CENTRAL ASIA GUIDE



PRIVATE TOUR · 7 DAYS

Fergana Valley, Sary-Chelek and Arslanbob Tour

Round trip from Osh · Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan

Duration 7 days, 6 nights	Start and end Round trip from Osh	Best time to visit Jun–Sep
Private tour from $1,150 per person	Group size Max 10 travellers	Tour type Culture, Horseback riding, Multi-country, Nature, Silk Road
Difficulty Easy		

Prices and dates valid for 2027 departures. Issued 9 November 2026.

Tour highlights

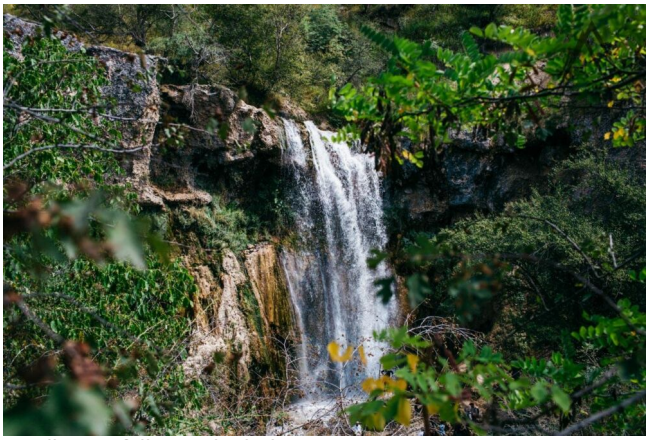
A 7-day tour from Osh through the Fergana Valley of Uzbekistan and the mountains of southern Kyrgyzstan. It begins in Osh, the “southern capital” of Kyrgyzstan, with the sacred Sulaiman-Too mountain and its cave museum, and then crosses into the Uzbek part of the Fergana Valley. There you follow how silk is made in Margilan, pass the pottery town of Rishtan, see the Khudayar Khan Palace and a halva centre in Kokand, watch the knife makers of Chust at work, and explore Ahsikent near Namangan, an ancient city destroyed by an earthquake in 1620, where archaeologists are still at work.

Back in Kyrgyzstan a whole day belongs to the Sary-Chelek Nature Reserve: an easy horse ride past Iri-Kol and other small lakes and a short hike to the viewpoint above the turquoise lake, with two nights in a guesthouse in the village of Arkyt. Then you walk to the Small Waterfall, about 35 m high, in the ancient walnut forest of Arslanbob and see the Karakhanid minaret and mausoleums of Uzgen on the way back to Osh, where a festive farewell dinner with Osh plov ends the journey. Along the way you taste a rich variety of traditional dishes from both countries.

Difficulty: Easy. An easy horse ride and short hikes in the Sary-Chelek reserve (the lake lies at about 1,900 m), drives of up to about 280 km a day and two border crossings between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Suitable for all ages, but not for people with cardiovascular conditions.



Women working with silk production in Yodgorlik silk factory in Margilan



Small waterfall in Arslanbob

Where you'll stay

Night 1	**Osh**	Hotel in Osh or similar
Night 2	**Kokand**	Hotel in Kokand or similar
Night 3	**Namangan**	Hotel in Namangan or similar
Nights 4–5	**Arkit**	Guesthouse in Arkyt or similar
Night 6	**Arslanbob**	Guesthouse in Arslanbob or similar

Listed accommodation or similar, same category.

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Osh – Sulaiman-Too

Welcome to the ancient city of Osh, known as the “southern capital” of Kyrgyzstan. After your arrival and the transfer to the hotel, take a short rest.

In the afternoon visit Sulaiman-Too, the sacred mountain above the city with wide views over the Fergana Valley, and the Sulaiman-Too Museum with its collection of finds from the history of Osh. Evening at the hotel before the journey begins.

Overnight	**Osh** · Hotel in Osh or similar
Meals	Lunch

DAY 2

Osh – Margilan – Rishtan – Kokand (210 km)

After breakfast cross the border into Uzbekistan and drive to Margilan, one of the best-known craft towns of the Fergana Valley. See how the famous Margilan silk is made, watch the artisans at work and learn how the fabrics that have made the town famous for generations are created.

Next, visit one of Margilan’s unusual ziyarat (pilgrimage) sites, known for its pigeons: people come here to pray, make a wish and feed the birds, which local legends tie to the place. Then continue past the pottery town of Rishtan to Kokand for the night.

