



## Up to the Celestial Mountains (08 Days Trekking Tour) - 14 Days (#20337)

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### Overview

Kyrgyzstan is home to the magnificent Tien Chan mountain range, which offers many trails for lovers of trekking. Hiking through the valleys, forests and mountain trails is a great way to spend a vacation and explore the natural beauty of the country.

### Trip Highlights

Bishkek-Chon Kemin-Cholpon Ata-Karakol-Bokonbaevo-Kochkor-Kilemche-Son Kul

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01**

**Day 1. Airport – Bishkek (ca. 30 km, 40 min)**





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Arrival at Manas Airport in Bishkek. Standard check-in at hotel after 14:00.

11:00 meet your guide in the hotel lobby and start the city tour.

We will visit the heart of the city, Ala-Too Square where the State Historical Museum is located. After we can enjoy a walk in the Oak Park, one of the favourite places of local people.

After lunch at the local restaurant, we visit the famous market, Osh bazar. Just as you step into the market, you plunge into the real oriental atmosphere: an interminable stream of people, a big variety of goods and colors.

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

Meals included: lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Hotel 3\* (My Hotel)

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:** Lunch & Dinner

### Day 02

### Day 2. Bishkek – Burana – Iskra village – Chon Kemin (ca. 200 km, 3h)

Breakfast in the hotel.

Our journey begins with a visit to the Burana Tower. The Burana Tower is 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 that last out of the ancient town Balasagyn founded by Karakhanids at the end of the ninth century.

Lunch in Iskra village with a Doungan family, the Chinese Muslims who had to flee China. You taste their national cuisine.

Then we head to the Tar Suu village located in Chon Kemin Valley, known for its beauty and the rich diversity of animals and plants. You go for a walk in the village to explore the lifestyle of the local people.

Dinner in the guesthouse.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Guesthouse (Kemin Guesthouse)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 03****Day 3. Chon Kemin – Toru Aigyr (trek)**

After breakfast, transfer to the starting point near the Chon Kemin River. From here you start your 4-days trek to the north shore of Issyk Kul Lake.

The luggage is carried by the horses (You only take the necessary things for 4 days of the trek and the rest of the luggage you leave in the vehicle with your driver).

The slopes of the mountains are covered with fir trees. We have a picnic on the way. After we continue our trek through the forest to the pastures of Toru Aigyr. We set up our tents there. Dinner and overnight in a tent.

Trek: 10 km, 4 h, +750 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Tent

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 04****Day 4. Toru Aigyr – Kol Kogur Lake (trek)**

After breakfast, we start hiking towards Kol Kogur Lake at 2,500 meters. The lake is located on the northern slope of the Kungey Ala-Too mountains in a picturesque wooded area. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful mountain lakes in Northern Tien Chan. The lake has a trapezoidal shape.

On the shore of the lake, we set up tents, and we enjoy the magnificent landscapes around us. Dinner and overnight in a tent.

Trek: 11 km, 5 h, +300 m, -320 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Tent

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 05****Day 5. Kol Kogur Lake – Kyzyl Aska (trek)**

~~After breakfast, we go towards the pastures of Kyzyl Aska.~~

We cross the 3347-meter-high pass. Coming down from the mountain pass, we set up our tents not far from the river.

Dinner and overnight in tents.

Trek: 14 km, 5-6 h, +880 m, -800 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Tent

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 06

### Day 6. Kyzyl Aska – Cholpon Ata / Issyk Kul (trek)

Today is the last day of the trek. From Kyzyl Aska we follow our path.

We go to Achyk Tash, where our driver picks us up and brings us to the north shore of Issyk Kul Lake, the pearl of the Kyrgyz land. Issyk Kul is the second largest alpine lake in the world after Titicaca. Its name means "hot lake" in Kyrgyz language. When you arrive to hotel, you take a shower and have a rest. If you want, you can swim in the lake and have a little rest on the beach.

Dinner at the restaurant.

Trek: 11 km, 3-4 h, -500 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Hotel 4\* (Kapriz Resort Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 07

### Day 7. Cholpon Ata – gorges Grigorievskoe and Semienovskoe – Karakol (ca. 160 km, 3h)

After breakfast, we visit the Grigoriev and Semienov gorges. These places are some of the most famous attractions of the Issyk Kul region. You can go for a walk, enjoy the wild nature around you and spend some pleasant time in this beautiful place.

Picnic in the gorge or lunch in the café on the road.

As we arrive in Karakol, we visit its famous sights such as the Orthodox Church and the Dungan Mosque.



~~You have dinner in the local restaurant. After dinner, you have a rest in the hotel.~~

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Hotel 3\* (My Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 08****Day 8. Karakol – Jeti Oguz – Skazka – Bokonbaevo (ca. 150 km, 3-4h)**

After breakfast, we depart to the gorge of Jeti Oguz.

The red rock Broken Heart located at the entrance of the mountain gorge creates a romantic ambiance in this beautiful place. You have time to walk here and enjoy the marvelous views on the rocks of Jeti Oguz.

Lunch in a local café or guesthouse on the way.

Then we go to the Skazka canyon. Its name means “fairy tale” in Russian. Here you can find objects of surprising shapes and sizes. A real skyscraper or an animal can appear in front of you.

