

Horse Trek to Son Kul Lake



Days: 12

Price: 2000 USD
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★★★★

Difficult: ★★★☆☆

🐾 Off the beaten track 🐾 Horse riding
🐾 Adventure

Come for a **9 day horse trek** to the **Son Kul Lake** in Kyrgyzstan. You'll cross **Jailoos**, high altitude pastures, where you'll be able to meet nomad shepherds and their herds. You'll climb up high mountain passes from which you'll get a breath-taking panoramic view on the valley.

This equestrian adventure is perfect to discover the beauties of Kyrgyzstan, while enjoying wilderness on a horse.

Day 1. Welcome and enjoy a barbecue in Chunkurchak



Manas airport 📍
🚗 30km - ⌚ 40m
Bishkek 📍

- Your driver will pick you up at your arrival at the Manas airport. Transfer to your hotel.

Your guide will pick you up at 11H30 at the hotel lobby, to start exploring Kyrgyzstan's beautiful nature. After a small one-hour hike in the **valley of Chunkurchak**, we settle for a delicious barbecue. You can enjoy your afternoon, relax in this calm environment, or continue your hike up to a waterfall.

🍴 Lunch	Barbecue
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel 3 star

Day 2. Let's get started



Bishkek 📍
🚗 90km - ⌚ 1h 40m
Burana's minaret 📍
🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h
Shamshy gorge 📍
10km - ⌚ 4h
Shamshy gorge 📍

Bishkek - Burana's minaret

- We stop to visit the ruins of the **Burana Minaret**, a Jami mosque destroyed in the 13th century during invasions. The monument is rich in history, archeological findings and legends, and belongs to the Unesco world heritage. We can climb at the top of the tower to get a beautiful view on the valley and the mountains. We'll also visit the museum on site.

Burana's minaret - Shamshy gorge

- After this cultural visit, we reach the beautiful valley of **Shamshy**, where we'll start our horse trek.
- We start by calmly following a stream that leads to the *Shamshy pass* (3600m). We travel in this alpine landscape amidst pine forests and green pastures.

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The horse trek will last 9 days. Your equipment and personal belongings will be carried by horses.

🍳 Breakfast	Hotel 3 star
🍴 Lunch	Prepared by your team


 Dinner


Prepared by your team

 Accommodation

Tent camping

Day 3. The famous jailoos

Shamshy gorge 

15km -  6h

Sunduk 

Shamshy gorge - Sunduk

- After breakfast, we get back on our horses to climb the pass. We take a small sinuous trail until we reach the summit. From there, we'll enjoy a stunning view on the Kara Moinok and Sunduk mountains. We then start going back down into the **Sarala Saz jailoo**.

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 Lunch

Prepared by your team


 Dinner


Prepared by your team


 Accommodation

Tent camping

Day 4. Let's gallop!

Sunduk 

15km -  4h 10m

Kashka-Suu 

Sunduk - Kashka-Suu

- These large pastures are the ideal spot to gallop. We move towards the Iri-Suu Valley. We'll be able to visit some of the nomadic shepherds who came here with their herds for the summer. This is a great opportunity to discover yurt life and local products.

We'll set our camp in the **Kashka Suu Valley**, surrounded by many grazing animals.

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 Lunch

Prepared by your team

 Dinner


Prepared by your team


 Accommodation

Tent camping

Day 5. The Sook Valley

Kashka-Suu 

15km -  5h

Yiri-Suu 





Kashka-Suu - Yiri-Suu

- We have a long day before us, in this vast space where the earth is more arid and less green. We accurately cross the Karakol River before heading towards a new pass, at 3400m altitude. **Buchuk** welcomes us at its summit, where we have lunch with a panoramic view on the Sook Valley underneath.




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 Lunch	Prepared by your team
 Dinner	Prepared by your team
 Accommodation	Tent camping

Day 6. In unknown land

Yiri-Suu 
20km -  7h
Sook 

Yiri-Suu - Sook





- This new day leads us towards the valley of *Kum Bel*, where we'll have to overcome a new pass, located at 3656m, from which we'll be able to enjoy a striking 360 degree view on the surroundings.

We'll then go down into the Kolduu Suu Valley and explore its vibrant colors and dandelion fields.


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 Lunch	Prepared by your team
 Dinner	Prepared by your team
 Accommodation	Tent camping

Day 7. Alpine steppes

Sook 
17km -  6h
Kilemche 





Sook - Kilemche

- We get back on our horses in the fresh dawn. We ride across fields, towards the Chaar-Archa Valley. We'll climb a small pass (3061m). We'll arrive in the magnificent **Kilemche Valley**, where we'll be able to rest by the river side.

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 Breakfast	Prepared by your team
 Lunch	Prepared by your team
 Dinner	Homestay
 Accommodation	Yurt Homestay

Day 8. The majestic Son Kul Lake



Kilemche 📍
15km - ⌚ 5h
Son Kul lake 📍

Kilemche - Son Kul lake

- We are getting closer to our goal. We climb the **Jalgyz Karagai pass** (3400 m) on a rocky path. From the summit, we'll get to see a beautiful sight of mountain landscape reflecting in the lake's water.
- We arrive on the shores of Son Kul Lake. This huge alpine lake is an important water reserve in Kyrgyzstan. Nestled in the celestial mountains, it is located at 3016 m (9895 ft) above sea level. Its crystal clear water changes colors depending on the weather, which can change every hour. The lake takes on blue, turquoise and sometimes even orange colors. It hosts nomadic shepherds and their herds in the warm months of summer.

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☕ Breakfast	Homestay
🍴 Lunch	Prepared by your team
🍷 Dinner	Homestay
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt Homestay

Day 9. On the lake shores

Son Kul lake 📍
13km - ⌚ 5h
Tulpar-Tash 📍
Tulga-Tash 📍

Son Kul lake - Tulpar-Tash

- After breakfast, we continue exploring Son Kul Lake on its west shore, towards **Tulpar-Tash**. We get a breath-taking panoramic view on the lake, where we'll spot a few shepherds' yurts. In the afternoon, we'll meet our hosts for the day.

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🍴 Lunch	Prepared by your team
🍷 Dinner	Homestay
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt Homestay

Day 10. Arts and crafts in Kochkor



Tulga-Tash 📍
10km - ⌚ 3h
Kyzart 📍
🚗 75km - ⌚ 1h 30m
Kotchkor 📍

Tulga-Tash - Kyzart

- These are our last kilometers on our horse. We leave towards the North, for a last climb. We cross the Uzbek pass and enjoy the view on the region.

We say goodbye to our four-legged friends and the fabulous team that helped us during this adventure.

Kyzart - Kotchkor

- In the evening, we'll have the chance to attend a Kyrgyz **folklore show**. Discover the traditional instruments and songs of Kyrgyzstan, and watch the performance of a Manaschi, a Manas epic storyteller.

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☕ Breakfast	Homestay
🍴 Lunch	Homestay
🍷 Dinner	Kamel
🏠 Accommodation	Kamel

Day 11. Visit Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital



Kotchkor 📍
 🚗 200km - ⌚ 3h
 Bishkek 📍

Kotchkor - Bishkek

- This is our last day before getting back to the capital. We leave the mountains of Kyrgyzstan, where we met a generous culture, and go back to Bishkek. Drop-off at your hotel, where you'll be able to relax.
- Walk on the **Ala Too Square** in the center of Bishkek. Meeting place for Bishkek's youth, it comes alive every evening with families and friends who come here to relax. It's also an important historical place, since it hosted several revolutions.
- We visit the Osh Bazar, one of the most fascinating markets in Kyrgyzstan. Enjoy the colors and the smells coming from stands of dry fruits and spices. You can also buy a few traditional souvenirs to bring home.

☕ Breakfast	Kamel
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel 3 star

Day 12. Have a nice trip!



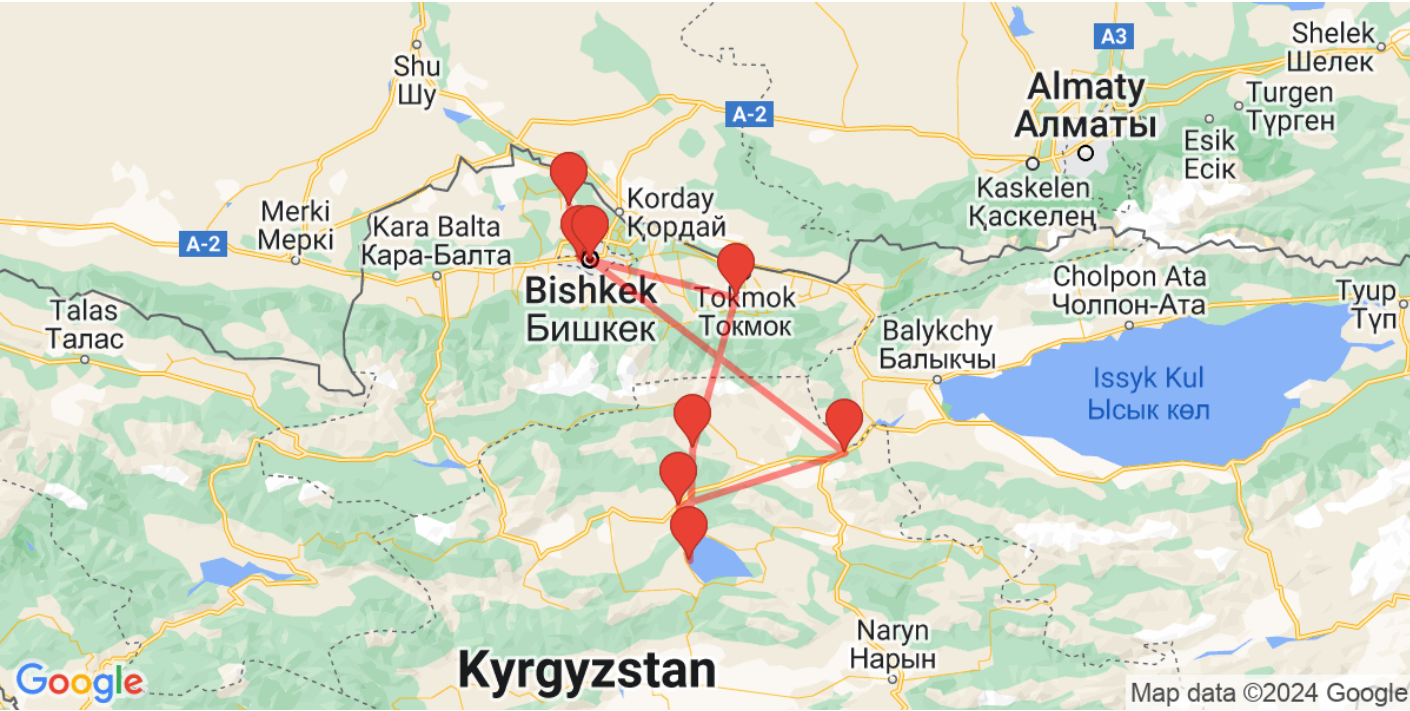
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 Departure 📍

Bishkek - Manas airport

- Breakfast at your hotel. We drive you back to the airport at the time of your flight.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel 3 star
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-4	5-5	6-6	7-8
3500 USD	2850 USD	2650 USD	2450 USD	2250 USD	2000 USD

It's also possible to privatize this tour for your family or friends. The price will then depend on the number of participants.

Of course, if you choose this option, you'll be able to customize this trip. We are happy to build a custom trip that answers to your demands.

Included

- Airport transfers
- 1 night in a 3* hotel in Bishkek, breakfast included
- 1 night in a camp
- 5 nights under a tent
- 3 nights in family yurts
- 1 night in a guest house
- All meals during the trip
- Bottled mineral water
- Car, driver and fuel
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups of 4 or more participants
- Local horse guide
- Horseman
- Horses to carry equipment
- Equestrian equipment
- Entry fees for museums and parks
- Traditional folklore show
- IRIDIUM satellite phone
- Cooking material (tent, table and chairs)
- Sleeping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, mattress)
- Portable shower

Not included

- International transport
- Passport and visa fees
- Medical insurance
- Travel insurance
- Extra drinks / alcohol
- Meals in Bishkek
- Phone calls
- Any activity not included in the program
- Extra fee for single room