



## The heart of Kyrgyzstan Cultural Group Tour



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### KYRGYZSTAN CULTURE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

This tour will show you the most known [Kyrgyz destinations](#) and focus largely on the [cultural activities](#) available along the itinerary. You will start with the beautiful [Issyk Kul](#) lake and its many mountain valleys surrounding the lake that offer unique sights. Issyk Kul is a great start that will help you to adapt to the higher altitudes and prepare you for even more stunning sights in the Naryn regions and the [Son Kul](#) lake at 3016 meters above the sea level.

During this tour, you will sleep in [yurts](#), see the [eagle hunter](#) in action with his bird, get a glimpse of the silk road history and the current nomad life of Kyrgyzstan. You will also see how the yurts are being produced as there is a stable demand for them by the nomads herding their animals in the mountain pastures during the summers.

**Departures Summer (May – September):** Day 6: visit Son-Kol Lake

**Departures Spring & Fall:** (March, April, October, November): Day 6: visit Tash Rabat

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## FIXED TOUR DATES IN 2026

Start Date	End Date	Status
25 May 2026	02 Jun 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
08 Jun 2026	16 Jun 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
11 Jun 2026	19 Jun 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
18 Jun 2026	26 Jun 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
25 Jun 2026	3 Jul 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
29 Jun 2026	7 Jul 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
6 Jul 2026	14 Jul 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
20 Jul 2026	28 Jul 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
23 Jul 2026	31 Jul 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
03 Aug 2026	11 Aug 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
06 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
17 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
20 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
07 Sep 2026	15 Sep 2026	<b><u>Available</u></b>
10 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	<u>Sold out</u>
21 Sep 2026	29 Sep 2026	<u>Sold out</u>

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## KYRGYZSTAN CULTURE TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1. Bishkek

Arrival at your convenience. Standard hotel check-in is available after 14:00.

Spend some free time on your own before meeting your guide and fellow travelers at 14:00. You will receive a briefing on the itinerary and travel plans, followed by [city tour in Bishkek](#).

In the evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a traditional restaurant and sample authentic Kyrgyz cuisine.

 **Accommodation:** 3\* Hotel

 **Meals included:** Dinner

**Note:** We strongly recommend booking an additional night at the hotel, as many flights to Bishkek arrive late at night or early in the morning.

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## Day 2. Bishkek – Burana – Iskra village – Cholpon Ata

**Breakfast** at the hotel.

The day begins with a visit to [Burana Tower](#), an ancient minaret in the Chuy Valley in northern Kyrgyzstan. Explore the tower, funerary monuments, earthworks, remains of the castle, and three mausoleums—the only remnants of the [ancient town of Balasagyn](#), founded by the Karakhanids at the end of the 9th century.

Enjoy **lunch in Iskra village** with a Dungan family, a Chinese Muslim ethnic group who settled in Kyrgyzstan. Sample their traditional cuisine.

Continue to **Issyk-Kul**, Kyrgyzstan's largest lake and one of the deepest in the world. Check in at your hotel located on the lake shore.

Your first stop at Issyk-Kul is the [Petroglyph Museum](#), a 42-hectare open-air site featuring stones, tombs, [balbals](#), and petroglyphs dating from the 2nd millennium BC to the 4th century AD.

Enjoy **free time** to relax on the beach or swim in the lake.

**Dinner** at the restaurant.

 **Accommodation:** Lakeside Resort

 **Meals included :** Breakfast, Lunch

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### Day 3. Cholpon Ata – Grigoriev and Semienov gorges – Karakol

**Breakfast** at the hotel.

Today's excursion takes you to the [Grigoriev and Semenov Gorges](#), two of the most famous natural attractions in the [Issyk-Kul](#) region. Enjoy a **picnic or lunch at a roadside café** while surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. Take a walk, explore the wild nature, and relax in this beautiful setting.

Afterward, drive to [Karakol](#), the administrative center of the Issyk-Kul region. Sightseeing in Karakol includes:

**Russian Orthodox Cathedral**

**Dungan Mosque**

Dinner will be served at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for rest.



**Accommodation:** 3\* Hotel



**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

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### Day 4. Karakol – Jeti Oguz – Barskoon – Tamga

After breakfast, we set off from Karakol toward the breathtaking [Jeti Oguz Gorge](#), where nature greets us with the striking **red cliffs of the famous “Broken Heart.”** Standing at the entrance to the gorge, this dramatic rock formation sets a romantic and mysterious tone for our visit. We'll enjoy a leisurely hour-long walk, surrounded by fresh mountain air and sweeping views.

Our journey continues to the scenic [Barskoon Gorge](#), a place celebrated for its cascading waterfalls. Among them, the enchanting “Tears of the Snow Leopard” captures both beauty and legend. Midway through the gorge, we'll come across a unique monument dedicated to Yuri A. Gagarin, the world's first cosmonaut, standing proudly amid the rugged landscape.

Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.



**Accommodation:** *Guesthouse*



**Meals included:** *breakfast, dinner*

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## Day 5. Tamga – Fairy Tale Canyons – Bokonbaevo – Kochkor

After breakfast, we head towards Kochkor village and pass by the south shore of the lake. On the road we visit the [Skazka canyons](#) which translate as the “**Fairy Tale**”. Here you can find objects of surprising shapes and sizes. A real skyscraper or an animal can appear in front of you.