Walking in the canyons (1-2h).

In Bokonbaevo, 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 the Kyrgyz nomads.

Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Guesthouse (Emily Guesthouse)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 09****Day 9. Bokonbaevo – Kara Tumshuk – Ashuu-Tor – Kyzyl-Kia (3300 m) – Jazuu-Kechuu (trek)**

After breakfast in the guesthouse, transfer by car to the village of Kara Tumshuk (30 min) to start our 2-day hiking journey towards Ashuu-Tor jailoo.

Stop for a picnic lunch along the way.



~~In the afternoon, enjoy stunning sunset views of Issyk-Kul Lake. Then we continue to Jazuu-Kechuu jailoo, where we spend the night in tents.~~

Trek: 15 km, 7 h, +1695 m, -580 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Tent

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 10

### Day 10. Jazuu-Kechuu – Boz-Salkyn (trek) / Bokonbaevo – Kochkor (ca. 120 km, 2h)

After breakfast, we embark on an exhilarating hike to Tash-Tar Ata mountain, reaching an altitude of around 3,600 meters.

As we cross the pass, we enjoy stunning views of Issyk-Kul Lake while savouring a leisurely lunch.

In the afternoon, we descend to the beautiful Boz-Salkyn jailoo, where a driver will pick up us.

Transfer by car to Kochkor village (2 hours). Upon arrival, you can rest and take a shower.

Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.

Trek: 10 km, 7 h, +390 m, -915 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Guesthouse (Mira Guesthouse)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 11

### Day 11. Kochkor – Kyzart (ca. 70 km, 1h) / Kyzart – Kilemche (trek)

After breakfast in guesthouse, transfer by car to the start point – Kyzart village (1 hour).

The two-day hike to Son Kul Lake begins. We will cross the Kilemche valley which in Kyrgyz means "carpet". A wide variety of mountain grass and alpine flowers cover all the slopes around the valley like a real colourful carpet.

Picnic during the hike is planned.

We arrive at the shepherds' yurt camp where we spend the night. Dinner in a yurt.



Trek: 17 km, 4-5 h, +200 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Yurt camp

Note: 4-6 people per a yurt. Toilets are outside. No shower in the camp.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 12

### Day 12. Kilemche – Son Kul (trek)

After breakfast, we continue our trek.

Hiking offers an excellent opportunity to enjoy the beauty of these places. Today, we overcome the pass of Tuz Ashu (3400 m). From the pass the lake Son Kul seems very small, but as we go down and approach the lake, it appears in front of us in all its grandeur and beauty. Upon arrival at the yurt camp, you enjoy the hospitality of nomads, and you discover their lifestyle. Dinner and overnight in the yurts.

Trek: 14 km, 5-6 h, +800 m, -400 m

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Accommodation: Yurt camp

Note: 4-6 people per a yurt. Toilets and shower are outside.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 13

### Day 13. Son Kul – Bishkek (ca. 315 km, 5-6h)

We return to the capital after breakfast in the yurt.

We will return to civilization by descending from the Kalmak Ashu pass at the altitude of 3,400 meters and passing through Boom Gorge again.

Lunch in the restaurant or guesthouse in Kochkor.

When we arrive in Bishkek, we will have time to visit the Osh bazaar to buy gifts or souvenirs.

Farewell dinner in the traditional restaurant.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Accommodation: Hotel 3\* (My Hotel)

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 14

### Day 14. Bishkek – Airport – Departure (ca. 30 km, 40 min)

Transfer to the airport. Departure.

## Inclusions

- Group transfers in air-conditioned and comfortable vehicle.
- Experienced driver.
- English speaking permanent guide.
- Accommodation mentioned in the program.
- Full board (set menu\*).
- Visits mentioned in the program.
- Tents during the treks (2pax per tent).
- Horses for carrying luggage during the treks (days 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10).
- Eagle hunting.

## Exclusions

International flights.

Airport transfer (Rates available on request).

Personal expenses

Insurance.

Tips for guide, driver etc.

Optional activities.

Breakfast on day 1.

Early check-in on arrival day in Bishkek (Rates available on request).

Late check-out\*\*

Porters for luggage during the 2-day trek to Son-Kul-Lake (days 11, 12)

Porters for baggage in hotels and airport

Alcohol.







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~~Sleeping bags and mats.~~

Services not mentioned as included.

## Note

### Hotels / Guesthouse / Camps OR Similar

Bishkek – Hotel 3\* - My Hotel

Chon Kemin – Guesthouse - Kemin Guesthouse

Cholpon Ata – Hotel 4\* - - Kapriz Hotel

Karakol – Hotel 3\* - My Hotel

Bokonbaevo – Guesthouse - Emily Guesthouse

Kochkor – Guesthouse - Mira Guesthouse

Kilemche – Yurt Camp

Son Kul – Yurt Camp - Muras Yurt Camp

\*Set menu includes salad, soup, main course, bread, tea & water.

\*\*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.

Maximum group size - 10 pax

Minimum group size - 4 pax

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

**15 Jun, 2025**

Hotel/Guest House/Camp

AUD 5,338 P P twin share

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**13 Jul, 2025**

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**17 Aug, 2025**

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