



GROUP TOUR • 2 DAYS

Ultimate Mangystau 2 Days Jeep Tour

Round trip from Aktau • Kazakhstan

Duration
2 days, 1 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Aktau

Best time to visit
Mar–Nov

Group tour from
\$320 per person

Group size
Max 4 travellers

Tour type
Jeep (4x4), Nature

Difficulty
Moderate

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

Tour highlights

This 2-day small-group jeep tour from [Aktau](#) takes you to some of the most striking landscapes of [Mangystau](#) in western Kazakhstan, with a night in tents under the desert stars. On the first day you explore the lace-like limestone walls of [Ybykty Sai Canyon](#), visit the sacred [Karaman-Ata](#) underground mosque, carved directly into the rock, and reach the white cliffs and salt flats of [Tuzbair](#) in time for sunset and a camp dinner.

On the second day you drive to the red-and-white striped hills of [Kyzylkup](#), the “Tiramisu Mountains”, and on to the viewpoints of [Bozjyra](#): the Podium (Middle Panorama) with sweeping views over the chalk valley, and the Ship Panorama, also called Dragon’s Ridge, where the cliffs look like a giant stone ship. The group is small, with 2 to 4 travelers in a 4x4 vehicle, and you are back at your hotel in Aktau in the evening.

Difficulty: Moderate. Two long days in a 4x4 vehicle on desert tracks (day 2 from camp breakfast at 7–8 am until arrival in Aktau at 8:30–9 pm), short walks on uneven ground and salt flats, and one night in a tent. Not suitable for children under 6, pregnant women or people with disabilities.



Boszhira Tract in Mangystau



Ybykty-Say, Mangystau tour

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Tuzbair Salt Flat	Tent camp at Tuzbair
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Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Aktau – Ybykty Sai Canyon – Karaman-Ata – Tuzbair

Your adventure begins with a morning pick-up from your hotel in Aktau between 9:30 and 10:00 am. After meeting your fellow travelers, you depart by 4x4 vehicle and head deep into the extraordinary landscapes of the Mangystau region.

The first stop is Ybykty Sai Canyon, a remarkable natural formation known for its intricate, lace-like limestone walls sculpted by wind and water over thousands of years. You have time to explore the canyon, take photographs and admire its unique geological features.

The journey continues to the Karaman-Ata underground mosque, one of the region's most important spiritual and historical sites. Carved directly into the rock, this sacred place has long been a destination for pilgrims seeking blessings and reflection.

After visiting the mosque, you enjoy a field lunch before continuing across the vast desert landscapes toward Tuzbair. By early evening, you arrive at the stunning Tuzbair salt flats, where dramatic white cliffs rise above an expansive, shimmering plain.

Explore the lower panorama, walk across the salt marshes and watch the changing colors of the landscape as the sun begins to set. After a traditional camp dinner served outdoors, you spend the night in comfortable camping tents beneath the star-filled skies of Mangystau.

Overnight	Tuzbair Salt Flat · Tent camp at Tuzbair
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Meals	Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Aktau – Tuzbair Salt Flat
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DAY

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Tuzbair – Kyzylkup – Bozjyra – Aktau

Wake up to the peaceful silence of the desert and enjoy a freshly prepared breakfast at camp between 7:00 and 8:00 am. After packing up the campsite, you set off for another day of exploration through some of Mangystau's most iconic scenery. Passing through the small settlement of Kyzylsai, you continue to Kyzylkup, often called the "Tiramisu Mountains" because of its striking red-and-white layered hills.

A field lunch is served amid these colorful landscapes before the journey continues to the breathtaking viewpoints of Bozjyra. First, you visit the famous Podium Viewpoint (Middle Panorama), which offers sweeping views of the valley's dramatic chalk formations and towering cliffs. The route then leads to the Ship Panorama, also known as Dragon's Ridge, where the rugged terrain resembles a giant stone ship emerging from the desert.

After ample time for sightseeing and photography, you begin the return journey to Aktau. Arrival in the city is expected between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, followed by a transfer back to your hotel, marking the end of your Mangystau adventure.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
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Travel	Tuzbair Salt Flat – Bozjyra (Boszhira) Bozjyra (Boszhira) – Aktau
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What's included

Included

- 4x4 transportation with pick-up from and drop-off at your hotel in Aktau
- Meals: lunch and dinner on day 1, breakfast and lunch on day 2
- Overnight stay in camping tents
- Snacks and light refreshments
- Storage for your luggage and large bags during the tour
- Enhanced insurance coverage

Not included

- Visa fees
- International and domestic airfare
- Expenses due to unexpected weather (e.g., an extra guesthouse or hotel stay)
- Accommodation on arrival and departure days in Aktau

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Group tour, per person

Tour	Double / twin room	Single supplement
2 days	\$320	–

Same price on all departures. 10% deposit, balance one month before tour starting date.

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