

Tour in Kyrgyzstan

Places to visit: Bishkek – Cholpon-Ata - Karakol – Jety-Oguz – Kochkor – Son-Kul – Kyzyl-Oi - Bishkek

Season: Mid June – mid September

Duration: 8 days

Group size: minimum 4 pax – maximum 12 pax

Tour summary:

Day 1 (15.07.2013): Bishkek

Arrival in Bishkek. Transfer to the hotel (30 km). After some rest transfer to the Ala-Archa National Park (40 km). You will be in the alpine gorge through which the fast flowing Ala-Archa River runs. The gorge is flanked by tall, snow-covered, peaks with steep-sided, forested, mountain slopes. Picnic. Hiking in the gorge. Return back to the alpine camp. Transfer to Bishkek. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in the guest house

Meals: LD

Day 2 (16.07.2013): Bishkek – Karakol

Transfer from Bishkek to Karakol (400 km). On the way stop to see Burana tower, which is left from ancient city Balasagyn (XI - XIII). Next stop is an open air museum of petroglyphs in Cholpon-Ata. There will be an excursion in 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.

City tour in Karakol: visiting Prjevalsky museum, Wooden Orthodox Church, Dungan mosque in Chinese style. **Dinner in Uigur or Dungan family.** Kyrgyzstan is a multiethnic country and during this tour you will have a chance to get acquainted with different nations and cultures. Today you will have a dinner in Uigur or Dungan family. These nations came to Kyrgyzstan from China and live in Karakol since 1869. Overnight in the guest house.

Meals: BD

Day 3 (17.07.2013): Karakol – Jety Oguz – Kochkor

Transfer to Kochkor along the Southern Shore of Issyk-Kul lake. On the way visit to Jety-Oguz gorge. Your guide will tell you a legend about Jety-Oguz (seven bulls) and Broken Heart rock. Continue driving to Kochkor. One of the best views on the Issyk-Kul Lake is guaranteed. Picnic on the way. On arrival you will visit a felt carpet workshop in Kochkor. It's a place where you can see the process of making Kyrgyz national felt carpets. **There will be a Kyrgyz folkloric dinner show with Kyrgyz national music and songs.** Family run accommodation.

Meals: BD

Day 4 (18.07.2013): Kochkor – Son-Kul

Transfer to Son-Kul (120 km). Son-Kul is one of the highest lakes in Kyrgyzstan (2030 m above sea level). It's a place where you can experience a nomadic life. You will have a chance to ride a horse, see edelweiss flowers, camels, yaks, golden eagles, and to see how local women make Kyrgyz national drink – Kymyz (mare's milk). This is a remote mountain lake situated on a treeless, high mountain plateau (3016 m) where shepherds bring the livestock in the summertime, establish a camp where they will live – setting up their yurts. In this magnificent place you can see hundreds of herds and a lot of different yurts. Picnic on the way. Dinner Overnight in the yurt camp.

Meals: BD

Day 5 (19.07.2013): Son-Kul – Kyzyl –Oi

Transfer to Kyzyl -Oi over Kyzart Pass (450 km). On the way you will pass Chaek. After arrival free time.
Accommodation in Kyzyl - Oi or Suusamyr

Meals: BLD

Day 6 (20.07.2013): Kyzyl –Oi

In the morning after the breakfast you are welcome to one of the most popular events of the year – Kyrgyz national festival, where you will meet with the traditional Kyrgyz games , dishes and folklore shows.
Overnight in Kyzyl - Oi or Suusamyr.

Meals: BLD

Day 7 (21.07.2013): Kyzyl -Oi -Bishkek

Transfer to Bishkek through one of the highest passes in Kyrgyzstan – Too Ashuu , 3586 m.
Arrival to Bishkek. Accommodation in hotel. Free evening

Meals: BD

Day 8 (22.07.2013): Bishkek - airport

Transfer to airport

Accommodation:

City	Budget Option
Bishkek	Guest House (**+)
Issyk Kul	Guest House (B&B)
Karakol	Guest House (B&B)
Kochkor	Family run accommodation (B&B)
Son-Kul	Yurt camp (4-5 people in 1 yurt)
Kyzyl Oi or Suusamyr	Guest House (**+)

The price 2013:

Pax	Budget option. Tour price per person, USD
4-12	971
Single supplement	219

Tour price includes:

1. Twin room accommodation, including early check in on Day 1;
2. Meals – as stated in the program;
3. Transportation throughout the whole trip.
4. English speaking guide to accompany the group;
5. Entrance fees to sights, museums. Camera/video fees are not included and paid separately;;
6. Felt carpet making;

7. Folklore program in Kochkor;
8. Festival fees in Kyzyl -Oi
9. Mineral water.

Tour price does not include:

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