



The 4-Stans

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Visit: Bishkek-Cholpon Ata-Karakol-Tamga-Kochkor-Son Kul lake-Kemin-Almaty-Dushanbe-Khujand-Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Bishkek

Arrive at any time. Standard check-in at hotel after 14:00.

Free time on your own.

Welcome meet with the guide and group at 14:00.

Briefing about the itinerary & travel plan. City tour in Bishkek.

Welcome Dinner in the traditional restaurant where you can taste the national Kyrgyz cuisine.

Meals included: Dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Note: it is highly recommended to book an extra night at the hotel, as most flights to Bishkek arrive late at night or early in the morning.

Meal Plan

Only Dinner

Day 02: Bishkek – Burana – Iskra village – Cholpon Ata

Breakfast in the hotel.

Our journey begins with a visit of the Burana Tower, an ancient minaret in the Chuy Valley in the north part of Kyrgyzstan. The tower with funerary monuments, earthworks, remains of the castle and three mausoleums – that's all what last out of the ancient Balasagyn town that was founded by Karakhanids at the end of the ninth century.

Lunch in the Iskra village with Dungan family, the ethnicity of Chinese Muslims who had to flee China. You taste their national cuisine. Then departure to Issyk Kul, the largest lake in Kyrgyzstan and one of the deepest in the world. We drive you to the hotel located on the lake shore.

First location at Issyk-Kul lake is visit the petroglyph museum. The 42 hectares of the museum are dotted with stones, tombs, balbals and various petroglyphs dated from the 2nd millennium BC until the 4th century AD.

Free time. You can rest on the beach and swim in the lake.

Dinner in the restaurant.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch.

Accommodation: Lakeside Resort.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Lunch

Day 03: Cholpon Ata – Grigoriev and Semienov gorges – Karakol

Breakfast at hotel.

Next location is Grigoriev and Semienov gorges. Picnic or lunch in the café on the road. Grigoriev and Semienov gorges are considered as one of the most famous attractions of the Issyk-Kol region. You can go for a walk, enjoy the wild nature around you and spend a nice time in this beautiful place.

After departure to Karakol, the administrative center of the Issyk-Kol region. Visits in Karakol:

- Russian Orthodox Cathedral.
- Dungan Mosque.

You have dinner in the local restaurant and you have a rest in the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Lunch

Day 04: 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner.

Accommodation: Guesthouse.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 05: Tamga – Skazka – 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 06: Kochkor – Son Kul lake

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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Yurt Camp.

Note: 4 people per yurt. Toilets, shower and sauna are outside.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 07: Son Kul lake – Chon-Kemin

Spend the morning soaking in all the beauty of Son Kul Lake.

We set out for the scenic Chon-Kemin Valley, with a stop in the charming village of Kochkor. Here, we discover 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.

Opt for a stroll through the tranquil village, surrounded by sweeping mountain views. Later enjoy savoring a freshly prepared traditional dinner — a perfect ending to a day of culture and beauty.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Guesthouse.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 08: Chon-Kemin - Almaty

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Kyrgyz – Kazakh border.

Border Crossing (Kyrgyzstan – Kazakhstan)

Ready for a one more stamp in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Add one more country into your collection.

The goal of the day to reach Almaty, the former capital of Kazakhstan. Upon arrival, embark on a city tour to explore highlights including Independence Square, Zenkov Cathedral, Panfilov Park, and the impressive WWII memorial.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 09: Almaty

City tour in Almaty.

Medeo gorge where the highest mountain sports complex at an altitude of 1691 meters is located. Medeo is often a favorite place for the residents of Almaty on weekends. After we go to Kok Tobe, the highest point in the city. It is famous for its panoramic view of the city from all directions. To reach the Kok Tobe hill, we take a cable car ride which starts near Hotel Kazakhstan and goes over some of the oldest parts of Almaty and the magnificent fruit growing gardens. Once you reach the Kok Tobe hill, you would see the famous 372 meters high TV Tower which is visible from far and offers great views of the mountains and the city plus a few attractions at the top.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 10: Almaty – Charyn Canyon – Almaty

The Charyn Canyon is located in the national park. It is considered the little brother of the Grand Canyon in the United States.

