



PRIVATE TOUR · 7 DAYS

Classic Kyrgyzstan tour

Round trip from Bishkek · Kyrgyzstan

Duration
7 days, 6 nights

Start and end
Round trip from Bishkek

Best time to visit
Apr, Sep

Private tour from
\$828 per person

Group size
Max 7 travellers

Tour type
Culture, Jeep (4x4), Nature, Silk
Road

Difficulty
Moderate

Prices and dates valid for 2026 departures. Issued 14 October 2026.

Tour highlights

See the best of Kyrgyzstan in 7 days, from the mountain gorges around Bishkek to the hot springs and red rocks of Issyk-Kul. The tour begins with a scenic visit to [Ala-Archa National Park](#) and the picturesque [Chunkurchak Gorge](#), followed by the historic [Burana Tower](#) and a horse-riding experience in the [Chon Kemin](#) valley.

You then travel along [Issyk-Kul Lake](#) to [Karakol](#), exploring the [Grigorievka](#) and [Semenovka](#) valleys on the way, before an adventurous off-road drive to [Altyn Arashan](#), known for its mountains and hot springs. The striking [Jeti-Oguz Gorge](#), the waterfall in the [Barskoon Valley](#) and the colorful [Fairytale Canyon](#) lead to a traditional yurt camp near [Bokonbaevo](#) on the southern shore, with an eagle hunting show. Finally, you return to [Bishkek](#) for a guided city tour, completing a week of natural beauty, cultural experiences and adventure.

Difficulty: Moderate. Mostly easy walks with optional short hikes (Ala-Archa, Barskoon waterfall), but long drives of up to about 350 km a day, a rocky and bumpy off-road ride of about 25 km to Altyn Arashan in a Soviet UAZ 4x4, and simple guesthouses and a yurt camp with shared WC on some nights.



Yurt camp



Jety Oguz valley seven bulls rock formations in Issyk Kul

Where you'll stay

Night 1	Bishkek	Hotel in Bishkek or similar
Night 2	Chon Kemin	Guesthouse in Chon-Kemin or similar
Night 3	Karakol	Hotel in Karakol or similar
Night 4	Altyn Arashan	Guesthouse in Altyn-Arashan or similar
Night 5	Jeti Oguz	Guesthouse in Jety-Oguz or similar
Night 6	Bokonbaevo	Yurt camp in Bokonbaevo
Night 7	Bishkek	Hotel in Bishkek or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Bishkek – Ala-Archa National Park – Chunkurchak Gorge

Begin your journey in Bishkek and head to Ala-Archa National Park, where you can immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery. Enjoy a leisurely riverside walk or take a moderate hike to viewpoints such as the "Broken Heart Stone".

After exploring the park, continue to Chunkurchak Gorge and visit the Pigeon Waterfall and the Sky Bridge for sweeping panoramic views. At the mountain resort in the gorge you can add horseback riding, ziplining or archery (optional). Lunch is at a local café or as a picnic in nature before you return to Bishkek for dinner at a restaurant.

Transfer: about 120 km, approx. 3 hours. Overnight at a hotel in Bishkek (private WC, Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Bishkek · Hotel in Bishkek or similar
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Meals	Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Bishkek – Ala Archa (35 km) Ala Archa – Chunkurchak Gorge (40 km) Chunkurchak Gorge – Bishkek (45 km)
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Bishkek – Burana Tower – Chon Kemin Valley

After breakfast and a hotel pick-up in Bishkek, take a scenic drive through the Kyrgyz countryside to the Burana Tower, an ancient site that offers a fascinating glimpse into the region's history. Explore the tower and the nearby museum at your leisure.

From there, continue to the tranquil Chon Kemin Valley. Enjoy lunch with traditional Kyrgyz dishes, then go horseback riding through the valley, surrounded by mountains and fresh air (optional). In the evening, return to your guesthouse to unwind and soak in the peaceful atmosphere.

Transfer: about 150 km, approx. 3 hours. Overnight at a guesthouse in Chon Kemin (private WC, Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Chon Kemin · Guesthouse in Chon-Kemin or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Bishkek – Burana Tower (80 km) Burana Tower – Chon Kemin (70 km)
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Chon Kemin – Issyk-Kul Lake – Grigorievka and Semenovka – Karakol

Leave Chon Kemin and travel towards the scenic Issyk-Kul Lake. Take some time to enjoy the lakeside views, stroll along the shore or simply relax in the fresh mountain air. Continue through the picturesque villages of Grigorievka and Semenovka and their valleys, where you can admire traditional village life and stunning landscapes.

Next, arrive in Karakol, a charming town at the foot of the Terskey Alatau mountains. Check in to your hotel and take a short walk through the town, with landmarks such as the Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Church and the Dungan Mosque. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a well-known local restaurant celebrated for its traditional Kyrgyz cuisine and warm atmosphere.

