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#### SELF-DRIVE JEEP TOUR

#### **GUIDED SELF-DRIVE JEEP TOUR**

This trip offers the chance to explore the country's breathtaking landscapes and unique culture at their own pace. Along the way, you can take in the stunning scenery of the Tian Shan Mountains, the dramatic landscapes of vast valleys and the turquoise waters of mountain lakes.

Accompanying experienced driver-guides, you will drive to remote villages, see traditional nomadic life, and experience the warm hospitality of the Kyrgyz people. Whether you're looking for an adventurous road trip or a relaxing getaway, a guided self-drive tour in Kyrgyzstan is the perfect way to explore the country.

### Let's start!

## PROGRAM OF THE TOUR

### Day 1: Bishkek-Kyzyl Oi

You will be met by our guide at the airport. Transfer to the hotel in Bishkek and check into a 5-star hotel early so you can have a quick nap. After that, we'll be driving ourselves outside of Bishkek. Today our 4X4 tour goes to Kyzyl Oi village today. On the way stop for a coffee and facilities. The route passes through Kyrgyzstan's southern region. Be ready for breathtaking vistas of towering mountains and gorges while driving. We will witness the expansive vistas of the more than 3,000-meter-high Too-Ashuu pass today. In Kyrgyzstan, this route is regarded as one of the most stunning. You will have lots of chances to pause for pictures. You will stay in a homestay for the night and explore the village in the evening. A traditional dinner will be served by a Kyrgyz family.

Driving distance - 200 km drive (60 % asphalt, 35% dirt road)

☆ Guest house

## Day 2: Kyzyl Oi -Son Kul Lake

Today we set out on our journey to Son Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan's second-largest lake. At 3013 meters above sea level, this lake is the highest alpine lake in Kyrgyzstan and is surrounded by mountains. Kyrgyz nomads travel with their families to this beautiful region for recreation. The lake is used as a pasture by herders from the Naryn region. You will enjoy the picnic lunch in nature. You will have time to explore and take in the lake's pristine surroundings after we arrive.

Complimentary rides are available around the lakes' shorelines, and nomadic families can be met along the way. Dinner and nights are spent in yurts, which are collapsible nomadic dwellings.

**Driving distance** - 150 km (100% dirty road)

Guest house

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 3: Son Kul Lake-Naryn

Up until lunchtime, you can go for a walk or ride horses. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience nomadic life and meet locals. We will travel to Naryn town after lunch via the 33 Parrots pass. This mountain route offers simply stunning views. The variety of mountains that make Kyrgyzstan so well-known can be experienced on this day, which is a fantastic opportunity. It will be possible to encounter actual nomadic families along the road. We'll spend the night in a hotel in Naryn city and dinner at the restaurant.

**Driving distance -140** km (30 % asphalt, 70% dirty road)

3 Star Hotel

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 4: Naryn-Tash Rabat-Ak Talaa-Naryn

In the morning, we'll carry on with our independent 4X4 adventure. You will go by car to the Great Silk Road's Tash Rabat Caravanserai (Stone Castle from the 14th century). The architectural monument is a special historical site in the very heart of the Tian Shan Mountains. At a height of 3200 meters above sea level, the caravanserai Tash Rabat was constructed from stone blocks inside a mountain. It contains 31 rooms in all and the walls are 1 m thick. Moreover, there are underground jail cells that were once used to keep thieves. Later we'll travel through the most stunning gorge to Ak Talaa valley. The

fantastic panoramic view of Ak Talaa valley, which means "White fields". The scenery in front of you will be like a painting of the most talented painter. Its height exceeds 3,000 meters. Lunch picnic with a stunning view. Drive back to Naryn town via MELS pass. Dinner at the restaurant.

**Driving distance -** 240 km (60 % asphalt, 40% dirty road)

3 Star Hotel

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 5: Naryn- Tosor - Tamga

Today you will have the most thrilling drive over the magnificent Tosor Pass, which rises to a height of 3,950 meters. This day's views will shift dramatically from one to the next. Be prepared to capture the stunning views of the lake and snow-capped mountains on your camera. In the evening, we will get to Issyk Kul Lake. It is the world's second-largest alpine lake (1608 meters above sea level). It is frequently referred to as "the pearl of Central Asia." Come up to the lake and you'll see mountains surrounding it all. Dinner and night will be at the guest house.

**Driving distance -** 370 km (10 %asphalt, 90 % dirty road)

☆ Guest house

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

# Day 6: Tamga- Karakol

Today the drive will be along the southern shore of the lake. The untouched nature of the lake will surprise you. On the way to Karakol town you will have a few stops. One of them will be meeting with the traditional eagle hunter. Listen to his story and watch the demonstration of eagle hunting. The next stop is going to be at the stunning Jeti Oguz gorge. In translation it means "Seven Bulls", a group of red rock formations, are what make Jeti Oguz so well-known. Then, we carry on toward Karakol town. In the city, there will be a short city tour including the Dungan mosque and old Orthodox Cathedral. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

**Driving distance -** 370 km (10 %asphalt, 90 % dirty road)

🏠 3 Star Hotel

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 7: Karakol - Cholpon Ata

Today the road goes along the Issyk Kul Lake's northern shore. This is a fantastic

opportunity to view the entire lake from every angle. On the way, we go via the gorges of Semenovskoye and Grigorievskoye, which are famous for white rushing rivers, Tien Shan fir trees and alpine lush meadows. We will enter the first gorge and exit through the second. A picnic lunch will be served in nature. Night and dinner are spent in a hotel.

**Driving distance -** 190 km (70 % asphalt, 30% dirty road)

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 8: Cholpon Ata- Bishkek

In the morning, drive to Bishkek city. En route, drive into the Chong Kemin Gorge to watch the popular horse game - Kok Boru. The local teams of this national sport will show you the other types of horse games as well. When you get to Bishkek, in the afternoon you'll go on a guided city tour and explore the Asian bazaar. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Stay in a 5-star hotel.

**Driving distance -** 260 km (100% asphalt)

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Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 9: Bishkek - Manas airport

In the morning we will transfer you to the airport.

Breakfast/

Pax in the group	price per person	
= 2 people in the group:	\$2000 per person	

#### PRICEGuaranteed from 2 PAX people

# What's included:

- Accommodation: hotel-2 nights, guesthouse-1 night with breakfast
- Transportation throughout the tour
- Driver-guide
- Entrance fees

## What's not included:

- International air fares
- Lunches & dinners
- English speaking tour guide
- Hotel charges for additional services.
- Travel insurance (required)
- Personal expenses, e.g. souvenirs
- Gratuity to (guides & drivers)

