



Mangystay 7 days Group Tour

19 Sights of Mangystau in 7 Days Group Tour

- Zhigylgan Fallen Earth – dramatic collapsed earth formations creating a rugged landscape.
- Kapamsay Canyon – deep canyon with colorful layered rocks.
- Shakpak-Ata Cave Mosque – historic cave mosque with ancient carvings.
- Akespe – open plains dotted with unique geological features.
- Torysh – Valley of Balls – surreal valley filled with giant stone spheres.
- Kokala – Jurassic Clays (Scaly) – vibrant clay cliffs reminiscent of the Jurassic era.
- Sherkala Mount – fortress-like peak rising from the steppe.
- Airakty – Valley of Castles – natural towers shaped like medieval castles.
- Tuzbair Salt Flat – endless white salt desert under the sun.
- Bozjyra – Mars Panorama – otherworldly vistas like the surface of Mars.
- Bozjyra – Crest Panorama – dramatic ridges forming a striking skyline.
- Bozjyra – Fangs Upper Plateau – sharp limestone spires piercing the sky.
- Bozjyra – Under Crest – hidden valleys beneath the main ridge.
- Bozjyra – Under Fangs – narrow passages under limestone “fangs.”
- Baisary – plateau offering panoramic steppe views.
- Bokty Mount – pyramid-shaped mountain rising prominently.
- Kyzylkup – Tiramisu Canyon – layered cliffs resembling a giant dessert.
- Karaman-Ata Necropolis – ancient burial site with historic tombs.
- Ybyk – Porous Gorge – canyon walls sculpted by wind and water.

Mangystau Group Tour Schedule 2026

Start Date	End Date	Status
Sun, 31 May 2026	Sat, 06 Jun 2026	Available
Sun, 19 Jul 2026	Sat, 25 Jul 2026	Available
Sun, 26 Jul 2026	Sat, 01 Aug 2026	Available
Sun, 09 Aug 2026	Sat, 15 Aug 2026	Available
Sun, 23 Aug 2026	Sat, 29 Aug 2026	Available
Sun, 27 Sep 2026	Sat, 03 Oct 2026	Available
Sun, 04 Oct 2026	Sat, 10 Oct 2026	Available
Sun, 11 Oct 2026	Sat, 17 Oct 2026	Available

Detailed Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1. Pickup from Hotel/Airport – Zhygylgan – Shakpak Ata – Kapamsay Gorge

83 km on-road & 138 km off-road (total driving time: approx. 4 hours 35 minutes)

Your journey begins in Aktau with pick-up from your hotel or airport, followed by a short briefing before heading into the Mangystau desert.

The first destination is **Zhigylgan (Fallen Earth)**, a massive natural depression formed by ancient geological collapse. Here you will walk among dramatic cliffs and observe rare fossilized footprints of prehistoric animals, including saber-toothed cats, preserved in the rock.

After exploration, the journey continues toward **Kapamsay Gorge**, a peaceful canyon surrounded by tall limestone walls and quiet desert scenery. This area offers a first real taste of Mangystau's silence and vastness.

In the afternoon, visit **Shakpak-Ata Cave Mosque**, one of the most sacred and historical sites in the region. Carved directly into rock, this ancient underground mosque reflects centuries of spiritual heritage and offers a unique atmosphere of calm and mystery.

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By evening, arrive at Kapamsay Gorge for dinner and camping under the canyon walls, surrounded by complete silence and desert stars.



Distance: 83 km on-road & 138 km off-road



Duration: 4 hours 35 minutes (driving time)



Accommodation: Tent camping



Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2. Akespe – Torysh – Kokala – Sherkala – Airakty.

Akespe Gorge welcomes visitors with towering limestone cliffs and winding canyon paths, where dramatic rock formations create one of the region's most impressive natural landscapes.


At Torysh, also known as the **Valley of Balls**, explore the remarkable spherical rock formations scattered across the steppe, a unique geological phenomenon that continues to fascinate travelers.

The journey continues to Kokala, famous for its colorful Jurassic clay formations and layered landscapes shaped over millions of years.

Visit the iconic **Sherkala Mountain**, often referred to as the "Sphinx of Mangystau" due to its distinctive yurt-like silhouette rising from the desert plains.

In **Airakty**, walk among striking mountain formations that resemble ancient castles emerging from the desert terrain. The peaceful scenery and dramatic landscape make it one of the highlights of the region.

Enjoy a traditional Kazakh dinner served in an authentic yurt at Kogez Ethno Village before heading to the tented camp for an overnight stay surrounded by the unique landscapes of Mangystau.

 **Distance:** 200 km on-road & 70 km off-road

 **Duration:** 5 hours 40 minutes (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Tent camping

 **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner


Day 3. Guesthouse in Zharmysh Village – Tuzbair Syndy Upper View – Tuzbair Lower Part – White Arch (camping site).


The morning begins with breakfast in the desert before traveling toward **Zharmysh Village**, where you will enjoy a traditional homemade lunch in a local guesthouse, experiencing authentic rural Kazakh hospitality.

