



PRIVATE TOUR · 1 DAY

Day Tour to Ak Meshit Cave

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, Nature

Difficulty
Easy

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Tour highlights

Join us on a thrilling day trip from Shymkent to explore Ak Meshit Cave, a giant cave with an underground mulberry grove. We travel 99 km by jeep, take a scenic 4 km hike in the Karatau Mountains to the cave, descend into its vast hall and immerse ourselves in breathtaking landscapes.

Enjoy a picnic amidst nature and unwind by a bonfire near a mountain river with hot tea, visit the Domalak Ana Mausoleum and its sacred spring, and return to your hotel in Shymkent with unforgettable memories of Kazakhstan's hidden gems.

Difficulty: Easy. A scenic 4 km hike in the Karatau Mountains and a descent into the cave, plus a 99 km drive by jeep from Shymkent. Suitable for travellers with normal fitness.



Trees inside Ak Meshit cave



Ak Meshit cave insides

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY

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Shymkent – Ak Meshit Cave – Domalak Ana Mausoleum – Shymkent

Depart from Shymkent and travel 99 km by jeep to the Baidibek District. A scenic 4 km hike in the Karatau Mountains brings us to the impressive Ak Meshit (Ak-Mechet) Cave, also known as the Dragon Cave, one of the largest natural caves in southern Kazakhstan. We descend into the vast cave with its underground mulberry grove.

Enjoy a picnic amidst nature and unwind by a bonfire near a mountain river with hot tea.

Continue to the Domalak Ana Mausoleum, dedicated to the revered mother of the Kazakh people and an important pilgrimage site, and visit the nearby Sacred Spring of Domalak Ana, believed by many pilgrims to have healing and spiritual properties.

After the excursion, return to Shymkent.

Meals	Lunch
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Travel	Shymkent – Akmeshit cave (99 km) Akmeshit cave – Akmeshit cave (hike, 4 km) Akmeshit cave – Shymkent
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What's included

Included

- Transfers
- English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Picnic lunch

Not included

- 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.

Book or ask a question

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

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