

Festival Tour: “Birds of Prey”

Places to visit: Bishkek – Ala Archa - Kochkor – Son-Kul – Naryn – Tash-Rabat – Bokonbaevo – Bishkek

Duration: 8 days

Tour summary:

Day 1 (12.08.2013): Airport – Bishkek - Ala Archa – Bishkek

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

Meals: -

Day 2 (13.08.2013): Bishkek– Son Kul

In the morning drive to Son-Kul Lake (360 km). Lunch in Kochkor village on the way. Arriving in Son Kul in the evening. 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. Dinner and overnight in yurts.

Meals: BD

Day 3 (14.08.2013): Son-Kul – Naryn

Transfer to Naryn (180 km). It is a long, thin town that straddles the fast flowing Naryn River and is set between high, steep cliffs. Naryn is located 200 km away from Chinese border and from ancient times travelers used to stop for a night in Naryn. Lunch and dinner in Naryn. Overnight in a guest house.

Meals: BD

Day 4 (15.08.2013): Naryn – Tash-Rabat

In the morning transfer to Tash-Rabat (115 km) towards the Chinese border. Tash Rabat, Caravan Saray 11th century, served as a fortress for travelers along the Great Silk Road. This is a carefully restored stone building. Overnight in yurts (Kyrgyz dwelling).

Meals: BD

Day 5 (16.08.2013): Tash-Rabat – Kochkor

You may have horse back riding in the morning. Transfer to Kochkor (265 km). Lunch in Naryn. On arrival in Kochkor you will be able to watch the process of felt carpets (ala kiyiz). Dinner and overnight in Kyrgyz family.

Meals: BD

Day 6 (17.08.2013): Kochkor – Bokonbaevo (Festival)

Drive along the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake to Bokonbaevo. Today you will visit a festival “Birds of Prey” where you can taste Kyrgyz National dishes, watch horse back riding games and falcon hunting show, enjoy the folklore music. Family run accommodation.

Meals: BD

Day 7 (18.08.2013): Bokonbaevo - Bishkek

In the morning transfer to Bishkek. On the way stop to see Burana tower, which is left from ancient city Balasagyn (XI - XIII). Farewell dinner. Accommodation in a guest house or hotel.

Meals: BD

Day 8 (19.08.2013): Bishkek – Airport

Transfer to the airport (30 km), departure.

Meals: B

Accommodation:

City	Budget Option
Bishkek	Guest House (**+)
Kochkor	B&B, Kyrgyz family
Naryn	B&B, Kyrgyz family
Tash-Rabat	Yurts, traditional dwelling (5-6 people in one yurt)
Son Kul	Yurts, traditional dwelling (5-6 people in one yurt)
Bokonbaevo	B&B, Kyrgyz family

The price 2013:

Pax	Budget option. Tour price per person, USD
4-12	834
Single supplement	120

Tour price includes:

1. Twin room accommodation;
2. Meals – as stated in the program;
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. Festival fee in Bokonbaevo;
7. Mineral water;

Tour price does not include:

1. Hotel charges for additional services;
2. Single supplement;
3. Consular fees paid upon collection of the entrance visa to Kyrgyzstan;
4. Alcohol and soft drinks;
5. Visa support;
6. International airfares;
7. Horse riding at Son Kul and Tash Rabat;
8. Personal insurance and items not mentioned above.