

Festival Tour: Festival of Kyrgyz National customs and traditions (cuisine, games, crafts, folklore music, etc)

Places to visit: Bishkek – Chon Kemin - Issyk-Kul - Karakol – Djety-Oguz - Bishkek

Duration: 7 days

Tour summary:

Day 1 (02.08.2013): Airport – Bishkek

Arrival to Bishkek, transfer to the hotel. Sightseeing tour: Oak Park, Ala -Too Square, Philharmonic hall, Statue of Manas, Victory Square. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 2 (03.08.2013): Bishkek – Chon Kemin (Festival)

In the morning transfer to Chon Kemin where you can see the Kyrgyz national games, craft, taste national dishes, listen to the Kyrgyz music and get acquainted with Kyrgyz customs and traditions. Dinner and overnight in a guest house.

Day 3 (04.08.2013): Chon Kemin valley – Issyk-Kul

After breakfast start driving to Issyk Kul. On the way visit to Konorchak canyons. They were formed about one and a half to two million years ago and since that time erosion by wind and water has turned a plain plateau into gigantic stone pillars, some of which are 400- 500 meters high. Transfer to Issyk-Kul Lake. Accommodation in the hotel on the North Shore of Issyk-Kul Lake.

Day 4 (05.08.2013): Issyk-Kul - Karakol

In the morning there will be boat trip at the Issyk-Kul Lake. Lunch. Drive to Karakol (140 km). En route in Cholpon-Ata visit open-air art gallery of stone, said to date from 500 BC – 100 AD, they depict wolves, long-horned ibex, goats, horses, snow leopards, sacrifices and some hunting scenes. Arriving to Karakol. Overnight in Karakol.

Day 5 (06.08.2013): Karakol – Jety-Oguz gorge

In the morning city tour in Karakol. Visit the wooden Russian-orthodox church, Dungan Mosque and Prezhevalsky-Museum. Drive to Jety-Oguz gorge, which is a lush valley with some striking red sandstone rock formations (the “seven Bulls” from which the valley takes its name). Picnic. Dinner and overnight in yurta (Kyrgyz dwelling).

Day 6 (07.08.2013): Jety-Oguz gorge – Bishkek

Transfer to Bishkek (380 km). En route visit Burana tower, which marks the original site of the Karakhanid town, Balasagun. Continue driving to Bishkek. Farewell dinner. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 7 (08.08.2013): Bishkek – Airport

Transfer to airport.

Accommodation:

City	Budget Option
Bishkek	Guest House 3*
Chon Kemin	Home stay (B&B), family run accommodation
Issyk-Kul	Guest House 3*
Karakol	Guest house 3*
Jety-Oguz	Yurt camp (4-5 people in 1 yurt)

The price 2013:

Pax	Budget option. Tour price per person, USD
4-12	897
Single supplement	220

Standard tour price includes:

1. Twin room accommodation;
2. Meals – only breakfast and farewell dinner on Day 6.
3. Transportation throughout the whole trip.
4. English speaking guide;
5. Sightseeing tour program in all cities according to the program, including entrance fees to sights, museums. Camera/video fees are not included and paid separately;
6. Mineral water;
7. Festival fees in Chon-Kemin.

Tour price does not include:

1. Hotel charges for additional services
2. Alcohol and soft drinks;
3. International airfares;
4. Consular fees paid upon collection of the entrance visa to Kyrgyzstan;
5. Visa support;
6. Personal insurance and items not mentioned above;
7. Full board.