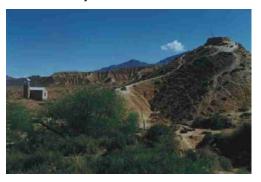


## **Horseshoe for Luck**

Horse Riding Tour Duration: 8 Days Season: May - October



When kept as a talisman, a horseshoe is said to bring good luck. Many believe that to hang it with the ends pointing upwards is good luck as it acts as a storage container of sorts for any good luck that happens to be floating by, whereas to hang it with the ends pointing down, is bad luck as all the good luck will fall out. Journey around the Issyk-Jul Lake, the highest mountain lake in the world after Titicaca and along the Terskey Ala Too range where the air itself is salubrious — it is an excellent opportunity to rejuvenate yourself, collect some unforgettable impressions and probably find your own Lucky Horseshoe.

## **Itinerary**

- **Day 1** Arrival in Almaty in the evening. Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel Otrar\*\*\*\*. Overnight in the hotel.
- Day 2 Breakfast. S/S including Green Market, Central State Museum, Panfilov Park and Zenkov Cathedral. Lunch. PM. Transfer to Bishkek (250 km). Crossing the Kazah—Kyrgyz border. Formalities on the border. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel Asia Mountains\*\*\* or similar.
- **Day 3** AM. Breakfast. Visiting Osh bazaar. Drive to Barskoon village (300 km). Visit Burana Tower on the way. Lunch. Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.
- Day 4 Breakfast. Transfer to the trek start point Taldy Bulak horse stable. Meeting guides and getting acquainted with the horses. Short briefing (lecture) during one hour about riding experience on the flat area. Start horse riding From the stable you will cross the road and begin to climb up to a small canyon. After one hour riding will be stop for lunch. Continue horse riding about 2-3 hours. After the canyon you will ride to the place in mountains with fantastic views of the lake Issyk Kul. Distance: 13-15km.Time of riding: 3-4 hours.
- Day 5 After breakfast your riding will go down to the village in the upper street and finish the ride in Barskoon house. Lunch. As arriving to the house, short visiting to Issyk-kul beach by car. Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse in Barskoon.

  Distance: 16-18 km. Time of riding: 4-5 hours.
- Day 6 Breakfast. Transfer to Jety-Oguz gorge (80 km). Shepherds tell a lot of legends about the beautiful, famous, red rocks known as "Seven Bulls" and "Broken Heart". Continue trip to Karakol (40 km). Lunch. Excursion to the museum of Nikolai Prjevalskiy the one of first Russian explorer of Central Asia and Tibet. Visiting the Russian Wooden Orthodox Church and Muslim Mosque in Dungan style. Traditional dinner with Uigur family. Accommodation in the hotel "Amir" or "Green Yard".
- Day 7 Breakfast. Transfer by Russian military truck (1,5 hour) to hot springs in Altyn-Arashan. Half a day walking in mountains or swim in the hot spring. Picnic for lunch. Transfer back to Karakol in the afternoon. Dinner. Optionally Kyrgyz folklore program during the dinner. Accommodation in the hotel "Amir" or "Green Yard".
- **Day 8** Early breakfast. Transfer to Almaty through the Kegen pass (380 km). Crossing Kyrgyz-Kazakh border Kegen. Border formalities. Picnic for lunch on the Kegen river. Accommodation in the hotel Otrar\*\*\*\*. Visiting Central market store ZUM before dinner (if the group arrives in Almaty not so late). Dinner at the hotel. Transfer to the airport.
- <u>Level of difficulty:</u> This tour is recommended for people with an average level of fitness and experience in horse riding, because sometimes they must ride for 5-6 hours per day.
- <u>Conditions:</u> If you have some specific sicknesses you need to bring own first aid kit with necessary medicaments.

Tour combination: This tour can be combined with the following tours in Kyrgyzstan offered by NoviNomad.



## Map of tour

