfast. City tour. Departure for Urumqi by train K9790. Departure at 21.25 hrs, arrival at 06.30 hrs.
Day 8. URUMQI CITY TOUR	Breakfast. City tour. Transfer to the hotel and overnight at the hotel.
Day 9. DEPARTURE	Transfer to the International Airport. See the group off.



\*\*\* If the flight takes place in the evening, then you can take a flight on day 8, and if it is in the morning on day 9.



# CAR TOUR 20 DAYS

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Amazing Combined car tour is the complex and eventful for those who want to see everything at once. In each country, you will experience culture, architecture and way of living.

In Kyrgyzstan, you will enjoy incredible nature, celestial mountains, Alpine lakes, high altitude passes, and very changing road conditions. In Uzbekistan, you will be amazed by architectural monuments of ancient religious cultures, well-preserved Great Cities of the Silk Road. Kazakhstan will show you not only its main sights, but also long distance roads through incredibly interesting endless steppes and sprawling desert landscapes. After "Stan" countries, you will be in Russia, where you will be acquainted with the very different culture and nature. Discover Russia by Car and experience the endless country. In Ukraine, explore the country and sightseeing on the way, with friendly people who will overwhelm you with their legendary hospitality. Therefore, within the combined Car tour, you will visit multiple countries of the region, and the varied tour program will allow you to see the most interesting things and sites!

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Too-Ashuu Pass

The famous Too-Ashuu Pass is located in the Tian-Shan Mountain ranges on the Bishkek-Osh strategic motorway, which connects the northern and southern Provinces of Kyrgyzstan. The height of the pass is 3,400 meters above sea level.

The tunnel on the top of the pass constructed in 1962. Prior to its construction, the upper point of the road was almost 500 meters higher. The length of the tunnel is 2.2 kilometers.

On the northern slope, there is a medical center for people suffering from asthma. Clean mountain air has a beneficial effect on the respiratory system.

After the tunnel, Suusamyr valley starts. On the southern slope of Too-Ashuu at an altitude of 3,000 meters, there is a popular ski and snowboard resort with the similar name.

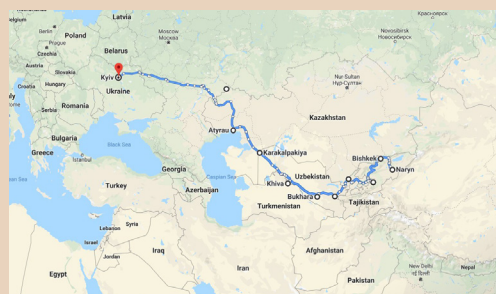
The road across the pass takes no more than two hours from Bishkek, but in winter the journey is noticeably difficult due to the complexity of the road - it has more than twenty steep turns.

There are many legends associated with the pass, and one of them tells about the famous Kyrgyz strong man "Kojomkul". The legend tells the story of how Kojomkul could carry his horse over the pass, on his shoulders, when his horse was not able to walk anymore. People didn't forget that noble deed and for the story, there is a monument In Bishkek, Kojomkul carrying his horse.



### Useful information

- Season: May - September
- Duration: 19 nights/ 20 days
- Type of tour: car tour
- Altitude: from -25m to 3800m
- Flight: TK, KC
- Accommodation: hotel/guesthouse/
- Visa: [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg);  
[www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz); [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz); [www.ruvisa.online](http://www.ruvisa.online);  
[www.mainvisa.com.ua](http://www.mainvisa.com.ua)
- Currency: Som (KGS); Tenge (KZT);  
Sum (UZS); Ruble (RUB); Hryvnia (UAH);
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +2; +3; +4; +5;





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. TORUGART-NARYN	Meet the group at Kyrgyz-China border “Torugart” and drive to Naryn. Torugart pass is normally snow-free from May to September months. Naryn-Torugart road is problematic from mid-November to early March. The customs and immigration facilities are open from about 10.00AM to 17.00PM, except Saturday and Sunday and national holidays of China (1-7 October) and Kyrgyzstan (1-10 May, 29-31 August), the lunch time: 13.30-15.00, from May to late October customs facilities are open for tourists groups. Dinner and overnight in guest house.
Day 2. NARYN-BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. En route, visit Burana Tower. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Bishkek.
Day 3. BISHKEK	After early breakfast, drive to “Dordoi” market for shopping. Lunch at local restaurant in Bishkek. After lunch city tour in Bishkek, visit Ala-Too central square, Panfilov Park, Oak Park, Osh Bazaar, TZUM soviet style shopping mall. Dinner at local restaurant in Bishkek. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 4. BISHKEK-OSH	After early breakfast, drive to Osh. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight at the guest house.
Day 5. OSH-TASHKENT	After early breakfast, short CSS in Osh. Visit Suleyman Mountain, Museum (3 stored Yurt-museum). Drive to Kyrgyz-Uzbek border “Dostuk”, after border formalities drive to Tashkent. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 6. TASHKENT-SAMARKAND	After breakfast at the hotel visit “Chorsu” bazaar. After lunch at local restaurant, drive to Samarkand. Arrive in Samarkand. Dinner at local restaurant and overnight at the hotel in Samarkand.
Day 7. SAMARKAND	Visit to Gur Emir (in Tajik - Tomb of the emir) – mausoleum of Timur and the Timurids, Bibi Khanym Mosque and Siab market. After lunch at local restaurant, visit to Shakhi Zinda (The Living King) – necropolis of Samarkand rulers and nobles. Also, visit Registan Square, Ulugbek Observatory Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Samarkand.
Day 8. SAMARKAND-BUKHARA	Arrive in Bukhara. City tour. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Bukhara.
Day 9. BUKHARA-KHIVA	After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Khiva.
Day 10. KHIVA	Khiva CSS. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Khiva.
Day 11. KHIVA-NUKUS	Arrive in Nukus. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Nukus.
Day 12 NUKUS-KARAKALPAKIYA	After breakfast drive to “Karakalpakiya” village which is 15km to Tazhen\ Karakalpakiya (the Kazakh-Uzbek border). Overnight in double-sleeping tents.



DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 13 KARAKALPAKIYA-ATYRAU	After early breakfast in local houses, drive to the uzbek-kazakh border, after formalities drive to Atyrau via Beineu and Kulsary. Lunch en route. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel Chagala in Atyrau.
Day 14 ATYRAU-ASTRAKHAN	Cross the border into Russia • drive to Astrakhan. Upon arrival in Astrakhan, enjoy dinner at the hotel or at the nearby local restaurant.
Day 15 ASTRAKHAN	Full day city tour of Astrakhan. Located in southwestern Russia, in the Volga Delta. Dinner at local restaurant.
Day 16 ASTRAKHAN • DRIVE TO VOLGODONSK VIA ELISTA & ZIMOVNIKI	Drive to Volgodonsk. Stop along the way in Elista. Dinner at local restaurant in Volgodonsk. After dinner, check-in to the hotel for an overnight.
Day 17 VOLGODONSK • VORONEZH -CROSS BORDER INTO UKRAINE • DRIVE TO KHARKOV	Ukrainian local guide and support vehicle will meet the group on the Ukrainian side of the border. Continue onward to Kharkov. Upon arrival to Kharkov, check in to the hotel. Dinner at local restaurant.
Day 18 KHARKOV - KIEV	Short city tour of Kharkov. Begin the drive to Ukraine’s capital city, Kiev. Journey onwards to Kiev. Check in to the hotel upon arrival. Enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant and an overnight.
Day 19 KIEV	City tour in Kiev. Dinner this evening at the local restaurant. Return to the hotel for overnight.
Day 20 KIEV - LVOV	B/f at the hotel, set out over land for the city of Lvov. The drive today is approximately 545 km and will take around 6 hours. Stop along the way in the city of Rovno for lunch. Rovno is a city of nearly 250,000 in northwest Ukraine, in the region that used to be called Volhynia. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.





“CATS” -Central Asian Travel System actively participating in the life of society and supports the charity actions.

It is worth noting that we support the non-profit organization Uplift. This organization’s goal “Preventing of child abandonment” strengthening mothers and families who, due to their difficult situation, forced to consider giving their child up to an orphanage. They have started a project in January 2009, and totally from more than 1000 mothers involved, could prevent 510 cases from not giving their children to an orphanage. The Uplift-mothers value the experience of a mutual action and education. They consider themselves as multipliers and supporters not only of the Uplift programs but also of a sustainable model that also shows its impact on society.

Learning and education is an essential part of Uplift’s work. Quite commonly, adults acquire certain skill to be able to teach kids with special needs, but Uplift program is different. Kids learn life skills by themselves. There are only a few schools for children with special needs available in Kyrgyzstan regardless if they are living in a state-run children’s home or at home with the family.

Uplift’s impact: “from barely existing- to fully living” .

CATS is constantly supporting and contributing Uplift programs. Sharing and Caring is the goal of our company. For more information, please visit official web page: [www.uplift-aufwind.org!](http://www.uplift-aufwind.org!)



Our company participates in charity and supports social projects. In this regard, we offer tours that cover a wide range of activities, such as getting familiar with local education system, the promotion of economic growth participating in regional and local development as well as the learning of local culture. Therefore, our tours provide particularly apt occasions for personal enrichment, through the discovery of new places, through local culture, customs and traditions, national games and leisure activities, by meeting people across educational or generational divides, as meeting with children and students, and by other responsibilities taken on freely by tourists.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Developing abilities and initiating a change in society!

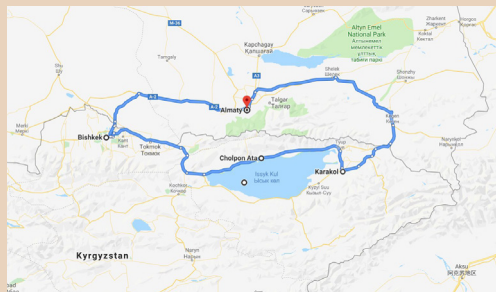
For parents all over the world, having a handicapped child not only means worries and costs that sometimes cannot be managed, but also a social stigma. This is no different in Kyrgyzstan. Consequently many of children born with a disability are put away in state-run children's homes or lead a lonely life at home. Isolation means that the kids suffer not only of deprivation, lacking stimulation and integration but are also withheld from competent support to develop intellectual and physical abilities. Because they hardly can move on their own, their bodies become stiff and immobile and arms and legs often cannot be bent anymore. Children, parents and families are overchallenged. Here the Uplift program "Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation" can intervene.

By E-mail We will be pleased to answer for any your questions and please feel free to contact with us at any time by our e-mail address:  
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### Useful information

- Season: May- September
- Duration: 7 nights / 8 days
- Type of tour: Social tour
- Height: 2000 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH
- Visas: Visas for UK citizens are not required.
- Air carrier: TK,
- Currency: Sum (UZS); Som (KGZ)
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4; +5;





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ALMATY	Arrival at Almaty International Airport, meeting the group, transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. ALMATY CITY TOUR	Breakfast. Start City Tour. Visiting one of the Universities of Almaty, positive interaction with students. (Interesting discussions between guests and students, mutual cultural enrichment). After drive to famous Medeo, cable car to Shymbulak (ski resort). Lunch. Departure to BAO (Big Almaty Lake) en route visit Falcon farm, where they perform Birds of prey hunting demonstration. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. ALMATY-BISHKEK	After breakfast, transfer to Bishkek. En route visit “Tanbaly Tas” (petroglyphs) world UNESCO heritage, crossing the Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan border through “Kordai” checkpoint and drive to Bishkek. Upon arrival visit local market “OSH BAZAR”. After dinner, short walk in the evening Bishkek. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 4. BISHKEK CITY TOUR	After breakfast, city tour, Central Square Ala-Too, visiting the children’s center “UPLIFT”, where children with cerebral palsy are treated. Together with children, guests can enjoy origami show and inter activities. Flower garden, flower shop - composing a bouquet of flowers. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 5. BISHKEK - CHOLPON ATA	After breakfast, drive to Cholpon-Ata. En route visit Burana Tower (Museum Complex), afterwards drive and Boorsok show (traditional small fried bread). Upon arrival in Cholpon-Ata, boat cruise, dinner. Overnight in hotel.
Day 6. CHOLPON ATA - KARAKOL	After breakfast, visiting the hippodrome in Cholpon Ata, (where World Nomad Games were held) Horse farm, and drive to Karakol, upon arrival, visiting the brand shop “ONE VILLAGE ONE PRODUCT” (OVOP). This project was financed by “JICA”, the idea of this project is originally from Japan. The shop offers a variety of products such as hand-made soap or products from felt - souvenirs. Thereby the local economy is developed and new possibilities for making a living – especially for women, who are the main producer of most products – introduced. After Lagman (traditional meal of the region) show in a local family (noodle making show), arrival to “REINA KENCH” guesthouse and farm, excursion in the farm. Dinner. After dinner, near the river Frog therapy (qua-qua therapy) - the therapy is that listening croaking of the frogs. Relaxing, soothing training, admiring the stars, bonfire. Overnight at the guesthouse.
Day 7. KARAKOL-CHARYN-KOLSAI	After breakfast, drive to Kolsai Lake. Crossing Kyrgyzstan-Kazakhstan border through Kegen checkpoint. En route easy walk along Charyn Canyon. Lunch boxes. Continue drive to Kolsai Lake, upon arrival easy walk around the lake. Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.
Day 8. DEPARTURE DAY	After breakfast, drive to Almaty. Lunch upon arrival in Almaty. Transfer to the Airport and home flight.





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Restoring childhood - impacting society





While visiting the two largest cities of Kazakhstan you will be surprised how modern they are.

Almaty is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in the country, in a beautiful setting at the foot of the Tian Shan Mountains. Almaty has the best selection of restaurants and the vibrant nightlife of Kazakhstan. It offers an excellent starting point to explore the sights of the wider area. Nur-Sultan is Kazakhstan's new capital and a shining city with exciting and imaginative architectural compositions rising from the central steppe. With the pyramids of peace and harmony designed by Norman Foster, the shark-filled oceanarium thousands of miles from the sea, and the largest tent in the world, a building with waterfalls inside, artificial beach and botanical gardens, Nur-Sultan best illustrates Kazakhstan's achievements and ambitions since independence.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Palace of Peace and Reconciliation in Nur-Sultan

In 2006, a magnificent pyramid appeared in the capital of Kazakhstan. Indeed, the Palace of Peace and Reconciliation is a delightful building that not only amazes with its originality and grandeur, but also has great significance for the Kazakh people, symbolizing friendship, unity and peace.

The idea belongs to the first president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev - proposed to build a new building for holding congresses with the leaders of world and traditional religions.

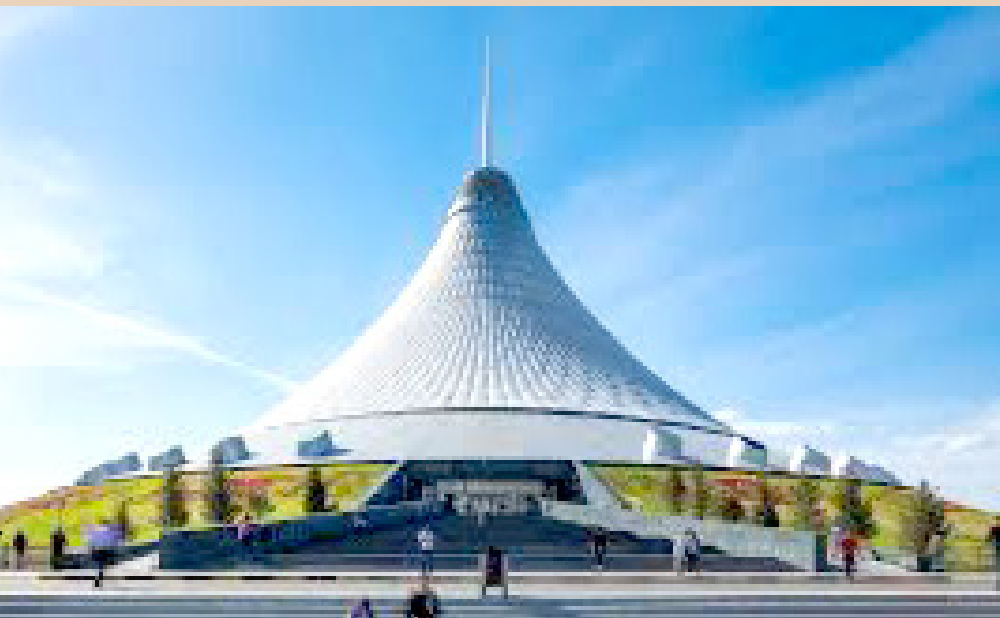
The pyramid symbolizes three basic concepts of many religions: dungeon in dark colors; middle part in white colors symbolizes peace; sky - glass top of the pyramid.

The construction project led by famous British architect Norman Foster. The opening of the Palace of Peace and Reconciliation took place on September 1, 2006 and accompanied by the performance of the world opera star Monserrat Caballe on the stage of the concert and opera hall.

In addition to the opera hall in burgundy and gold tones, equipped with the most modern technical equipment, inside the pyramid there are conference halls, a press center, a hall for solemn ceremonies, several exhibition rooms and a center of modern art.

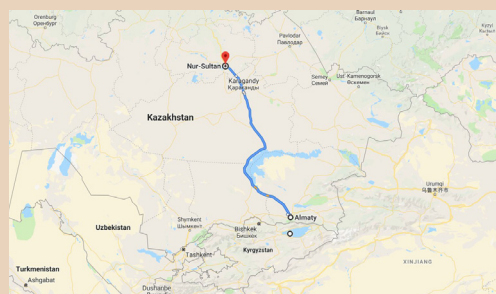
The Cheops Atrium Hall is the largest space, with more than 2,000 square meters of space and 4 galleries, one of which houses the large-scale composition of Nur-Sultan's Main Plan 2030.

