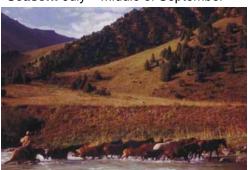


## A Taste of Wilderness and Freedom

Horse Riding Tour Duration: 15 Days

**Season:** July – Middle of September



The Kyrgyz Republic is a country, which was populated by different Kyrgyz tribes – nomads from ancient times. The caravans came through the chain of the Tien-Shan mountain gorges, where people created new family relationships, and exchanged cultures and traditions. Now you have an opportunity to go along one of the ancient roads, to enjoy the wild nature of the mountains, to feel the warmth and hospitality of local people. But the main thing is you can feel that you are a real nomad.

## **Itinerary**

- **Day 1** Arrival in Bishkek. Transfer to a hotel and rest. City tour in the afternoon. Overnight stay in the hotel.
- **Day 2** Flight to Osh on a domestic airline. City Tour of Osh including the four-peaked Sacred Suleiman Mountain in the center of the city, on the southern slope of which there is an ancient Iron Age settlement with stone inscriptions and markingsand caves containing a History Museum and a visit to Osh Bazaar one of the largest in Central Asia. Stay overnight stay in a guesthouse.
- Day 3 Transfer from Osh to the village of Ak-Terek (110 km distance, 1900 m about level of sea). Visit the town of Uzgen on the way. Rest and get organized for your trek. Accommodation will be in private houses.
- **Day 4** Transfer to the Kara-Shoroo National Park. (35 km). Horseback riding begins from the National Park and takes you up onto the Aga-Tan jailoo (Jailoo mountain summer pasture) Riding. time is 3-4 hours. Visit the Kara-Shoroo mineral spring on the way. Overnight stay in tents (2650 m).
- Day 5 Horseback riding northwards through the Naryn region (6-7 hours). From the Aga-Tan jailoo the road goes over the small Shilbiluu Pass (3800 m). Overnight stay in tents on the Echki-Tal jailoo (3100 m).
- **Day 6** Horseback riding from Echki-Tal to the Kuljauyk jailoo (5-6 hours). Rocks that give you a feeling as if you are a real highlander are everywhere around you. Overnight stay in tents (2600 m).
- **Day 7-8** Horseback riding from Kuljauyk along the River Arpa (55 km.). The road goes close to high mountains with glaciers. You can see ibex and Marco Polo sheep on the way. Overnight stay in tents (2600 m).
- **Day 9** A half-day's horseback ride to the village of Ak-Beit (3-4 hours). Transfer to Naryn (135 km) and visit an historic resting place on the Great Silk Road the Tash-Rabat Caravan-Sarai (12th C) on the way. Stay in family run accommodation.
- **Day 10** Transfer to the village of Kochkor (130 km). Visit a felt carpet workshop on the way, where you can not only buy souvenirs but also, produce them yourself. There will be a folklore program in the evening. Stay in family-run accommodation.
- **Day 11** Transfer to Cholpon-Ata (250 km) along the northern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake the second biggest mountain lake in the world. Overnight in a hotel.
- **Day 12** Free day in a resort on the shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. You can relax on the beach under the tender Kyrgyz sun or walk along the shore of Issyk-Kul Lake and enjoy the fresh, sea air. Overnight in the hotel.
- **Day 13** Transfer to Bishkek. On the way to Bishkek you visit the Burana Tower (11th century) the remains of Karakhanid's empire in Central Asia. Overnight stay in the hotel.
- **Day 14** Free day in Bishkek. You may choose what you want to do: visit galleries, museums or other points of interest or simply do whatever you wish. Overnight stay in the hotel.
- **Day 15** Transfer to the airport. Fly home.



## Map of tour



Level of difficulty: This tour is recommended for people with an average level of fitness and experi-

ence 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 other tours in Kyrgyzstan offered by

NoviNomad.