



PRIVATE TOUR · 7 DAYS

Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan Tour with Mountain lakes and Issyk Kul

Almaty – Bishkek · Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan

Duration
7 days, 6 nights

Start and end
Almaty – Bishkek

Best time to visit
All year

Private tour from
\$1,050 per person

Group size
Max 4 travellers

Tour type
Culture, Hiking, Horseback riding,
Multi-country, Nature

Difficulty
Moderate

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

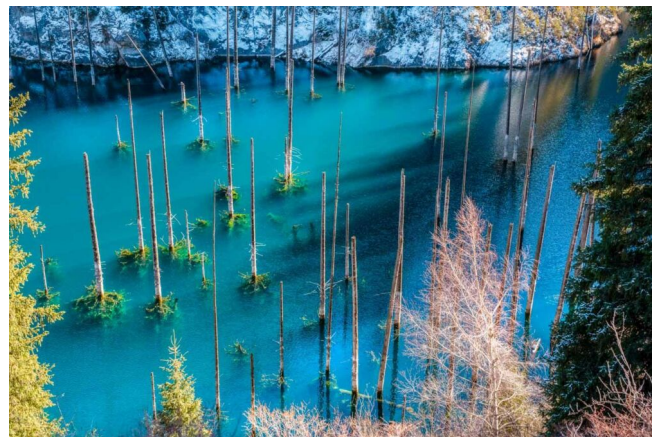
Tour highlights

This unforgettable 7-day journey takes you through the most spectacular landscapes of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan – from the dramatic red rock formations of [Charyn Canyon](#) to the turquoise alpine lakes of [Kaindy](#) and [Kolsai](#). You'll travel across vast mountain valleys, relax in natural hot springs in [Altyn Arashan](#), explore the colorful [Skazka Canyon](#) and witness the stunning beauty of [Issyk-Kul Lake](#). Every day offers breathtaking scenery, diverse terrain and incredible photo opportunities. Beyond nature, this adventure immerses you in authentic nomadic culture. Experience a traditional eagle hunting demonstration in [Bokonbaevo](#), stay in cozy guesthouses and traditional yurts, and enjoy horse riding across the wide open pastures of [Song Kol](#) at 3,016 meters above sea level. Combined with warm local hospitality and a farewell dinner in [Bishkek](#), this private tour blends adventure, culture and comfort into a truly memorable Central Asian experience.

Difficulty: Moderate. A 17 km hike back down from the Altyn Arashan valley (after an off-road UAZ ride up), horse riding and two nights at Song Kol lake at 3,016 m, plus walks in Charyn Canyon and at Kaindy Lake. Several long drives of 280–320 km and one land-border crossing (Kegen) between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.



Kazakhstan - Kyrgyzstan Group Tour



Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan 7-day tour with lakes

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Saty	Guesthouse in Saty or similar
Nights 2–3	Karakol	Guesthouse in Karakol or similar
Night 4	Bokonbaevo	Guesthouse in Bokonbaevo or similar
Nights 5–6	Song Kul	Yurt camp at Song Kol
Night 7	Bishkek	Hotel in Bishkek or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Almaty - Charyn Canyon - Saty Village

We will pick you up from your Almaty hotel and head towards Charyn Canyon, often called the "Grand Canyon of Central Asia." You will walk through the spectacular Valley of Castles, surrounded by towering red rock formations shaped by wind and time. After exploring the canyon, we continue to the peaceful mountain village of Saty, nestled near beautiful alpine lakes.

Overnight	Saty · Guesthouse in Saty or similar
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Meals	Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Almaty – Saty (300 km)
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DAY

2

Saty - Kaindy Lake - Kolsai Lakes - Border Crossing - Karakol

In the morning, we visit the magical Kaindy Lake, famous for its submerged forest and crystal-clear water. After lunch, we cross the Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan border and continue to Karakol near Issyk-Kul Lake.

Overnight	Karakol · Guesthouse in Karakol or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Saty – Karakol (300 km)
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Karakol - Altyn Arashan - Hot Springs - Hiking

Today is a true mountain adventure. We drive by Soviet UAZ vehicle up to the alpine valley of Altyn Arashan. You can relax in natural hot springs surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Later, we hike back down.

Overnight	Karakol · Guesthouse in Karakol or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Karakol – Altyn Arashan (30 km) Altyn Arashan – Ak Suu (hike, 17 km) Ak Suu – Karakol
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DAY

4

Karakol - Jeti-Oguz - Barskoon - Skazka Canyon - Bokonbaevo

We begin the day at Jeti-Oguz, famous for the dramatic red rock formations known as the "Seven Bulls." In the afternoon, we explore Skazka Canyon, also called Fairy Tale Canyon, with its colorful and unusual rock formations.

Overnight	Bokonbaevo · Guesthouse in Bokonbaevo or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Karakol – Bokonbaevo (160 km)
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5

Bokonbaevo - Eagle Hunting - Song Kol Lake

In the morning, we enjoy a traditional eagle hunting demonstration in Bokonbaevo - a powerful introduction to nomadic falconry traditions. Then we drive on to Song Kol: located at 3,016 meters above sea level, it is one of the most beautiful alpine lakes in Kyrgyzstan.

Overnight	Song Kul · Yurt camp at Song Kol
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Bokonbaevo – Song Kul (280 km)
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6

Full Day at Song Kol - Horse Riding Experience

This day is dedicated to exploring Song Kol and experiencing authentic nomadic life. We enjoy horse riding across the wide open pastures surrounding the lake.

Overnight	Song Kul · Yurt camp at Song Kol
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Song Kol - Burana Tower - Bishkek

After breakfast, we drive toward Bishkek. On the way, we visit the historic Burana Tower, an 11th-century minaret. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner in Bishkek.

Overnight	Bishkek · Hotel in Bishkek or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Song Kul – Bishkek (320 km)
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What's included

Included

- All ground transfers (4x4 with AC)
- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation (double/twin/triple rooms) including Bishkek
- All meals (full board)
- Horse riding with horse rental included
- Airport transfer from Bishkek
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Eagle hunting show
- Altyn Arashan off-road transfer by UAZ

Not included

- International flights
- Hotel and airport transfer in Almaty
- Travel insurance
- Single room supplement
- Alcoholic and bottled drinks
- Personal expenses

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
2 travellers	\$1,800
3 travellers	\$1,300
4 travellers	\$1,050

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room. 15% deposit, balance one month before tour starting date.

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