Overnight	**Kokand** · Hotel in Kokand or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Osh – Kokand (210 km)

DAY 3

Kokand – Chust – Ahsikent – Namangan (115 km)

After breakfast, a morning in Kokand, once the capital of the Kokand Khanate: the Palace of Khudayar Khan, the best-known landmark of the city, the Jami Mosque, and a halva centre where you learn how halva and other oriental sweets are made.

After lunch drive to Chust, known all over Uzbekistan for its pichak knives, and watch the blacksmiths at work. Then walk through the archaeological site of Ahsikent, an ancient city of the Fergana Valley destroyed by an earthquake in 1620, where excavations are still going on.

In Namangan the evening is free: dinner and time to stroll around Afsonalar Vodiysi (Valley of Legends), the big amusement park of the city. Overnight at a hotel in Namangan.

Overnight	**Namangan** · Hotel in Namangan or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Kokand – Namangan (115 km)

DAY 4

Namangan – Ken-Sai border – Arkyt (Sary-Chelek)

Breakfast and an early start from Namangan. Cross the border back into Kyrgyzstan at the Ken-Sai checkpoint and take the scenic road through the Aksy district to the gate of the Sary-Chelek Biosphere Reserve, with lunch on the way.

In the mountain village of Arkyt you check in at a guesthouse and take a relaxed walk around the village. In the evening a hearty home-cooked dinner with tea and mountain honey, in the quiet of the Tien Shan.

Overnight	**Arkit** · Guesthouse in Arkyt or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Namangan – Arkit

DAY 5

Sary-Chelek Lake – horse ride and viewpoint

A whole day for Sary-Chelek. Drive up to the lake at about 1,900 m, then set off on an easy, safe horse ride along the gentle trails of the reserve, past the mirror-like Iri-Kol and other small lakes.

A short hike leads up to the famous viewpoint, where the turquoise basin of Sary-Chelek lies below you between steep cliffs and Tien Shan spruce forest. Lunch at a local café, a slow walk along the lake shore, and back to Arkyt in the evening.

Overnight	**Arkit** · Guesthouse in Arkyt or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Arkit – Sary Chelek (20 km) Sary Chelek – Iri-Kol Lake (on horseback) Sary Chelek – Arkit (20 km)

DAY 6

Arkyt – Jalal-Abad – Arslanbob (280 km)

Say goodbye to the lakes and drive to Arslanbob, a high mountain oasis surrounded by the largest ancient walnut forest in the world, with lunch on the way in Jalal-Abad. It is the longest drive of the tour, about 280 km.

In Arslanbob a scenic walk leads to the Small Waterfall, about 35 m high and hidden among the cliffs, and on through the shade of centuries-old walnut trees. A homemade dinner awaits you at the guesthouse.

Overnight	**Arslanbob** · Guesthouse in Arslanbob or similar
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Arkit – Arslanbob (277 km)

DAY 7

Arslanbob – Uzgen – Osh – departure (180 km)

An early start towards Osh, with a long stop in Uzgen, a centre of the Karakhanid state in the 11th–12th centuries: a guided tour of the brick minaret and the mausoleums, reminders of the Great Silk Road.

In the evening a festive farewell dinner in Osh with a tasting of the famous Osh plov, followed by the transfer to Osh International Airport for your flight home.

Overnight	Departure day, no overnight
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Travel	Arslanbob – Osh (179 km) Osh – Osh International Airport (10 km)

What's included

Included

- English-, German- or Russian-speaking guide
- Transfers according to the itinerary
- Meals as listed in the itinerary
- Accommodation as listed in the itinerary (6 nights: hotels in Osh, Kokand and Namangan, guesthouses in Arkyt and Arslanbob)
- Easy horse ride in the Sary-Chelek reserve
- 1 liter of drinking water per person per day
- Entrance tickets to museums and sights in the itinerary

Not included

- Flights
- Medical insurance and expenses
- Early hotel check-in on the arrival day
- Alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses
- Any changes to the itinerary

Prices

Valid for 2027 departures

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
2 travellers	$2,266
3 travellers	$1,794
4 travellers	$1,564
5 travellers	$1,449
6 travellers	$1,357
7 travellers	$1,288
8 travellers	$1,231
9 travellers	$1,185
10 travellers	$1,150

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