



PRIVATE TOUR · 1 DAY

A Day hike tour to Aksu Canyon

Shymkent · Kazakhstan

Duration
1 day

Start and end
Shymkent

Best time to visit
Apr–Oct

Private tour from
\$50 per person

Group size
Max 4 travellers

Tour type
Hiking

Difficulty
Moderate

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Tour highlights

Discover [Aksu Canyon](#), the deepest canyon in Central Asia (500 m deep and 30 km long), on a day hike from [Shymkent](#), just 75 km away. Along the way you see the medieval minaret of a ruined mosque and explore an underground tunnel with a rushing mountain stream.

Enjoy a walking tour through the canyon with views of the emerald-green Aksu River, followed by a picnic. Visit the nearby Mashat Canyon for a light walk and end the day with a cozy bonfire and hot tea before returning to Shymkent. Perfect for nature and adventure lovers!

Difficulty: Moderate. A day of walking and hiking in Aksu Canyon (500 m deep) with a picnic, plus a light walk in Mashat Canyon and a 75 km drive each way from Shymkent. Suitable for travellers with normal fitness.



Aksu Canyon in Sairam Ugam national reserve in Kazakhstan



Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

1

Shymkent – Aksu Canyon – Mashat Canyon – Shymkent (75 km each way)

Start your journey from Shymkent to the beautiful Aksu Canyon, 75 km away. Along the way we stop to see the medieval minaret of a historic, ruined mosque. The visit takes place outside the protected nature reserve.

Upon arrival, explore an underground tunnel with a rapid mountain stream flowing through it. Then take a walking tour of Aksu Canyon, the deepest canyon in Central Asia, with stunning views of the emerald-green Aksu River. Enjoy a hike and a picnic surrounded by breathtaking nature.

Afterwards visit the nearby Mashat Canyon for a light walk. End the day with a bonfire and hot tea before returning to Shymkent.

Travel	Shymkent – Aksu Canyon (75 km) Aksu Canyon – Shymkent (75 km)
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What's included

Included

- Transfers
- English-speaking guide

Not included

- Entrance fee and lunch (together 30 USD extra)
- Personal expenses

Prices

Private tour, per person by group size

Travellers	Price per person
1 traveller	\$200
2 travellers	\$100
3 travellers	\$67
4 travellers	\$50

Private tours start on any date you choose. Prices per person in a double or twin room.

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Choose a date or ask us anything about this tour. We usually reply within one working day.

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