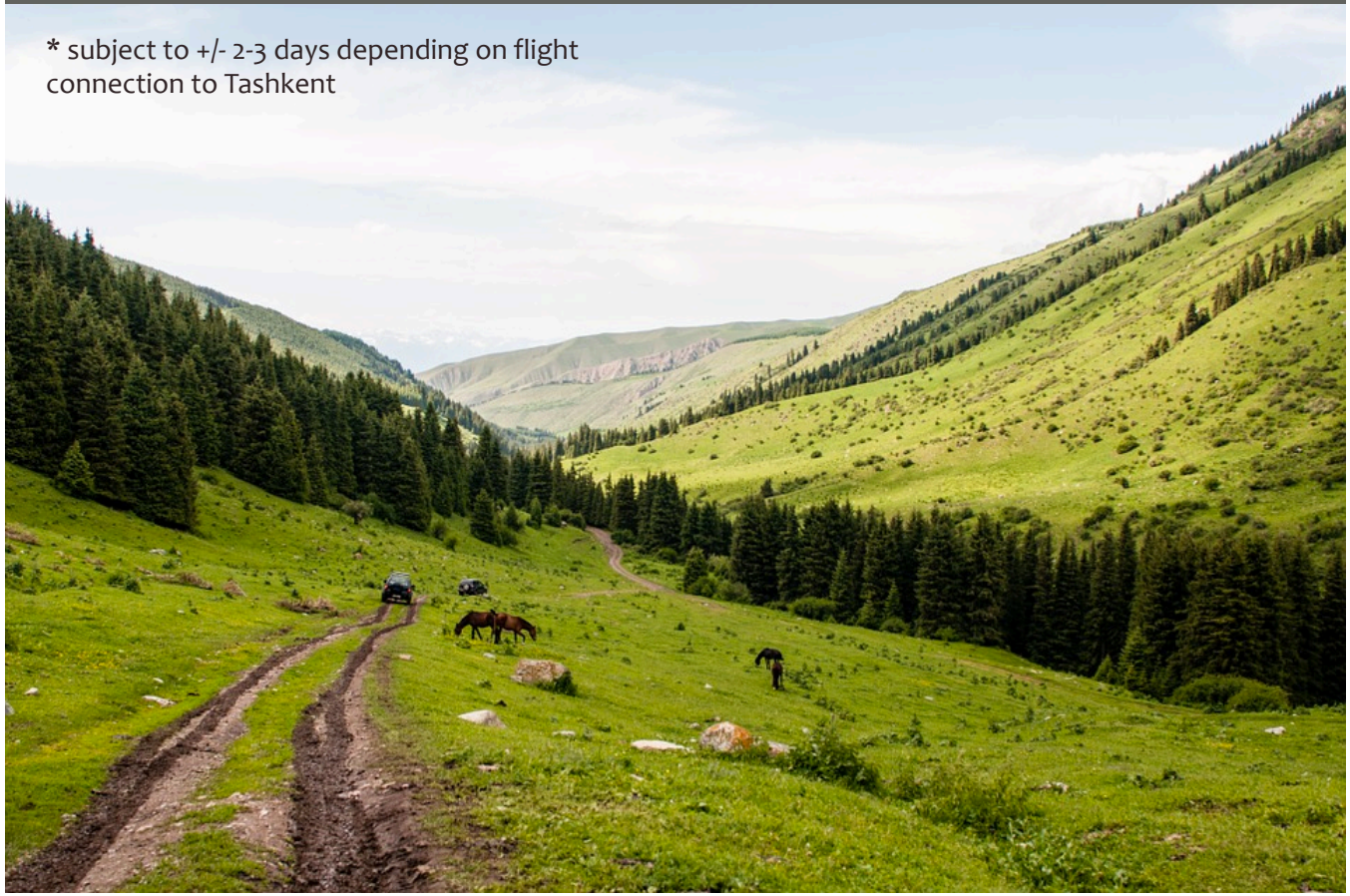
Kyrgyzstan

Land of Celestial Mountains

Optional add-on to Uzbekistan tour

April 7 -13, 2022*



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"Nothing like I ever imagined! Kyrgyzstan has beautiful unspoiled mountains, crystal-clear mountain lakes, a fascinating culture, and interesting traditions. We were amazed to see so many horses everywhere and that nomads are still living in yurts during the summer to follow the grazing of their cattle. A time warp to cherish" — CN, Belgium

