

The tour program with guarantee departure (29.07-04.08.2025) Salbuurun Festival



Kyrgyz people value and keep their traditions, the festivals are held to unite the nation and show their traditions and customs. During this tour you will see the exhibition of birds of prey (golden eagle, falcon), berkutchi (hunters) performance, demonstration of hunting skills of birds, archers' performance, exhibition of Kyrgyz greyhounds Taigan, master classes in crafts, national cuisine, performance Kyrgyz traditions, national games. You will be able to take part in the process.

Highlights of the tour:

- Enjoy the quiet charms and warm hospitality of Kyrgyzstan;
- Visit Issyk Kul, the lake known as “The Pearl of Kyrgyzstan”;
- Experience nomadic life sleeping in a yurt beside the alpine lake of Song Kul;
- Take part in celebration of Nomad’s Culture Festival, learn about Kyrgyz traditions, customs and cuisine;
- Watch ancient hunting with Golden Eagles on horses with Taygans;
- Do light hikes along the magnificent Tian-Shan Mountain ranges.



Itinerary

Day 1 (29.07.2025)

Bishkek – Chon-Kemin (180 km, 2-3 hours of driving + time for all stops on the way)

AM. Meeting in the hotel with the guide at 09:00.

Transfer to Chon-Kemin Nature Park. The Chon-Kemin River flows from the Kungey Ala-Too and Iliysky Ala-Too ranges to the Chu River. From its headwaters in the mountains to the edge of the Boom Gorge, the Chon-Kemin River flows a total of 116 km, through a forested gorge and seven lakes. Much of the area around the Chon-Kemin River is protected by the Chon-Kemin State Nature National Park, which protects a total of 5000 hectares. This park was created in 1997 to protect the unique species of flora and fauna in the area, including the Tolai hare, pheasant, and fir trees. The river basin is rich in habitat and biological diversity, and has been left practically untouched.

PM. The road will go along the Chui valley. On the way a visit to Burana Tower (XI c), that is a place on the Great Silk Road. After arrival lunch in the mountain's guesthouse. Walking about 2-3 hours round trip to the panorama view point. For extra cost possible to have the horse ride. Dinner and overnight in the guest house.

- Meal -/-/D
- Altitude during the day: 800 m Bishkek, 1700 m in Chon-Kemin

Day 2 (30.07.2025)

Chon Kemin – Karakol (300 km, around 4 hours+ time for all stops on the way)

AM. Breakfast. Transfer to Karakol along the north shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. In this day you will have an excursion to the Open-Air Museum of Petroglyphs.

PM. Later you will have a picturesque trip from Grigorevskoe gorge over small pass (2360 meters) to Semenovskoe gorge. Stop on the top of this small pass, you can make hiking around 1 to 2 hours with a distance from 3 to 6 km depending of people's wish.

Traditional dinner in the Uighur family (a small nation emigrated from china).

Accommodation at the hotel.

- Meal B/-/D
- Altitude during the day: 1800 m in Karakol

Day 3 (31.07.2025)

Karakol – Jergalan – Karakol (60 km, around 1.2 hours, in one way)

AM. Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Jergalan gorge 60 km. Trekking in Jergalan gorge about 4-5 hours. It will be nice view to the gorge from the top of the mount on Turnaly Kol.

Optionally, on the back way visit hot spring in Jergalan. Transfer back to Karakol. Dinner in a local restaurant. Accommodation at the hotel.

- Meal B/-/D
- Altitude in the beginning of day is 1700 m in Karakol, start point of trek 2300 m, highest point of trek 2850 m, end of the day 1700 m in Karakol.

Day 4 (01.08.2025)

Karakol – Yurt camp close to Tamga (90 km, around 2.5 hours + time for all stops on the way)

AM. Breakfast. A city tour with visiting Russian Orthodox Church and Muslim Mosque in Dungan Style. Transfer to Jety-Oguz valley gorge. Jety-Oguz in Kyrgyz means "Seven Bulls". This picturesque gorge is named so because of the red rocky sand formations covered with forests of Tien-Shan spruces. The walking about 30 minutes both ways to the best view of "Seven Bulls".

