



Heights of Central Asia

9 days / Activities: Road trip, trekking, and horseback riding

Tour Highlights: Bishkek, Issyk-Kul Lake, mountain landscapes, and rivers.

Map



Programme>

D1/ Bishkek to Chon-Kemin: Upon arrival at Manas International Airport, your driver and guide will welcome you and transfer you to a guesthouse, where you can rest, take a shower, and have breakfast. Afterwards, depart towards Chon-Kemin National Park. Along the way, stop to visit Burana Tower, a historical monument dating back to the 11th century. Lunch will be served at a restaurant in Tokmok. Continue towards Chon-Kemin Valley, where you will settle into a local homestay. In the afternoon, take a walk around Karool-Dobo village and discover the local way of life. Driving distance: 150 km. Dinner and overnight in a local homestay.



D2/ Chon-Kemin to Karakol: Early in the morning, depart towards Karakol, located at the eastern end of Issyk-Kul Lake. Along the way, stop at Konorchek Canyon for a short hike of approximately 2 hours. Afterwards, continue towards Issyk-Kul Lake, one of the most famous natural attractions in Kyrgyzstan. Lunch will be served at a restaurant in Balykchy. In the afternoon, visit the

ancient petroglyphs of Cholpon-Ata and the hot springs in Oruktu. Arrive in Karakol in the evening and settle into your guesthouse. Driving distance: 300 km. Dinner and overnight in a guesthouse.



D3/ Jeti-Oguz Valley and Kok-Jaiyk : After breakfast, depart towards the famous Jeti-Oguz Valley, known for its red rock formations. The name Jeti-Oguz means "Seven Bulls" in Kyrgyz. Take a short walk to a viewpoint overlooking the red rocks and surrounding mountains. Afterwards, continue by vehicle towards Kok-Jaiyk Valley, where you will begin a horseback riding trip towards a waterfall. After enjoying the scenery, ride back to the starting point and have a picnic lunch along the way. Return to Karakol in the afternoon and visit the city center, Dungan Mosque, Orthodox Church, and local market. Horseback riding: 2 hours. Driving distance: 60 km. Dinner and overnight at the same guesthouse.



D4/ Day 4. Horseback Riding in Chon-Kyzyl-Suu Valley : Early in the morning, depart towards Chon-Kyzyl-Suu Valley. Upon arrival, begin your horseback riding trip through the mountains, passing alpine pastures, forests, and mountain landscapes. Follow a circular route through the valley before continuing towards the natural hot springs. After the horseback riding trip, return to your vehicle and drive towards Bokonbaevo village, located on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. Upon arrival, settle into a traditional yurt camp. Horseback riding: 6–7 hours. Driving time: approximately 3 hours. Driving distance: 150 km. Dinner and overnight in a yurt camp.



D5/ Horseback Riding in Boz Salkyn Valley: After breakfast, take a short drive to the starting point of today's horseback riding trip in Boz Salkyn Valley. Ride through the mountains towards a panoramic viewpoint overlooking Issyk-Kul Lake and the surrounding mountain ranges. Enjoy a picnic lunch while admiring the views before continuing your ride back towards the yurt camp. In the afternoon, you will have free time to relax and enjoy the beach. In the evening, meet a traditional Kyrgyz eagle hunter, who will introduce you to his golden eagle and explain the traditions of eagle hunting. Horseback riding: 3 hours. Driving distance: 40 km. Dinner and overnight at the same yurt camp.



D6/ Bokonbaevo to Kyzyl-Oi: Early in the morning, depart towards Kyzyl-Oi, a small village located in the Tian Shan Mountains. Along the way, visit a traditional yurt-making workshop and learn how Kyrgyz yurts are made. Continue to Kochkor, where you will visit a local handicraft center. Lunch will be served at the home of a Dungan family, whose community originally migrated

from China during the 19th century. Afterwards, continue towards Kyzyl-Oi through Jungal Valley. Along the way, you will see traditional Kyrgyz cemeteries with their distinctive architecture. Arrive in Kyzyl-Oi in the late afternoon or evening. Driving distance: 310 km. Dinner and overnight in a local homestay.