The erosion of the Charyn River has created dramatic and impressive landscapes. When you arrive, you will admire the magnificent panorama and walk down to the bottom of the gorge to hike about 2 km in the labyrinth of the Valley of the Castles.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 11: Almaty – Dushanbe

Flight to Dushanbe | Tajikistan

Border Crossing (Kazakhstan – Tajikistan)

Ready for a one more stamp in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list. Add one more country into your collection.

Today we will spend the day exploring Dushanbe. Dushanbe (means Monday) is a relatively new city that was formed in 1925 on the site of a small village Dushanbe, place of the large bazaar on Mondays.

During the Soviet period, the city was called Stalinabad (1929-1961)

Political, Cultural, Educational and Financial Center of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Visits:

City Center.

Ismoil Somoni Monument, Dusti square, New Parliament, Rudaki Park.

National Museum of Tajikistan

Flagpole (165m).

Hissar Fortress (30km out from Dushanbe)

Hissar Museum in old medrese (16c)

New Central Mosque.
New Central Market “Mohrgon”
Meals included: Breakfast.
Accommodation: Hotel 3*

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 12: Dushanbe – Khujand

Leave Dushanbe in the morning and departure to the northern Khujand city along Varzob gorge and across Anzob and Shakkhristan passes. Photo stops in the beautiful mountain area.

80km before Khujand we will visit ancient city Istaravshan:

Old Town.

Kok Gumbaz Medrese

Mug Teppa Fortress (reconstructed fortress, museum and excavation).

Mug Teppa Hill (with panorama view of Istaravshan).

Local Central Bazar.

Blacksmith workshops of local craftsmen making daggers and knives.

Continue trip to the Khujand. Evening arrival.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 13: Khujand

Today we will spend the day in the Khujand city and area, Khujand is second largest city in Tajikistan and not official (North capital).

In different ages Khujand has different names. It was Alexandria Eschata in times of Alexander the Great. During Soviet period it was Leninabad (city of Lenin) and after 1991 new government returned old name of the city.

Visits:

City Center

Sirdaria River

Monuments of the Kings of Khujand

Museum of Antiquity named after Timurlalik.

Khujand Fortress.

Panjshambe Bazar - Biggest central market.

Mosque and Mausoleum of Sheikh Moslehiddin.

Palace of Culture "Arbob" (10km from Khujand).

Kairakkum water reserve (25 km from Khujand).

Meals included: Breakfast.
Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 14: Khujand – Tashkent

In the morning transfer to the Uzbekistan border.

Border Crossing (Tajikistan – Uzbekistan)

Ready for a one more stamp in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list. Add one more country into your collection.

After crossing the border into Uzbekistan – we head to Tashkent, a lively capital where modern glass towers meet Soviet-era architecture and intricate mosaic mausoleums.

Free time. In the evening, enjoy a brief orientation walk before an **optional** Dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 15: Tashkent – Samarkand

Breakfast at the hotel.

Starting the sightseeing at the capital city.

Khast Imam Complex Spiritual heart of Tashkent (16-20centuary)

Barak Khan Madrasah has oldest extant copies of the Quran

Chorsu Bazaar one of the busiest bazaars in Tashkent

Take a ride at metro soviet and modern designed underground

Amir Temur Square / Independence Square

Applied Art Museum of Tashkent

Transfer to train station at 18:30 and take train to Samarkand at 19:40.

Arrive to Samarkand at 21:55 and transfer to hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 16: Samarkand

Breakfast at the hotel.

Starting the sightseeing from heart of old city.

Guri Amir Mausoleum of Timurid Dynasty (most iconic place for locals) was built by order of Amir Temur in 1403- 1405.

Registan square has three madrasahs

Ulugbek Madrasah (1420) At that time biggest in Asia

Sherdor madrasah (1636) First madrasah built by locals

Tilla-Kori madrasah (1646)

Lunch time break.

Bibi Khanum Mosque was the biggest at that time (1399)

Siab Bazaar oldest keep operating bazaar in Samarkand

Shahi Zinda Complex

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 17: Samarkand – Mitan – Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Bukhara via Mitan village.