In the center of modern art you can see various works of art, visit a temporary exhibition or a creative meeting with artists from Kazakhstan and abroad.



### Useful information

- Season: March-November
- Duration: 6 nights/7 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 700-800 m
- Accommodation: Hotel
- Visas: Visas for UK & EU citizens are not required.
- Air carrier: TK, KC
- Currency: Tenge (KZT)
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4; +5;





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL IN ALMATY	Meet the group at the international airport of Almaty, the southern capital of Kazakhstan. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. ALMATY	Breakfast at the hotel. Visit the center of Almaty: the Green Bazaar, Panfilov Park and Zenkov Cathedral. You go to the Medeo Gorge and the Kok-Tobe Hill. The tour ends with a short ride from the top of the hill to the city centre on the famous Almaty cable car. Return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. ALMATY REGION	Breakfast at the hotel. Depending on season: big Almaty lake tour (about 6 hours, at 13.00): On the way back, stop at a falcon farm, spectacular show with specially trained birds of prey. The Kazakh hunters still use them today for hunting game. Another option is the "Issyk" Lake Tour (about 6 hours, at 11.00 a.m.): This tour takes you to one of the most beautiful gorges in Trans-Ili Alatau. Picnic. Visit to an ostrich farm. Return and overnight at the hotel.
Day 4. ALMATY-NUR-SULTAN	Breakfast. Free time in Almaty. Take the opportunity to visit the numerous shopping centres and interesting museums or enjoy a walk on the Zhibek-Zholy, one of Almaty's main streets. Check out at the hotel (before 18.00). Night train to Nur-Sultan.
Day 5. NUR-SULTAN	Arrival in Nur-Sultan, the new capital of the country. Transfer to the hotel. Breakfast. After having a rest visit the highlights of the city: Constitutional Square, Cultural Center and Shopping Center Khan Shatyr, the architecturally impressive Baiterek Tower, Kazakh Eli Square, Kharzret Sultan Mosque and the Independence Palace. Lunch in between. Return to your hotel for the night.
Day 6. NUR-SULTAN	Breakfast. Free time in Nur-Sultan. Overnight stay in a hotel.
Day 7. NUR-SULTAN DEPARTURE	Breakfast. Transfer to the International Airport "Nur-Sultan". See the group off!



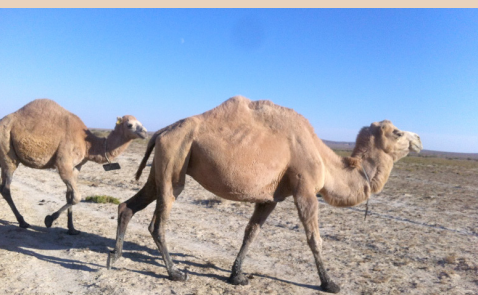


# AKTAU TOUR 8 DAYS

Aktau•Zhygylgan Cavity•Kapamsay Canyon•Shakpak-Ata•Kumakapy Canyon•Sherkala «Kogez»  
Airakty Valley>Showanay•Karatau mountains•Tuzbair•Bozzhira•Beket-Ata•Tuesu Sand•Aktau

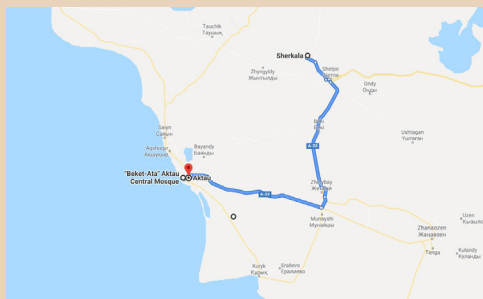
See Incredible Canyons of Mangystau Province on 8-day tour, and experience the desert's wildest places. Visit the glittering chalk mountains; take in views from the camping. Capture rugged desert vistas on a scenic drive to the Aktau Mountains, Zhygylgan canyon, Sherkala and Tuzbair Mountains and the magnificent West Rim of the canyon, then get a glimpse of the thundering waves of the Caspian Sea. Aktau is located in the western part of Kazakhstan, on the Mangyshlak peninsula and is administrative center of Mangystau. In Kazakh language, Aktau means "White Mountain". It is the most popular slot canyons in western Kazakhstan, which were formed by rushing rain and floodwater, which carried sand, slicing through a mesa and carving the mystical sandstone walls.

Aktau- are Chalk Mountains that are more than 400 million years old. The mountains are white, but there are also blue, pink and green slopes. Only a bird's eye view or detailed tracking reveals the extraordinary beauty of the place. Also Aktau is called the «Moon» because of its unusual colour.



## Useful information

- Season: June - September
- Duration: 7 nights / 8 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 2500 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH/Tents/
- Visa: Visa is not required for UK citizens.
- Visa information: [www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)
- Air carrier: TK, KC
- Currency: Tenge (KZT)
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4



## TOUR INFORMATION



### Aktau city on the Caspian Sea Shore

Aktau city- the center of Mangistau, former Mangishlak Province located in the southwest of Kazakhstan. In 1961, founded as Aktau settlement. From 1964 to 1991, renamed into the city of Shevchenko in honor of the Ukrainian poet who was exiled to Kazakhstan in the 19th century.

The city foundation connected with the creation of a nuclear shield in the second half of the 20th century in the territory of the Soviet Union. Several enterprises worked on extraction of uranium ore with its subsequent processing and enrichment on site. At the same time, residential houses were erected, and the city's infrastructure was developed, which provided normal living conditions for the city's residents in an environment of arid desert.

In the 90s of the 20th century, after the Soviet Union collapse, Aktau became oil and gas fields development center, with addition newly discovered; Kalamkas, Zhetybai, Arman, Dunga, Komsomol and Oymasha sites.

Aktau has harsh continental climate with dry, hot summers and cold winters. Due to the lack of fresh water natural sources, the citizens of Aktau are provided with drinking water from a water-desalted station.

The city has a seaport and an airport. The sea port of Aktau is the only one port of Kazakhstan, which serves for international transportation, oil, oil products, and various cargoes. Since 1963, the main purpose of the port was to transport oil and uranium products by sea.

The tourist season on the coast starts in June and lasts until the end of August. There are several recreation centers and equipped beaches, nightclubs, cafes and restaurants in the city. As well as cinemas, a puppet theatre and a musical drama theatre. Also modern hotels of different categories, where everyone can choose a suitable option of accommodation.





DAYS	PROGRAM	DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. AKTAU AIRPORT.	Meet the group at Aktau airport, arriving from Almaty. Transfer to hotel.		Further departure to the area of Karatau Mountains (black mountains). Arrival in the canyons of colored clay, where you have an opportunity to walk through the Colored Canyon, where every turn offers a new kind of colored rocks with amazing shapes and colors. Walking through the picturesque canyons. Tuzbair – Tuzbair is a majestic creation of natural elements. Here, the Ustyurt Cliff steeply breaks by a cascade of clay – limestone and chalk steps, at the bottom of which lies a vast salt marsh, called in this region, Sor. Chalk Cliffs are scoured and riddled with deep channels forming innumerable ranges of fantastic columns. Lunch and dinner in field conditions, overnight in tents in Tuzbair.
Day 2. AKTAU – ZHYGYLGAN CAVITY – KAPAMSAY CANYON	Breakfast at the hotel. Departure with the comfortable jeeps and with a local Russian speaking guide. Zhygylgan Cavity - the tour includes visiting of a huge Zhygylgan Cavity in the form of large circle of a diameter up to 10 km one edge of which goes into the sea, formed as a result of the serious soil slips. Canyon Kapamsay – moving on to chalk canyon called Kapamsay, where you will listen to the legend about Kapam batyr and you will see the narrow Chalk Canyon that is formidable with its steep walls reaching heights 70 m. Lunch (lunch box) and dinner are organized as a picnic. Overnight in tents.	Day 5. «KOGYZ» - KARATAU MOUNTAINS - TUZBAIR	
Day 3. KAPAMSAY - SHAKPAK-ATA- KUMAKAPY CANYON - mountain SHERKALA - «KOGYZ»	Shakpak ata underground mosque - it used to be the Sun Temple in ancient times, and now it is one of the most beautiful mosques of Mangystau. It is the historical and cultural monument of the X century. Kumakapy Canyon – moving into the canyon Kapi, where you will walk among the thickets of tamarisk. The valley of spherical stone concretions Torysh - during this tour you will also visit the Torysh valley, enveloped in the attention of scientists, archaeologists, even the ufologists and, of course, the tourists. Mountain Sherkala - rest at the root of a mountain Sherkala, unique creation of nature, steeped in human legends. Walking. Overnight in national yurts in “Kogyz”.	Day 6. TUZBAIR - BOZZHIRA	Bozzhira - is a side part of Ustyurt Plateau where Mother Nature has freed her imagination creating an unearthly landscape in white. The small valley of Bozzhira is surrounded by an amphitheater of natural oddities on three sides. Everything there is white in colour; canyons, peaks, mountain towers, mountain castles, and mountain yurts. Bozzhira relict mountains, like chameleons, change their appearance as you walk between them. These relicts, like silent guards, peer into the hazy distance guarding the peace of the majestic symbol of Mangystau – the giant stone yurt. The true master of the yurt is the lonely wind mournfully singing the steppe songs to the endless skies. Meals in field conditions, overnight in tents in Bozzhira.
Day 4. «KOGYZ» - AIRAKTY-ŠHOMANAY VALLEY - «KOGYZ»	Airakty and Shomanay, as they are known amongst the locals, system of small mountains. Shomanay Mountains look like fairytale castles with steeples, towers, colonnades and walls. A winding path, trodden by semi-wild horses, a top one of the mountains ends onto a platform offering a panoramic view of distant Aktau Mountains and all of the Airakty Castles Carved drawings, called by one of the researchers “Desert Symphonies”, are seen on the chalk rock fragments along the sides of Airakty. Breakfast and dinner in ethnographic village «Kogyz», Lunch in field conditions, prepared by a professional chef. Overnight in yurts in “Kogyz”.	Day 7. BOZZHIRA – BEKET-ATA – TUESU SAND – AKTAU C.	After breakfast, drive to Aktau city through the Beket-Ata and Tuesu sand. Breakfast and lunch in field conditions. Dinner at local restaurant in Aktau. Overnight at the hotel.
		Day 8. CITY TOUR «MARINE GATES OF KAZAKHSTAN».	After breakfast, have a guided city tour in Aktau «Marine gates of Kazakhstan». The excursion program includes Aktau sightseeing tour at the most interesting and memorable places of the city, a short walk along the promenade, familiarity with the history, culture and memorial monuments of the city. After lunch transfer to Aktau airport for flight to Almaty for home flight. After all formalities, see the group off.





# GOLDEN RING OF ZHETISU 8 DAYS

Almaty • Altyn-Emel • Charyn • Kolsai lake • Kaindy lake • Bartogai reservoir

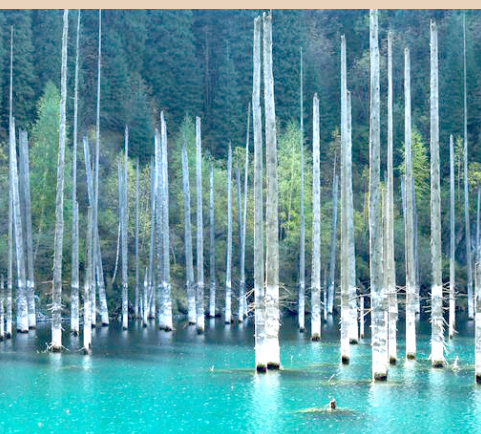
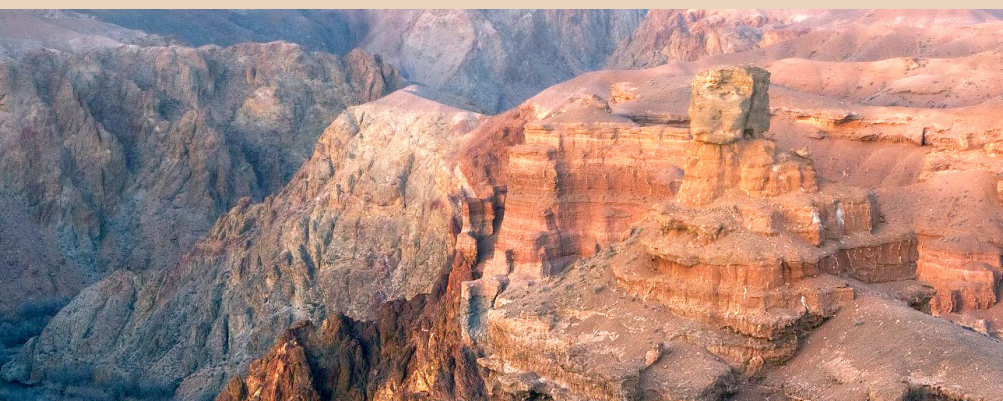
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Welcome to the most popular tourist route of Kazakhstan. This combined tour covers a vast range of amazing and unique natural places, different landscapes makes the route unforgettable and completely reveals the wild nature of Almaty Province.

Zhetisu - the Land of Seven Rivers is a successor of ancient civilizations. For centuries, it had been the place where roads and historical fates of many ethnicities crossed. A long section of the Great Silk Road ran through this land. Nowadays, Zhetisu is the unique complex of historical, architectural, and natural memorials.

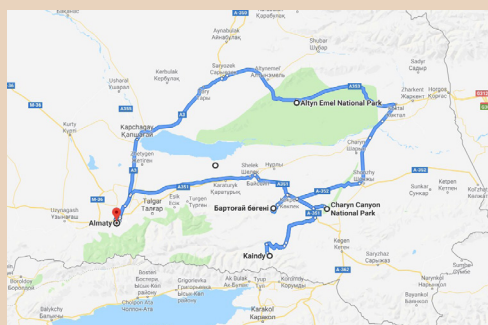
We are offering a tour program; guests can visit the main attractions of Altyn-Emel National Park: the Saki barrows of BesShatyr, Singing Dune and Aktau mountains.

Further, the route follows to incredible canyons of Charyn and Temirlik rivers – Red Canyon “the Valley of the Castles”, Lunar Canyon, Katu mountains, panoramic sites. Our tour is the most intensive trip to canyons and lakes. Moreover, the most interesting and picturesque part of the tour; mountain lakes “Kolsai” and “Kaindy”.



## Useful information

- Season: June - September
- Duration: 7 nights/8 days
- Type of tour: special tour
- Altitude: up to 2250 m
- Flight: TK, KC
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/yurts
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)
- Time Zone: GMT/UTC +4
- Currency: Tenge (KZT)



## TOUR INFORMATION



### Altyn Emel National Park

A tourist who once visited Altyn Emel Park will remember for life the incredible landscapes that open up to his eyes. On a relatively small area, there are so many absolutely different landscapes.

On a rather compact territory of Altyn-Emel several absolutely different geological objects are presented at once. All this is not only fascinatingly beautiful, but also ancient. Geological layers, formed 600 million years ago, have been preserved and presented here to this day. An area of 520,000 hectares is intended for the conservation of rare species of animals and plants.

On the territory of the Park, there are several historical monuments - Scythian (Saks') burial mounds of Bes-Shatyr, dating back to the 1st millennium BC and Tamgaly Tas with ancient rock images, the earliest of which are attributed to the 16-14 centuries BC. Here, on the right bank of the Ili River, is the famous Singing Dunes. This sandy mountain, about 3 km long and 80 m tall, has unusual properties. In summer, when strong wind blows or tourists leave it, the mountain emits a powerful, vibrating rumble. Nearby are trees: turanga and jigid, various types of shrubs: willow, honeysuckle, Ionian barberry and there is a spring. In the steppe grows black saxaul, and on the slopes of Singing Barkhan there are thickets of white saxaul.

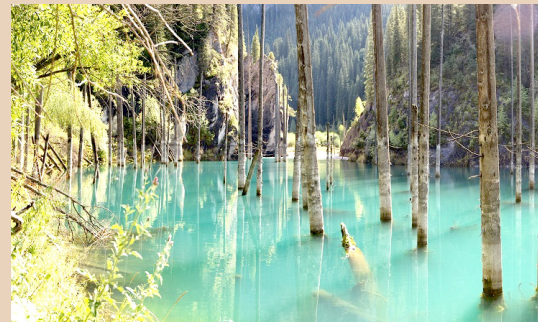
Going on safari you will see a lot of animals: Siberian mountain goats - Teke, desert gazelles - Jeiran, wild horses - Kulans, mountain rams - arkars, as well as wolves, foxes, golden eagles, bearded vultures, mountain partridge - Keklik and many others, most of them are listed in the World and Kazakhstan Red Books.



