



Mangystay 8 days Group Tour

22 Sights of Mangystau in 8 days Tour

- **Khanga Baba Necropolis:** Ancient burial site with historic tombs and unique architecture.
- **Zhigalgan Fallen Earth:** Eroded landscapes with striking natural formations.
- **Kenty Baba Necropolis:** Historic cemetery site with ancient stone monuments.
- **Kapamsay Canyon:** Dramatic canyon with steep cliffs and scenic views.
- **Shakpak Ata Cave Mosque:** Historic cave mosque and pilgrimage site.
- **Torysh – Valley of Balls:** Desert valley scattered with thousands of perfectly round boulders.
- **Kokala – Jurassic Clays (Scaly):** Colorful layered clay formations resembling prehistoric landscapes.
- **Sherkala Mount:** Giant isolated mountain shaped like a yurt with panoramic views.
- **Airakty – Valley of Castles:** Rock formations resembling ancient castles carved by nature.
- **Karynzhyryk Depression:** Deep valley with unique geological features.
- **Onere Water Source:** Natural spring in the desert providing fresh water.
- **Senek Sand Dunes:** Expansive golden sand dunes perfect for desert exploration.
- **Kyzylkup – Tiramisu Canyon:** Layered red and orange canyon resembling a tiramisu cake.

- **Bokty – Mount:** Scenic mountain with unusual rock formations and viewpoints.
- **Bozjyra – Mars Panorama:** Red cliffs and canyons creating a Mars-like landscape.
- **Bozjyra – Crest Panorama:** Jagged ridges offering stunning desert vistas.
- **Bozjyra – Fangs Upper Plateau:** Tall, sharp rock spires rising dramatically from the plateau.
- **Bozjyra – Under Crest:** Base area of the crest with striking rock formations.
- **Bozjyra – Under Fangs:** Dramatic eroded terrain beneath the fang-like spires.
- **Tuzbair Salt Flat:** Vast, sparkling white salt plains in a surreal desert landscape.
- **Karagiya Hollow:** Deep desert hollow with unique geological features.
- **Ybyk – Porous Gorge:** Gorge with porous rock formations shaped by natural erosion.

Mangystau Group Tour Schedule 2026

Start Date	End Date	Status
Sat, 6 June 2026	Sat, 13 Jun 2026	Available
Sat, 1 Aug 2026	Sat, 8 Aug 2026	Available

Detailed Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1. Hanga-Baba Necropolis, Zhygylgan, Kenty-Baba, Kapamsai Canyon, Shakpak-Ata

185 km on road & 95 km off-road, about 5h drive

The day begins with a visit to the **Hanga-Baba Necropolis**, a historic site steeped in centuries of cultural and spiritual significance. Wandering among the ancient tombs, you can feel the depth of history that this sacred place holds.

Next, the journey continues to **Zhygylgan, also known as the Fallen Land**, a remarkable geological formation shaped over millennia. Here, natural patterns and ancient markings create a landscape that hints at the presence of prehistoric creatures.


From there, explore the **Kenty-Baba Necropolis**, another fascinating burial site in the region. Its unique architecture and atmosphere offer a deeper insight into the area's rich historical and cultural heritage.

The adventure then leads to **Kapamsai Canyon**, where you can take in sweeping views of steep cliffs and dramatic rock formations. The panoramic vistas highlight the region's rugged natural beauty, making it a perfect spot for photos and quiet reflection.

The final stop of the day is the **Shakpak-Ata Underground Mosque**, an ancient mosque carved directly into the rock. Its architecture and historical significance make it a truly unique site to explore.

The day concludes with camping at **Kapamsai Canyon**, where you can enjoy a hot dinner and spend the night under a canopy of stars, surrounded by the serene desert landscape.

Meals include a picnic lunch during the day and a warm dinner in the evening, with accommodation in comfortable tents at the campsite.

 **Distance:** 185 km on-road & 95 km off-road

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

 **Accommodation:** Tent camping

 **Meals:** Lunch, Dinner

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

180 km on road & 41 km off-road, 5h 30 min drive

The day begins with a journey to **Akespe Gorge**, where sheer limestone cliffs rise dramatically above a winding path. Each turn reveals new rock formations, offering a sense of wonder at the canyon's rugged beauty.