At a glance 7 Days/6 nights

- 2 nights Bishek
- 1 night Tamga (Issy Kul)
- 2 night Karakol
- 1 night Chonkemin

Costs ~ dependant on group size

Double occupancy USD 1650 pp (group size 9-12)

Double occupancy USD 1720 pp (group size 3-8)

Single Supplement: USD 580 pp

Includes:

- Conceptualized and organized by E.Y.H.O. Tours
- Expert English-speaking local guide
- 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. Final dates subject to +/- 2-3 days depending on flight connection to Tashkent

Itinerary

Day 1: Thu Apr 7

Bishkek

Arrive in Bishkesh, 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 specializing 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: Fri Apr 8

Tamga via Issy Kul Lake

After breakfast, drive to Issyk Kul lake, the 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. Later drive to Bokonbaeva village for an eagle hunting demo followed by visit with felted carpet NGO Golden Thimble. Lunch with artisan family and drive Tamga village.

Dinner and overnight at delightful guesthouse.
Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Sat Apr 9

Karakol

After a leisurely breakfast, visit the home and workshop of a famous yurt maker in a nearby village. Be treated to a homemade lunch with the family after learning the multiple techniques used in assembling a yurt.

In the evening, be welcomed into a local Dungan family home to share dinner. Overnight in a local guesthouse.

Meals: B, L, D

Itinerary

Day 4: Sun Apr 10
Karakol

Early morning drive to Jety Oguz valley, where lush flora and striking. Tour the local History Museum with its commendable textile gallery. After lunch, continue on to the breathtaking Chon-Kemin Valley.

In the evening, enjoy a Kyrgyz folkloric dinner show . Hopefully a *manaschi* - a Kyrgyz bard, who recites verses from the epic poem Manas, the centrepiece of Kyrgyz literature, will also participate.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 5: Mon Apr 11
Chonkemin Valley

Drive to Chopon-Alta for a tranquil stroll through an open-air Stone Garden dating back to 500BC with petroglyphs. After, visit with a master felting artisan. After lunch at the family's home, continue driving to the beautiful Chon-Kemin valley. Here you will have the opportunity to visit an old Soviet farm (kolkhoz) village and enjoy a short hike in the valley with green fir trees on the mountain sides. Dinner and overnight in a lovely guesthouse.

Meals: B, L, D

Day 6: Tues Apr 12
Bishkek

Drive to Bishkek, visiting the Burana Tower on route, part of the ancient city of Balasagun established in the 9th century. Stop for lunch in a local village, and afterwards, be treated to the famous Kyrgyz horseback games "ulak-tartysh". Farewell dinner and overnight in Bishkek.

Meals: B, L

Day 7: Wed Apr 13
Departure

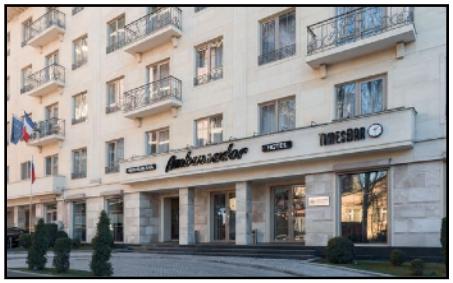
Farewell! Thank you for choosing E.Y.H.O. Tours! See you in Tashkent if you're joining us for Uz tour.
Meals: B

Accommodations

Sample accommodations selected for ambiance, local charm, and locations

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.



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!

Karakol

Hotel Green Yard. Guest 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."