



Offroad Nomad

12 days / Activities : Road trip

Highlights : Issyk Kul lake, mountains, canyons et Son Kul lake, Tashrabat

Map



Program>

D1 / Arrival in Bishkek: Arrival at Manas International Airport and transfer to a hotel*** in Bishkek. After check-in, there is a technical briefing with the tour manager covering the 4x4 vehicle, route overview, fuel planning, and road conditions. This discussion takes place before dinner. The day continues with a visit to Osh Bazaar to purchase food and basic supplies, followed by a short walk at Ala-Too Square. Dinner with the tour manager is included and takes place at a local restaurant in Bishkek. Fuel is widely available throughout the city. Overnight in Bishkek.



D2 / Bishkek to Kyzyl-Oi The drive from Bishkek to Kyzyl-Oi is approximately 220 km and takes about 5–6 hours. The route follows the main highway south, crossing the Too-Ashuu Pass at 3,586 m through a 2.5 km tunnel, then descending into the Suusamyr Valley. From there, the road continues on unpaved tracks along the Kokomerren River. Kyzyl-Oi is located at around 1,800 m. Accommodation is in a

local guesthouse, with dinner included. Fuel should be filled in Bishkek, as availability in Kyzyl-Oi is limited and not guaranteed. Mobile network is generally available. In the evening, there is a scheduled call or message exchange with the tour manager to review the route and logistics for the next two days, as there will be no mobile connection at Song-Kul.



D3 / Kyzyl-Oi to Song-Kul: This day covers approximately 150 km with a driving time of about 5–6 hours. The route climbs toward Song-Kul Lake via mountain roads, commonly using the Karakeche Pass and elevations above 3,000 m. During the drive, it is possible to make a short visit to Ak-Kol Lake, depending on road and weather conditions. On the way, there is a stop in Chaek village, where basic supplies can be purchased and fuel is also available. Song-Kul Lake is situated at 3,016 m and is used as a summer grazing area. Accommodation is in a yurt camp, with dinner included. There is no mobile network coverage at the lake. Limited Wi-Fi is available at the yurt camp, but it is not free and the connection is weak. There is no permanent electricity. All

arrangements for the following day are based on the discussion held in Kyzyl-Oi.



D4 / Song-Kul Lake: This is a non-driving day at Song-Kul Lake. Time is available for walking along the shoreline, short hikes, and observation of semi-nomadic livestock herding. A 2-hour horseback riding activity is included and can be done at any time of the day, depending on guests' preference. Lunch in the yurt camp is included. Guests may also join the hosts in preparing lunch or dinner if they wish. The yurt camp owners can organize traditional horse games for an additional cost of 20,000 KGS (approximately 250 USD). If guests wish to watch these games, they must inform the hosts either on the first day at Song-Kul (Day 3) or during breakfast on this day, as preparation is required. Overnight remains in the same yurt camp, with lunch and dinner included. All plans follow the advance

briefing.



D5 / Song-Kul – Tashrabat: The drive from Song-Kul to the Tashrabat area is approximately 260 km and takes around 6–7 hours, passing through the Naryn region on mountain and valley roads. Fuel is available in Naryn town and must be refilled there. Overnight accommodation is in a yurt camp near Tashrabat, with dinner included. Mobile network coverage in the Tashrabat area is very limited or unavailable. Route details and timing are discussed in advance with the tour manager before leaving the last connection point.



D6 / Chatyr-Kul Panoramic Viewpoint or Free Exploration Day: This day offers flexible activities depending on guest preference. You may choose an optional hike or optional horse riding to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the

Chatyr-Kul area. Guests who prefer a relaxed day can stay near the yurt camp and explore the surrounding area on foot. Lunch is not included. For guests going to the panoramic viewpoint, lunch boxes can be prepared by the yurt camp upon request. Guests who stay near the yurt camp may have a regular lunch there at their own expense.

If you wish to ride a horse, you must inform the tour manager or the yurt camp owners one day in advance. No long-distance driving is planned for this day. Accommodation remains in the same yurt camp, with dinner included. Mobile network coverage is limited or unavailable.



D7 / Tashrabat – Kochkor: The drive to Kochkor is approximately 230 km and takes about 5–6 hours, passing through the Naryn region. Fuel is available in Naryn as well as in Kochkor. Accommodation is in a local guesthouse, with dinner included. After arrival and once mobile network coverage is restored, there is a call with the tour manager to confirm progress and review the upcoming route.



D8 / Kochkor – Cholpon-Ata: The distance from Kochkor to Cholpon-Ata is approximately 280 km, with a driving time of around 5–6 hours. The route does not pass through Boom Gorge; instead, it goes via the Orto-Tokoi reservoir area. Along this route, there is an option to visit local hot springs, depending on time and interest. Accommodation is in a hotel in Cholpon-Ata. Dinner is at a local café in the town and is not included. Fuel is available along the route and in Cholpon-Ata. Full mobile network coverage is available.



