



## 6 DAYS HORSE RIDING TOUR IN KYRGYZSTAN



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### Kyrgyzstan Horse Riding Tour Information

Enjoy a breathtaking horseback adventure through the heart of Kyrgyzstan's wild landscapes. You'll journey on horseback to remote and stunning locations around the high-altitude Song-Kol Lake and the scenic south shore of Ysyk-Kol Lake, staying overnight in traditional yurts and experiencing the warmth of Kyrgyz nomadic hospitality.

For those seeking extra cultural enrichment, optional experiences include a visit to the whimsical Fairy-Tale Canyons or an impressive eagle hunting demonstration. This tour is perfect for nature lovers, cultural explorers, and adventure seekers looking to connect deeply with the landscapes and traditions of Kyrgyzstan.

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## TOUR DETAILS

**Period:**

May - October

**Tour length and Participants:**

6 days, 5 nights, 1 - 4 participants

**Total drive:**

750 km

**Activities:**

6 days of horse riding

**Accommodation:**

1 night at guesthouse, 4 nights at yurt

**Price from:**

\$828 USD per person for a group of 4 people

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## TOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1. Drive to Kyzart Village. Horse riding to Kilemche**



- Start your adventure early in the morning, departing from Bishkek and heading toward Kyzart Village near Song-Kol Lake. After arriving, enjoy lunch at a local homestay before meeting your horse and guide. The journey begins along a gentle trail beside the Chaar-Archa River, allowing you to build confidence and get comfortable with your horse.
- By late afternoon, you'll reach Kilemche pasture, a tranquil spot where herders bring their livestock. Take time to unwind, soak in the calm surroundings, and witness the traditional nomadic lifestyle.
- As evening falls, settle into a yurt for the night. Dinner will be prepared by your hosts, offering both a taste of local cuisine and an opportunity to connect with them and learn about their culture. Your overnight stay in the yurt, surrounded by nature, provides an authentic glimpse into rural Kyrgyzstan.

### **Travel Details**

**Transfer Distance:** 280 km (approx. 4 hours)

**Road Type:** Fully asphalt (280 km)

**Horse Riding:** 21 km (approx. 4–5 hours)

### **Meals Included**

Lunch: Guesthouse

Dinner: Yurt

### **Accommodation**

Overnight: Traditional yurt stay (2700m)

Toilet Facilities: Shared outdoor WC

Internet Access: Not available

Shower: Not available

### Notes & Recommendations

- No prior horse-riding experience is required. You will leave your large bag at the guesthouse in Kyzart and take only a small backpack with essential items and clothing for the next three days.
- You will get your large bag back upon returning.

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## Day 2. Horse Riding to Song-Kol Lake



- Today's journey leads toward the **Jalgыз-Karagay Pass**, climbing to an altitude of **3,300 meters**. The ascent is demanding but highly rewarding. At the summit, you are rewarded with a spectacular panoramic view of **Song-Kol Lake**, spread out below and framed by dramatic mountain ranges.
- After taking time to rest and letting the horses graze, you begin the descent toward the yurt camp near Song-Kol Lake. Upon reaching the lakeshore, you arrive at a traditional yurt camp, where a warm and welcoming lunch awaits.

- Following the meal, you enjoy a leisurely ride along the **western shore of the lake**. The route is gentle and scenic, offering stunning views of the clear blue waters and the surrounding untouched landscape. Continuing westward, you visit another yurt camp belonging to a local nomadic Kyrgyz family. This stop offers insight into their traditional lifestyle, including livestock herding and dairy production.
- After this peaceful ride, you return to the main yurt camp for a hearty **Kyrgyz dinner**, shared in a welcoming atmosphere of local hospitality. The day concludes with a restful overnight stay in a yurt, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of Song-Kol Lake.

### **Horse Riding Day**

Distance: 23 km

Duration: 5–6 hours

#### **Meals Included:**

Breakfast: At the yurt

Lunch: At the yurt

Dinner: At the yurt

#### **Accommodation:**

Overnight: Yurt (3100m)

Toilet Facilities: Shared outdoor WC

Internet Access: Mobile phone

Shower: On request

#### **Notes & Recommendations:**

Although daytime temperatures can be warm at Song-Kol Lake, evenings can get chilly, so be sure to bring warm clothing.

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### **Day 3. Horse riding to the western shore of Song-Kol Lake**



- Today you'll enjoy a relaxing day of horse riding along the shores of Song-Kol Lake. After two days in the saddle, you are feeling more confident, and your guide will lead you at a canter or even a gallop across the smooth lakeside terrain, without needing to ride over any mountains.
- By midday, you will reach the **Ozbek-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 around you, or head out for another short ride into the nearby hills.
- Dinner will be served in the yurt before you settle in for an overnight stay.

### **Horse Riding Day**

Distance: 16 km

Duration: 4 hours

### **Meals Included:**

Breakfast: At the yurt

Lunch: At the yurt

Dinner: At the yurt

### **Accommodation:**

Overnight: Yurt (3100m)

Toilet Facilities: Sharing WC

Internet: Mobile phone

Shower: No

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#### **Day 4. Horse riding back to Kyzart. Road trip 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 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 a short trip to the Fairy-Tale Canyons and enjoy the sunset over the canyons and Ysyk-Kol Lake. Then you'll arrive at your guesthouse in Bokonbaev Village, where you can enjoy dinner and relax after your memorable horse-riding adventure.