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DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. ALMATY AIRPORT	Meet the group at Almaty airport, city tour in Almaty. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. ALMATY - ALTYN-EMEL	After breakfast, departure from Almaty to the Altyn-Emel National Park. Tour of the petroglyphs of Kyzylauys. Transfer to guest house in Altyn-Emel. Dinner and overnight.
Day 3. ALTYN-EMEL	Breakfast at 07:30am. Sightseeing tour to the Singing Dune. Return to guest house for lunch. Sightseeing tour to Katutau and Aktau mountains. Dinner and overnight in Altyn Emel guest house.
Day 4. ALTYN-EMEL – CHARYN CANYON - KOLSAI LAKE	Breakfast at 08:00am. Transfer to Ash-tree Grove on the Temirlik River. Sightseeing and picnic. Then drive to Charyn Canyon. Sightseeing in the «Valley of Castles». Departure to Kolsai Lakes at 16:00. Arrival to Kolsai Lake-1 (1800 m). Dinner and overnight in GH.
Day 5. KOLSAI LAKE	Breakfast. Trekking to Kolsai Lake-2 (2250 m., 9 km, 4 walking hrs). Picnic in nature. Return to Kolsai Lake.
Day 6. KOLSAI LAKE - KAINDY LAKE	Breakfast at 08:00am. Transfer to Kaindy Gorge. Sightseeing at Kaindy Lake. Picnic in nature. Return to Kolsai Lake-1. Dinner and overnight in guest house.
Day 7. KOLSAI LAKE - BARTOGAI RESERVOIR – ALMATY	Breakfast. Transfer to Bartogai reservoir. Sightseeing. Picnic in nature. Departure to Almaty. Arrival in Almaty. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 8. ALMATY	Transfer to the airport for home flight. After formalities see the group off.





Bishkek • Chychkan • Arslanbob • Kazarman • Naryn • Tash-Rabat  
Kochkor • Karakol • Cholpon-Ata • Bishkek

Kyrgyzstan is one of the most mountainous areas in the world, an interesting destination with a huge variety of beautiful landscapes. Experience a journey into the land of celestial mountains, crystal-clear rivers and lakes. We start our journey from the capital city and continue to the villages between mountains. Our drive along the Bishkek-Osh highway display the beautiful landscape of Tien-Shan Mountains. The picturesque Chychkan Gorge covered by lush vegetation; the Fir, Tien Shan Spruce Trees, juniper, wild barberry bushes and blackberries. Furthermore is Arslanbob, the vast areas of wild walnut largest forest in the world, covering an area of over 60 000 hectares. After we will visit a unique architectural monument of the early Middle Ages "Tash-Rabat" caravanserai, one of the main archeological sights of Kyrgyzstan, which became a symbol of the mountain architecture. We will complete our journey in «the Pearl of Tien Shan» Lake Issyk-Kul. It is a unique place, which is located near the fascinating mountain peaks and glaciers, among which there are many of the highest peaks reaching the sky.

## TOUR INFORMATION



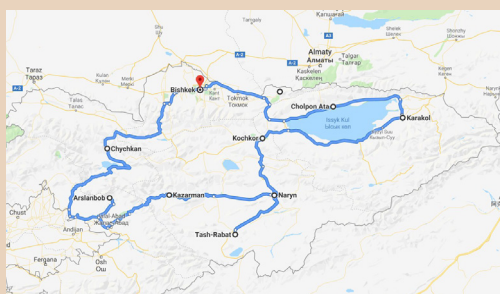
### Celestial Mountains

More than 90% of Kyrgyzstan territory covered by mountains, and for good reason Kyrgyzstan called the country of celestial mountains. The uniqueness of Kyrgyzstan, on a small territory the highest peaks-around seven thousands meters are concentrated. There are 40 peaks with a height of more than 6000 m and 80 peaks exceeding 5000 meters. These peaks belong mainly to the Tien Shan mountain ranges, a relatively smaller part located in the Pamirs. The name «Tien Shan» from Chinese language translated as «Celestial Mountains».

The first mention of the Tien Shan ridge appeared in ancient times. According to ancient writings and notes of travelers, expeditions to these places took place since ancient times, but all of them are now more like legends than reliable facts. The Tien Shan ridge is the longest ridge (2800 km) not only in Kyrgyzstan, but also in the whole territory of Asia, in the central part of which the highest peaks - the Pobeda Peak (7439 m), discovered in 1943, the northernmost seven-thousand peak of the planet, located on the Kyrgyz-Chinese border, east of Lake Issyk-Kul. It's called the most inaccessible, the most formidable peak of seven thousand meters - this peak makes high demands on the physical and moral preparation of the mountaineers. The history of conquering the Pobeda Peak is full of interesting facts. In 1936, a group of mountaineers climbing Khan Tengri peak, at that time considered the highest peak of the Tien Shan, noticed another mountain peak nearby, competing in height with Khan Tengri. Only after seven years later, an expedition of mountaineers discovered and conquered Pobeda Peak.

### Useful information

- Season: May-September
- Duration: 11 nights/12 days
- Type of tour: special tour
- Altitude: up to 3000m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/LH
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Currency: Som (KGS)





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY-BISHKEK	Arrival at Bishkek airport. After formalities drive to Bishkek. Overnight in guest house.
Day 2. BISHKEK	After breakfast sightseeing of Bishkek. Visit History Museum, Ala-Too square, Panfilov Park, open air Gallery, Osh Bazaar. Lunch at local restaurant. PM. Drive to Ala-Archa Nature Park for excursion. The total area of the Park is 19, 5 thousand sq. km., and its altitude ranges from about 1.500 meters at the entrance to a high of 4.895 meters. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in guest house.
Day 3. BISHKEK- BURANA-ROT FRONT-BISHKEK	Morning drive to Tokmok town. Visit Balasagun ruins from the Kara-Khanate time (11. /12. c) with minaret Burana Tower, Citadel, Balbal-stone figures. After excursion drive to the Rot Front village. Lunch at local café. Dinner at local restaurant in Bishkek. Overnight in guest house.
Day 4. BISHKEK- CHYCHKAN	After breakfast drive to Chichkan gorge via Too-Ashuu Pass (3586 m) and Ala-Bel pass (3184 m). En route stop for picnic. You will enjoy beautiful view of jalloos and Tian-Shan mountains. Dinner and overnight in Chichkan.
Day 5. CHYCHKAN- ARSLANBOB	After breakfast, drive to Arslanbob. Arslanbob is a large, sacred and revered wild walnut forest located in the Jalalabat Province of Kyrgyzstan, close to the small town of Bazar Korgon. Lunch. Excursion to small waterfall and panorama place in Arslanbob area. Dinner and overnight in local houses.
Day 6. ARSLANBOB	Full day in Arslanbob. Meals and overnight in local houses.
Day 7. ARSLANBOB- KAZARMAN	After breakfast, drive to Kazarman via Jalalabat. Dinner and overnight in local houses.
Day 8. KAZARMAN- NARYN	After breakfast, drive to Naryn town. Meals and overnight in guest house.
Day 9. NARYN- TASH-RABAT- KOCHKOR	Morning drive to Tash-Rabat for excursion. It is famous caravanserai of the XV century, (the medieval inn of the merchants and travelers on the Great Silk Road). After excursion drive to Kochkor village. Dinner at local houses.
Day 10. KOCHKOR- KARAKOL	After breakfast, drive to Karakol along the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake. Issyk-Kul Lake is the second largest high altitude lakes in the world. (6,236 sq. km) and has a maximum depth of 668 m and altitude is 1609 m. Lunch en route at local house in Bokonbaevo village. Upon arrival in Karakol, we will see local sightseeing; wooden mosque built by Chinese artisans for the local community of Dungans, and a similarly appealing wooden Russian Orthodox Church, the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in guest house.
Day 11. KARAKOL- CHOLPON-ATA	After breakfast, drive to Cholpon-Ata. En route, visit Museum of Przevalskyi. Upon arrival in Cholpon-Ata excursion to Petroglyphs and Museum of History and Culture in Cholpon-Ata. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 12. CHOLPON- ATA-BISHKEK- MANAS AIRPORT	After early breakfast, drive to Bishkek airport "Manas" for departure flight.





# KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN & CHINA 19 DAYS

Almaty•Altyn-Emel•Tanbaly•Bishkek•Ala-Archa•Issyk-Kul•Cholpon-Ata•Karkyra•Djeti-Oguz  
Karakol•Barskoon•Kochkor•Son-Kul•Tash-Rabat•Kashgar•Karakul lake•Urumqi•Turpan•Urumqi

Kazakhstan is a unique Land with particular climate and nature. We visit the largest and most famous National Park “Altyn Emel”, which is located in the desert and mountainous areas of Almaty Province. Onwards, a unique complex of true rock art masterpiece with impressive «sun-headed» images of dancing and praying people in Tanbaly Petroglyphs, listed in UNESCO World Heritage.

Our next destination. Kyrgyzstan is a land of gorgeous mountainous landscape. We visit the best favored places; including national park Ala-Archa, Issuk-Kul Lake-pearl of Central Asia, Son-Kul lake- heart of Tien-Shan Mountains, dramatic scenery of Karkyra summer pasture, astonishing gorges and peaks, as well as heritage of the Great Silk Road ancient Caravanserai Tash-Rabat.

Xinjiang Province of China is mysterious and amazing scenery Land. We will be in the most popular destinations, such as; Kashgar, Urumqi and Turpan. Once upon a time, these cities were main centers in ancient Silk Road. Geographical position of Xinjiang represent amazing nature views; deserts, mountains, lakes and rivers.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Urumqi

Urumqi is the ancient city of Xi'an Province in China, located at the foot of Tien Shan Mountains. City was an important center of the Great Silk Road, and nowadays we can witness cultural-historical monuments from those times. In Uighur language, Urumqi means «Beautiful pasture».

The Red Hill Park in the center of Urumqi is ideal for a walk, and the main tourist destination is the red brick pagoda on top of Mount “Hunshan”. The observation deck allows you to admire the panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.

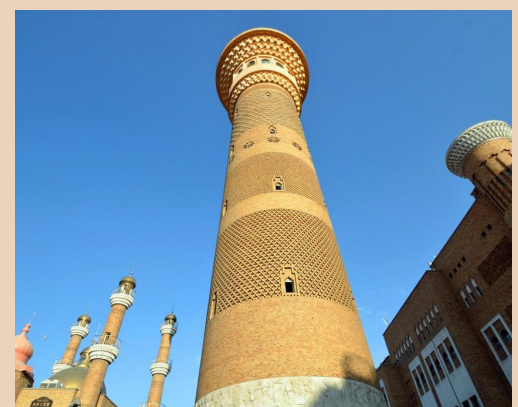
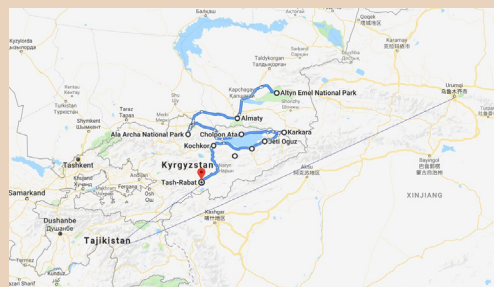
To learn more about Urumqi's culture; taste the national cuisine, enjoy shopping, and buy souvenirs, we head to the Big Bazaar in the Uyghur district. There are plenty of shops and souvenir shops in the Arabian-style marketplace, and as night falls, the bazaar turns into a street theatre to surprise everyone with a spectacular performance.

One of the stunning and dramatic scenery nearby Urumqi is “Tianchi” landscape area, which is located 100 km from Urumqi. It is famous pearl of Tien Shan, a mountain lake with crystal-clear water formed by glacier activity. In the summer months, the lake gives travelers a pleasant coolness, giving the opportunity to enjoy the nature.



## Useful information

- Season: July - August
- Duration: 18 nights / 19 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 3500 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH/Yurt/tent
- Visas: In Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, visas for UK citizens for are not required.
- Visa information for China, please visit: [www.fmprc.gov.cn](http://www.fmprc.gov.cn)
- Air carrier: TK, KC
- Currency: Tenge (KZT); Som (KZS); Yuan(CNY)
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4; +5



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DAYS	PROGRAM	DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. ALMATY AIRPORT	Meet the group at Almaty airport from evening TK flight. Transferto the hotel.	Day 11. KOCHKOR - SON-KUL LAKE	After breakfast, drive to Son-kul lake. Upon arrival have a lunch. After lunch eagle hunting show. Dinner and overnight in yurts.
Day 2. ALMATY - ALTYN-EMEL	After breakfast, drive to Altyn-Emel National Park. Lunch en route. Upon arrival free walking around the park. Dinner and overnight inguesthouse.	Day 12. SONKUL - TASH-RABAT	After breakfast, drive to Tash-Rabat via Naryn. Lunch en route. Upon arrival visit Tash-Rabat caravan sarai. Dinner and overnight in yurts.
Day 3. ALTYN- EMEL - ALMATY	AM excursion to Altyn Emel. PM drive to Almaty. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel	Day 13. TASH- RABAT - TORUGART - KASHGAR	After breakfast, drive to Torugart border. Meet the Chinese guide after border cross. After custom formalities drive to Kashgar. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 4. ALMATY - TANBALY - BISHKEK	After breakfast, excursion to Almaty. Visit Panfilov Park, Zenkov Cathedral, Museum of Musical Instruments. Drive to Tanbaly. Lunch en route. Continue to Bishkek. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.	Day 14. KASHGAR	City tour in Kashgar including visit to Apakh Khoja Mausoleum, Eidkagh Mosque, Old Towns and small lanes of Kashgar, Sunday Market daily section and Yusuf Has hajib Tomb.
Day 5. BISHKEK - ALA-ARCHA	After breakfast, CSS of Bishkek: Ala-Too Square, Panfilov Park, Victory Square, Fine Arts Museum and Osh bazaar. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, drive to Ala-Archa National Nature Park. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.	Day 15. KASHGAR - KARAKUL LAKE	Day trip to Karakul lake along the Karakorum Highway, the lake is only the destination, but road to the lake is so picturesque with endless photo stops. Enjoy the lake with local Kyrgyz people at the foot of the Muztagh Ata mountain, then drive back to Kashgar.
Day 6. BISHKEK - ISSYK-KUL LAKE	After breakfast, drive to Issyk-Kul Lake - the 2nd largest mountain lake in the world (northern shore). En route, visit Burana Tower of X-XI Century and have a lunch at local restaurant. Upon arrival free time for walking. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.	Day 16. KASHGAR - URUMQI	Transfer to the airport, fly to Urumqi (CZ6812, 1045/1235 or else). Then drive to Heavenly lake, boat trip on the lake, then drive back to Urumqi, visit Grand Bazaar.
Day 7. CHOLPON- ATA - KARKYRA	After breakfast visit open-air museum of petroglyphs and boat cruise (opt). Then drive to Karkyra. Dinner and overnight in base camp.	Day 17. URUMQI - TURPAN	Drive to Turpan, afternoon visit to Emin Minaret, Karez underground Irrigation Channels and YarGhol Ancient City, which was listed by UNESCO.
Day 8. KARKYRA	Full day in Karkyra. After breakfast we fly to Base camp under Khan-Tengri Peak. Lunch in BC, after lunch short hiking around camp, return to Karkyra BC, dinner and overnight.	Day 18. TURPAN - URUMQI	Visit Astana Graveyard, Gaochang Ancient city, Tuyuq Ancient village and have lunch at local farmer Kurban Kasim's courtyard under the grape vineyard, drive back to Urumqi.
Day 9. KARKYRA - DJETY-OGUZ - KARAKOL	After breakfast, drive to Karakol. En route visit Djety-Oguz gorge. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch CSS: visit Dungan Mosque, Orthodox Church and Prjevalskii Museum. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.	Day 19. URUMQI AIRPORT	Transfer to the airport. See the group off.
Day 10. KARAKOL - BARSKOON - KOCHKOR	After breakfast, drive to Kochkor via Southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake. En route visit Barskoon waterfall. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight at the guest house.		

\*\*\* Please kindly note, guests should have warm clothes even in the middle of summer, at some places can be “below zero” temperature, like in Sonkul & Tashrabat. Khan Tengri is a mountain in the Tian Shan mountain range. It lies on the border between China, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, east of Issyk-Kul Lake. Its geological altitude is 6,995 m (22,949 ft), but its glacier cap rises to 7,010 m (22,999 ft). For this reason, it is considered a mountain climber, including the Soviet Snow Leopard Award, as a 7,000-meter high peak. The name «Khan Tengri» means «king of heaven» and may refer to the deity Tengri. In some other local languages it is known as Khan Tangiri Shyngy, Kan-Too Chokusu (Bloody Mountain Peak), Khan-Tengri Peak and Hantengri Feng.





# ALONG UZBEKISTAN & KYRGYZSTAN 18 DAYS

Tashkent•Kokand•Fergana•Margilan•Osh•Aravan-Alai•Achik-Tash•Osh•Arslanbob•Kok-Bel  
Bishkek•Ala-Archa•Chon-Kemin•Djenish•Karakol•Cholpon-Ata•Bishkek

Our 18-day tour offer historical places and interesting excursions in two Central Asian countries. Our journey start with the main sights of Uzbekistan. Uzbekistan is an incredible country of archaeological heritage, a diverse and exceptional culture, lively cities and bazaars with welcoming local people. Arriving at Tashkent, the largest city of Central Asia, you will admire the dynamic city with rich history. Furthermore, Kokand town, located at the entrance to the fertile Fergana Valley will delight you Oriental sights.

Kyrgyzstan is a land of pure and life-giving nature. First, visit The Holy Mountain "Sulaiman Too" in Osh. Onward Arslanbob, the largest wild walnuts forest in the world and most favored place to visit. This area is the most spectacular, walnut trees are growing on mountain slopes and around rocks and waterfalls.

Issyk-Kul is the world's second-largest alpine lake, surrounded by Tian-Shan Mountains, which creates its own unique climate. Most favorite diverse little town for adventurers and explorers is Karakol.

