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## KYRGYZSTAN ADVENTURE TOUR 15 DAYS

Kyrgyzstan is the land of celestial mountains and nomadic culture. It is well protected by large mountain ranges - the Pamir Mountains in the south and the Tien Shan Mountains in the east. The nomadic roots of Kyrgyz people present an authentic cultural experience.

### PROGRAM OF THE TOUR

#### Tour Highlights:

- Issyk Kul Lake
- Hiking in Tien Shan
- Chong Kemin National Park
- Horse riding to Son Kul Lake
- Nomadic culture of Kyrgyz people
- Stunning landscape and much more

#### Day 1: Bishkek arrival, city tour

Upon arrival at the airport Manas you will be transferred to Bishkek (30km). Check in the hotel and take 2 hours to rest. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon city tour: visit the central area of the city, walk around the beautiful green parks and get to know about the history of the capital. Afterwards visit the local "Osh bazaar" - the main and one of the biggest street markets where the locals of Bishkek come to buy and sell their products. It is still very authentic and not overrun by tourists yet. Dinner and overnight in a hotel.



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Lunch/Dinner

#### Day 2: Hike to birch forest

After breakfast, hike to the birch forest in Ala-Archa National Park. Enjoy your first time in the Kyrgyz mountains with a beautiful view of the snow-covered peaks. The hike will be very easy, and you will really enjoy the fresh air and forest smell. Lunch picnic in the birch forest and hike down to Ala-Archa National Park. The altitude of the park is 2200 m above sea level. Drive back to Bishkek, dinner at the local restaurant and overnight in the hotel.

Driving distance - 50 km, Walking: 3-4 hours.



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Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Day 3: Bishkek-Burana-Chong Kemin

In the morning, start your journey to Chong Kemin National Park (150km), the most beautiful valley in the north east of the country. On the way to Chong Kemin you will visit the ancient city Balasagun with the Burana Tower, dated back to the 10-11th century. Upon arrival at Chon Kemin, you will have lunch at a local guest house, take a horse ride to enjoy the beauty of nature and observe the wildlife. Night and dinner will be in the guesthouse.

Driving distance - 150 km, Travel time: 2-3 hours.



Guesthouse



Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Day 4: Chong Kemin- Karakol by the North shore.

After breakfast, continue driving to Issyk-Kul Lake, the second biggest mountain lake in the world. Drive along the north shore of the lake. On the way visit the open air museum in Cholpon Ata city. Today overnight in Karakol city which is the biggest city of the Issyk Kul region. In Karakol you will visit historical sites: Dungan Mosque and the Orthodox Church. Dinner at the local restaurant and night in the hotel.

Driving distance - 300 km, Travel time: 3-5 hours.



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Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Day 5: Karakol - Altyn Arashan

This day we will hike up to the Altyn Arashan valley. Gorgeous valley with diverse trees and herbs. Enjoy the way along pine trees and mountain rivers. The valley is 20 km long and will slightly go up. It will be a very good warm up before the trek the next day. Lunch picnic on the way. Upon arrival at the hot springs, relax in the natural hot springs. Dinner and overnight in a guest house. There are few guest houses near the hot springs.

Driving distance - 50 km, Travel time: 2-3 hours.



Guesthouse



Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Day 6: Altyn Arashan - Ak Suu

After breakfast, hike to a lake Anyrtoor in a valley nearby (15km). Enjoy a picnic at the lake shore and go over the pass to Ak Suu valley. In the Ak suu valley we will set up our camp and enjoy the rest of the day. Dinner with a wonderful view and overnight in tents.

Hiking time: 3-4 hours.





Tent



Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### Day 7: Ak Suu - Karakol



This day we will be hiking down the Ak Suu valley to Ak suu village (22km). Lunch picnic on the way. In Ak suu village we will stop for the hot springs. It is a private hot spring zone where you can try 3 water degrees. And also, after the very hot water you can jump in the river, the water is freezingly cold. The feeling after such a procedure is reviving. After that we will drive to Karakol city (10km) and have a nice dinner at a Dungan family house. Dungans are the nation who came from China in the early 18th century. In Short, they are Chinese muslims. They still keep their culture, language and cuisine. After that we will have an overnight stay in the hotel. Hiking time: 4-5 hours.