Arriving at the village of Mitan, which is the winner of the World Responsible Tourism Travel Award 'To Do' by the ITB Berlin 2015. In the village, you will be a guest in one of the Uzbek local family.

Lunch at the local house, with traditional Uzbek welcome meals: "bichaks"- triangular baked pastries with meat or pumpkin; "plov"- cooked with rice, fresh mutton or beef, yellow or red carrot, onions and vegetable oil (you can take part in the preparation).

Authentic meetings and various exchanges between the visitors and local residents are the best ways of cross-cultural understanding; as well, participation to various kinds of activities leads to familiarization with lifestyle of local people.

Visit Gijduvan Museum of Ceramics- Gijduvan ceramics school has its deep roots. The skills have been passed from father to son from generation to generation. Today Gijduvan is home for the sixth generation of potters from Narzullayevs family which glorified Gijduvan school ceramics all over the world.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel 3*.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 18: Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. Places to visit:

Ismail Samani mausoleum is one of the oldest buildings (10th century)
 Chashma Ayub mausoleum also known as a Museum of water
 Bolo-Hauz mosque is built in 1712 looks elegant and splendid
 Ark Fortress where king khans use to live
 Poi-Kalyan complex (madrasah, mosque, minaret)
 Ulug Beg Madrasah one of the first madrasa built in 1417
 Abdulaziz Khan Madrasah is a medieval madrasah built in 1651
 Tim Abdullah Khan it is an old trading Dome
 Magok-I Attari Mosque the oldest building in Bukhara (12th century)
 Lyabi-Hauz locals favorite place to come and spent time.
 Overnight at the hotel.
 Meals included: Breakfast.
 Accommodation: Hotel 3*

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 19: Depart Bukhara

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out at the 12:00.

Departure at any time. End of the service.

Meals included: Breakfast.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Inclusion

Private Transportation: SUV / Private VAN

- English-speaking driver 1 -3 pax
- Accommodation as per program
- Meals as per program: (B - 18 / L - 5 / D- 5)
- Bishkek City Tour: Ala-Too Square, Victory Square, Oak Park, Central Mosque
- Burana Tower
- Lunch with Dungan family
- Free time in Chong-Kemin
- Visit the petroglyph open-air museum
- Karakol City Tour

- Russian Orthodox Cathedral
- Dungan mosque
- Jety Oguz & the Seven Bulls
- Barskoon Waterfalls
- Yurt Building Demonstration
- Eagle Hunting
- Felt Crafting
- Song Kul Lake
- Overnight in a Kyrgyz Yurt Almaty City Tour: Independence Square, Zenkov Cathedral, Panfilov Park, WWII memorial.
- Kok-Tobe Hill
- Medeo Gorge
- Charyn Canyon
- Almaty -> Dushanbe Flight
- Train Tickets in Uzbekistan
- Dushanbe City Tour
- Khujand City Tour
- Tashkent City Tour
- Khast Imam Complex
- Barak Khan madrasah
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- Magok-I Attari Mosque
- Lyabi-Hauz

Exclusion

- Airport transfer:
- AUD 102 one way per car
- Personal Expenses & Insurance
- Extra night in Bishkek:
- AUD 184 per DBL/TWN room
- Extra night in Bukhara:
- AUD 266 per DBL/TWN room
- Services not mentioned as included

Note

Hotel / Guesthouse / Camp OR Similar

Bishkek – Hotel 3*

Cholpon Ata - Lakeside Resort

Karakol – Hotel 3*

Tamga – Guesthouse

Kochkor - Guesthouse

Son Kul lake - Yurt camp

Kemin - Guesthouse

Almaty – Hotel 3*

Dushanbe - Hotel 3*

Khujand - Hotel 3*

Tashkent - Hotel 3*

Samarkand - Hotel 3*

Bukhara - Hotel 3*

****Check-in at hotels after 14:00, check-out before 12:00**

Note: the offered accommodation options are subject to availability. Reservations are made only after confirmation and payment.



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From AU\$8,174.89 pp

Maximum group size - 12 Pax.

Tour Dates & Pricing

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