D7/ Hiking and Horseback Riding in Kyzyl-Oi: Today, you will explore Kyzyl-Oi village and its surrounding mountains. In the morning, take a walk towards the nearby hills and enjoy panoramic views of the valley. Return to the guesthouse for lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a horseback riding trip through the surrounding countryside. Kyzyl-Oi is a small village of approximately 5,000 inhabitants, surrounded by mountains and located near the river system that flows towards the Aral Sea. After your activities, return to the guesthouse for some free time. Hiking: 2–3 hours. Horseback riding: 2 hours. Dinner and overnight at the same guesthouse.



D8/ Kyzyl-Oi to Bishkek: Early in the morning, depart towards Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. The journey takes approximately 4 hours. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before exploring the city. Visit Osh Bazaar, one of the largest and most famous markets in Bishkek, where you can discover local products, spices, dried fruits, and traditional goods. Continue your city tour with visits to the central parks and main squares. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a traditional restaurant. Driving distance: 190 km. Overnight in a guesthouse in Bishkek.



D9/ Departure: Transfer to Manas International Airport for your flight. End of services.

Price per person:

2 pax	2030€/per
3 pax	1540€/per
4 pax	1300€/per
5 pax	1150€/per
6 pax	1050€/per

Prix comprend :

- ✓ Airport transfers from/to Manas International Airport
- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Accommodation according to the program
- ✓ Museum entrance fees
- ✓ Cultural visits
- ✓ Hot spring visit
- ✓ Horse rental

Prix ne comprend pas :

- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Single-room supplement
- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Mineral water and alcoholic drinks
- ✗ Final dinner, nightclub, bar, karaoke, or spa expenses
- ✗ Services not mentioned in the program

Notes:

➤ Visa-Free Entry:

Citizens of the EU, Canada, Japan, Singapore, and some other countries can enter without a visa (up to 60 days). **Passport Validity:** Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from your entry date.

Other Nationalities: Please check <https://evisa.e-gov.kg> for your country.

➤ Tour Difficulty and Requirements

Tour Type: Road trip through mountain roads and remote regions of Kyrgyzstan. Driving hours: Usually 4 hours per day, sometimes longer depending on the route.

➤ Medical Information

Medication: Bring any personal medicine you need.

Accommodation

Where You'll Stay: Guesthouses and yurts with shared facilities.

Accommodation conditions vary depending on the region.

➤ Meals and Diets

Food: We serve traditional Kyrgyz meals — meat, rice, noodles, and vegetables. All meals are Halal.

Breakfast: Full breakfast in guest houses or yurt camps.

Lunch: In a café, or sometimes a picnic (Salad, sandwich, bread, dried fruits, and vegetables)

Dinner: In a café, guesthouse, or yurt camp.
Diet Options: Vegetarian meals are available, but in the mountains it's better to bring your own special food if you have strict dietary needs. Gluten-free food is available in big cities.

Water is not included.

➤ Weather and Packing Tips

Weather: Temperatures change depending on location and altitude. Check the route weather using Google Weather before your trip.

➤ Clothing:

- Dress in layers: base layer, warm layer
- A warm hat is recommended in some areas.
- Extra socks and underwear.
- Comfortable sneakers or trekking shoes.
- Also bring: a headlamp, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

➤ Gear

KAGAN Provides: Picnic dishes and kitchen equipment.

You should bring: A filter bottle *or* buy water in shops — there will be shops almost every day for water and snacks.

➤ Luggage

A small backpack (20–30 liters) for personal items you may need during the day.

➤ Booking and Payment

Deposit: A €300 deposit is needed to confirm your booking.

Final Payment: Pay the rest in cash when you arrive in Bishkek. Bank transfer is also possible (bank fees not included). You can pay by credit card.

Cancellation: The deposit is non-refundable but can be used for a future trip.

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