Next, explore **Torysh**, also known as the Valley of Balls. This area is famous for its mysterious spherical rock formations, a unique geological phenomenon that captures the imagination of all who visit.

The route continues to **Kokala**, home to the Jurassic Clays. Here, vibrant purple hues and ancient rock layers create a striking landscape, showcasing millions of years of geological history.

A short drive brings you to **Sherkala Mount**, often called the "Sphinx of Mangystau." Its distinctive shape, reminiscent of a yurt, makes it one of the most iconic natural landmarks in the region.

The final stop is **Airakty**, the Valley of Castle-Shaped Mountains. Walk among towering rock formations that resemble fortresses, and soak in the dramatic desert scenery. Dinner is served in a traditional Kazakh yurt at **Kogez Ethno Village**, allowing you to experience local culture and cuisine before returning to your tented camp for the night.

Overnight at Airakty in tents, surrounded by the otherworldly landscape. Outdoor breakfast, picnic lunch, hot dinner. Camping in tents.



Distance: 180 km on-road & 41 km off-road



Duration: 5 hours 30 minutes (driving time)



Accommodation: Tent camping



Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 3. Zharmysh Village, Tuzbair Salt Flats, White Arch


Today's journey covers 163 km on paved roads and 116 km off-road, with an approximate driving time of 5 hours 30 minutes.


The day begins in **Zharmysh Village**, where you pause for a hearty homemade lunch at a local guesthouse. This is a chance to experience the simple flavors of rural Mangystau life.

After lunch, drive to **Tuzbair Syndy Upper Viewpoint** to take in the breathtaking panorama of the dazzling white salt flats and cliffs. Continue to the **Lower Tuzbair Salt Flat** for a relaxing picnic lunch amid the expansive, tranquil landscape.

In the afternoon, explore the **White Arch**, a striking natural rock formation offering dramatic desert views, and then walk through the **Lower Tuzbair Canyons**, where narrow passages and colorful rock walls reveal the power and history of the landscape.

Set up camp at Tuzbair, enjoy a hot dinner, and spend the night under the stars. Outdoor breakfast, picnic lunch, hot dinner. Camping in tents.

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

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


 **Accommodation:** Tent camping


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

Day 4. Rest Day and Preparation for the Karynzharyk Expedition

Today is a **rest day** designed to help you relax and recharge in preparation for the challenging off-road ride to the **Karynzharyk Depression** tomorrow. Travel from Tuzbair to the yurt camp, stopping for lunch at a local café along the way, and arrive at the camp around 3:00 PM.

Spend the afternoon unwinding and enjoying the tranquil desert surroundings. This is a perfect opportunity to rest after several days of driving and exploration, and to prepare mentally and physically for the remote and dramatic landscapes ahead..

 **Accommodation:** Shared yurt at the camp.

 **Meals:** Outdoor breakfast, lunch at a local café, dinner at a local café.

Day 5. Onere Spring, Karynzharyk Depression, Kendirli Salt Flat


Today's journey covers 160 km on paved roads and 95 km off-road, with an approximate driving time of 5 hours 30 minutes.


Travel across the **Ustyurt Plateau**, an exciting off-road route through endless plains that showcase the region's unique flora and tranquil desert landscapes.

The first stop is **Onere Spring**, where you can refresh and enjoy a light lunch surrounded by the natural beauty of the area. From there, continue to the **Karynzharyk Depression**, a dramatic landscape with breathtaking elevation changes and striking geological formations. Take in panoramic views of the **Three Brothers Mountain Range**, whose three majestic peaks rise above vast salt flats, creating an almost mystical atmosphere.

Nearby lies the **Kendirli Salt Flat**, a dazzling white expanse that feels otherworldly. Guests may choose to take an evening walk across the salt flat, a round trip of about three hours, to experience its beauty up close.

The day concludes with camping in the **Karynzharyk Depression**, where you can relax after an adventurous day and enjoy the mesmerizing desert night sky.