PM. On the way visit Barskoon gorge. One of the most beautiful gorges of Kyrgyzstan - Barskoon gorge is located on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake, 90 km from Karakol village. The slopes of the gorge are covered with thick vegetation and shrubs. There are three waterfalls in the gorge. "The Tears of the Snow Leopard" waterfall is the name of the most famous waterfall of the Barskoon Gorge. This unique place is a state natural monument. The height from which the water stream descends is about 100 meters. The walking takes about 30-40 minutes one way to the first point of great view.

Continue driving to the yurt camp. Swimming. Dinner and overnight at the yurt camp.

- Meal B/-/D
- Altitude during the day: 1600 m in the yurt camp on Issyk-Kul lake

Day 5 (02.08.2025) Salbuurun Festival!

Yurt camp close to Tamga – Festival – Kochkor (170 km, around 2.5 hours + time for all stops on the way)

AM. Breakfast. Early in the morning visiting Skazka canyon, that was named due to its bizarre rocky landscape, which for many years has been transformed by wind into fabulous sculptures and formations. Different rocks have amazing colors, the rocky statues not only have unusual shapes, but also magical colors.

Transfer to Festival. Performance of hunters with birds of prey, concert of folklore music, performance of arrow shooters, master classes of craftsmen.

PM. Traditional lunch where you can taste national cuisines.

Transfer to Kochkor. Accommodation and dinner in the hotel.

- Meal B/-/D
- Altitude during the day: 1700 m in Kochkor.

Day 6 (03.08.2025)

Kochkor – Son-Kul (150 km, around 3 hours+ time for all stops on the way)

AM. Breakfast. Transfer to Son-Kul lake. It is the highest lake in Kyrgyzstan, which located at the altitude of 3016 m above sea level. It is an unsalted lake with different kinds of fishes, surrounded by the Great Mountains. This place is popular among the local people for rich pastures and they come here with their families, cattle and stay in traditional Kyrgyz yurts.

PM. Nice walking around 8 km along the north shore of the lake. You will visit the local nomads, taste local drink called Kymyz made of mare's milk.

Dinner and overnight in a yurt camp.

- Meal B/-/D
- Altitude during the day: 3100 m on Son-Kul lake

Day 7 (04.08.2025)

Son-Kul - Bishkek (350 km, around 5-6 hours+ time for all stops on the way)

AM. Breakfast. Transfer to Bishkek. Arrival to Bishkek. End of the service.

- Meal B/-/-
- Altitude during the day: 800 m in Bishkek

Service is included:

1. Transport for transfers and excursions (good condition car with A/C) for Kyrgyzstan
 - 2 - 3 pax – English speaking driver, Jeep 4x4 (Toyota Prada, Sequoya, Pajero or similar);
 - 4-9 pax - Mercedes Sprinter (14 seats);
2. Double/twin room accommodation in hotel, guest houses;
3. Two people accommodate in one yurt;
4. Meal based on Half Board: breakfast 6, dinner 6
5. Mineral water during the tour (one litter a day per person);
6. Italian speaking tour guide for the group from 4-9 pax;
7. Entry fees to museums.

Service is not included:

1. Accommodation and food in Bishkek;
2. Airport transfer;
3. International and domestic flight tickets;
4. Alcohol and soft drinks;
5. Camera and video fee where applicable;
6. Trip cancellation, medical and accident insurance;
7. Single room supplement;
8. Tips for guides & drivers & porters at hotels;
9. Horse riding in Chon Kemin, Son-Kul.

Accommodation list hotel:

- 1 Chon Kemin: [Kok-Archa](#) guest house or similar
- 2 Karakol: [Amir Hotel 3*](#) or similar guest house
- 3 South shore of Issyk-Kul lake [Nomad Lodge Yurt camp](#) or similar
- 4 Son-Kul – [Nomad Lodge Yurt Camp](#) or similar

Price is in USD per person, valid in 2025 - 1250 USD per person
(minimum size of the group is 2 pax, maximum is 9 pax)

Service supplement:

- 1 Accommodation in Bishkek, per room per night:

Hotel 3*	Single room	Twin/Double room
Freedom Hotel, My hotel Hotel	65 USD	75 USD
Hotel 4*		
Plaza Hotel 4*, B-Hotel	75 USD	90 USD

- 2 Airport transfer:
 - 40 USD per car for 1-3 pax
 - 60 USD per car for 4-9 pax
- 3 Supplement for horse riding in Chon-Kemin, Son-Kul is 45 USD per person
- 4 Hot spring in Jergalan – 5 USD per person

General map of the tour:

