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Roundtrip from/to Bishkek

- ✓ 9 days, incl. airport transfer (excl. flight)
- ✓ Local, professional, English speaking guide
- ✓ Middle class hotels
- ✓ Incl. 2 days skiing in Karakol
- ✓ Incl. tours of ghost town and swimming in hot springs
- ✓ 8 x breakfast (B) , 7 x lunch (L), 8 x dinner (D)
- ✓ Only guests vaccinated against COVID
- ✓ 100% COVID safe
- ✓ 110% CO2 compensated & 1 tree planted

Find the current entry requirements here:

https://apply.joinsherpa.com/

(Third-party supplier, data without guarantee)

9 day per person

from 1.650€

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Overview

Experience the unfiltered nomadic life in winter

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
- Go exploring by kayak
- Learn to build a yurt
- Explore the capital Bishkek
- Ski in Karakol
- Discover the ghost town of Englichek

Accommodation
(This or comparable accommodation)

- 2 x overnight stay at Bridges Hotel
- 5 x overnight stay at Green Yard Hotel
- 1 x overnight stay at Guest House

Transportation

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

Additional included services

- Ski pass and ski equipment for 2 days
- 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)

Please remember to book your flights separately. Plan your arrival so that you will arrive at the airport by afternoon to start our Kyrgyzstan adventure together in the evening.

Day 1
Welcome to Bishkek!
Private transfer: about 30km and 40min

After you land at the airport in Bishkek, your transfer will be waiting to take you to your accommodation. If you arrive in the morning, you can use the day to explore Bishkek on your own. In the evening we will all get together for a first dinner to get to know each other. (-/-/A)

Day 2
Enjoy an exclusive yurt demonstration
Private transfer: approx. 280km and 4 h

Today our route will take us to Bonkonbaevo village, located on the southern coast of Lake Issyk-Kul. On the way we will take a short hike through Konorchek Gorge. Then at Lake Issyk-Kul there will be an exclusive demonstration of how yurts are made, in which the whole group will participate. This will be done by a local master from Kyzyl-Tuu village, a village famous for making traditional Kyrgyz yurts. In the evening we will drive to Shatyly Panorama to admire the sunset over Lake Issyk-Kul. After an exciting day, we will have dinner together at a guesthouse in the evening. (F/M/A)

Day 3
Mars Canyon and ancient traditions
Private transfer: about 170km and 2.5 h

Today we will visit the impressive Mars Canyon where we will watch a demonstration of Ruslan, the master of eagle hunting. eagle hunting is a part of the ancient culture of nomadic civilizations and thus already a very old tradition in Central Asia. Afterwards we will explore the enchanting landscape on a short hike and marvel at the Seven Bulls rocks in the Jety-Oguz Gorge. In the evening we will drive back to Karakol and enjoy a dinner together. (F/M/A)

Day 4
Karakol Ski base day 1

Today is our first of two ski days in Karakol. You can rent your necessary equipment at the ski station. There is a possibility to organize catskiing or snowmobiling. If this is your first time on skis, don't worry! We can organize a ski instructor for you. If you are very adventurous, there is even the possibility of paragliding. In the evening we will have dinner together and rest for our next ski day. (F/M/A)

Day 5
Karakol Ski base day 2

Today is our second ski day in Karakol. As yesterday, a ski instructor can be organized for the beginners. Enjoy your ski day and the time together. In the evening we will have dinner together again and relax after the two sporty active days. (F/M/A)

Day 6
The abandoned ghost town Engilcheck
Private transfer: about 270km and 4,5 h

Today our adventure takes us 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 during a walk. However, about 20 families still live in the town today, with the aim of giving Engilcheck a new life. There is even a small school for the children, for which we will get some gifts on the way. Chon-Ashuu Pass is one of the highest mountain roads in the country. It is a unique place with beautiful scenery and amazing hot springs. Today you will have the opportunity to bathe in them. An incredible experience that few could enjoy before you. After that we will go back to Karakol and to our hotel for dinner.(B/M/A)

Day 7
Exploration tour by kayak
Private transfer: about 50km and 1 h

Today we will explore the Gulf of Mihailov by kayak and enjoy the sight of beautiful nature, impressive mountain ranges and wild birds. After that we will see the Beautiful city of Karakol and then warm up in hot springs near Karakol. At the end of the day we will have dinner with a local family. (F/M/A)

Day 8
Beautiful Bishkek
Private transfer: about 400km and 6 h

After a delicious breakfast we will start our return journey to Bishkek. There we will arrive around afternoon and have another look at the city together. We will spend the evening together for the last time and talk about all the exciting adventures we have experienced during the trip. (F/M/A)

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! (F/-/-)

Departure - Bishkek Airport Bischkek (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!

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://triplegend.com/reiseversicherung)
- travel cancellation insurance (https://triplegend.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
- ski instructor (approx. 40-50€ for 1 person per day, per additional person approx. 10€)
- optional activities (e.g. catskiing min. 10 persons for approx. 60-70€ per person, snowmobile min. 2 persons for approx. 60-70€)

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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