



Kyrgyzstan 6-Day horseback tour

Tour Highlights

- Horseback riding through mountain landscapes and high-altitude pastures each day.
 - Stay in traditional yurts and local guesthouses.
 - Visit [Song-Kol Lake](#) and explore trails around [Ysyk-Kol Lake](#).
 - Cultural experiences with nomadic families and scenic views.
 - The tour is suitable for beginners, but you should be comfortable spending five days in the saddle (no advanced experience required).
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Itinerary day by day

Day 1. Bishkek to Kyzart Village & First Ride

Your journey through Kyrgyzstan begins with a scenic drive of 280 km (about 4 hours) from Bishkek to Kyzart Village near Song-Kol Lake. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a homemade lunch at a local guesthouse and receive basic horse-riding instructions from your guide. In the afternoon, you will embark on a gentle horseback ride along the Chaar-Archa River, passing through wide valleys and peaceful mountain landscapes on your way to Kilemche.

The smooth path is ideal for building confidence and forming a good connection with your horse. By early evening, you will arrive at a yurt camp run by a local herder family, where you can explore the surrounding hills, breathe in the fresh mountain air, and observe the daily life of Kyrgyz nomads. Overnight will be in a traditional yurt at 2,700 meters.



Transfer & Distances:

- Drive: 280 km – approx. 4 hours (Asphalt: 280 km, Dirt road: 0 km)
- Horseback riding: 21 km – approx. 4–5 hours

Meals: Lunch: Guesthouse in Kyzart
Dinner: Yurt

Accommodation:

- Traditional yurt at 2,700 m
- Shared WC
- No shower
- No internet

Notes & Recommendations:

- No prior horse-riding experience is required.
 - Leave your large bag at the guesthouse; carry only a small backpack with essentials for the next three days.
 - Your large bag will be returned upon completion of the tour.
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Day 2. Ride to Song-Kol Lake

Today's horse ride will be more demanding. After breakfast at the yurt, you'll begin your ascent toward the Jalgyz-Karagai Pass (3,300 m). The climb can be challenging at times, but the panoramic views of the surrounding mountains make the effort worthwhile. Upon reaching the top, you'll be rewarded with your first sweeping view of the magnificent Song-Kol Lake shimmering below.

After a rest break on the pass, you'll descend toward the lake and arrive at a yurt camp for a well-deserved lunch. In the afternoon, continue riding west along the lakeshore, passing traditional nomadic yurts, grazing animals, and wide-open pastures that define the highland landscape. Your destination for the night is the Tuz-Ashuu pasture, beautifully situated by the lake. Upon arrival, your horses will be released for the night, and you can settle into your yurt for dinner surrounded by the peaceful atmosphere of Song-Kol.

Transfer & Distances:

- Transfer: None
- Horseback riding: 23 km – approx. 5–6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch at the Dinner

**Accommodation:**

- Yurt at 3,100 m
- Shared WC
- Shower: On request
- Internet: Mobile phone signal

Notes & Recommendations: Although daytime temperatures at Song-Kol Lake can be warm, evenings can get chilly, so bring warm clothing.

Day 3. Explore the Western Lake Shore

Today you'll enjoy a relaxing day of horseback riding along the shores of Song-Kol Lake. After two days in the saddle, you'll feel more confident, and your guide may lead you at a canter or even a gallop across the smooth lakeside terrain, without needing to cross any mountains.

By midday, you will reach the Uzbek-Ashuu pasture on the western shore of Song-Kol, where you'll stop for lunch in a yurt owned by local nomads. This is also where you will spend the night. After lunch, you have free time to walk by the lake, observe the peaceful nomadic life, or take another short ride into the nearby hills. Dinner will be served in the yurt before you settle in for an overnight stay.

Transfer & Distances:

- Transfer: None
- Horseback riding: 16 km – approx. 4 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch at the Dinner

Accommodation:

- Yurt at 3,100 m
- Shared WC
- Shower: No
- Internet: Mobile phone signal

Notes & Recommendations:

- This is a great opportunity to practice riding at a faster pace on smooth terrain.
 - Wear comfortable clothing suitable for riding and bring warm layers for the evening.
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Day 4. Return to Kyzart & Transfer to Ysyk-Kol Lake

Today you'll return to Kyzart Village via the scenic Uzbek-Ashuu Pass. After saying farewell to the nomadic family, you'll set off on horseback, riding up to the pass at 3,300 m. From the top, enjoy your final sweeping views of the stunning Song-Kol Lake before descending toward Kyzart Village.