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 Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### **Day 8: Karakol - Jeti Oguz - Bokonbaevo**

After breakfast, drive to Jeti Oguz Gorge (70km), which is a red rocks mountain. Jeti Oguz means 7 bulls, because the rocks look like the bulls from far. The view from the top of the hill is stunning. We will have a walk. Afterwards drive to Skazka Canyon which means Fairytale Canyon. The Canyons really remind the characters from different fairy tales. Short walk around the area. Enjoy the view from the top. And we will continue our drive to Bokonbaevo village. After the nice lunch we will watch an amazing Eagle hunting show. Eagle hunting is one of the main cultural heritages of the Kyrgyz people. Nowadays the young generation is still keeping the knowledge about the eagle hunting and passing it from one generation to another. Dinner and overnight in a yurt camp at the lake side.



Driving distance - 150 km, Travel time: 2-3 hours.

 Guesthouse  
 Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### **Day 9: Bokonbaevo - Kyzart**

This day we will drive to Kochkor village. There are many handicraft master minds in Kochkor village. We will enjoy a beautiful felt carpet show. You can ask many questions about the kyrgyz carpets and even buy something for yourself in the small shop. After this we will have lunch at a local family. Continue to drive to Kyzart village. Some free time before the dinner. Dinner and overnight in a local family owned guest house.



Driving distance - 200 km, Travel time: 2-3 hours.

 Guesthouse  
 Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### **Day 10. Kyzart - Kilemche**

This day we will start a horse-riding adventure. From Kyzart village we will go to Kilemche valley. A wonderful valley surrounded by the amazing mountains. Lunch picnic on the way with a beautiful view over the mountains. After the arrival to the valley we will have some walk around the area. Have some short talks with the local nomads. See how they do their routine. You can find many interesting discoveries for yourself. Dinner and overnight at a nomad's family yurt.



Horse riding: 4-6 hours.

 Yurt camp  
 Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

### **Day 11. Kilemche - Son-Kul**

On the second day of our horse-riding tour we will go from Kilemche valley to Son-Kul lake. Son kul lake is the second highest lake in Kyrgyzstan. The altitude of the lake is 3016m above sea level. It possible to visit this lake just from the middle of May till the end of September. The water in the lake is fresh and there are few types of fish in the lake. On the pass to the lake we will enjoy the stunning view to the lake, take some pictures and continue. We will go down to the lake. Lunch picnic on the way. Dinner and overnight in a yurt camp near the lake.

Horse riding: 4-6 hours.

 Yurt camp at the lake  
 Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 12: Day at Son-Kul

This day you can enjoy a day at the lake. You will spend the whole day near Son-Kul lake. Take a walk and get to know the nomad life at the lake side. This area is reached by nomads. On exceptional days it is even possible to take a bath in the lake. Dinner and overnight in a yurt camp.



Yurt camp at the lake



Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 13: Son Kul - Kyzyl Oy

After breakfast, we drive to Kyzyl Oy village, going through the Kara keche pass. We will drive along the Kokomeren river and the view will be incredible. Lunch picnic on the way. Upon arrival in Kyzyl Oy village we will check in to the local houses and have some free time in the village. Kyzyl Oy is a very unique village with houses made out of clay. Kyzyl Oy means Red mind. Most of the houses have red color because of the clay. You will love Kyzyl Oy village. Dinner and overnight at a local family's house in Kyzyl Oy. Driving distance - 150 km, Travel time: 3-4 hours.



Guesthouse



Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 14: Kyzyl Oy -Bishkek

Drive back to Bishkek via Suusamyr valley. The valley is mesmerizing itself with many yurts and life stocks. The white peaks of the mountains you can see all year around. Lunch in a restaurant in Suusamyr valley. Optional: short hiking to Sulutorskiy Lake near the Too Ashuu Pass. It can be a very good option after a long drive. Afterwards, we drive to Bishkek. Farewell dinner with a folkshow and overnight in a hotel.

Driving distance - 200 km, Travel time: 3-4 hours.



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Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

## Day 15: Bishkek - Manas airport

Transfer to the airport.



Breakfast/

## PRICE

Pax in the group	price per person
≥ 6 people in the group:	<b>\$1,630</b> per person
≥ 4 people in the group:	<b>\$2,060</b> per person
= 2 people in the group:	<b>\$2,500</b> per person

**Guaranteed from 2 PAX people**

**What's included:**

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels/ on Twin room sharing basis
- Trek to Altyn Arashan
- Entrance fees to sites listed
- Full-board Meal (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Horse riding to Son Kul Lake
- Accompanying horseman
- English speaking tour guide accompany the group
- Ecological fee
- Mineral water 1l. per pax per day
- Master classes and shows

**What's not included:**

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

**Note:** If you would like to explore this itinerary on your own, contact us for additional information. We can provide you rental cars and help with all bookings according to the program.