



PRIVATE TOUR · 3 DAYS

Son-Kol Lake 3 days horseback tour

Round trip from Bishkek · Kyrgyzstan

Duration
3 days, 2 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Bishkek

Best time to visit
May-Oct

Private tour from
\$292 per person

Group size
Max 4 travellers

Tour type
Horseback riding, Nature

Difficulty
Moderate

Prices and dates valid for 2026 departures. Issued 12 October 2026.

Tour highlights

This 3-day horseback tour from [Bishkek](#) leads from the village of [Kyzart](#) over the mountains to [Song-Kol Lake](#), one of Kyrgyzstan's most beautiful high-altitude lakes. Ride through the scenic Kilemche Valley, across rolling hills and open pastures, and experience the traditions of [nomadic life](#) firsthand – no previous horse-riding experience is necessary.

After a short riding introduction in Kyzart, follow the Chaar-Archa River to a herder family's yurt camp in Kilemche (2,700 m). On the second day, climb to the Jalgyz-Karagai Pass (3,300 m) for your first view of the lake, then ride along the shore past nomad yurts and grazing herds to the Tuz-Ashuu pasture, where you spend the night in a [traditional yurt](#) by the lake (3,100 m). The last ride takes you over the Tuz-Ashuu Pass with a final panorama of Song-Kol back to Kyzart, followed by the drive to Bishkek.

Difficulty: Moderate. Three riding days of 21 km (4–5 hours), 23 km (5–6 hours) and 20 km (4–5 hours) over two passes of about 3,300 m; no previous riding experience needed. Nights in yurts at 2,700 m and 3,100 m with cold evenings, and a drive of about 271 km each way between Bishkek and Kyzart.



Horse riding in Kyrgyzstan



horseback riding tour

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Kilemche	Yurt camp in Kilemche
Night 2	Song Kul	Yurt camp at Song Kol

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

From Bishkek to Kyzart and horse riding to Kilemche

You will be picked up from your hotel in Bishkek and driven to Kyzart Village. On arrival, your guide gives you a short introduction to horse riding before you set off on an easy ride along the scenic Chaar-Archa River. The trail leads through open valleys and calm mountain scenery toward Kilemche – comfortable riding that is ideal for building confidence and getting to know your horse.

After several hours in the saddle, you pause by the river for a picnic lunch, giving both you and the horses time to rest. In the afternoon, the ride continues to a yurt camp hosted by a local herder family.

Once settled, explore the nearby hills, breathe in the crisp mountain air and watch the traditional way of life of Kyrgyz nomads. The first riding day ends with a hearty dinner in the yurt.

The ride is about 21 km (4–5 hours) and no previous horse-riding experience is necessary. Large luggage is stored at the guesthouse in Kyzart, so bring only a small backpack with essentials and clothing for the next three days.

Overnight	Kilemche · Yurt camp in Kilemche
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Bishkek – Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours (271 km) Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours – Kilemche (on horseback, 21 km)

DAY

2

Horse riding to Song-Kol Lake

Today's ride is more challenging than the first day. After breakfast, you begin the ascent to the Jalgyz-Karagai Pass (3,300 m). The climb can be demanding in sections, but the effort is rewarded with stunning panoramic views of the surrounding mountain ranges. From the pass, you enjoy your first breathtaking view of the shimmering Song-Kol Lake spread out below.

After a short rest at the pass, you descend toward the lake and arrive at a yurt camp for a well-earned lunch. In the afternoon, the ride continues westward along the lakeshore, past nomad yurts, grazing livestock and the vast open pastures of the high-altitude steppe.

Your overnight stop is the Tuz-Ashuu pasture, beautifully located beside the lake. On arrival, the horses are released for the night, and you settle into the yurt and enjoy dinner in the calm and serene setting of Song-Kol.

The ride is about 23 km (5–6 hours). A shower at the yurt camp is available on request. Daytime temperatures at Song-Kol can be pleasant, but evenings are often cold, so warm clothing is essential.

Overnight	Song Kul · Yurt camp at Song Kul
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Kilemche – Song Kul (on horseback, 23 km)

DAY

3

Horse riding back to Kyzart and return to Bishkek

Today you begin your return journey to Kyzart Village over the scenic Tuz-Ashuu Pass. After saying goodbye to your hospitable nomad family, you set off on horseback and gradually climb to the pass at 3,300 m. From the top, enjoy your final panoramic views of Song-Kol Lake, surrounded by wide pastures and dramatic mountain scenery.

You then descend along a picturesque trail back to Kyzart Village. On arrival, you have a well-earned lunch and time to rest and freshen up after the ride, before the afternoon drive back to Bishkek.

The ride is about 20 km (4–5 hours), followed by the transfer of about 271 km from Kyzart to Bishkek by car.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Travel	Song Kul – Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours (on horseback, 20 km) Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours – Bishkek (271 km)

What's included

Included

- Professional horse-riding guide (local horseman with basic English)
- Horse rental for 3 days
- Transfers to and from Kyzart (private transfers from Bishkek are available for an additional fee)
- Accommodation in traditional yurts (2 nights, shared yurt; a private yurt can be requested in advance)
- All meals during the trek: lunch and dinner on day 1, full board on day 2, breakfast and lunch on day 3
- Luggage storage at the guesthouse in Kyzart

Not included

- Hotel in Bishkek
- Airport transfers
- Guide with advanced English (available on request)
- Drinking water
- Travel insurance

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
1 traveller	\$541
2 travellers	\$351
3 travellers	\$292
4 travellers	\$311

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