Upon arrival, you'll have lunch and a chance to rest and refresh after the morning ride. In the afternoon, your journey continues by car to Ysyk-Kol Lake, traveling along its southern shore with breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding mountains.

Close to the evening, you can take an optional short trip to the [Fairy-Tale Canyons](#) and enjoy the sunset over the canyons and Ysyk-Kol Lake. Finally, you'll arrive at your guesthouse in Bokonbaev Village, where you can enjoy dinner and relax after your memorable horse-riding adventure.

Transfer & Distances:

- Car transfer: 200 km – approx. 3–4 hours (Asphalt: 200 km, Dirt road: 0 km)
- Horseback riding: 20 km – approx. 4–5 hours

Meals:

- Breakfast: Yurt
- Lunch: Guesthouse
- Dinner: Guesthouse

Accommodation:

- Guesthouse in Bokonbaev Village
- WC: Shared or private
- Shower: Available
- Internet: Wi-Fi

Notes & Recommendations:

- Bokonbaev is located a bit farther from the lake shore; if you prefer to stay closer, yurt accommodation options are available by the lake – please confirm with your tour manager.
 - The tour to the Fairy-Tale Canyon is optional and available for an additional fee; confirm with your tour manager if you wish to include it.
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Day 5. Horse Ride to Boz-Salkyn Valley

This morning, you'll saddle up and begin your ride toward the nomads' summer pasture in the Boz-Salkyn Valley. The first part of the journey is gentle, taking you through open fields, grazing meadows, and small nomadic farms. It's a perfect opportunity to get comfortable in the saddle, enjoy the fresh mountain air, and observe daily life in the highlands.

Around midday, you'll stop by a riverside for a picnic and rest. Afterward, the trail becomes more challenging as you ascend toward the Karaly-Archa Pass (2,800 m). From the top, enjoy a stunning panorama of Ysyk-Kol Lake, framed by mountains, canyons, and villages. After photos and a short break, you'll descend through fragrant forests to reach a traditional nomadic yurt camp in Boz-Salkyn, where a warm welcome, hot tea, and a peaceful night in a yurt await you.

Transfer & Distances:

- Transfer: None
- Horseback riding: 23 km – approx. 5–6 hours

Meals:

- Breakfast: Guesthouse
- Lunch: Picnic
- Dinner: Yurt

Accommodation:

- Yurt at 2,500 m
- Shared WC
- Shower: On request
- Internet: Mobile phone signal

Day 6. Final Ride to Bokonbaev village and Return to Bishkek

On the final day, you'll wake up in a yurt in the mountains and mount your horse for the ride back to Bokonbaev Village. The downhill trail is easier, winding through a scenic gorge with stunning mountain views along the way. Upon reaching the village, you'll have the opportunity to meet Kyrgyz eagle hunters and witness the ancient art of eagle hunting. Learn about the traditions and techniques and capture memorable photos with an eagle perched on horseback. After this unique experience, continue your final ride to the guesthouse for lunch.



In the afternoon, you'll drive back to Bishkek, reflecting on your horseback adventure and nomadic experiences. This marks the conclusion of your trip, filled with mountains, lakes, and the nomadic culture of Kyrgyzstan.

Transfer & Distances:

- Car transfer: 270 km – approx. 4 hours (Asphalt: 270 km, Dirt road: 0 km)
- Horseback riding: 16 km – approx. 4 hours

Meals:

- Breakfast: Yurt
- Lunch: Guesthouse

Notes & Recommendations:

- The eagle hunting experience is a demonstration with explanations and staged hunting on animal skins; real hunting on horseback is only available in winter.
 - The eagle hunting demonstration is optional – you may skip it if you prefer.
 - You will arrive back in Bishkek at around 7–8 PM.
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Included

- Private transfers
- English-speaking guide for horse riding
- Accommodation as mentioned in the program
- Full board (set menu)
- Horse riding
- Visits mentioned in the program
- Entrance fees

Not Included

- International flights
- Personal expenses
- Single room supplement
- Insurance
- Tips for guide, driver, etc.
- Hotel in Bishkek
- Breakfast on Day 1 & Dinner on the last day
- Water and alcoholic drinks



- Services not mentioned as included

Optional Activities

- Airport transfer - *\$20 one way per car (1–4 people)*
- Eagle hunting show – *\$60 per group*
- Visit to Fairy-Tale Canyons – *\$30 per group*