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 **Duration:** 5 hours 30 minutes (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Tent Camping

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


Day 6. Zhanaozen, Bokty Mount, Kyzylkup (Tiramisu) Canyon

Today's journey covers 265 km on paved roads and 110 km off-road, with an approximate driving time of 6 hours 40 minutes.

Begin with a stop in **Zhanaozen City** for lunch, a chance to rest and experience a local town along the route.

The journey continues to **Bokty Mount**, a striking pyramid-shaped peak that rises dramatically from the desert, resembling a natural monument carved by time and wind.

The day concludes at **Kyzylkup**, also known as **Tiramisu Canyon** due to its layered rock formations that resemble the famous dessert. Here, you can explore the canyon and enjoy a peaceful evening camping amidst this iconic landscape, surrounded by stunning desert scenery.

 **Distance:** 265 km on-road & 110 km off-road

 **Duration:** 6 hours 40 minutes (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Tent Camping

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7. Bozjyra National Park: Mars Panorama, Dragon Crest, Bozjyra Fangs

Today's journey covers 5 km on paved roads and 90 km off-road, with an approximate driving time of 3 hours 40 minutes.

Begin your day at **Bozjyra National Park** with a visit to the **Mars Panorama** viewpoint. From here, the cliffs and ridges stretch out in surreal formations, creating a landscape that feels almost extraterrestrial.


Next, hike to **Dragon Crest**, a jagged ridge whose spine-like formations resemble the mythical dragon it is named after. Continue to the **Bozjyra Fangs**, the iconic twin limestone peaks that are among the most photographed landmarks in Mangystau.

The adventure culminates with a visit to **Bozzhira**, venturing beneath the Fangs into an underground world of unusual rock formations. This area evokes a mysterious and magical atmosphere, perfect for exploration and photography.

Camping: End the day camping beneath the majestic Fangs. Enjoy a cozy picnic dinner and spend the evening stargazing, reflecting on the day's adventures, and soaking in the serene desert surroundings.

Meals: Field breakfast, picnic lunch, hot dinner

Accommodation: Camping in tents

 **Distance:** 5 km on-road & 90 km off-road

 **Duration:** 3 hours 40 minutes (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Tent Camping

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


Day 8. Karaman Ata Underground Mosque, Ybyk (Porous Gorge), Return to Aktau


Today's journey covers 310 km on paved roads and 80 km off-road, with an approximate driving time of 6 hours 35 minutes.

Begin the day at **Karaman Ata**, one of Mangystau's remarkable underground mosques. This revered site, carved directly into rock, offers insight into the region's spiritual history and is a fascinating place to explore.

Next, visit **Ybyk (Porous Gorge)**, where unusual rock formations and deep fissures create an awe-inspiring landscape. The gorge's dramatic geology evokes a sense of antiquity and highlights the raw power of nature, making it a perfect final exploration stop before concluding the journey.

Afterward, return to **Aktau**, where the tour concludes. Upon arrival, participants are transferred to their hotel or the airport, depending on onward travel plans.

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 **Duration:** 6 hours 35 minutes (driving time)

 **Accommodation:** Not included (end of trip)

 **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

Tour Pricing

The price per person is 1,350 USD

(To reserve a spot, we require a deposit of 81 USD from the total cost. The remaining balance of 1269 USD can be paid closer to your arrival.)

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

✔ What's Included

- **Transportation through the tour.** Arrival pickup from the hotel or airport, and transfer to the tour start point.
 - **Guide:** English-speaking local tour leader throughout the journey.
 - **Meals:** Three meals per day featuring local cuisine. Includes breakfast on the first day and dinner on the last day. Complimentary camel milk products are also provided.
 - **Accommodation:** 6 nights of tent camping with all camping equipment provided, plus 1 night in a shared traditional yurt.
 - **Activities & Access:** All entrance fees to sites are included. Additional amenities include wet towels for refreshing the body.
- Insurance & Safety:** Accident insurance coverage is included.

✘ What's Not Included

- **Flights & Visas:** International and domestic airfare and visa fees.
 - **Expenses:** Tips for guides and drivers, personal shopping, and optional extras.
 - **Additional Accommodation:** Hotels beyond what is included in the itinerary.
- Other Activities:** Optional activities outside the planned program (riding, trekking, or plane rides not included).
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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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