Transfer: about 350 km, approx. 5–6 hours. Overnight at a hotel in Karakol (private WC, Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Karakol · Hotel in Karakol or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Chon Kemin – Grigoriev Gorge (200 km) Grigoriev Gorge – Semenov Gorge (10 km) Semenov Gorge – Karakol (140 km)
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Karakol – off-road drive to Altyn Arashan

After breakfast, leave Karakol with your guide and set off for Altyn Arashan in a Soviet UAZ 4x4, travelling through rugged mountain terrain with breathtaking views along the way. On arrival, check in to your guesthouse or yurt camp in the scenic valley.

After settling in, unwind in the natural hot springs, renowned for their mineral-rich, therapeutic waters. Enjoy lunch with traditional Kyrgyz dishes, then spend the afternoon at leisure, either soaking in the springs or exploring the surrounding area. In the evening, have a hearty dinner and relax under the stars, around a bonfire or in the comfort of the guesthouse.

Transfer: about 30 km, approx. 2 hours (about 25 km off-road; the road is rocky and bumpy). Overnight at a guesthouse in Altyn Arashan (shared WC, paid Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Altyn Arashan · Guesthouse in Altyn-Arashan or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Karakol – Altyn Arashan (30 km)

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5

Altyn Arashan – Jeti-Oguz Gorge

After breakfast, take an exciting 4x4 ride back down to the start of the off-road track. From there, a short drive of about 30 minutes brings you to the Jeti-Oguz Gorge, famous for its striking red rock formations.

On arrival, check in to a cozy guesthouse with comfortable beds and a warm, welcoming atmosphere – perfect for relaxing after a day of adventure. Enjoy the surrounding natural beauty and unwind for the evening.

Transfer: about 60 km, approx. 3–4 hours. Overnight at a guesthouse in Jeti-Oguz (private WC, Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Jeti Oguz · Guesthouse in Jeti-Oguz or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Altyn Arashan – Jeti Oguz (60 km)

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6

Jeti-Oguz – Barskoon waterfall – Fairytale Canyon – Bokonbaevo

After breakfast, drive from Jeti-Oguz to the Barskoon waterfall in the Terskey Alatau mountains. Take a short hike and enjoy the serene natural surroundings, followed by a picnic lunch in nature.

Next, visit the Fairytale Canyon (Skazka), where vibrant, colorful rock formations create a magical landscape for exploring and photography. In the evening, arrive near Bokonbaevo and check in to your yurt camp. After settling in, watch an eagle hunting show that presents the skill of local hunters and the traditional Kyrgyz art of training eagles, together with an archery demonstration. The day ends with a hearty dinner and the peaceful atmosphere of the lakeside setting.

Transfer: about 160 km, approx. 3–4 hours. Overnight at a yurt camp near Bokonbaevo (shared WC, Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Bokonbaevo · Yurt camp in Bokonbaevo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Jeti Oguz – Barskoon Valley (75 km) Barskoon Valley – Skazka Canyon (45 km) Skazka Canyon – Bokonbaevo (40 km)

DAY
7**Bokonbaevo – Bishkek, city tour**

After breakfast, drive from Bokonbaevo back to Bishkek. Begin your city exploration at Ala-Too Square, the heart of Bishkek, with the impressive statue of Manas. Continue to the Central Mosque, an important place of worship and cultural heritage, and then to the Osh Bazaar, a lively market where you can experience local life and shop for souvenirs.

After a full day of sightseeing, enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant, then check in to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay at the end of your journey through Kyrgyzstan.

Transfer: about 280 km, approx. 4–5 hours. Overnight at a hotel in Bishkek (private WC, Wi-Fi).

Overnight	Bishkek · Hotel in Bishkek or similar
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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Travel	Bokonbaevo – Bishkek (280 km)
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What's included

Included

- 4x4 transfers with air conditioning throughout the tour
- English-speaking guide/driver
- 7 nights' accommodation in double or twin rooms: 2 nights in a hotel in Bishkek, 1 in a guesthouse in Chon-Kemin, 1 in a hotel in Karakol, 1 in a guesthouse in Altyn Arashan, 1 in a guesthouse in Jeti-Oguz and 1 in a yurt camp near Bokonbaevo
- Full board (set menu) as per the program, from lunch on day 1 to dinner on day 7
- All visits mentioned in the itinerary
- Soviet UAZ vehicle for the Altyn Arashan excursion
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Horse riding and horse rental
- 1 liter of mineral water per person per day
- Eagle hunting show and archery demonstration

Not included

- International flights
- Personal expenses
- Single room supplement
- Travel insurance
- Tips for the guide
- Breakfast on day 1
- Other water and alcoholic beverages
- Services not explicitly mentioned as included

Prices

Valid for 2026 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
2-3 travellers	\$1,000
4-5 travellers	\$943
6 travellers	\$920
7 travellers	\$828

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