Be sure! If you are looking for an adventure through Central Asia, the Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan tour is the best tour for seeing a lot thoroughly exploring these two countries.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Arslanbob

According to the legend, when Alexander the Great conquered the territories of modern Fergana valley, was so impressed by the taste of walnuts from Arslanbob, which took them back to Greece. Since then, these walnuts from Arslanbob spread all over the world.

Arslanbob's walnut forest is a largest walnut forest located at an altitude of 1700 meters in the mountains of the Fergana and Chatkal Ranges, in the Jalal-Abad Province, Kyrgyzstan. Total area of the forest 700 000 hectares. The forest especially stunning in the summertime and attract big number of visitors.

According to scientific reports, the age of the forest exceed millions of years. In this vast territory, grow numerous walnut trees, pistachios, almonds, cherry plums, pears and many others. The total number of plant species growing here exceeds 130. The age of some walnut trees exceeds 1000 years and each tree can bear from 150 to 400 kilograms of walnuts every year.

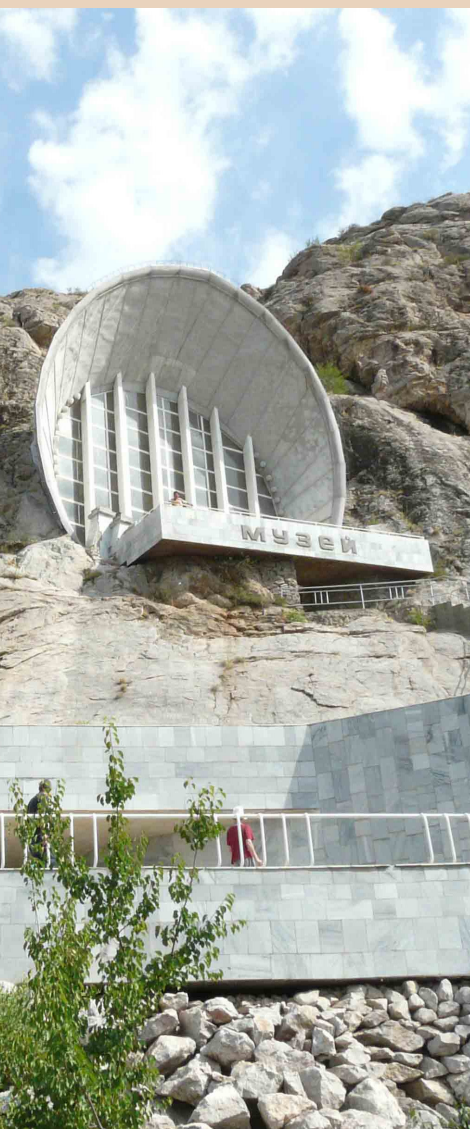
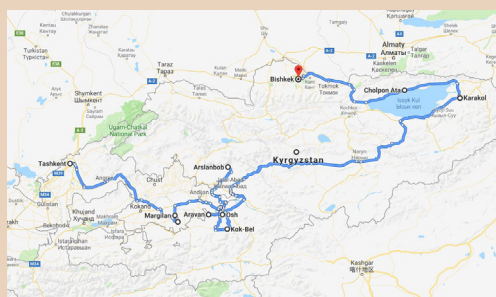
Apart from forest, the location is very interesting. The slopes of the Fergana and Chatkal Ranges in this place are composed of dolomite and therefore very different from other Tien Shan Mountains by their unusual color and relief. Such a large forest requires a lot of water and therefore this region is rich in numerous streams and rivers. There are several lakes and waterfalls, two popular waterfalls in the forest: small and large. The height of the large waterfall is 80 meters. It runs on the high rocky mountain range of Babash-Ata. And the height of the small waterfall is 35 meters.



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### Useful information

- Season: July - August
- Duration: 17 nights/18 days
- Type of tour: culture tour
- Altitude: up to 4000 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/yurts/tents
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg); [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz)
- Time Zone: GMT/UTC +4; +5
- Currency: Som (KGS), Sum (UZS)





DAYS	PROGRAM	DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. TASHKENT AIRPORT	Arrive to Tashkent airport and transfer to hotel for overnight.	Day 10. KOK-BEL - BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. En route stop for degustation of mountain honey and trout for lunch. Dinner at local restaurant.
Day 2. TASHKENT	After breakfast, visit Old Tashkent and Chorsu bazaar. After lunch visit Alisher Navoi Opera & Ballet Theater, Amir Timur Square, Applied Art Museum.	Day 11. BISHKEK - ALA-ARCHA - BISHKEK	AM free time. Then transfer to Ala-Archa National Park. After lunch easy trekking. Horse riding is optional. Drive back to Bishkek.
Day 3. TASHKENT - KOKAND - FERGANA	After breakfast, drive to Fergana via Kamchik mountain pass to Kokand. Visit Khudayar Khan's Palace, Juma mosque and Minaret, Necropolis of Modarikhan. Then proceed to Rishtan and visit ceramic workshop of Mr. Rustam Usmanov. Arrive to Fergana.	Day 12. BISHKEK - CHON-KEMIN	After breakfast, drive to Chon-Kemin. En route visit Burana tower and Konorchok canyon. Lunch en route. Dinner and overnight in Guest House.
Day 4. FERGANA - MARGILAN - OSH	After breakfast, drive to Margilan. Visit famous Margilan Silk Factory and proceed to Uzbek-Kyrgyz border "Dustlik". Transfer to Osh city. After lunch, Osh CSS.	Day 13. CHON- KEMIN - DJENISH	After breakfast, drive to yurt camp "Third Eye" in Djenish village. En route stop for yurt installation show (opt.). Dinner and overnight in yurts.
Day 5. OSH - ARAVAN - ALAI	Drive to Alai. En route visit Aravan's petroglyphs. Lunch en route. Upon arrival at Alai, Shaman Show with Alai's women (opt.). Dinner and overnight in yurts.	Day 14. DJENISH - KARAKOL	After breakfast, drive to Karakol. Visit Sunday animal market and CSS. Take part in cooking master class of "Manty". Overnight in guest house.
Day 6. ALAI - ACHIK-TASH	After breakfast, drive to Achik Tash. Upon arrival easy trekking. Meals and overnight in base camp.	Day 15. KARAKOL - CHOLPON-ATA	After breakfast, drive to Cholpon-Ata. En route visit mountainous lakes Ak-Sai. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 7. ACHIK-TASH - OSH	AM free time. After lunch, drive to Osh. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.	Day 16. CHOLPON-ATA - BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to Bishkek. En route visit local Kyrgyz family and have lunch. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 8. OSH - ARSLANBOB	After breakfast, drive to Arslanbob. Upon arrival cooking master class of Tandyr (Oven) Samsy and visit potteries. Dinner and overnight in local house.	Day 17. BISHKEK	Full day city tour in Bishkek. Lunch and dinner at local restaurants. Overnight in hotel.
Day 9. ARSLANBOB - KOK-BEL	After breakfast, drive to Kok-Bel. En route degustation of local watermelon and melon. Dinner and overnight in guesthouse.	Day 18. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to airport for flight to home. See the group off.





# TURKMENISTAN & UZBEKISTAN TOUR 8 DAYS

Ashgabat•Darwaza •Khiva•Bukhara•Samarkand•Tashkent

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Welcome to Ashgabat Airport- the bird shaped huge airport makes the first impression of the city, and Ashgabat included to the Guinness World Records as the city with the highest density of white marble-clad buildings in the world. Sightseeing tour in Ashgabat includes archeological site of Old Nisa, National Museum of History, Monument of Neutrality, Turkmenbashi mausoleum, Presidential Square, Ertugrul Gazi Mosque, and Independence Park.

If you ever heard about “Doors to Hell”, then you should know this is Darwaza Gas Crater - the Natural Wonder of the Kara-Kum desert of Turkmenistan. Here you can watch fire erupting in the middle of the desert.

Moreover, if you love ancient history, mesmerizing medieval architecture, applied arts, hospitality, we will take you to the greatest cities of the Silk Road: Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand, and Tashkent in Uzbekistan. These cities are recognized as; UNESCO World Heritage Sites, since their atmospheres and architecture are so impressive. By the time, you leave our tour; you will have an extra baggage and many unforgettable memories!

## TOUR INFORMATION



### «Darwaza» - Gas Crater

One of the most famous sightseeing Gas Crater located near Darwaza village, 270 km away from Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan, in the northern direction and in extremely desert area.

The “Gates of Hell” story began in 1971. At that time, Soviet geologists carried out exploration work in Turkmenistan and found an underground gas deposit.

After numerous drills, the soil over the gas-filled void collapsed, taking away the drilling tower and the nearby transport. Luckily, people did not get hurt during the accident, but the collapse created a pit where the gas that was rising from the underground.

According to the official version, in order to prevent the gas leakage dangerous for go out. At that time, scientists made a big mistake: the deposit in this area was so large that fire has been burning continuously since 1971, and until now, almost half a century.

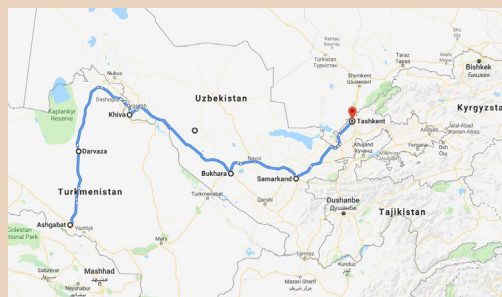
The government of Turkmenistan planned to fill the pit with land so that the “Gates of Hell” would close, but so far, this plan has not been implemented. Currently, the diameter of the burning pit is about 60 meters and its depth is about 20 meters.



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## Useful information

- Season: April -October
- Duration: 7 nights / 8 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 1500 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/LH/tent
- Visa information: [www.mfa.gov.tm](http://www.mfa.gov.tm) ; [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz)
- Air carrier: TK
- Currency: Manat(TMT); Sum (UZS);
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +5;`





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL IN ASHGABAT	Meet the group at the airport. Transfer to the hotel. Dinner in a local cafe. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. ASHGABAT	Breakfast. Full day city tour with visits to the Ertogul Gazy Mosque, the Independence Park, the Arch of Neutrality, the National Museum, Nissas and Turkmenbashi Ruins, the Anau Mosque, the Ahalteke Horse Stable and the Central Bazaar. Lunch - Dinner at the local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. ASHGABAT - DARWAZA	Breakfast. Transfer to Darwaza in the Karakum Desert. Visit the Erbent desert community. Barbecue dinner. Overnight in a tent. The Darwaza region is rich in natural gas deposits. During drilling in 1971, Soviet geologists discovered a cavity filled with gas. The ground under the drill collapsed, leaving a hole of 70 metres. In order to prevent a possible toxic escape of the gas, it was decided to light it. The geologists hoped the fire would go out after a few days, but it still burns today. The inhabitants of the area therefore call this place the «gate to hell»!
Day 4. DARWAZA - KHIVA	Breakfast. Drive to the Uzbek-Turkmen border crossing «Daschogus». Drive to Khiva. City tour in Khiva: visit of the architectural complex Ichan - Kala, the residence of the last Khiva - Khan, the Ismail Khodja Mausoleum, the Muhammad Amin Khan Medresen, the Kunya-Ark Castle (XVI-XVII), the Juma Mosque (X) and other tourist sights of Khiva. Narrow streets, royal minarets and mausoleums, traditions and art - all this was treasured in the city.
Day 5. KHIVA - BUKHARA	Breakfast. In former times, it took more than a month to get from Khiva to Bukhara. Today it takes 6-7 hours by car on a journey through the mysterious red desert «Kyzyl-Kum», the area of the «Khorezm», which in the past was called the «land of hundred cities». The secrets buried in this desert will keep archaeologists and historians busy for a long time. Enjoy the view of the exotic landscapes of the desert, its camels, yurts and the river Amurdarya. Arrival in Bukhara. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 6. BUKHARA - SAMARKAND	During the day, the old town of Bukhara awaits us: In the centre we visit the Poi Kalon complex, which consists of the minaret, the mosque and two medresas. Drive to Samarkand - one of the oldest cities in the world. City tour. Transfer to the railway station. Overnight stay in a hotel in Samarkand.
Day 7. SAMARKAND - TASHKENT	Full day excursion to Samarkand. Sightseeing: Registan Square, Madrasah of Ulukbek (XV), Shir-Dor (XVII), Tillya-Kori (XVII), Gur Emir Mausoleum, the Mausoleum of Amir Timur, Bibi Khanym Mosque - the Emir's favourite woman had the mosque of the same name built during the India campaign of Timur. Visit of the Siab Bazaar. Train to Tashkent. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 8. DEPARTURE	Morning city tour in Tashkent: Museum of Applied Arts, religious complex Khasti Imam. After dinner transfer to the airport. See the group off.





Dear Friends, we invite you to spend Nooruz holidays in Kyrgyzstan! Nooruz is a holiday of the spring equinox and the beginning of the New Year in the Orient. In Farsi (Persian) Nooruz means "new day". In Kyrgyzstan, it is celebrated on 21 of March.

All around the country, there are open-air festivals and folkloric events which is a showcase of ancient nomadic traditions, and sports, such as wrestling, horse games, archery, hunting demonstrations etc. Cooking of special dish Sumolok, which is made from wheat, barley and millet and cooking of this mixture takes almost 24 hours.

During this tour, we will travel to the Northern & Southern Shore of Issyk-Kul Lake to attend National Games Festivals, visit picturesque gorges and have yurt installation show. After we experience local culture and interesting shows, we return to Bishkek, and visit the main Festivals, Traditional Dances and National Games. By the time, of celebration of Nooruz, you will have a great impression on the Beginning of Spring Life and many unforgettable memories!

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Symölök - Festive Meal of Central Asia

Symölök is a festive meal of Central Asian countries and the meal appears on the tables during the spring holiday Nooruz. This is a tasty and healthy meal, which cooked with great responsibility and pleasure. The main ingredient of Symölök is germinated wheat grains. Legendary dish occupies an honorable place in Kyrgyz cuisine and cooking takes a lot of time - about 10 hours or even more.

Usually Symölök cooked outside in a huge "kazan" (pot). It is necessary to stir constantly, which is very difficult for one person, which is why several people, about ten or more take part in the cooking. Traditionally, during stirring, the person should have only positive thoughts; the process of cooking must have positive atmosphere, with funny songs and jokes.

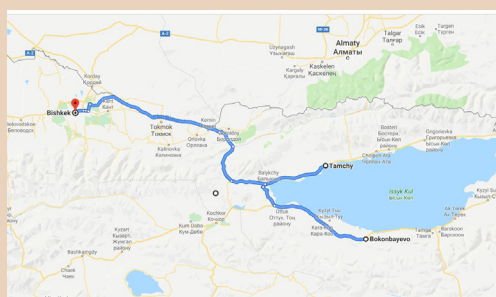
Forty small stones placed on the bottom of the "kazan", preventing from burning food. Cooked with cotton oil and added nuts, dried fruits. Cooking lasts until the mass has thickened and browned.

Then an important process of spillage and distribution begins. The Symölök is distributed to everyone - children usually eagerly serve food to their neighbors.



### Useful information

- Season: March
- Duration: 6 nights / 7 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 2500m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH
- Visas: Visas for UK and EU citizens are not required.
- Air carrier: TK, KC
- Currency: Som (KGS)
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +5;





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Meeting a group at Bishkek International Airport, arriving by TK/SU. Transfer to the hotel. City tour: Central Square Ala-Too, Panfilov Park, Historical Museum, Osh Bazaar, Panfilov Park. Overnight stay in a guest house.
Day 2. BISHKEK-TAMCHY	Breakfast. Drive to the village of Tamchy. Lunch on site. Felt carpet show. Dinner and overnight in family accommodation.
Day 3. TAMCHY - BOKONBAEVO	Breakfast. Departure to the village of Bokonbaevo. Visit to the falconry. Falcon show. Dinner. Overnight stay in a guest house.
Day 4. BOKONBAEVO-KARA-KUZHUR	Breakfast. Drive to Kara-Kuzhur (At the foot of the mountain) in Kochkor. Visit the spring experience of the nomads, horse and animal feeding. Lunch. Dinner in a local house.
Day 5. KARA-KUZHUR -BISHKEK	Breakfast. Drive to Bishkek. On the way, visit the Burana Tower near Tokmok town. Overnight stay in a guest house.
Day 6. BISHKEK	Full day in Bishkek. Starting at Ala Too Square, where the main celebration are held at Nooruz. After lunch, drive to the Hippodrome to see the national horse games.
Day 7. DEPARTURE	Transfer to the Manas International Airport for home flight.





# KYRGYZ HORSE RIDING TOUR 11 DAYS

Bishkek•Cholpon-Ata•Karakol•Barskoon•Chokolu•Zhaskil-Kol•Zhukuchak Gorge  
Kichi Kyzyl-Suu•Chon Kyzyl-Suu•Zhyluu-Suu•Jety-Oguz•Karakol•Bishkek

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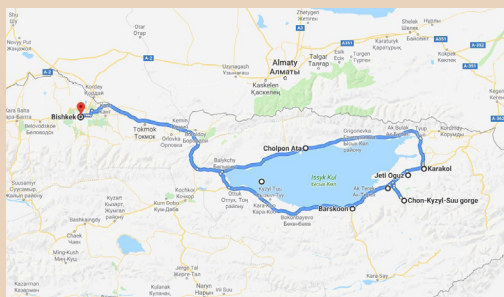
Have you ever tried a horse tour in the Mountains? Then, it is a great opportunity to take a horse tour to visit most beautiful mountain sceneries. Kyrgyzstan is a one of the best places for horse riding. Come along on a fabulous tour on the back of a Kyrgyz horse. This tour is ideal for anyone looking for personal experiences. You will trace interesting routes during horseback riding tour in Kyrgyzstan, visit the most picturesque places, inspiring nature and get in touch with nomad culture and life. You will experience living in Tents, have local nomad people authentic food and the most famous traditional drink - "kumis" (made out of mare's milk).

