



TripLegend

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Rundreise ab/bis Bishkek

- ✓ 9 days, incl. airport transfer (excl. flight)
- ✓ Local, professional, English speaking guide
- ✓ Middle class hotels, yurts
- ✓ Incl. off-road tour & mountain hikes
- ✓ Incl. tours through ghost town and swimming in hot springs
- ✓ 8 x breakfast (B), 7 x lunch (L), 8 x dinner (D)
- ✓ Only COVID vaccinated guests
- ✓ 100% COVID safe
- ✓ 110% CO2 compensated & 1 tree planted



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(Third-party supplier, data without guarantee)



9 days per person

from 1.650€

Overview

Experience the unfiltered nomadic life

You may be asking yourself: where exactly is Kyrgyzstan and why should I travel there? We would put it this way: It's probably one of the most beautiful places in the world when it comes to untouched nature, clear mountain lakes and endless steppes with grazing horses. Here's what you can expect: travel off the beaten track, meet locals, learn about nomadic traditions, taste delicious Kyrgyz food, and be surrounded by untouched, beautiful nature. Let us take you on an unforgettable adventure to explore a country far from the ordinary.

Included services

Your travel highlights

- Meet a nomadic falconer
- Hike through the Martian landscape in Fairytale Canyon
- Relax in hot mountain springs
- Learn to build a yurt
- Explore the capital Bishkek on our tour
- Trek around the mountain lake Ala-Kul
- Relax at the Issyk-Kul lake
- Discover the ghost town Englichek

Accommodation (This or comparable accommodation)

- 2 x overnight stay at Garden & Spa Hotel
- 2 x overnight stay at Jurt Camp
- 3 x overnight stay at Green Yard Hotel
- 1 x overnight stay at Guesthouse Mira



Transportation

- Airport transfer on arrival and departure day
- Transport on site

Additional included services

- English speaking guide
- Detailed vaccination and packing list (PDF)
- 110% CO2 compensation for flight and travel
- 1 tree planted per person
- 24/7 Whatsapp support through TripLegend before and during the trip

Travel itinerary

Arrival - Bishkek Airport (FRU)

Bitte denke daran, deine Flüge separat zu buchen. Plane deine Anreise so, dass du bis Nachmittags am Flughafen ankommen wirst, um Abends gemeinsam in unser Kirgistan-Abenteuer zu starten.

Day 1

Welcome to Kyrgyzstan

Private transfer: about 30km and 40min

Upon arrival at the airport, a shuttle will take you to your hotel. If you arrive early, you can use the day to relax or explore the city on your own. In the evening we will meet for our welcome dinner and get to know each other. After a good night's rest, we will drive to our yurt camp the next day. (-/-/D)

Day 2

Build your own yurt before hunting with eagles

Private transfer: about 290km and 4 h

Today we will drive to a real yurt camp, located on the southern shore of the salty Issyk-Kul Lake. It is the seventh deepest lake in the world and Issyk-Kul means "warm lake" in the Kyrgyz language. Quite a paradox, since it is surrounded by snow-capped peaks. Nevertheless, it never freezes over.

At Lake Issyk-Kul there is an exclusive demonstration of how yurts are made, in which the whole group participates. This is done by a local master from Kyzyl-Tuu, a village famous for making traditional Kyrgyz yurts.

Since eagle hunting is a part of the ancient culture of nomadic civilizations, we can't wait to show you what it's all about. The ancient tradition of eagle hunting was born in Central Asia and nomads started taming these birds thousands of years ago to acquire food and skins during the winter months.

Nowadays this tradition is slowly disappearing, and Kyrgyzstan is one of the few countries where a few experienced hunters keep this ancient tradition alive.

Ruslan, a well-known professional eagle hunter, owns his own eagles and will demonstrate to you how eagles would hunt in the wild. As we are accommodated in the yurt camp, we will have dinner here as well. (B/L/D)



Day 3

Fairy tale landscape & the legend of the seven bulls

Private transfer: about 160km and 2,5 h

On the 3rd day our journey will take us to Karakol, located on the south coast. On the way there we have the opportunity to visit Fairytale Canyon, a breathtaking and mystical place, so called because of its bizarre mars-like landscape. Some formations look like snakes, dragons or even the Great Wall of China. From the canyon we can overlook a majestic panorama of Lake Issyk-Kul.

Karakol is one of the largest cities in Kyrgyzstan. It is known for its fascinating history and one of the most interesting cultural and culinary destinations in Kyrgyzstan.

Next we will go to the village of Svetlaya Polyana. Here you will have the opportunity to hike in the most beautiful and untouched nature of Kyrgyzstan to see the famous Seven Bulls rocks or Jeti-Oguz rocks and Lady's Plat waterfall. The name "Seven Bulls" is derived from their resemblance to seven bulls, and the rocks are an important symbol of Kyrgyz culture. Their size, color and aura will take your breath away. After a day full of new experiences and impressions we will return to the hotel for dinner and rest. (B/L/D)

Day 4

The abandoned ghost town & hot springs

Private transfer: about 300km and 5 h

Today our adventure takes us on an off-road tour over the Chon Ashuu Pass at 3822m to the abandoned ghost town of Engilchek. Due to unemployment, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the town was abandoned and you can see the ruins of houses, playgrounds and an airfield on a walk. However, about 20 families still live in the town today, with the aim of giving Engilchek a new life. There is even a small school for the children, for whom we will get some gifts on the way. After the exciting day we will go back to Karakol and enjoy a dinner together. (B/L/D)

