



PRIVATE TOUR · 4 DAYS

Winter horse riding to Song-Kol Lake

Round trip from Bishkek · Kyrgyzstan

Duration
4 days, 3 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Bishkek

Best time to visit
Jan–Apr, Nov–Dec

Private tour from
\$485 per person

Group size
Max 4 travellers

Tour type
Horseback riding, Nature

Difficulty
Challenging

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

Tour highlights

This 4-day winter adventure from [Bishkek](#) takes you on horseback across snowy mountains to the frozen [Song-Kol Lake](#), which in winter can only be reached on horseback. It is an extreme tour for travelers in good physical condition – the weather can be very harsh, especially while riding over the high pass.

After a drive over the Too-Ashuu Pass and through the [Suusamyr Valley](#) to Kyzyl-Oi village, you saddle up in [Kyzart](#) and follow the Chaar-Archa River to the Kilemche Valley, a winter pasture of the local herders, where you spend the night in a winter house. The next day the trail climbs over the snow-covered Tuz-Ashuu Pass, with panoramic views of the frozen lake, down to the shore, where you sleep in a [traditional Kyrgyz yurt](#) (boz-ui) under a starry winter sky before riding back to Kyzart and driving to Bishkek.

Difficulty: Challenging. Three days of horse riding in snow (18 km, 15 km and 21 km, 4–5 hours a day) over the snow-covered Tuz-Ashuu Pass; the old page calls it an extreme tour that needs good physical condition, as winter weather can be very harsh. The riding is slow and without big altitude differences. Drives of about 200 km over the Too-Ashuu Pass and 280 km back to Bishkek.



4 days Winter Horse riding tour to Son Kul



horse riding winter tour

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Kyzyl-Oi	Guesthouse in Kyzyl-Oi or similar
Night 2	Kilemche	Winter house in the Kilemche Valley or similar
Night 3	Song Kul	Yurt camp at Song Kol

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

From Bishkek over the Too-Ashuu Pass to Kyzyl-Oi

After breakfast, leave Bishkek and drive south over the Too-Ashuu Pass into the wide Suusamyr Valley, which is covered with deep snow in winter. Continue along the road to Kyzyl-Oi village, your stop for the first night.

On arrival, settle into your guesthouse in the village and enjoy dinner with your hosts before the riding days ahead.

The drive is about 200 km (4–5 hours). In winter the road over the Too-Ashuu Pass can be harsh, so the drive is taken at a steady pace.

Overnight	Kyzyl-Oi · Guesthouse in Kyzyl-Oi or similar
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Meals	Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Bishkek – Kyzyl-Oi (200 km)
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DAY

2

Drive to Kyzart and ride to the Kilemche Valley

After breakfast, drive from Kyzyl-Oi to Kyzart village, arriving by lunchtime. After lunch, it is time to saddle up for a horseback ride to the beautiful Kilemche Valley. Leaving the village behind, the trail gradually climbs along the west bank of the Chaar-Archa River before turning right into the Kilemche Valley – a winter pasture of the local herders.

After your arrival and a cup of tea, enjoy the calm atmosphere of the valley and its sweeping winter views. Release the horses for the night with your guide and have dinner at the winter house in the valley.

The drive is about 90 km (2 hours) and the ride about 18 km (4 hours).

Overnight	Kilemche · Winter house in the Kilemche Valley or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Kyzyl-Oi – Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours (90 km) Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours – Kilemche (on horseback, 18 km)
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3

Riding over the Tuz-Ashuu Pass to Song-Kol Lake

After breakfast in Kilemche, continue on horseback towards the Tuz-Ashuu Pass on the way to Song-Kol Lake. The snow-covered trail to the pass is thrilling and rewards you with a great panoramic view of both the frozen Song-Kol Lake and the Kilemche Valley on the other side. After enjoying the view and giving the horses a break, ride down until you reach the yurt by the lake. Warm up with hot tea after the adventure and fuel up with a hearty lunch.

Song-Kol Lake is beautiful in summer but especially impressive in winter. Take a walk around and keep your camera handy to catch the sunset over the frozen lake.

Enjoy supper in the yurt under a starry night sky in this beautifully wild landscape and spend the night in a boz-ui, the traditional yurt of the Kyrgyz people.

The ride is about 15 km (4–5 hours).

Overnight	Song Kul · Yurt camp at Song Kul
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Kilemche – Song Kul (on horseback, 15 km)
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4

Riding back to Kyzart and drive to Bishkek

Take some extra time to enjoy the scenery of the winter Song-Kol Lake before you head back to Kyzart village. With snowy mountains in the background, the lake looks even more beautiful in the morning sunlight.

Once on your horse again, take the upper trail for better views of the lake and make your way towards the pass. From here the ride is moderately strenuous as you descend towards the village, followed by the last hours of smooth riding until you reach Kyzart.

On arrival, have lunch at a guesthouse and finish your winter horse riding adventure with the drive back to Bishkek.

The ride is about 21 km (4–5 hours) and the drive to Bishkek about 280 km (4 hours).

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Travel	Song Kul – Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours (on horseback, 21 km) Kyzart starting point for Song Kul Tours – Bishkek (280 km)

What's included

Included

- Transportation for the whole tour
- English-speaking guide
- All meals and accommodation during the tour (3 nights)
- All permits and entrance tickets
- Horse riding (3 days)

Not included

- International flights
- Insurance
- Hotel and meals in Bishkek
- Water
- Airport transfer

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
1 traveller	\$980
2 travellers	\$625
3 travellers	\$520
4 travellers	\$485

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