Our tour is the best way to reach Mountain passes, gorges, glaciers and most stunning sceneries of Issyk-Kul region. During the tour, a local guide a Kyrgyz Cowboy will look after you and the horses. Daily riding time is approximately 4-6 hours per day. The altitude varies between 1600 – 2500 m above sea level.



## Useful information

- Season: May - September
- Duration: 10 nights / 11 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 3600 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH/Yurts
- Visas: Visas for UK and EU citizens are not required.
- For more information visit: [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Air carrier: TK
- Currency: Som (KGS);
- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4;



## TOUR INFORMATION



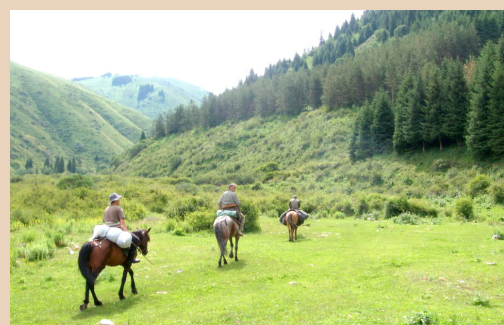
### Kyrgyz National Game "Kok-Boru"

The most spectacular and dynamic type of sports program of the World Nomadic Games is undoubtedly the "Kok-Boru" game. In Kyrgyz language, Kok-Boru literally means «gray/blue-wolf. It is an ancient game and very popular among the peoples of Central Asia.

Until recently, there were no precise rules of the game. According to modern rules, 10 players participate in the game from one team, but only four players from each team can be on the field. Participants can be changed, also change their horses. The game consists of three games - twenty minutes each. It takes place on the field with a length of about 200 meters and a width of about 80 meters. On the sides of the field, there are gates with a diameter of about three and a half meters and a height of one and a half meters. The team has the task - to get the goat carcass from the ground and throw it into the opponents' gate.

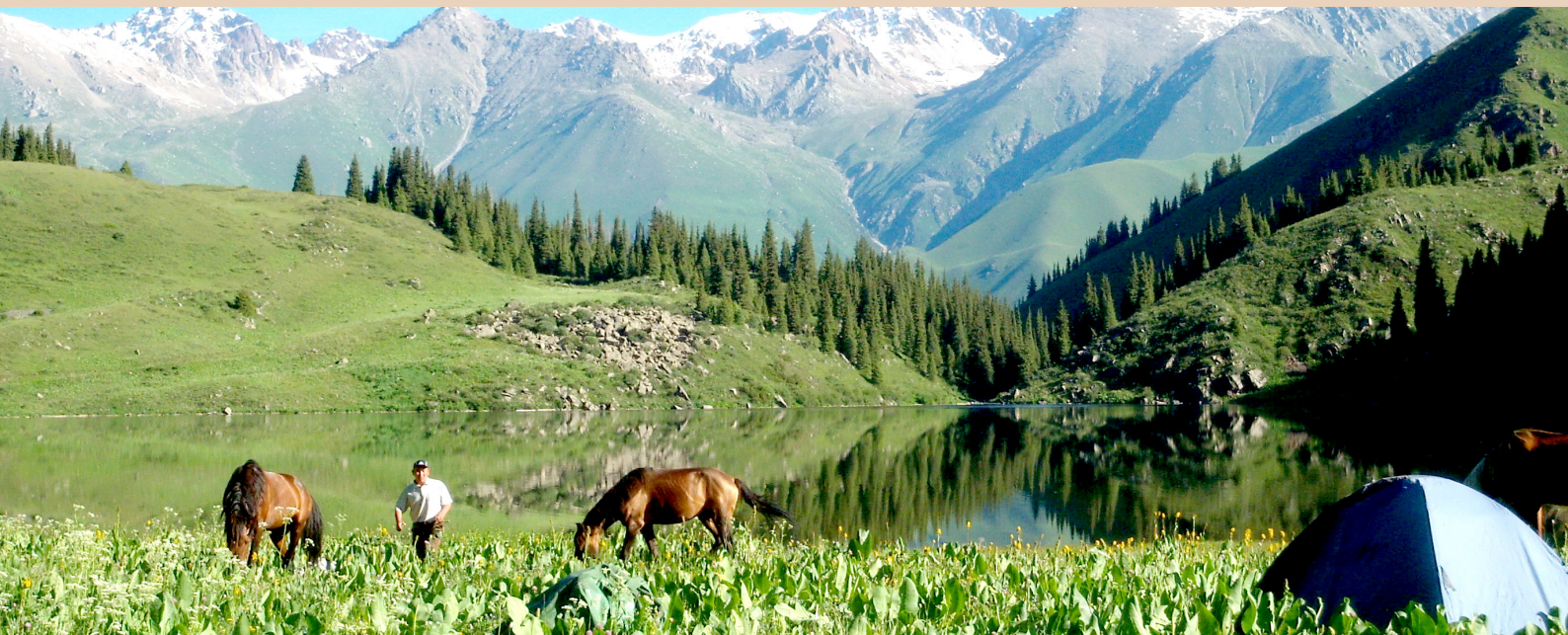
In the past, players could use physical force, beat opponents with a whip, but in modern times, at official competitions, the rules limit players, and for breaking the rules, they get penalty points, up to disqualification and suspension from the field.

According to the Kok-Boru rules, only stallions and male horses take part in the game. It's a tough sports game, and requires a lot of strength and skill from the players, so the average age of the official competitions players - about 20 years old.





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL IN BISHKEK	Meet the group at the Manas Airport. Transfer to the hotel. PM City tour. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. BISHKEK - CHOLPON - ATA - KARAKOL	After breakfast, driving along the northern shore of Issyk Kul Lake. En route visit the Burana Tower. Stop in Cholpon Ata to visit the petroglyphs open Air museum. Arrival in Karakol. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. KARAKOL - BARSKOON - CHOKOLU LAKE	After breakfast, drive to the Barskoon Gorge, upon arrival start the horse riding. Picnic-lunch in Barskoon. The ride starts at the Barskoon pass at 3736 m., riding time 4 hours. Overnight stay in tents.
Day 4. CHOKOLU LAKE - ZHASHIL-KOL LAKE - ZHUKUCHAK GORGE	Start early in the morning. Crossing the Zhukuu Pass (3512 m), picnic - lunch. Reach the Zhashyl Kol Lake. Meeting with nomadic people. Construction of the camp. Riding time 6-7 hours.
Day 5. ZHUKUU - ASHU KASCHKA-SUU GORGE	Horse riding from Zhukuu valley to Kashka Suu gorge. Camping. Horse riding time 5 - 6 hours. Meals and overnight in a tent.
Day 6. ASHU KASHKA SUU - ZHUKUCHAK GORGE	Depart early in the morning from Ashu Kashka Suu Valley. Have a tea or Kymys with nomads. Swimming in natural hot springs is possible. Horse riding time 5 - 6 hours. Overnight in tents.
Day 7. ZHUKUCHAK GORGE - KICHI KYZYL SUU	After breakfast, riding along the Orto Bulak Pass (543m.) to the Kichi Kyzyl Suu Gorge. Arrival in the valley of the forest. Camping. Horse riding time 5 - 6 hours. Overnight in tents.
Day 8. KICHI KYZYL SUU - CHON KYZYL SUU - ZHYLUU SUU	After breakfast, ride horses to the Chon Kyzyl Suu gorge, which is famous for its hot springs. Riding time 5 - 6 hours.
Day 9. CHON KYZYL SUU GORGE -JETI OGUZ - KARAKOL	Continue our great riding tour along the At-Jayloo- Pass (2751m.) to the famous Jeti-Oguz gorge. Enjoy the breathtaking panorama of the Issyk-Kul Lake! Transfer to Karakol.
Day 10. KARAKOL - BISHKEK	Drive to Bishkek along the southern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul. En route stop at Skazka (Fairy Tale) Canyon. Easy Hiking. Continue to Bishkek. Overnight at the hotel in Bishkek.
Day 11. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to the airport. See the group off.







# KYRGYZ NATIONAL HORSE GAMES IN KYRGYZSTAN!



## Kyrgyz National Horse Games

Horses along with hunting dogs have always played a huge role in the daily life of the Kyrgyz people. They were essential not only in the hunt, but the true helpers in everyday family life. Even today the majority of the rural population in the country follow a semi-nomadic way of life. Almost everyone can ride a horse, and a variety of horse games that have been passed on from generation to generation, provide an excellent opportunity to show their riding skills, agility and prompt reaction. Today you may see games such as:

Er Enish - pulling the strings of the contestants, testing their strength, cleverness and toughness. Wrestling fight on horses. Confusion and the attemptation of might, a few intensive minutes of superhuman effort, for the man and the horse. In the dangerous dance of movements and poses, horse battering and coward-punches – the winner takes all pride and triumph. Nevertheless the final judge in the spurt of emotions might not be explicit and it might affect backstage fights of supporters. Er-Enish is an element, unbridled like wild horses;

At Chabysh – races for long distances. Fascinating contests that have racing up to 100km in which often young boys of age 10-15 are involved for playfulness of horses

Ulak Tartysh – enchanting game in which two teams of riders ‘compete’ for the goat carcass. Many are bewitched by the moment when the riders almost droop down and gets 30 kilo carcass while riding. Then the team should drop the carcass to the slope with an improvised ring. Kurosh – wrestling on horses, when riders should get the other rider down the horse by pushing and seizing;

Oodarysh - another type of wrestling where riders should get the other one off the horse without using hands. You can win only if you can skillfully ride a horse that will push the other rider, maybe even with his horse;

Kyz Kuumay – beautiful game, that is still hard to call a game. The rider should catch the girl-rider and then he will be awarded with a kiss;

Tiyyin Enmey – a game where the rider tries to pick up coins from ground while riding. The dates of folk games fell outside the normal “tourist season” as it was not intended as a festival for tourists but rather as a festival for local people. Majority of the participants are the people working in the mountains, who take cattle to one of the mountain jailoos (pasture) for the summertime. When the herd is down to the lower meadows, preparation for horse games starts.



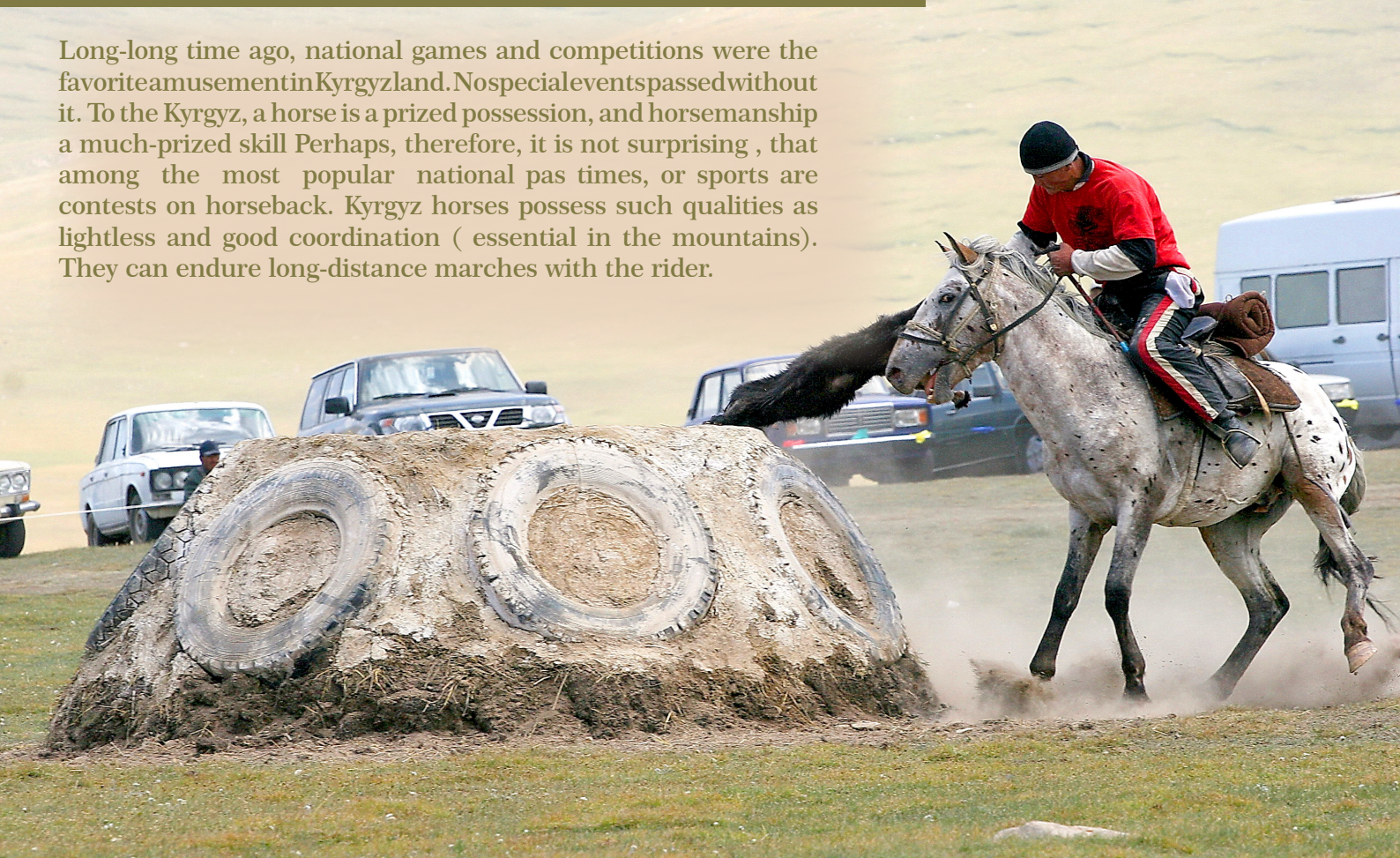


## CBT Kyrgyzstan Festivals Calendar 2024

Event	Date		Place	Brief Description
<b>Ski Challenge by CBT Arslanbob</b>	January 19	Saturday	Arslanbob village, (Jalalabat Oblast)	Join us in Arslanbob in Southern Kyrgyzstan for our annual ski challenge and enjoy the beauty of Arslanbob's walnut forest in winter. In addition to this unique experience, we offer you a real Kyrgyz-Uzbek folklore show.
<b>Bike Challenge by CBT Arslanbob</b>	May 04	Saturday	Arslanbob village, (Jalalabat Oblast)	Join us and explore the amazing landscape of the Jalalabat region. A unique adventure in the mountains is waiting for you. Enjoy the beauty of our wonderful lakes and different villages. We offer you a real Kyrgyz-Uzbek folklore show.
<b>Festival "Kurak, terme, saima"</b>	June 22	Saturday	Jalalabat (Jalalabat Oblast)	Demonstration of making: kurak, saima, terme.
<b>National Horse Games Festival by CBT Kochkor</b>	July 25	Thursday	Batai-Aral Yurt camp, on the north-eastern shore of Son-Kol Lake	National horse games Ulak-Tartysh, Kyz-Kuumai, Tyiyn-Enmei, Er-Enish; Folklore show; Kyrgyz cuisine
<b>National Uzbek cuisine festival by CBT Jalalabat</b>	July 27	Saturday	Jalalabat (Jalalabat Oblast)	Uzbek cuisine cooking and demonstration
<b>National Horse Games Festival by CBT Kyzyl-Oi</b>	July 28	Sunday	Kyzyl-Oi village (Suusamyr Valley)	National horse games Ulak-Tartysh, Kyz-Kuumai, Er-Enish; Folklore show; Kyrgyz cuisine.
<b>National Horse Games and Birds of Prey Festival</b>	August 6	Tuesday	Tamchy village (northern lakeshore of Issyk-Kul lake)	Demonstration of hunting with a Golden Eagle; show of Kyrgyz national games "Ulak-Tartysh" and "Tyiyn-Enmei"
<b>Birds of Prey Festival by CBT Bokonbaevo</b>	August 10	Saturday	Jaichy yurt camp (southern lakeshore of Issyk-Kul Lake, near Kok-Sai Village)	Demonstration of hunting with a Golden Eagle; folklore show; exhibition and sale of handicrafts and souvenirs; tasting of Kyrgyz cuisine.
<b>Autumn marathon In the walnut forest 8km</b>	October 5	Saturday	Arslanbob village (Jalalabat)	Photo exhibition and local sale handicrafts, folklore show, wrestling with kids, donkey racing



Long-long time ago, national games and competitions were the favorite amusement in Kyrgyzland. No special events passed without it. To the Kyrgyz, a horse is a prized possession, and horsemanship a much-prized skill. Perhaps, therefore, it is not surprising, that among the most popular national pastimes, or sports are contests on horseback. Kyrgyz horses possess such qualities as lightness and good coordination (essential in the mountains). They can endure long-distance marches with the rider.





In the skiing world, Kyrgyzstan is famous for its extremely mountainous area, and during the winter season, skiers around the world come to enjoy the terrains of famous ski resorts. We will ride ski in the terrains of a modern ski resort Karakol, located on a slope of Tien-Shan Mountains, at an altitude 2300 meters above Sea level. The ski trail runs around a beautiful landscape and coniferous forest.