Next, we **meet an eagle hunter** with his bird. You can appreciate the alertness and speed of the bird during the hunting. It is one of the oldest traditions of Kyrgyz nomads.

Lunch in the guesthouse or café.

Our next stop is Kyzyl Tuu village where the **local family reveals the secrets of yurt production**. This family is engaged in this unique art from generation to generation.

Continue to Kochkor. Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.



**Accommodation:** *Guesthouse*



**Meals included:** *breakfast, lunch, dinner*

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## Day 6. Kochkor – Son Kul lake/Tash Rabat

### Departures Summer (May – September): From Kochkor to Son-Kul

After breakfast, we journey along winding mountain roads, climbing higher into the heart of Kyrgyzstan’s wild beauty until we reach the **Kalmak Ashu Pass (3,447 m)**. From this lofty vantage point, **Son-Kul Lake** shimmers in the distance, appearing like a small turquoise jewel set in the vast highland plains.

As we descend toward the lake, its true grandeur unfolds — an expansive, dazzling mirror of sky surrounded by rolling green pastures. Upon arrival at our **yurt camp**, we are welcomed with the warmth and hospitality of the nomads, discovering their centuries-old traditions, way of life, and deep connection to the land. In the evening, we share a hearty dinner before spending the night in authentic yurts under a sky thick with stars.

### Departures Spring & Fall (March, April, October, November): From Kochkor to Tash Rabat

Our goal is to reach the **caravanserai Tash Rabat**, overcoming the **Dolon Pass** at 3,030 meters above sea level.

**Tash Rabat** is a historical monument founded by monks in the 10th century. During the Silk Road era, it lost its religious significance and served as a stopover for caravans and travelers.

- **Lunch:** Restaurant in Naryn
- **Dinner:** Yurt camp in Tash Rabat

 **Accommodation:** Yurt camp (4 people per yurt; toilets, shower, and sauna are outside)

 **Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

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## Day 7. Son Kul lake/Tash Rabat – Chon-Kemin

**Departures Summer:** From Son-Kul to Chon-Kemin

**Departures Spring & Fall:** From Tash-Rabat to Chon Kemin

Spend the morning soaking in the beauty of the surrounding nature. We then set out for the scenic **Chon-Kemin Valley**, with a stop in the charming village of **Kochkor**.

Here, we explore the rich tradition of **felt-making**, an art deeply woven into Kyrgyz culture. Guided by skilled local artisans, we take part in a hands-on workshop, crafting our own **miniature ala-kiyiz** — the colorful, patterned felt carpet beloved by nomads for generations.

You may also opt for a leisurely stroll through the tranquil village, surrounded by sweeping mountain views. Later, enjoy a freshly prepared **traditional dinner**, the perfect ending to a day full of culture and natural beauty.

 **Accommodation:** Guesthouse

 **Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

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## Day 8. Chon-Kemin - Bishkek

Our journey to Bishkek takes us through the fertile Chuy Valley, framed by gentle hills and distant mountain peaks.

Upon arrival in the capital, enjoy some free time to explore at your own pace. You may wish to browse the bustling local markets or charming souvenir shops — the perfect chance to pick up unique gifts and mementos of your Kyrgyz adventure.



Farewell dinner.

 **Accommodation:** 3\* Hotel  
 **Meals included:** Breakfast, dinner

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## Day 9. Bishkek

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out at the 12:00.  
Departure at any time.

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

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## Tour Pricing

**Price per person from 1490 USD based on shared room**

*Single room supplement is 290 USD \*Except the yurt camps*

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### **What's Include**

- Private transportation
- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per program
- Meals as per program:
  - Breakfast (B) – 8, Lunch (L) – 5, Dinner (D) – 6
- Bishkek City Tour: Ala-Too Square, Victory Square,
- Oak Park, Central Mosque
- Burana Tower
- Lunch with a Dungan family
- Free time in Chong-Kemin
- Petroglyph open-air museum
- Karakol City Tour: Russian Orthodox Cathedral,
- Dungan Mosque
- Jety Oguz & the Seven Bulls
- Barskoon Waterfalls
- Fairy Tale Canyon
- Yurt Building Demonstration

- Eagle Hunting
- Felt Crafting
- Song Kul Lake visit
- Overnight stay in a traditional Kyrgyz Yurt

### ✗ What's Not Included

- International flights
- Airport transfers: 50 USD one way per person
- Personal expenses & personal insurance
- Services not mentioned as included
- Extra night in Bishkek:
  - 90 USD per DBL/TWN room
  - 70 USD per SGL room

## Accommodation

Place	Type	Name
Bishkek	Hotel 3*	My Hotel or similar
Cholpon-Ata	Hotel 3*	Kapriz Resort or similar
Karakol	Hotel 3*	Hotel 78 or similar
Tamga	Guest House	Pavel Guest House or similar
Kochkor	Guest House	Traveler Guest House or similar
Son-Kul	Yurt Camp	Baiysh Yurt Camp or similar <i>*Nazira Yurt Camp or similar if Day 6 in Tash Rabat</i>
Chon-Kemin	Guest House	Kemin Guest House or similar
Bishkek	Hotel 3*	My Hotel or similar

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*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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