

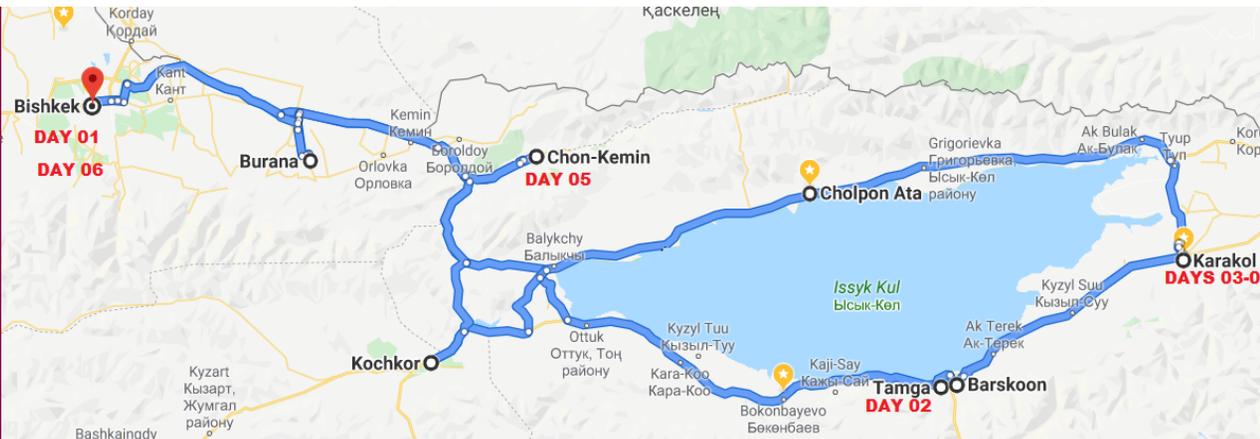
Kyrgyzstan

Land of Celestial Mountains

Optional add-on to Uzbekistan tour

April 9 - 15, 2020





At a glance 7 Days (6 nights)

- 2 nights Bishek
- 1 night Issykul Lake
- 2 nights Karakol
- 1 night Chon-kemin

Costs ~ dependant on group size

Double occupancy USD 1170 pp
(group size 9-12)

Double occupancy USD 1600pp
(group size 3-8)

Single Supplement: USD 530 pp

Includes:

- Conceptualized, organized and by E.Y.H.O. Tours
- Expert English-speaking local guides
- Full-board meals and drinks throughout
- 3-4* accommodation
- Excursions, entrance fees, local taxes
- Private transportation in air-conditioned vehicles
- Yurt making demo
- Folklore show Karakol
- Horse games & Eagle-hunting shows

Does not Include:

- Travel Insurance
- International Flights
- Connecting flight to Uzbekistan 2019 tour (We'd be happy to help book this for you, at extra cost - contact us!)
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, hotel staff

Itinerary is subject to change according to local conditions and desires of the group.





Day 1: Thursday April 9 Bishkek

Arrive in Bishkek, a major hub of the silk road, located in the heart of Chuy Valley. Spend the morning exploring historical sites including the National History Museum, local bazaars, and the Eternal Flame.

Be welcomed into a local world-renowned Tumar Studio which specializes in all manner of felted products from ethnographic horse trappings to simple, contemporary shoes. Enjoy a dinner of local Kyrgyz cuisine.

Meals: B, L, D



Day 2: Friday April 10 Tamga

After breakfast, travel Issyk Kul lake; 2nd largest mountain lake in the world, situated in the northern Tian Shan mountains. Despite its altitude of 1,607m, Issyk Kul lake never freezes, hence its name "hot lake" in Kyrgyz.

Drive to Bokonbaeva and take in an Eagle Hunting show, a specialty of the region. Visit a local NGO to watch the process of Shyrdak felted rug making. Head to your scenic hotel, tucked away in the snow-capped mountains, where dinner will be served.

Meals: B, L, D



Day 3: Saturday April 11 Diety-Oguz

Early morning drive to Jety Oguz valley, where lush flora and striking red sandstone landscapes await. Visit the home and workshop of a famous yurt maker in a nearby village. Continue on to the lush Jety-Oguz gorge for a breath of air.

Enjoy a traditional Dugan meal with a local family and explore Dugan village.

Overnight at a local guesthouse.

Meals: B, L, D



Day 4: Sunday April 12 Karakol

After breakfast, head on to Karakol, quickly becoming one of Kyrgyzstan's cultural and culinary capitals. Stroll through the heart of the city, discovering the unique architecture and small marketplaces of Karakol.

In the evening, be welcomed into a local family home to share dinner and enjoy a Kyrgyz folklore music performance. Overnight in a charming guesthouse.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 5: Monday April 13 Chonkemin Valley

After a leisurely breakfast, take a tranquil stroll through an open-air Stone Garden dating back to 500BC. After a family-hosted local lunch, head to a felt maker's home where you will experience the craft of felt carpet making firsthand from an expert.

Continue on to Chonkemin valley, and take in a short hike through fir forests and remote villages.

Dinner and overnight in a local guesthouse.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 6: Tuesday April 14 Bishkek

Drive on to Bishkek, visiting the Burana Tower on route, part of the ancient city of Balasagun established in the 9th century. Be treated to the famous Kyrgyz horseback games "ulak-tartysh". Afterwards, stop for lunch in a local village and continue on to Bishkek.

A farewell dinner for the group, and overnight at an airport hotel in Bishkek.

Meals: B, L, Dinner not incl.



Sample accommodations selected for ambience, charm and location

Accommodations

Bishkek

Ambassador hotel is in the cultural and business centre of Bishkek near German, French, Japanese, Iranian, Turkish Embassies, UN offices, and many other international organizations. Ala-Too Square is a 5-minute walk.



Day 7: Wednesday April 15 Bishkek/Departure

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to airport for international departure.

Farewell! Thank you for choosing E.Y.H.O. Tours!

Meals: B

Chon-kemin Valley

Ashu Guest House Ashu is located in Bystrovka village tucked away in beautiful Chon Kemin valley, great for hiking, horse riding and fishing. We like this small hotel for its social programs to educate local children. Pool coming soon ... it'll likely be too cold though!



Karakol

Hotel Green Yard. Review: "Great food, service, hot water, clean, lovely grounds with apple trees in bloom. Excellent for exploring the area on day trips. Beautiful mountain views. Would be a good hotel anywhere in the world."