From the panoramic peaks, there are views of the nearest above five-thousand meters Peaks and Issyk-Kul Alpine lake. Enjoy spectacular views from 3040 on the highest point of the ski resort. The mild climate caused by the influence of the ice-free mountainous lake Issyk-Kul will allow you to get maximum pleasure from skiing. In winter, the daytime air temperature rarely falls below -5 degrees, and a large number of sunny days allows you to ride and sunbathe simultaneously.

The Alpine Ski Guide is an expert who chooses the terrain in the safety zone in terms of snowfall, weather, and group ability and pays special attention to the safety of all skiers. We use Mi-8-MTV helicopters (replaceable). This model is known in many countries as a reliable helicopter. It is powered by two turbo engines and has a payload of 2 tons. Depending on the weight, the guide and the pilot, we can take a group of up to 15 skiers with us. Our pilots are experienced and will do their best for you to enjoy the helicopter rides.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Climate of Kyrgyzstan

The climate conditions of Kyrgyzstan determined by its geographical location. The Kyrgyzstan territory covers an area of 197.5 thousand km<sup>2</sup> and 90% of the territory are mountainous. Only about 20% of the republic's territory has areas with comfortable living conditions. The majority of the population lives in this zone and economic activity is concentrated here. About half of the territory is uncompensated discomfort, only mining enterprises are permanently operating, and other economic activities are seasonal.

The natural-climatic conditions of mountainous Kyrgyzstan divided into four natural-climatic zones:

The valley-piedmont belt (900 - 1200 meters) characterized by hot summers, moderately cool and snowless winters. Average temperature in July is 20-25°C, Extremely high temperature in summer reaches 44°C and in January -4 -7°C, absolute minimums in winter are -22-30°C, in some places - 40°C.

The middle-mountainous belt (900-2200 m) has a typical mild climate with warm, relatively sufficient moisture in summer and moderately cold snowy winter. The average temperature in July is +18-19°C, in January -7...-8°C.

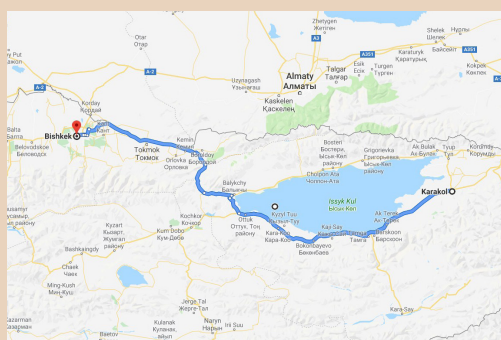
The high-mountainous belt (2200 - 3500 m) characterized by cool summer and cold snowy winter. The average temperature in July +11 -16°C, in January - 8 -10°C. Winter is long (November-March).

The Nival belt (3500 m and above) characterized by a severe, very cold climate. It is a belt of snow, rocks, glaciers and moisture accumulation belt. Even in the lower part of this belt, average July temperatures do not exceed +4 + 7°C, and January temperatures fall to -19 - 22°C of frost.



### Useful information

- Season: November - February
- Duration: 8 nights/9 days
- Type of tour: sport & adventure
- Altitude: up to 4500 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/tents
- Visa: United Kingdom & European citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Time Zone: GMT/UTC +4; +5
- Currency: Som (KGS)





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Arrival to Bishkek airport. Transfer to Karakol. Accommodation in hotel "Kapriz".
Day 2. KARAKOL	In the morning acquaintance of the group with the guides, briefing, checking equipments by guides, after lunch free skiing to show guides technical level of group members.
Day 3~7. KARAKOL (SKIING)	Heli-skiing in the high mountains. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 8. KARAKOL - BISHKEK	Transfer to Bishkek. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 9. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to airport and see the group off.



**\*Note:** tour leader of the group has a last word for deciding about skiing in the region. Our guide can recommend and explain all situations about snow conditions, avalanches and about region of skiing.

**\*Conditions:** every member of the group must have medical and accident insurance, his own (personal) outfit including radio buoy (avalanche equipment), helmets.

**\*Note:** In case of bad weather conditions on Day-1 and Day-2, group will stay in Karakol or will drive to Bishkek by comfortable transport.

**\*Additional information:** if you want to fly more than 10 hours, you can pay for extra time by fact. -In case of unused flight hours from guaranteed 10 hours because of weather conditions, by your request or any other reasons paid amount will be refunded.





# MOTORCYCLE TRIP IN KYRGYZSTAN 9 DAYS

Bishkek•Suusamyr•Son-Kul•Tash-Rabat•Naryn•Tamga•Karakol•Bishkek

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If you are looking for an exceptional and incomparable motorcycle journey with dramatic sceneries, we are offering the most adventurous trip through mountainous roads of Kyrgyzstan. Starting from Bishkek, we will hit the Bishkek-Osh motorway by crossing the challenging Töö Ashuu Pass, entering Syysamyr valley, which is one of the most famous valleys of Kyrgyzstan. A lot of shepherds come here to graze their cattle on summer pastures. Here, the most delicious traditional kurut (dried cheese), honey and kymys (fermented mare's milk) to try. Furthermore, we drive to Son-Kul Lake, a Pearl of Tian-Shan mountains, second largest lake in Kyrgyzstan, with an altitude 3016 m above sea level. After leaving Alpine lake, we are headed for the Tash-Rabat caravanserai, which is a unique architectural monument from Great Silk Road Era and nowadays the main archeological sights of Kyrgyzstan. Thereon, we will stay in Naryn city, located in a picturesque area, which combines mountains, river, forest and semi-steppes. Continuously we will ride east to Issyk-Kul Lake and finally arrive in Karakol, the most favored city of travelers and adventurers. It is located close to many picturesque mountains, that is why is a perfect starting point for riding to dramatic sceneries routes. Bishkek will be the final stage of our adventure!

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Alpine lake Son-Kul

Son-Kul is a large alpine lake, sandwiched in a hollow between the inner spurs of the Tien Shan, is located between the Sonkol-Too and Moldo-Too ridges, at an altitude of 3,016 above sea level in the northwestern part of Naryn Province (Kyrgyzstan). It is a potential object for ecological tourism. Around the lake, there are unspoiled and saturated grassland and a protected Nature reserve area.

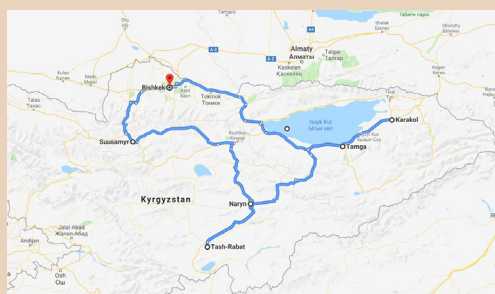
The total area of the lake mirror is 278 km<sup>2</sup>, fresh water volume 2.4 km<sup>3</sup>, length 28 km, width 18 km. The average depth is 8.6 m, maximum about 14 m. The basin of the lake is of tectonic origin. The shores of the lake are low, the coastline is slightly rugged, swamped and in some places overgrown with reeds. Small streams and rivers flow into the Son-Kul Lake with glacial feeding, and one river, the Son-Kul, flows out into the Naryn River (largest river of Kyrgyzstan). Ice cover on the lake from the end of September to the end of May.

Flora and fauna: Valuable fish species such as the pellet, as well as rare carp species with very limited habitat inhabit the lake. The lake is an important migration point for waterfowl such as the handsome crane, mountain goose, black stork and black headed laughingstock.



### Useful information

- Season: June - September
- Duration: 8 nights/9 days
- Type of tour: sport & adventure
- Altitude: up to 3586 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/yurts
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)
- Time Zone: GMT/UTC +4; +5
- Currency: Som (KGS)





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Arrive to Bishkek. Have city tour in city center: Central Square Ala-too with Flagpole and Monument of National Kyrgyz hero Manas, Oak Park, Central Mall TSUM, Victory Square & Osh Bazaar. Overnight in hotel/guest house.
Day 2. BISHKEK - TOO-ASHUU PASS - SUUSAMYR	After breakfast, start driving on motorbikes. En route after driving through Too-Ashuu pass (3586 m.) you will enjoy dramatic and beautiful scenery of Suusamyr valley. En route possible meet local nomads with yurts and taste traditional Kyrgyz drink Kymyz, dried cheese etc. Overnight in guest house.
Day 3. SUUSAMYR - KARA-KECHE PASS - SON-KUL LAKE	After breakfast drive via Kara Keche pass (3384 m.) to alpine lake Son-Kul. Once visiting the lake you can feel yourself emerged in real nomad life and culture surrounded by nomads and their lifestyle. Overnight in yurts.
Day 4. SON-KUL LAKE - MOLDO- ASHUU PASS - TASH-RABAT	Drive to Tash-Rabat caravanserai dated XV century. It is supposed to be the monastery of nestorian - Christians or Buddhists who came here before the Mongolian invasion and the spreading of Islam in Tien-Shan. Overnight in yurts.
Day 5. TASH- RABAT - NARYN	After breakfast, drive to Naryn, a city is 70 years old, situated about 200 km from the Chinese border at a height of 2040 m. Early settlements have been founding caves nearby and there are stories that suggest that the name itself is quite old. Overnight in guesthouse.
Day 6. NARYN - DOLON PASS - TAMGA	Today drive to Tamga village, situated at the southern coast of the 2nd largest mountain lake in the world – Issyk-Kul lake. Overnight at the hotel/guesthouse.
Day 7. TAMGA - KARAKOL	Today you will drive by the southern shore of Issyk-Kul to Karakol. Have city tour in Karakol, visit Holy Trinity Cathedral made of wood and Dungan Mosque, as well as Museum of Przhevalsky, one of well-known Russian explorer of Central Asia. After optionally possible drive to Altyn-arashan gorge.
Day 8. KARAKOL – BISHKEK	Return Bishkek city by the northern shore of Issyk-Kul lake. En route visit Cholpon-Ata petroglyphs and Burana Tower. Overnight at the hotel/guesthouse.
Day 9. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to airport for home flight. See the group off





# BIKE TOUR KYRGYZSTAN & UZBEKISTAN 20 DAYS

Bishkek•Chon-Kemin•Kochkor•Son-Kul•Kazarman•Jalal-Abad•Osh•Tashkent  
Khodjkent•Beldersai•Bukhara•Samarkand•Tashkent

A cycle tour in Central Asia is never-to-be forgotten adventure. Cycling through Tien-Shan and Pamir mountains in Kyrgyzstan, exploring cities of Uzbekistan along the Silk Road.

Kyrgyzstan's mountains are famous around the world and that makes it one of the most visited country. Our bike tour is designed to show the most spectacular and dramatic sceneries. On this astonishing bike tour, you will first cycle through the gorges, valleys, along the rivers and mountain passes. Then we camp on the shore of marvelous Alpine Lake Son-Kul, at an altitude 3016 m above sea level. Tourists to Son-Kul Lake discover so much by bike, adventurous passes, vast summer pastures, where great number of shepherds come to graze their cattle, and crystal pure alpine lake. Furthermore, heading for Pamir Alay Mountains, through serpentine roads and passes. After gravel roads, we're gonna be in town Jalal-Abad, on the edge of Fergana valley. To the next point, we'll be in the city of Osh, with its 3,000 years of history. After crossing the border between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, we will ride through the ancient cities of Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand and Shakhrisabz. Experience lively cities, bustling bazaars and welcoming local people. Cycling in a contrast route through the cities and through the ranges and off the beaten track.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Roads of Kyrgyzstan

Due to the fact that Kyrgyzstan is high mountainous country, the main means of transportation is car vehicle. Nowadays, car roads provide 96.6% of the country's freight and 98% passenger traffic.

The total length of the country's roads about 34,000 km, including 1,821.16 km of public roads (including 4089.70 km of international roads, 5,621.50 km of national roads and 9,109.96 km of local roads). The length of paved roads is 17 071.93 km.

A significant part of the internal road network runs through mountainous areas and through rural settlements as well as provides access to transport corridors and connects provinces, towns and villages. There are so many mountain passes, and smooth alpine meadows, perfect route for adventurous biking and mountain biking.

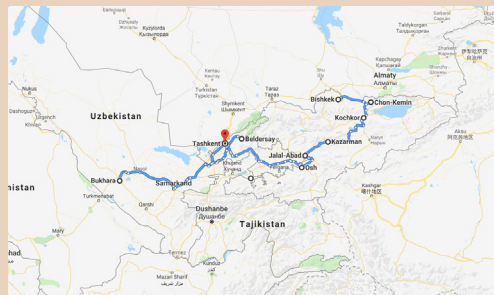
Biking on car and paved roads gives the opportunity travel all over the country to learn more about nature, people and local customs. Kyrgyzstan is the best place to go in this regard. The indigenous culture and traditions are worthy of being introduced on a biking tour, as well as to get the opportunity to fully relax in nature.

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### Useful information

- Season: June - September
- Duration: 19 nights/ 20 days
- Type of tour: sport & adventure
- Altitude: up to 3447 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: hotel/GH/LH/tents
- Visa: United Kingdom & EU citizens don't need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg), [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz)
- Currency: Som (KGS), Sum (UZS)
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +4; +5





DAYS	PROGRAM	DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. BISHKEK (627m)- CHON-KEMIN (1600m) (150km)	Upon arrival at “Manas” airport, transfer to Chon-Kemin valley. It is the best place for acclimatization: unpack and reassemble bikes. Lunch, dinner and overnight in local house.	Day 12. OSH – DOSTUK CHECKPOINT - TASHKENT	Breakfast, drive to Kyrgyz-Uzbek border “Dostuk”. meet Uzbek guide. Transfer to Tashkent via Kamchik pass (2268m). Upon arrival, dinner and overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. CHON-KEMIN- KOCHKOR (1600m ). (50km biking+60km transport)	After breakfast start biking (20km) by gravel track to Kalmak Ashuu pass. Continue biking (30km) to Balykchy town by gravel track. After passing Orto Tokoi Reservoir at 1700 m altitude, lunch. Then transfer (60km) to Kochkor. Upon arrival visit local house where optionally possible to make felt carpets. Dinner and overnight in local house with Kyrgyz family.	Day 13. TASHKENT - KHODJIKENT - BELDERSAI	Breakfast, drive to Parkent village in the spurs of Chatkal ridge (50 km, 1h). *Biking (45km, - 100 m, +660m , -620 m, asphalt, dusty road). Biking Parkent-Uchbau – Gazalkent. Transfer to the hotel in the ski resort Beldersay (40 km). Overnight.
Day 3. KOCHKOR – TENT CAMP № 1 (2554m)	After breakfast, start driving/biking from Kochkor (38km) by asphalt road to Sary Bulak. Break for lunch. After lunch continue biking (32km) by gravel track along Tulek river. Dinner and overnight in tents.	Day 14. BELDERSAI - CHIMGAN - KHODJIKENT - BELDERSAI	*Biking ( 35km, - 200m, 400 m, - 1030m asphalt, mountain trail). Biking begins towards Chimghan Track, climb to the top of Kyzyljar (1900m). Right remain 200-meter cliffs Chimgansaya, here Akshuran pass (1730m). Arrival in Khodjikent. Transfer to the hotel.
Day 4. TENT CAMP №1 - NORTH COAST OF SON-KUL LAKE (3016m)	After breakfast start biking (20km) by mountain spiral road. After descent from the pass stop for rest and lunch. After lunch continue biking (40km). Dinner and overnight in yurt.	Day 15. BELDERSAI - BUKHARA (train)	*Biking (25km, +50 m, -900m, ). The final day of biking the most technically difficult - it's a long traverse along the northern slope of the ridge to the village Beldersay. Transfer to Tashkent (65km, 1.5 hours). PM a city walk. After transfer to the train station. Night train to Bukhara at 20:55.
Day 5. NORTHERN SHORE OF SON-KUL – SOUTHERN SHORE OF SON-KUL (3016m)	After breakfast start biking (30km) to the southern shore of Son-Kul lake. Stop for lunch, after lunch continue biking (30km). Dinner and overnight in yurts.	Day 16. BUKHARA	Meeting at the railway station at 06:40 AM. Transfer to the hotel. Tour in Bukhara: Tomb Chashma Ayub Mazar (XIV - XIX centuries), Poi-Kalyan (XII-XVI centuries), Miri-Arab (XVI c.), Labi-Hauz complex (XVI-XVII), the mausoleum of the Samanids (IX - X centuries), madrasas Nadirdevanbegi (1622), The Ark (VI-VII centuries) - the citadel, where the ancient Bukhara started, Chor-Minor minaret (XVIII century).
Day 6. SON-KUL – MOLDO-ASHUU PASS (3173m ) – JANY- TALAP (1685m )	After breakfast start biking (30km), ascent to Moldo-Ashuu, descent from the pass. After descent stop for lunch and rest. Continue biking (40km). Dinner and overnight in tents close to Jany-Talap village.	Day 17. BUKHARA - SHAKHRISABZ - SAMARKAND	Moving from Bukhara to Shahrisabz continue to Samarkand. En route, tour the ancient Shahrisabz: ruins of Ak Saray Palace (1380-1404 years), Ensemble Doruttilayavat (XIV-XV centuries.) Ensemble Dorussiadat (XIV c.), a monument to Amir Temur, Kok Gumbaz Mosque (1435) Jami Mosque (1915), Jahangir mausoleum (XIV c.), Vending dome «Chor-su.» Overnight in Samarkand.
Day 7. TENT CAMP № 2 (1685m.) - AK-KIYA & KOK-JAR - TENT CAMP № 3 (2005m)	After breakfast start biking (30km), cycle via Ak-Kiya and Kok-Jar villages. En route stop for lunch and have a rest. Continue biking (more 35km). Dinner and overnight in tents under the pass.	Day 18. SAMARKAND	Tour in Samarkand: The «heart» of Samarkand - Registan Square (XIV-XVI centuries) with 3 famous madrasa: Dor, Ulugbek and Tilla-Kori, grandiose cathedral mosque of Bibi Khanum Mosque (XVc.), the magnificent mausoleum Gur Emir (XV c.), which buried Tamerlane, his sons and grandson Ulugbek.
Day 8. TENT CAMP N 3 - KAZARMAN (1310m.) - TENT CAMP N4 (1338m.)	After breakfast, start biking to Kazarman (35km) by gravel track. Stop for lunch. After lunch, continue biking (30-35km) by half asphalt half gravel road. Dinner and overnight in tents close to the village Aral.	Day 19. SAMARKAND - TASHKENT	Sightseeing: Ulugbek Observatory (1420) - grandson of Tamerlane, Shahi Zinda (XI-XVIIIc.) - Necropolis of Samarkand, consisting of set of superb decorated mausoleums, exotic Siab bazaar. After lunch, drive to Tashkent. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 9. TENT CAMP N4 – KARA-BULAK PASS – URUMBASH V. (1790m.)	After breakfast, start biking by half-stony and dusty road (30km), ascent to the Kara-Bulak pass, after descent from the pass. Stop and have a lunch. After lunch, continue biking (30km) along Urum-Bash river. Dinner and overnight in tents.	Day 20. TASHKENT. DEPARTURE DAY	Transfer to the airport. See the group off.
Day 10. URUM-BASCH V. – JALAL-ABAD (774m.)	After breakfast, start biking track to Jalalabad (30km). Lunch en route. Continue biking (30km). Upon arrival to Jalalabad, dinner and overnight in local house.		
Day 11. JALAL-ABAD – OSH	Breakfast, transfer to Osh. Upon arrival to Osh, city tour: visit Suleiman Mountain and local bazaar. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in guest house.		