D9 / Cholpon-Ata – Karakol: The drive to Karakol is approximately 140 km and takes around 2.5–3 hours along the northern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. After arrival, it is possible to visit the Orthodox Holy Trinity Church and the Dungan Mosque. Accommodation is in a guesthouse. Dinner is at a local restaurant and is not included. Fuel stations and full

mobile network coverage are available. There is also an opportunity to speak with the tour manager to review the next stages of the trip.



D10 / Karakol – Bokonbaevo The distance from Karakol to Bokonbaevo is approximately 180 km, with a driving time of about 4–5 hours. Stops are made at Jeti-Oguz Gorge and Skazka Canyon. Fuel stations are available along the route and in Bokonbaevo. After arrival, there is an eagle hunting demonstration. Accommodation is in a yurt camp, with dinner included. Mobile network coverage is available.



D11 / Bokonbaevo – Chong-Kemin: The drive from Bokonbaevo to Chong-Kemin covers approximately 280 km and takes about 4–5 hours. The route follows the

southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake and continues through the Chuy Valley. Accommodation is in a guesthouse, with dinner included. Fuel is available along the route. In the evening, there is a discussion with the tour manager regarding vehicle return procedures and the final driving day.



D12 / Chong-Kemin - Bishkek via Burana Tower: The drive to Bishkek via Burana Tower is approximately 160 km and takes about 3–4 hours. The route includes a visit to the Burana Tower museum and archaeological site. Upon arrival in Bishkek, the rental vehicle is returned according to the agreed procedure. Accommodation is in a hotel***. Fuel and full mobile network coverage are available.



D13 / Departure: Transfer from the hotel to Manas International Airport for return flights.

Price per person :

2 pax	725€/per
3 pax	650€/per
4 pax	610€/per
5 pax	580€/per
6 pax	520€/per

Price includes:

- Assistance of and support during the trip be tour manager
- Welcome dinner
- Dinners (Kyzyl oi, Song-Kul, Tashrabat, Bokonbaevo, Kochkor),
- Horseback riding at Son Kul lake.
- Pick up and drop off at the airport Manas in Bishkek,
- Accommodation (B&B),
- Eagle demonstration,

Price excludes:

- Travel insurance.
- Extra price for single room.
- International air tickets.
- Horseback riding at Tash Rabat.
- Entrance fees.
- Other services not mentioned in the program.

Notes:

- **The Fleet:** You will travel through Kyrgyzstan in a **4x4 car**, specifically equipped to handle mountain tracks, unpaved trails, and paved highways.
- **Features:** All vehicles are equipped with **automatic transmission** and **USB ports** to charge your electronic devices.
- **Self-Drive Concept:** This is a self-guided experience. We provide you with the 4x4 rental and a detailed itinerary brochure;

there is no accompanying guide or driver. You are responsible for navigating the daily routes as outlined.

- **Drive Time:** Expect to drive **4–6 hours per day**, though mountain weather and road conditions may extend these times.

Visa and Documents

- **Visa-Free Entry:** Citizens of the EU, Canada, Japan, Singapore, and several other nations can enter Kyrgyzstan visa-free for up to 60 days.
- **Passport:** Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from your date of entry.
- **E-Visa:** If your nationality is not visa-exempt, apply via evisa.e-gov.kg.

Accommodation and Meals

- **Stays:** Accommodations range from standard hotels in Bishkek to traditional guesthouses and yurt camps in remote areas. In mountain regions, facilities (toilets/showers) are often shared.
- **Food:** Traditional Kyrgyz meals consist primarily of meat, rice, noodles, and vegetables. All meat served is Halal.
- **Dietary Needs:** Vegetarian options are available upon request. However, due to the remote nature of the mountains, travelers with strict dietary requirements or gluten-free needs are advised to bring supplemental food from Bishkek.
- **Water:** Drinking water is not included in the package. You can purchase bottled water at shops found along the route most days, or use a filter bottle.

Health and Safety

- **Altitude:** Parts of this route exceed 3,000 meters. If you are sensitive to altitude, consult a doctor before the trip.
- **Medical:** You must bring your own personal medications. While a basic first-aid kit is provided with the vehicle, you are responsible for your own medical well-being.

Packing and Gear

- **Clothing:** Weather varies significantly by altitude. Use a layering system (base layers and warm mid-layers). A warm hat and trekking shoes/sturdy sneakers are necessary.
- **Accessories:** Bring a headlamp, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
- **Luggage:** Use a small daypack (20–30L) for items needed while driving. While the vehicle has storage, avoid bringing excessively bulky hard-shell suitcases to ensure a comfortable fit in the 4x4.

Booking and Payment

- **Deposit:** A **€300 deposit** is required to confirm your vehicle and itinerary booking.
- **Final Payment:** The remaining balance is due upon arrival in Bishkek. This can be paid in cash, by credit card, or via bank transfer (note: bank fees are not included in the price).
- **Cancellation:** Deposits are non-refundable but may be applied toward a future travel date.

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