#### **Transfer:**

Total: 200 km – 3–4 h

Asphalt: 200 km

Dirt road: 0 km

**Horse riding:**

20 km – 4–5 h

**Meals:**

Breakfast at yurt

Lunch at guesthouse

Dinner at guesthouse

**Accommodation:**

Overnight: Guesthouse

WC: Shared / Private

Internet: Wi-Fi

Shower: Available

**Notes & Recommendations**

– Bokonbaev is located a bit farther from the lake shore. If you prefer to stay closer to the lake, please confirm with your tour manager – yurt accommodation options are available by the lake.

– The tour to the Fairy-Tale Canyon is optional and available for an additional fee; please confirm with the tour manager.

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**Day 5. Horse riding to Boz-Salkyn Valley**



- The day begins early in the morning as you meet your guide and the horses in the village of Bokonbaev. After getting acquainted with your horses, you'll set off through lush summer fields dotted with wildflowers and traditional farmhouses. You'll take a break near a tranquil river, the perfect spot for a relaxing picnic
- After the break, the ride continues as you start ascending toward Karaly-Archa Pass (2800m). As you reach the top, you'll be rewarded with panoramic vistas of Ysyk-Kol Lake, shimmering in the distance, and the towering Tien Shan Mountains surrounding you.
- Once you've reached the top and taken in the breathtaking views, you'll begin the descent into the Boz Salkyn Valley. The path winds through lush forests, where the towering trees provide shade and a sense of tranquility.
- Your day of exploration concludes with a warm welcome at the yurt of a local shepherd. You'll enjoy a hearty dinner, perhaps featuring locally sourced ingredients and traditional dishes. As night falls, you can watch the sunset cast golden hues over the valley, with the mountains and fields bathed in the fading light.

### **Horse Riding Day**

Distance: 23 km

Duration: 5–6 hours

### **Meals Included:**

Breakfast: At guesthouse

Lunch: Picnic  
Dinner: At yurt

**Accommodation:**

Overnight: Traditional yurt stay (2500m)  
Toilet Facilities: Shared outdoor WC  
Internet Access: Mobile phone  
Shower: On request

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**Day 6. Horse riding back to Bokonbaev Village. Drive back to Bishkek.**



- After a light breakfast, it's time to saddle up and begin the last day of your journey. The ride today is relatively easy as you descend from the valley, following trails that meander through the tranquil countryside
- On your way, you'll meet the local eagle hunter Burkutchu for a demonstration of the eagle hunting process. This captivating experience offers a unique glimpse into Kyrgyzstan's cultural heritage and the enduring art of Eagle hunting.

- You'll eventually arrive at Bokonbaev Village and you'll enjoy a well-deserved lunch at a local guesthouse. After lunch and some time to rest, it's time to leave the village behind and drive back to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan
- As you arrive back in Bishkek, the 6-day horse riding adventure comes to a close. Whether you've marvelled at the majestic mountains, ridden across vast fields, or spent a peaceful night in a shepherd's yurt, the memories of this unforgettable experience will stay with you.

### **Transfer & Horse Riding Day**

#### **Transfer Distance:**

Total: 270 km – 4 h

Asphalt: 270 km

Dirt road: 0 km

**Horse Riding:** 16 km (approx. 4 hours)

#### **Meals Included:**

**Breakfast:** At the yurt

**Lunch:** At the 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 – if you prefer, you can skip it.
  - You'll arrive back in Bishkek at around 7–8 PM.
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## Tour Pricing

Number of People	Total Price (USD)	Price Per Person (USD)
1	\$1,610	\$1,610
2	\$2,070	\$1,035
3	\$2,601	\$867
4	\$3,312	\$828

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### ✓ What's 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

## **✗ What's 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 – *\$70 per group*
- Visit to Fairy-Tale Canyons – *\$40 per group*

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## **What to bring?**

### **Clothing**

- Warm layers such as a fleece or down jacket for cool mornings and evenings
- Light clothing for daytime wear (T-shirts and long-sleeve tops)
- Waterproof and windproof outer jacket
- Sun hat or cap
- Gloves and warm socks
- Scarf or buff for protection against wind
- Comfortable trekking boots

### **Horse Riding & Trekking**

- Long trousers suitable for riding
- Comfortable trekking pants and shorts
- Riding gloves (optional)

- Sturdy trekking shoes or boots
- Lightweight, breathable clothing

### **Other Essentials**

- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Small backpack for daily essentials
- Reusable water bottle
- Personal toiletries and a towel
- Basic first-aid kit and any personal medications
- Camera or smartphone for photography
- Power bank and charging cables
- Passport, ID, and copies of important travel documents

### **Optional Items**

- Binoculars for wildlife observation
- Energy snacks for trekking
- Notebook or travel journal

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## **Check visa policy**

Find your country from the list and check possible visa requirements for [Kyrgyzstan](#)

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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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