# AZERBAIJAN, KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN & KYRGYZSTAN 16 Days

Baku•Absheron Peninsula•Gobustan•Baku•Khinalig•Baku•Almaty•Tashkent

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Discover Southern Caucasus and Central Asian destinations. We are offering a great opportunity to travel a huge geographical trip through Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. First destination is Azerbaijan, located between the shores of the Caspian Sea and the mountains of the Caucasus. You will explore a big number of well-preserved historical places, from the ancient temples to modern skyscrapers. Continue to Kazakhstan, which is a country with a diverse and picturesque landscape: mountain ranges, blossoming valleys, numerous lakes and rivers, many kilometers of endless steppes. Following to Uzbekistan, with ancient history, mesmerizing architecture, applied arts, warm hospitality, and the bright sun. Explore the greatest cities of the Silk Road: Samarkand, Urgench and Bukhara. Closing up a great tour in Kyrgyzstan, to discover the celestial mountains, Pearl of Central Asia Issyk-Kul Lake, and massive Tien Shan mountain ranges that make this country a top destination.

## TOUR INFORMATION



### Baku

The capital city of Azerbaijan, Baku, from every year is becoming more and more a modern and western style metropolis. At the same time, here you can still walk along the typical oriental bazaar, and to bypass all the attractions of the Old City, the area of 22 hectares, and to see it all, you need more than a week.

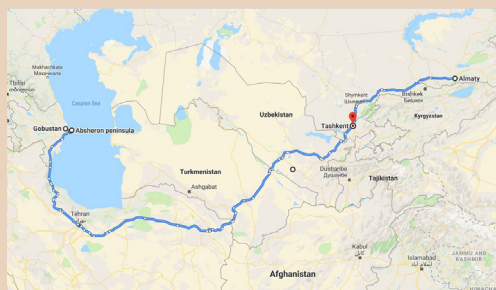
Location of Baku on the shore of the Caspian Sea makes the city an excellent beach resort; there are many hotels of different levels, sanatoriums, and several water parks. Baku has many theatres, museums, wide boulevards and squares, a lot of greenery, shopping and entertainment centers, cozy restaurants, where you can spend an evening. The food in Azerbaijan is very tasty, and in Baku you have the opportunity to taste the main dishes of the country. There are a lot of restaurants in the center, where you will find dolma, kutabs, dovga, bozbash, dushbara, lula-kebab and other dishes.

In the «Baku Acropolis» Icheri Sheher the oldest buildings date back to the 7th-8th centuries, among them the Baba-Kukhi-Bakuva Mosque and Maiden Tower. The magnificent Shirvanshahs' palace and the mosque with the Synig-Gala minaret belong to the Middle Ages. The largest in CIS complex of tombs, cave fortresses and rock paintings up to 10 thousand years old called Gobustan is located an hour's drive from Baku. It is also interesting to see the Bukhara caravanserai, built in the 15th century, on the trade route that passed through the Shemakha Gate.

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## Useful information

- Season: May - September
- Duration: 15 nights / 16 days
- Type of tour: Culture tour
- Height: 3600 m
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH
- Visas: Visas for UK and EU citizens are not required.
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[www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz), [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz), [www.mfa.az](http://www.mfa.az)
- Air carrier: TK
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- Time difference: GMT / UTC +4;





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Day 1. DEPARTURE FLIGHT AND ARRIVAL IN BAKU	Meet the group at the airport of Baku. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.	Day 8. TASHKENT CITY TOUR	Breakfast at the hotel . City tour along the old part of Tashkent Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. BAKU CITY SIGHTSEEING	You will have a tour of Baku. The excursion program starts with a visit to the Memorial Alley - Shekhidlyar Hiyabany, from the park opens a fascinating view of the city and Baku Bay. Exploring the streets of New Baku, the architectural feature of which combines eclectic styles from the 19th and 20th centuries: Nizami Street, Square of the Fountains, a monument to Nizami Ganjavi and Rasul-Zade street. The city tour will be finished with a visit of the historical part of Old Baku.	Day 9. TASHKENT – URGENCH - KHIVA	Breakfast, start city tour. 06:00 transfer to the airport, 07:50 flight to Urgench, 09:30 arrival and transfer to Khiva (30 km). Overnight at the hotel in Khiva.
		Day 10. KHIVA- BUKHARA	Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Bukhara in the morning; Upon Arrival in Bukhara visit carpet factory and carpet shops; Evening Uzbek show watching in madrasa (Nodir Devon Begi). Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. BAKU - ABSHERON PENINSULA- GOBUSTAN – BAKU	On this day, a tour of the Big Baku and the Absheron Peninsula. At the beginning of the excursion, visit the ancient temple of fire worshipers Ateshgah, located 30 km from Baku. Then visit Mount Yanardag, on the slope of which natural gas has been burning since ancient times, as if justifying the unofficial name of Azerbaijan “Land of Fire”. PM trip out of town along the coast of the Caspian Sea to the volcanic desert Gobustan. Return to Baku. Overnight at the hotel.	Day 11. BUKHARA	Breakfast at the hotel. City tour in Bukhara. Free time: we advise you to visit Bukhara Dome Bazaars: Toki Saraffon, Toki-Telpak Furushon, Toki Zargaron and Tim Abdullakhan. Visit to summer residence Sitorai Mokhi Khosa (dated XIX century). Overnight at the hotel.
		Day 12. BUKHARA- SHAKHRISABS- SAMARKAND	Breakfast at the hotel. 08.00 - Early morning drive to Samarkand through Shakhrisabs city. Upon Arrival have city tour: in Shakhrisabs: ruins of Ak-Saray Palace (XIV-XV), Dor-ut Saodat Complex: Khazrety Imam Mosque (XIV), Jahongir Mausoleum (XIV), Dor-ut Tillavat Complex: Gumbazi-Seidan, Kok Gumbaz Mosque (XV). Continue to Samarkand (110 km, 2hours). Upon Arrival check-in the hotel. The science and art of ancient east where concentrated in Samarkand since olden times. Overnight at the hotel in Samarkand.
Day 4. BAKU - KHINALIG – BAKU	Morning departure from the north-west of Baku. A trip to Khinalig through the village of Krasnaya Sloboda, the largest settlement of mountain Jews in Azerbaijan (210 km, 3-4 hours). The road to Khinalig runs through a picturesque mountain area at an altitude of 2000 m. You can enjoy breathtaking views of the scenery. Khinalig is the oldest settlement of Azerbaijan, in which people have been living for more than 5,000 years. Return to Baku. On the way back, stop at the mass grave in Guba. Arrival in Baku. Overnight at the hotel.	Day 13. SAMARKAND- TASHKENT	Breakfast at Samarkand hotel. Full day city tour in Samarkand. Visit Afghan carpet factory. Drive to Tashkent and overnight at the hotel in Tashkent.
Day 5. BAKU – ALMATY	Transfer to Baku International Airport. Flight Baku-Almaty; Baku 14:00 - Almaty 19:15 (KC112) - transfer to the hotel and overnight at the hotel.	Day 14. TASHKENT- BISHKEK	Transfer to Tashkent Airport for afternoon flight to Bishkek. Transfer to the city center and have city tour in Bishkek – visit Osh basar, Central Square Ala-Too, Park Panfilov, TSUM Mall. Overnight at the hotel in Bishkek.
Day 6. ALMATY (BIG ALMATY LAKE)	Drive to Big Almaty Lake, on the way (optional) visit “Sunkar” falcon farm, with falcon hunting demonstration; Return to Hotel and overnight at the hotel.	Day 15. BISHKEK- CHOLPON- ATA-BISHKEK	Drive to Cholpon-Ata town, Issyk-Kul region, have a boat cruise on Issyk-Kul lake; return to Bishkek and overnight at the hotel.
Day 7. ALMATY – TASHKENT	Transfer to Almaty Airport for the flight to Tashkent. Arrival in Tashkent and transfer to hotel, Leisure time.	Day 16. BISHKEK AIRPORT	Transfer to the International Airport “Manas” for the departure flight.





# SKI & SNOW BOARD TOUR TO KAZAKHSTAN & KYRGYZSTAN 7 DAYS

Almaty•Issyk Gorge•Bishkek•Karakol•Bishkek

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Dear Skiers, we are inviting you to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan for a great week of ski tour. It will be a memorable experience: skiing in the best ski resorts of Central Asia. We will start our trip from Almaty city, visiting the most attractive places: Central Museum of History, Central Square, Panfilov Park, Zenkov Cathedral and Green Bazar. First Ski destination is the most famous and favorite Ski Resort of Kazakhstan -Shymbulak, which is located in the upper part of Medeo Valley, and can offer three ski lifts with the highest point going to 3200 meters and perfectly fit to Intermediate and Advanced skiers. The next destination is Kyrgyzstan, the capital city Bishkek; from there you will be transferred to Karakol town in Issyk-Kul Region. En route excursions to Burana Tower and Petroglyphs. Karakol Ski Base is located 7 km from Karakol town at an altitude 3040 m. surrounded by amazing nature with spectacular winter scenery. Moreover, this vacation will remain unforgettable memories.

## TOUR INFORMATION



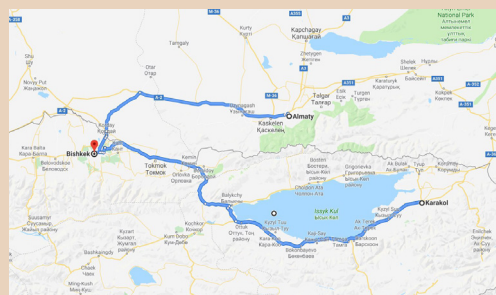
### The snow leopard - king of the mountains

Snow leopard one of the main symbols of mountainous Kyrgyzstan, it is an interesting predator and is the only subspecies of large cats living in high mountainous conditions. The snow leopard lives in the mountain systems of Tien Shan, Altay, Himalayas, Hindu Kush and Pamir. Today, there are between 4,000 and 7,000 species left in the world. The snow leopard has the status of a rare or endangered species in all countries of their natural habitat. Hunting for the snow leopard strictly forbidden, and are listed in the international as well as Kyrgyzstan Red Book.



## Useful information

- Season: Mid-November - February
- Duration: 6 nights/7 days
- Type of tour: sport & adventure
- Altitude: up to 3800 m
- Flight: TK
- Accommodation: Hotel/GH
- Visa: UK & EU citizens do not need visa.
- For more information go to [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg), [www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)
- Currency: Som (KGS), Tenge (KZT)
- Time zone: GMT / UTC +4





DAYS	PROGRAM
Day 1. ARRIVAL DAY. ALMATY AIRPORT	Meet the group at Almaty airport. Transfer to hotel for having a rest. PM city tour of Almaty - visit History Museum, Central Square, Park Panfilov with Zenkov Cathedral and Green Basar. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 2. ALMATY	After breakfast, transfer to Medeo gorge. Upon arrival to the ski resort surrounded by great nature, the group will meet with the professional ski guide. After short briefing, equipment checking by ski guide. Free time for skiing. Lunch at the ski resort. Dinner at the restaurant in Almaty. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 3. ALMATY – ISSYK GORGE – BISHKEK	After breakfast, drive to the ski resort for skiing and snowboarding. After lunch, drive to «Sunkar» falcon farm to watch the Falcon hunting show. Then drive to Almaty airport for the flight to Bishkek. Meet the group at the airport of Bishkek and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel.
Day 4. BISHKEK – KARAKOL	After breakfast, drive to Karakol town, administrative center of Issyk-Kul region. En route, have an excursion to Burana Tower and ruins of Ancient city Balasagyn (X-XII cc) and Petroglyphs in Cholpon-Ata. Arrival in Karakol, overnight at the hotel.
Day 5. KARAKOL SKI RESORT	After breakfast, short briefing and then enjoy skiing and snowboarding at ski resort of Karakol, which is in a very picturesque fir tree mountainous place of Tien-Shan Mountain Range. For your comfort there is a cableway to the top and enjoy the charming nature. There is an optional Helicopter tour for skiing and snowboarding.
Day 6. KARAKOL – BISHKEK	After breakfast, briefing and free skiing. Lunch at the local restaurant of Karakol and transfer to Bishkek. Dinner at local restaurant of Bishkek. Overnight at the hotel.
Day 7. DEPARTURE DAY	After breakfast, transfer to the Airport for departure flight.





# RAFTING IN KYRGYZSTAN!



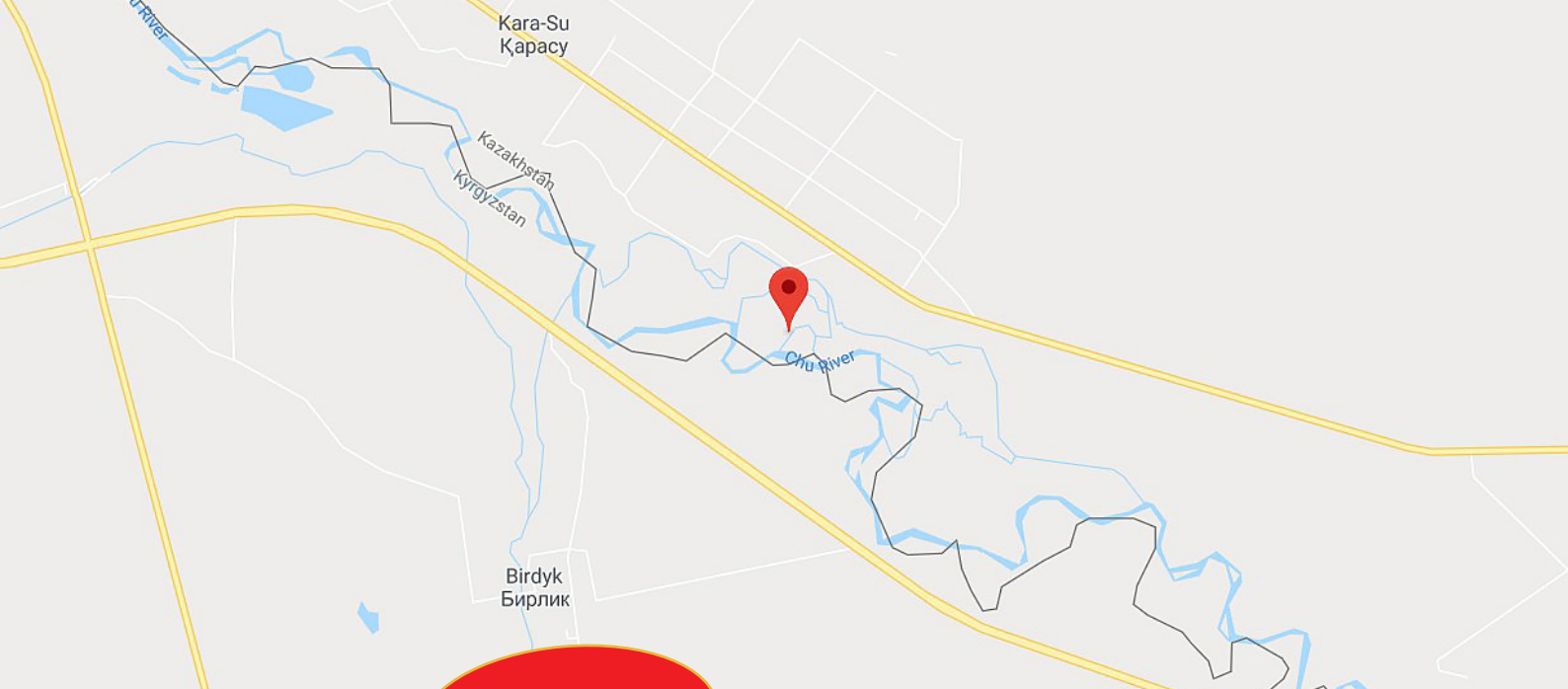
Kyrgyzstan has more than 40,000 rivers and springs many of which are excellently suitable for rafting and kayaking. The mountains of Kyrgyzstan are replete with rugged mountain rivers flowing down the gorges to the plains, which are ideal for rafting. The most popular rivers for rafting are the deep-water Chu, Chon-Kemin, Kekemerren and Naryn.