Day 5

Trekking tour to Ala-Kul Lake

Hike: about 8-10 h at 3533m

For today we have planned an unforgettable and extraordinary trekking tour to the beautiful and unique glacial lake Ala-Kul. Ala-Kul Lake translates as "colourful lake" and captivates with its bright turquoise water and the impressive surrounding mountains. This full-day trekking tour can be quite challenging as it takes about 8-10 hours to ascend and descend the mountainous region. It is one of the most remote sights in Kyrgyzstan and is located at an altitude of 3533m. But no need to worry! We will take breaks in between. But it's worth every step of the way, so don't forget to pack your walking shoes. Nevertheless, as an alternative we would like to offer you to stay in the Karakol Valley and enjoy the day exploring at base camp. If the hike is not possible due to unpredictable weather conditions or other external influences such as snow or closed roads/bridges, we will hike to the stunning Turnaly-Kol Lake instead. In the evening we will all return to our hotel together for dinner. (B/L/D)

Day 6

One day at the beautiful Song-Kul Lake

Private transfer: about 400km and 6 h

Today our tour takes us from Karakol to Song-Kul Lake, which is located on the northern shore of Issyk Kul Lake. Song-Kul Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Kyrgyzstan and the second largest lake in Kyrgyzstan after Issyk Kul Lake (salt water). As it is relatively inaccessible, this experience will also be something you will remember for a very long time.

On the way, we will visit a few local souvenir shops in Kochkor and you can buy a souvenir or two to take home. At noon we will enjoy a traditional Kyrgyz meal with a local family.

Our way leads us high up over the Kalmak-Ashu Pass at 3433 m above sea level. Arriving at the lake, we will have dinner together and spend the night on the shore of the lake. (B/L/D)

Day 7

Lush nature around Kochkor

Private transfer: about 130km and 2 h

Today we take a ride to the top of the Tuz Ashuu Pass. From here you can enjoy a panoramic view of the southern side of Song Kul Lake, Kilemche Jailoo, and the colourful and impressive mountains of the opposite ridge.

The name Kilemche Jailoo translates as "carpet-like" and comes from its covering of dense, vibrant grass. You can often see nomadic herders in summer as the conditions here are perfect. After lunch together in the yurt, we continue to Kochkor, where you can explore the area a little. (B/L/D)

Day 8

Bazaar visit and a traditional folklore show

Private transfer: about 200km and 3 h

Today we will drive back to the capital Bishkek, where we will visit the city with its main sights. Bishkek is the largest city in Kyrgyzstan and is famous for its marble-clad public buildings. You will be impressed by the Soviet architecture and culture found here. Also, look forward to visiting the colorful Osh Bazaar. On your last evening in Kyrgyzstan, we have a festive dinner planned at a traditional Kyrgyz-style restaurant before attending a traditional folk show. After a long day of Kyrgyz traditions, we'll head back to the hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 9

Goodbye Kyrgyzstan!

Private transfer: about 30km and 40min

This morning we will drive you to the airport so you can fly home or to your next destination. If you'd like to extend your stay and explore the area further on your own, we'll be happy to give you tips for additional activities and sightseeing. See you on your next adventure!

We look forward to welcoming you back! (B/-/-)

Departure - Bishkek Airport Bishkek (FRU)

You can flexibly plan your return or onward flight on the day of departure. We would be happy to welcome you on another of our unique adventures!



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Not included services

Flights:

- International flight tickets (Ex: roundtrip from FRA - FRU with Pegasus Airlines for 300-400€, 10-13h).

Info: We are happy to help you with your flight search and booking.

Before the trip:

- possibly needed visas (<https://apply.joinsherpa.com/>)
- PCR-tests you might need before and during the trip
- international health insurance (<https://triplelegend.com/reiseversicherung>)
- travel cancellation insurance (<https://triplelegend.com/reiseversicherung>)
- Travel vaccinations
- COVID-19 vaccination (please note that we only travel with fully COVID vaccinated persons)

Upgrades & Optional:

- Supplement single room per person (400€)

Info: By default you will share a double room with a person of the same gender.

On site:

- Tips (plan about 30-50€ per person for the whole trip)
- Personal expenses

Your Guide: Timur



I have been guiding guests from all over the world through my homeland for almost 20 years. All the more I am looking forward to being your guide in Kyrgyzstan. Together with our team of curious and passionate travelers, we will embark on an exciting tour through one of the most untouched places in the world. Look forward to unique experiences, unusual discoveries and experience the unfiltered nomadic life with new friends.

We are committed to responsible and sustainable tourism in the spirit of the "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism". It ensures a respectful handling of the existing resources and cultural assets and supports the local community.

In order to make this community tangible, we create authentic encounters with real nomads. We focus on experiences in small groups in order to preserve the lifestyle in harmony with nature in the best possible way. Be there and join us on a discovery tour far away from the tourist mainstream.

Please note that the itinerary, activities and hotels may be subject to change. These changes may occur without notice due to availability, inclement weather, seasonal changes or other circumstances beyond our control. We will always do our best to ensure that this has little or no impact on your experience.



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