CENTRAL ASIA GUIDE



GROUP TOUR · 2 DAYS

Jeep tour to Mangystau (from Aktau)

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 9 travellers	Tour type Jeep (4x4), Nature
Difficulty Easy		

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Tour highlights

This 2-day small-group jeep tour takes you from Aktau deep into the desert landscapes of Mangystau, one of the most unusual regions of Kazakhstan. On the first day you walk through the steep cliffs of Ybyk Gorge, visit the underground mosque of the Karaman-Ata necropolis and spend the night in a tent camp at Kyzylkup, the colourful layered hills known as Tiramisu Canyon.

On the second day the route continues to the solitary Bokty Mountain and the Bozjyra Valley, where white limestone cliffs, the Dragon Crest ridge and the famous Bozjyra Fangs create some of the most striking scenery in Central Asia, before you drive back to Aktau.



Mangystau sunset mountain on an old sea bottom



Ybykty say in Mangystau, Kazakhstan

Where you'll stay

Night 1	**Kyzylkup – Tiramisu Canyon**	Tent Camping under the stars

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Aktau - Ybyk - Zhanaozen - Shakpakty Panorama - Kyzylkup (Tiramisu) Canyon

Distance: 305 km on-road & 75 km off-road
Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes (driving time)
Start Time: 09:00 AM

The first stop is Ybyk Gorge, where you'll walk through steep cliffs and winding passages that showcase the raw beauty of the desert canyons. From there, you'll continue to Karaman-Ata Necropolis, home to the largest underground mosque in Mangystau, dating back to the 11th century and steeped in spiritual and historical significance.

The final destination is Kyzylkup, also known as Tiramisu Canyon, famous for its layered cliffs resembling slices of the dessert. Here, you'll enjoy a peaceful evening camping under the stars.

Overnight	**Kyzylkup – Tiramisu Canyon** · Tent Camping under the stars
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Aktau – Kyzylkup – Tiramisu Canyon (380 km)

DAY 2

Bokty Mount - Bozjyra Mars Panorama - Bozjyra Crest Panorama - Bozjyra Fangs Formation

Distance: 265 km on-road & 82 km off-road
Duration: 7 hours total driving time

The adventure begins with a visit to Bokty Mountain, an isolated rock formation rising like a fortress from the desert plains, offering dramatic views and excellent photography opportunities.

From there, the route continues to the Bozjyra Mars Panorama, where chalky cliffs and red tones create a surreal landscape reminiscent of the Martian surface. The next stop is the Bozjyra Dragon Crest, a site marked by towering formations that provide sweeping views of the desert.

The day concludes at the Bozjyra Fangs, iconic limestone structures that stand as some of Mangystau's most recognizable landmarks. After exploring these natural wonders, the journey ends with a return drive to Aktau City. During the summer season, extra rest hours are planned at lunch locations to avoid the midday heat, which can reach up to 45 °C.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Travel	Kyzylkup – Tiramisu Canyon – Aktau (347 km)

What's included

Included

- Driver tour-leader (kazakh-russian)
- Lunch, dinner, breakfast, lunch (local food cooking)
- One night of tent camping (all tools included)
- Accident insurance coverage
- All entrance fees included

Not included

- Visa fees
- International and domestic airfare
- Accommodation on arrival and departure days
- Tips for guide and drivers
- Breakfast on the first day and dinner on the last day

Prices

Group tour, per person

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

Same price on all departures. $32 deposit, balance 30 days before tour starting date.

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