The Lakes, the Mountains, and the Kyrgyz People

14-Day Family Adventure/ Activities: 4x4 Road Trip, Hiking, Horseback Riding

Highlights: Bishkek – Issyk-Kul Lake – Tash Rabat – Son-Kul Lake – meeting the locals

Map



Program>

D1* / *Arrival in Bishkek: *Arrival in Bishkek. Meet your guide at the airport. Transfer to the center of the Kyrgyz capital. Rest at a guesthouse. Later, drive to Chon Kemin village (150 km). Arrive in the afternoon, followed by a 2-hour walk and village exploration. Dinner and overnight stay with a local family.*



D2* / *Transfer to Karakol: *After breakfast, depart from the guesthouse. Enjoy a walk in Konorchek Canyon, known for its red ochre landscape. Lunch at a restaurant in Cholpon Ata or earlier. Continue to Karakol, located at the eastern end of Lake Issyk-Kul. Upon arrival, take a stroll to explore the city. Dinner and overnight stay in a guesthouse. (180 km)*



D3 / Jeti-Oguz Valley : *Day hike starting from Irdik Valley, a green meadow at the foot of the Terskey Ala-Too mountains. Walk through pastures and forests to reach the famous Jeti-Oguz Valley with its iconic red rock formations. Picnic along the way. Meet the driver near the Jeti-Oguz sanatorium. Short transfer to a yurt camp. Dinner and overnight stay in a yurt.*



D4 / Transfer to the Southern Shore of Issyk-Kul : *Morning hike crossing a 2800m pass to descend into the Sutuu Bulak Valley. Enjoy a picnic and meet the driver. Continue by road to a yurt camp in Bokonbaevo. Arrive in the evening. Dinner and overnight stay in a yurt. (100 km)*



D5 / Day at the Beach : *In the morning, meet a traditional eagle hunter who will share the secrets of falconry and the significance of birds of prey in nomadic life. Take a walk in the arid landscapes. Picnic near the beach, with time to relax by the lakeshore. Return to the same yurt camp as the previous night. Dinner and overnight stay in a yurt.*





D6 / Transfer to Tash-Rabat: *Visit a yurt craftsman in the morning and learn about the structure of a traditional yurt. Drive to Kochkor for lunch with a friendly Dungan family. After lunch, cross the Dolon Pass (3030m) to reach the yurt camp near Tash-Rabat, a 14th-century stone caravanserai. Dinner and overnight stay in a yurt at 3200m. (320 km)*



D7 / Horseback Riding : *Start the day with a horseback ride to explore the yak pastures, reaching a mountain pass at 4000m. Enjoy panoramic views of Chatyr-Kul Lake. Picnic on the way and return to the yurt camp. Meet herds of yaks along the route. Dinner and overnight stay in a yurt.*



D8 / Transfer to Son-Kul Lake: *Morning departure for Son-Kul Lake, a paradise for nomads. Cross Naryn city and the Moldo Ashu Pass before reaching the lake at 3016m. Dinner and overnight stay in a yurt.*



D9 / Free Day at Son-Kul Lake : *Spend the day exploring nomadic life. Walk aimlessly from yurt to yurt, searching for petroglyphs. Picnic in the mountains. Optional horse riding is available. Enjoy a demonstration of equestrian games in the evening. Return to the yurt camp for dinner and overnight stay.*



D10 / Transfer to Kyzyl-Oi: *Early departure via the Kara-Keche Pass (3325m), offering panoramic views of a coal mine. Descend through the Kara-Keche Canyon to the Jumgal Valley. Shop for picnic supplies at Chaek village market. Have lunch by the Kokomeren River before continuing to Kyzyl-Oi village. Dinner and overnight stay with a local family.*



***D11* / Day in Kyzyl-Oi:** *Morning hike in the hills surrounding the village. Summer temperatures can be warm in this area. Lunch at the guesthouse. Spend the afternoon by the Kokomeren River. Return to the guesthouse for dinner and overnight stay.*

***D12* / Transfer to Toktogul :** *An adventurous off-road journey over the Kirk Kiz Pass (3000m). The route crosses rivers, slopes, and pastures, encountering nomads and their livestock in the heart of the Tien Shan. Picnic en route. Arrive in Toktogul, a charming town near a reservoir, by evening. Enjoy a demonstration of Kyrgyz traditional music. Dinner and overnight stay in a guesthouse.*



***D13* / Ak-Kol Lake :** *Early transfer (40 km) to begin a hike to Ak-Kol Lake at 2800m. Picnic by the alpine lake. Return to the vehicle and spend the rest of the day relaxing on the beach. Dinner and overnight stay in the same guesthouse.*



***D14* / Transfer to Bishkek :** *Drive back to Bishkek (200 km). Arrive in time for lunch at a restaurant. Check into a guesthouse. Spend the afternoon shopping or preparing for departure. Dinner at a restaurant and overnight stay in a guesthouse.*



***D15* / Departure :** *Transfer to the international airport for your return flight.*

Price per person :	
2 pax	2975€/per
3 pax	2260€/per

4 pax	1900€/per
5 pax	1680€/per
6 pax	1540€/per

Price includes:

- English-speaking guide,
- Transport, A/C
- Accommodation,
- Full board (all meals),
- Entry fees to the mentioned museums,
- Horse rental for hikes included in the program.

Price excludes:

- Travel insurance,
- International flight tickets,
- Expenses not mentioned in the program,
- Alcoholic beverages and bottled water,
- The last dinner, disco, bar, karaoke, or SPA services.

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 or contact us.

➢ **Tour Difficulty and Requirements**

Tour Type**:** Road trip through mountain roads and remote regions of Kyrgyzstan. Driving hours: Usually 4–6 hours per day, sometimes longer depending on the route.

➢ **Safety**
Our guides carry a simple first-aid kit.

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➢ **Medical Information**

High Altitude: If you're sensitive to altitude, please talk to your doctor before the tour.

Medication: Bring any personal medicine you need.

Accommodation

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

Hotels in larger cities.

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.

There will be porter horses for luggage. Avoid heavy and bulky items.

➢ 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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