



## The Wonder of Kazakhstan (#20878)

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### Overview

Experience and discover the breathtaking nature of Kazakhstan. Learn more about the people and culture of this magical country during this trip.

### Trip Highlights

Almaty – Charyn Canyon – Saty - Kolsay Lake – Kaindy Lake – Saty - Almaty

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

**Day 1. Airport – Almaty (ca. 20 km, 30 min)**

Arrival at Almaty Airport, where our team will pick you up and drive you to the city. Standard check-in at hotel after 14:00.



Today we have a city tour in Almaty, the former capital of Kazakhstan. We visit Central Mosque, Republic Square & Monument of Independence, Zenkov Cathedral, one of the most beautiful, magnificent architectural monuments in the city. Then we go to the green Market, which has a history of more than a hundred years and reflects the local flavour, and where you will find everything, your heart desires.

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.

Dinner in the restaurant. Overnight in the hotel.

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

### Day 02

#### Day 2. Almaty – Medeo – Almaty (city tour)

Breakfast at the hotel. We go towards Medeo gorge where the highest mountain sports complex at an altitude of 1691 meters is located and take a cable car towards the Shymbulak 1. Medeo is often a favourite place for the residents of Almaty on weekends. You can take the cable car to Shymbulak 1 (optional). Return to Almaty. Lunch in the restaurant. Free time for your own discoveries. Dinner in the restaurant. Overnight in the hotel.

Optionally: cable car to Shymbulak 1. Possible to book and pay on the spot.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3. Almaty – Issyk Lake – Turgen – Almaty (ca. 80 km, 3h one way)

After breakfast we drive towards Lake Issyk, a popular mountain lake among Almaty residents and guests of the capital. This alpine lake is located at an altitude of 1760 meters above sea level, about 70 km east of Almaty. Arrival, walk around the lake, time for picnic and rest. Then we go to the Turgen Gorge. Walking tour to the waterfall Medvezhii. We can also visit an ostrich farm. Later we return to Almaty. Overnight in hotel. Meals included: breakfast.

**Meal:** Breakfast



## Day 04

### Day 4. Almaty – Charyn Canyon – Saty (ca. 300 km, 5h)

After breakfast, we drive to Charyn Canyon. Charyn canyon is in the national park. It is considered the little brother of the Grand Canyon in the United States. The erosion made by the Charyn River has created dramatic and impressive landscapes. When you arrive, you will admire the great panorama, and you will walk down to the bottom of the canyon to walk about 2 km in the labyrinth of the Valley of the Castles. Then we drive towards Saty village. Dinner and overnight in the guesthouse.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 05

### Day 5. Saty – Kolsay Lake – Kaindy Lake – Saty

After the breakfast we visit the famous Kolsay lakes. We take a walk to the first lake. Kolsay lakes are one of the most beautiful places of Kazakh nature. They are located at 1800, 2250 and 2700 meters above sea level. They are distinguished by a unique watershed mountain landscape, consisting of three natural zones, and a variety of rare plants and animals. Lunch at the hotel. Then we go to the village. You board the Russian 4\*4s, as they are perfectly capable of going through a mountain road (15 km) to Lake Kaindy, located 2,000 meters above sea level. It was formed in 1911 due to the earthquake which caused the landslide which blocked the valley by the natural dam and the waters flooded the valley. Discover this small but beautiful lake. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 06

### Day 6. Saty – Almaty (ca. 300 km, 5-6h)

After breakfast, transfer to Almaty. Upon arrival is free time. Dinner in the restaurant. Overnight in the hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 07

### Day 7. Almaty – Airport – Departure

Transfer to the airport. Departure.



## Inclusions

Group transfers in comfortable and air conditioned vehicle:2-4 pax: SUV

6-10 pax: one minibus type Mercedes Sprinter

English-speaking driver (2-4pax)

Russian-speaking driver (6-10pax)

English speaking permanent guide (6-8-10pax)

Accommodation described in the program in twin/double room

Breakfasts (except day 1)

Visits described in the program

Cable car in Kok Tobe

Russian SUV car to/from Kaindy lake

Mineral water 1L/per person/per day

## Exclusions

International flights

Visa (if required)

Personal expenses

Single room supplement – Rates available on request.

Insurance

Early check-in on arrival day:

Late check-out\*

Lunches & dinners (set menu\*\*) – Rates available on request.

English speaking guide for 2pax – Rates available on request.

English speaking guide for 4pax – Rates available on request.

Optional activities.

Tips for guides and drivers.

Alcohol.

Other services not mentioned as included.

## Note



### Hotels Used or Similar

Almaty - Hotel 4\* (Kazzhol Park Hotel)

Saty - Hotel (Kolsay Prestizh Hotel)

**Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.**

Standard check-in after 14:00, check-out before 12:00 \*\* Set menu includes salad, soup, main course, bread, tea & water.

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

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## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

01 May, 2025 to 31 Oct, 2025

2 pax

AUD 4,497 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

4 pax

AUD 2,909 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

6 pax

AUD 3,115 P P twin share

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