The rivers Chu and Chon-Kemin in the Chui Region are the most popular among beginners. But the river Kekemerren and the upper Naryn often require a lot of experience and teamwork in the management of the raft.

Kyrgyzstan rafting tour is a day full of impressions that you will remember and even would like to repeat again.  
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## CONDITIONS

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

**Bishkek:** Hotel "Asia Mountains" provides standard rooms. Hotel is situated in a quite place in the center of Bishkek nearby central mosque. It was built in 2001 year according to a special project,

the main idea of which was to create atmosphere of home comfort with a mix of western architecture and eastern philosophy.

**Issyk-Kul:** Hotel "Karven Four Seasons" is located on the shore of Issyk-Kul Lake, in the picturesque village of Sary-Oi (Golden Valley) - 244 km. from Bishkek city and 9 km from Cholpon Ata city. It is the first class hotel consisting of standard rooms in the main building and cottages from luxe to presidential suites, designed to accommodate 170 guests. Breakfast is included into rooms' price.

**Karakol:** Hotel "Amir" is a new and comfortable hotel in the center of Karakol. Hotel offers you the following: 18 rooms, including: 5 rooms with king-size beds, 13 rooms with twin-size beds. 4 of the 18 rooms are economy class. Each room has a private toilet and shower and Satellite TV. Hotel provide disposable slippers and mineral water in every room.

**Yurts in Djety-Oguz / Djenish:** The yurt camp offers an appealing combination of staying in a typical nomadic dwelling and modern facilities. Here, according to the centuries-old tradition, you will sleep on the floor, not on a bed. Meals are served in the dining yurt where there are no chairs and a dining table, but a low table with plenty of narrow quilts and fur rugs around to sit on. Such details will let you directly experience the culture, traditions and originality of Kyrgyz people. There are 6 Yurts (4-5 pax in each one), 1 large yurtcanteen. There 2 bio toilets (outside) & 2 shower cabins (outside). Please pay your attention that there are only beds (on the floor) with necessary beddings: mattress, blanket, pillow, bed clothes, and rubber hot - water bottle (optional).

**Season:** Middle of June - Middle of September; **Chon-Kemin:** Guest house "Ashuu", standard rooms. It's a cozy guest house which encapsulates both Kyrgyz traditions and European service. The guest house amenities have cottages with comfortable rooms with standard facilities.

**Tamga:** Guest House "Tamga" is located on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake, there are 18 rooms for 42 tourists: 6 triple rooms, 12 twin rooms; toilet and shower is on the floor. Only breakfast is included into rooms' price. Meals (lunch & dinner) can be ordered on spot or beforehand.

**Kochkor / Bokonbaevo village / Talas town / Chaek village / Kazarman village / Arslanbob:** CBT Local houses - it is the best chance to see life style of local Kyrgyz people, to taste Kyrgyz national dishes prepared by the hosts. All local houses offer 3 and 4 people accommodation in one room, shower and toilet are outside.

**Naryn:** Complex (consist of Guest House and Yurts) "Celestial Mountains" has a good location, in a quiet spot overlooking the eastern end of the town, near the main road into, can cater for up to 29 people in 12 rooms (Guest House) - and up to 20 more in yurts during the summer months. Complex has comfortable wooden beds in every room, modern and clean showers in the building

& has clean and modern toilets (in the building), G/H has hot water provided by own specially installed heaters. Complex has ample parking space for cars, minibuses etc.

**Yurts in Son-Kul / Tash-Rabat:** The yurt camp offers an appealing combination of staying in a typical nomadic dwelling and modern facilities. Here, according to the centuries-old tradition, you will sleep on the floor, not on a bed. Meals are served in the dining yurt where there are no chairs and a dining table, but a low table with plenty of narrow quilts and fur rugs around to sit on. Such details will let you directly experience the culture, traditions and originality of Kyrgyz people. There are 5 Yurts for 6 persons in each one. All beds (on the floor) have bed sheets, blanket + blanket cover, pillow with pillowcase; heating: by wooden stoves (10:00pm-5:00am). Meals provided in a large yurtcanteen for 20 people - 3 long tables with benches.

**Washstands:** 2 with hot water, Toilets: 2 (outdoor);

**Osh:** Guest house "Sunrise" provides standard rooms. G/H is located in the center of Osh, offers 33 rooms, different type: 9 single rooms, 15 double/ twin rooms, 3 triple rooms, 1 Deluxe room, 5 Suite rooms. All rooms are equipped by shower cabins, refrigerator & TV satellite (except triple);

**Sary-Tash:** Yurt Camp & Guest House. This is a house and two Yurts seasoned Camp operated during summer and first month of fall. Camp is located on the crossroads of Daroot-Korgon to Kyzyl-Art on the territory of Sary-Tash village. This is the best stay when crossing the "Irkeshtam" - Kyrgyz-Chinese border post. Camp is able accommodate up to 20 people in a night, basic conditions, 1 Yurt can accommodate 5-6 people in each one, bedding on the floor, all facilities and conditions are outside (toilet and washstands).

**Chychkan:** Tourist complex "Ak-Ilbirs" consist of two stored "Guest house", "Ak-Ilbirs" and "Motel Oson", total 60 places, including in hotel 47 places, in Yurts - 12 places. The Guest house conditions: 6 double arranged well rooms, with modern furniture, a toilet and cold water in each room, a shower with hot water on 1 floor (Ariston). Guest house is available from May till September. Guest house "Ak-Ilbirs" - is in 20 meters from a line, it is executed from a white marble in national style; conditions: 3 rooms (2 double, 1 triple) with a toilet, a shower with warm water, partial furniture, 2 lux rooms (1 single, 1 twin) with a refrigerator, a fireplace, upholstered furniture, restaurant with two halls (for 40 person & 20 person), the bar, parking place. "Motel Oson"'s conditions: 2 guest houses on 6 double rooms everyone with modern furniture, toilets and a shower in each room, the arranged well summer platforms on coast of the river; **Karkara-Kegen Base Camp:** Accommodation in spacious tents (each tent for 2-3 pax) based on the woody platforms with comfortable mattresses inside. Dinning tents with home-cooked meals, including vegetarian options, is served with a big appetite in mind. Sauna (Russian "banya") and hot shower. Autonomous electricity generator. Satellite connection ("Thuraya").

Almaty (Kazakhstan): Hotel "Renion" - has

a foremost comfortable rooms, excellent restaurant, a sauna equipped with a swimming pool and bath, a lounge bar. Hotel consist of 47 rooms of various categories. Comfortable rooms equipped with modern furniture, cable TV, telephone, free WI-FI Internet connection, mini-bar (options), hair-dryer in the bathrooms. Our programs are based on standard room's accommodation.

**Taraz:** 3\* Hotel "Zhambyl" was built in 1961 year, renovated in 2002 year. It is the best option of accommodation in Taraz. There are 73 rooms of various categories. Our programs are based on standard rooms. All rooms are equipped with a cable TV, Internet, mini-refrigerator, phones, bathroom with a bathing or shower cabin, system of fire Alarm systems.

**Chymkent:** Hotel "Chymkent", standard rooms. Hotel offers 46 comfortable rooms, rooms are furnished and equipped with cable and satellite TV, mini-bar. Our programs are based on standard rooms.

**Turkestan:** 2\* hotel "Turkestan", standard rooms. All rooms are equipped with cable TV, good furniture, telephone, bathroom with bathing or shower cabin, hair-dryer, refrigerator, conditioner.

**Tashkent: (Uzbekistan):** 4\* hotel "Shodlik Palace", standard rooms or 4\* hotel "Uzbekistan", standard rooms;

Samarkand: 4\* hotel "Konstantin", standard rooms or 3\* hotel "Orinet Star", standard rooms;

**Bukhara:** Amelia boutique or 3\* hotel "Malika", standard rooms or 3\* hotel "Caravan";

**Khiva:** 3\* hotel "Malika", standard rooms or 3\* hotel "Madrasa", standard rooms;

**China:** 4\* or 3\* hotels according the program.

**\*Note:** Please be informed that the hotels in Kazakhstan (Almaty and Astana cities) does not provide any discount for the period of October month (in Almaty) due to the KIOG (Oil) exhibition; for the EXPO and other International Exhibitions which held mainly in Astana. Our tour prices are based on discounted rates of hotels. If the groups travel in above mentioned period we will requote tour price according the Rack Rate of hotels and Guest houses.

### TRANSPORT

#### Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan portions:

During the tour we will provide A/C transport in good technical conditions with professional drivers. For excursion to the mountain area such as Grigorievskoe gorge; Son-Kul lake; Tash-Rabat; Altyn-Arashan gorge; Sokuluk gorge; Bishkek-Osh-Bishkek road we will provide additional transport - minibuses, which is mainly non air conditioned. To the some mountain area the standard air conditioned transport couldn't drive due to the technical reasons. And normally needed the 4WD transport. A/C coach is forbidden to drive on highway Bishkek-Osh-Bishkek due to the mountain serpentine road and long tunnel 3 km, therefore available only minibuses or vans because of official rules. Air conditioned transport is not available in all outlying regions of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. F.e. in Osh region for short transit programs. Air conditioned transport will be provided for **Uzbekistan portion.**

### GUIDE SERVICE

We will provide service of one throughout



## CONDITIONS

guide for Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan portions. And local guides in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and China. We will provide the special trekking guide for trek program (only for trek portion of the tour) for strenuous level. VISA

**\*Kyrgyzstan:** We do not include into tour price expenses for visa support letter for Kyrgyzstan. Citizens of 45 countries do not need visa for Kyrgyzstan. For more detailed information about visa please go to the web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan [www.mfa.gov.kg](http://www.mfa.gov.kg)

**\*Kazakhstan:** We do not include into tour price expenses for visa support letter for Kazakhstan. Citizens of 46 countries do not need visa for Kazakhstan. For more detailed information about visa please go to the web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan [www.mfa.kz](http://www.mfa.kz)

**\*Uzbekistan:** We do not include into tour price expenses for visa support letter for Uzbekistan. In December 2017 it was announced that Uzbekistan plans to introduce a simplified procedure for citizens of 25 additional countries and to abolish visas altogether for citizens of Japan, South Korea and Singapore. Visa validity period was extended to 30 days. In January 2018 it was announced that Uzbekistan plans to introduce a simplified procedure for citizens of 40 additional countries and to abolish visas altogether for citizens of five countries. On 10 February 2018 Uzbekistan abolished visa for 7 countries: Israel, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Turkey. More detailed information on [www.mfa.uz](http://www.mfa.uz)

**\*passports:** You are responsible for ensuring that you have all the necessary travel documents and they are valid and effective. You will need a current passport that is valid for at least 6 months and the necessary visa documentation. Check with your local embassy or travel agent to get more info.

### BORDERS

**\*Kyrgyz-Chinese border "Torugart" (198 km from Naryn):** The border works from Monday till Friday from 10:00 am till 17:00 pm (from Kyrgyz portion, according Kyrgyz time). The border is closed on Saturday-Sunday and official holidays of Kyrgyzstan and China. Lunch time (from Kyrgyz portion): 12:00 am-14:30 pm (Kyrgyz time). Note: it is difference between Kyrgyz and Chinese time in 2 hours.

**\*Kyrgyz-Chinese border "Irkeshtam" (250 km from Osh):** The border works from Monday till Friday from 08:00 am till 18:00 pm (Kyrgyz time, GMT+6). The border is closed on Saturday-Sunday and official holidays of Kyrgyzstan and China. Lunch time (from Kyrgyz portion): 12:00 am-14:30 pm (Kyrgyz time).

**Note:** it is difference between Kyrgyz and Chinese time in 2 hours. Drive in comfortable transport (coaches, vans, cars) is not possible, only mountain truck or 4WD transport can drive this route. Because of long driving time we suggest making a break and overnight in Yurts / local housing in Sary-Tash. The next day after crossing Irkeshtam border continue driving to Kashgar. The Chinese side of the road is asphalted and in good condition.

**\*Kyrgyz-Kazakh border "Ak-Jol" (Kordai) (25 km from Bishkek):** The border works 24 hours round.

**\*Kyrgyz-Kazakh border «Kegen» (Karkara valley):** Karkara crossing opens only in summer, approximately mid-May to end of October, from

9 am to 6 pm. In 2014, it opened on May 19th, in 2015 on May 13th. In 2016, it closed on October 30th.

**\*Kyrgyz-Kazakh border "Chaldobar" (91 km from Bishkek):** The border works 24 hours round.

**\*Kyrgyz-Uzbek border "Dostuk" (15 km from Osh):** The border operates every day from 8:00am till 18:00pm (Kyrgyz time).

**\*Kyrgyz-Tajik border "Kyzyl-Art" (225 km from Osh):** The border operates every day.

**\*Kazakh-Chinese border "Khorgos" (420 km from Almaty):** A year round road between Almaty and Urumchi via the border post at Khorgos. Distance - 420 km (6-7 hrs), (Khorgos is 40 km east of Zharkent (Panfilov) and about 4 km west of the border. Zharkent, 340 km by road north-east of Almaty). Border opens from Monday till Friday, from 09:00 am till 18:00 pm, lunch time 12:00 pm-14:30 pm. The border does not work on Saturday - Sunday and national holidays of Kazakhstan and China. There are a Kazakh customs and immigration post, a foreign exchange bank and Khorgos hotel at Khorgos border.

**\*Kazakh-Uzbek border "Chernyaevka" (590 km, from Bishkek, 20 km from Tashkent):** The border works 24 hours round. Lunch time: 13:00-14:00 pm (Kazakh time)

### TREK

The tourists should have warm clothes, gloves, eye glasses with sides' protection, good footwear. Clients will carry their daypacks. During the trek we will provide also porters and trek guide.

### DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Our programs are based on flight schedule for 2018-2019 year. If there are changes in 2020-2021 we will make necessary changes in the itineraries accordingly.

Domestic Airplane Tours Policy: Pricing of your plane tour may change when booking last minute. Prices indicated are subject to change, flight availability and minimum 4 weeks notification before the commencement of your tour. Please contact a member of Central Asian Travel System Ltd. staff if you wish to book last minute.

### CONFIRMATION AND INVOICE

Deadline date for the reservation is mentioned in our confirmation or in the e-mail. After we receive your reservation confirmation, a Provisional proforma invoice will be sent electronically, unless otherwise requested by you. Reservation is considered confirmed after sending you the Confirmation list according your Passenger / rooming list with arriving Flight details. After the approving the tour program and all clarification the final Invoice will be sent to you.

### PAYMENT

CATS Ltd (Central Asian Travel System) will accept the 100% payment according the Invoice 20-30 days prior of the tourist arrival. In case of interfering to make payment within a specified period, the timing date can be changed for companies with Signed contract.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations/changes/reconfirmations shall be made in writing, dated by travel agency and sent (fax or e-mail) within the office hours in Kyrgyzstan, except Saturday and Sunday (9:00-18:00, +4 GMT) In the event that a tour participant cancels their reservation, the cancellation penalty may apply. Cancellations must be made at least

3 weeks before tour date otherwise late penalties will apply. Cancellation prior 30 days - no charges apply; Cancellation prior 7-10 days - 50% charge of the tour price; Cancellation prior 1-6 day - 100% charge of the tour price, if there is no any notification or information about cancellation of services.

### CHANGES

Our company is not responsible for last minute delays or change of the schedules for domestic flights or helicopter flights. Central Asian Travel System Ltd. has the right for changes of the tour schedule and route direction in cases where there are unfavorable weather conditions, terror and technical reasons and the accompanying Tour guide (after approving by the office) can make changes to the route accordingly. In case of changes in the program or impossibility to provide the services which are under our circumstances the refund will be made to the customers. Central Asian Travel System Ltd. and its hotel partners reserve the right to move guests into accommodation within the same category.

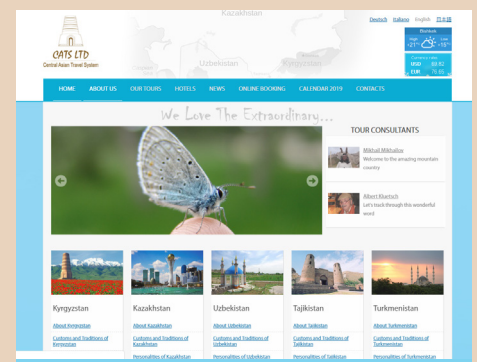
### IMPORTANT NOTE

The drivers have strictly regulated schedule and time of departure and arrival to the indicated points on the route of the program plus photo stops and toilet stops. Please kindly note that in mountain area the driver might stop the transport only in possible and safety place.

We kindly ask you to pay attention to the departure times of your group at each location visited, and that your customers be present at the hotel lobby for the times required. Personal items including jewelries, money, valuable documents and other personal belongings are the responsibility of each individual. It is our recommendation that Clients use their hotel safe box or facilities provided at the Guest Relations Desk and use the Travel insurance for unpredictable incidents. \*Special dietary requirements of tourists are catered for in the menu including vegetarian, diabetic, and dairy-free. For meal requests, confirm this with Central Asian Travel System Ltd. in advance during the correspondence and before your tour start date.

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