

On Horseback to the Country of Legends Horse Riding Tour Duration: 8 Days Season: July - September



Over the thousand years the horses helps shepherds to move they houses (Yurts) over the passes to the alpine pastures. From the valley of the Chon-Kemin River, stretching for more than 110 kms from west to east, they move over the high beautiful mountain roads of Ala-Too range to the valley of Issyk-Kul Lake the pearl of Kyrgyzstan. The many different kinds of animals and flora, fantastic beauty of mountains covered by a dark, fir forest combined with the silvery spots of glaciers and Alpine meadows can be found on the slopes of Ala-Too Range.

Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrival in Almaty in the evening. Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight in the hotel .
- **Day 2** AM. Breakfast at the hotel. Half day S/S including Green Market, Central State Museum, Panfilov Park and Zenkov Cathedral. Lunch at Almaty restaurant. PM. Transfer to Bishkek (250 km). Accommodation in the hotel. Dinner with local Uigur family. The local family will explain about the real life in Kyrgyzstan. Overnight in the hotel .
- **Day 3** Drive to Chon-Kemin (140 km). Visit Burana Tower on the way. Picnic for lunch. Dinner and overnight in the mountain guesthouse.
- **Day 4** Full day horse riding about 5-6 hours over the pass Kalmak-Ashuu (3540 m above seal level). Box meal for lunch. Dinner and overnight stay in the tent camp .
- **Day 5** AM. Horse Ride to the bottom of the mountain (about 3 hours). Transfer to Balykchy (30 min). Lunch in the local restaurant. PM. Transfer to Cholpon-Ata (80 km). Accommodation and dinner in the hotel .
- **Day 6** AM. Visit Petroglyph's museum. Optionally short cruising at Issyk-Kul by boat (1 hour). Lunch. PM. Free time. You can relax on the beach. Dinner. Overnight is the hotel.
- **Day 7** AM. Transfer to Bishkek (270 km). Lunch in the restaurant on the way. PM. Accommodation in the hotel. Half day sightseeing including State Historical Museum, Dubovy Park and Osh Bazaar. Dinner at local restaurant. Optionally folklore program during the dinner. Overnight in hotel.
- **Day 8** Drive to Almaty (250 km). Visit Medeu Valley and lunch in Kazakh-Auly Village. Dinner at local restaurant in Almaty. Transfer to airport after the dinner. Fly home.

Level of difficulty:	This tour is recommended for people with hiking experience. You should have knowl- edge of trekking by stones in some places. Hiking time is approximately 5-7 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.



Map of tour Almaty Kazakhstan Cholpon-Ata Chon-Kemin Bishkek Talas Issyk-Kul lake Karakol Song-Kul lake Naryn Djalal-Abad Uzbekistan Chatyr-Kul lake Osh China Batken Transfore Tadjikistan Horse riding