Afterward, continue to **Tuzbair Upper Viewpoint**, where a breathtaking panorama opens over endless white salt flats, cliffs, and horizon lines that seem to disappear into infinity.

Next, descend into the **Tuzbair Lower Salt Flats**, walking across a surreal landscape of white crusted ground and ancient seabed formations. The silence and scale of this area create one of the most memorable experiences of the tour.

In the evening, reach **White Arch**, a natural rock formation and your camping site for the night. Enjoy sunset over the salt desert followed by dinner under the open sky.

 **Distance:** 163 km on-road & 116km off-road

 **Duration:** 5 hours *and 30 min* (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Tent camping

 **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 4, Ethnic village experience - Rest day

After several days of exploration across Mangystau, this day is dedicated to rest, cultural immersion, and authentic local experiences.


The morning starts at 8:00 am with a peaceful outdoor breakfast in Tuzbair, surrounded by the vast white salt landscapes. At 9:00 am, the journey continues with a drive of approximately four hours to Kogez ethnic village.

Upon arrival around 13:00, guests experience traditional Kazakh lifestyle in an authentic yurt setting. There is time for lunch, followed by shower and rest to relax after the journey. In the

evening from 19:00, guests enjoy a traditional dinner inside the yurt, followed by a cultural night experience showcasing local traditions and atmosphere.

Accommodation is in a shared yurt at Kogez Ethnic Village.

 **Accommodation:** Shared yurt at Kogez Ethnic Village

 **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 5. Bozjyra National Park (Mars Panorama, Dragon Crest) – Bozjyra Fangs – Bozjyra Lower Part – camping under the Fangs formation.


Today you enter one of the most iconic landscapes in Kazakhstan: **Bozjyra National Park**.

Start with the **Mars Panorama**, where red and white cliffs resemble a surface from another planet. Then continue to the **Dragon Crest viewpoint**, offering sweeping views over endless white chalk formations.

The highlight of the day is the legendary **Bozjyra Fangs**, two massive limestone formations rising sharply from the desert floor. This is one of the most photographed landmarks in Central Asia.

Later, descend to the **Lower Bozjyra area**, where the full scale of the cliffs becomes even more impressive.

In the evening, set up camp directly beneath the Fangs, enjoying a surreal sunset and one of the most unforgettable nights of the journey.

 **Distance:** 82 km on-road & 60 km off-road

 **Duration:** 3 hours 50 minutes (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Tent Camping

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





DAY 6 – Baisary – Bokty – Kyzylkup Canyon

After sunrise at Bozjyra, begin the journey toward **Baisary Plateau**, a vast open landscape where desert meets rock formations and endless horizon lines.

Continue to **Bokty Mountain**, a pyramid-shaped natural monument rising sharply from the desert. Its isolated and geometric form makes it one of Mangystau's most iconic landmarks.

In the afternoon, arrive at **Kyzylkup (Tiramisu Canyon)**, famous for its colorful layered cliffs resembling dessert layers. The landscape changes colors depending on light, creating a surreal visual effect.

Enjoy sunset and camping in this unique canyon environment.

-  **Distance:** 50 km off-road
 -  **Duration:** 1 hours 30 minutes (driving time)
 -  **Accommodation:** Tent Camping
 -  **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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Day 7– Karaman Ata – Ybyk Gorge – Return to Aktau (Hotel Drop-off)

The total distance is 294 km on-road and 70 km off-road, with an estimated duration of around 6 hours and 15 minutes.

Visit Karaman Ata, one of Mangystau’s most significant underground mosques and an important pilgrimage site carved directly into the rock.

Continue to Ybyk Gorge, where steep canyon walls and narrow winding passages showcase the wild and dramatic beauty of Mangystau’s desert landscapes.

After exploring the gorge, return to Aktau City. Participants will be dropped off at their respective hotels, marking the end of the tour.

-  **Distance:** 294 km on-road & 70 km off-road
 -  **Duration:** 6 hours 15 minutes (driving time)
 -  **Accommodation:** Not included (end of trip)
 -  **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch
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Tour Pricing

The price per person is 1,150 USD

(To reserve a spot, we require a deposit of 69 USD from the total cost. The remaining balance of 1081 USD can be paid closer to your arrival.)

If you wish to take a private tour, request the price.

✓ What's Included

- English-speaking local guide
- Three meals per day (local food cooking)
- 5 nights camping (*tent, sleeping bag, pillow, bedsheet*);
- One night stay at the Kogez Yurt Camp (*shared with your group*)
- Accident insurance coverage
- All entrance fees included

✗ What's Not Included

- Visa fees
- International and domestic airfare
- Expenses due to unexpected weather (e.g., extra hotel stays)
- Accommodation on arrival and departure days in Aktau
- 1st day breakfast & last day dinner

Optional Add-ons

You may add the following services for an additional fee:

Airport Transfer: \$15 one way / \$30 round trip

We may occasionally adjust the order of visits and activities (museums and sites) if required due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be made with your comfort and overall experience in mind.



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