Horseback-riding adventure in Chon Kemin

Three days of adventure on a horse, from the Chon Kemin national park to the majestic Issyk Kul Lake: could you think of a better way to discover Kyrgyzstan?

Let yourself be amazed by the impressive rock formations and canyons formed by erosion, the high peaks surrounded by pine forests, the planes of flowers and edelweiss, the lakes, the rivers... This trip combines discovery, adventure and wilderness.

Day 1. Visiting the Burana minaret

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 - Chon-Kemin National Park
- We arrive in the green Chon Kemin Valley, a stunning natural reserve with landscapes varying from large forests, glaciers, gorges and semi-desertic planes. We’ll go for a walk in the surroundings, then watch how Kyrgyz make their traditional felt rug, the shyrdak.

Day 2. Let’s start the adventure!

Chon-Kemin National Park - Toru-Aygyr
- We get on our horses and start our exciting adventure. We gallop in the fields before getting to the Toru-Aygyr gorge. Little by little, we enter into a forest of pines and streams. We start climbing on a slope until we reach the first altitude pass.

Also

Breakfast | Homestay
Day 3. A little alpine lake

Toru-Aygyr - Kol-Tor
- We start the day by crossing the pass, and enjoying the wonderful panoramic view on the snowy mountains of Ala Too. After lunch, we continue our path to the Kol-tor alpine lake, at an altitude of around 3000 m (9842 ft). We’ll settle our camp for the night on the lake shores.

Also

Day 4. By the Issyk Kul Lake

Kol-Tor - Jeltyibes
- We get back on our horses in direction of Jeltyibes via the Kol-Tor pass (2200m). We cross a river and meet a few shepherds, who came here with their herds for the summer months. During this trek, we’ll have a beautiful view on Issyk-Kul.

Jeltyibes - Tamchy
- In Jeltyibes, we’ll say goodbye to our guides and horses, before reaching the village of Tamchy, where we’ll be able to rest and enjoy the beach.

Also

Day 5. Back to Bishkek
Tamchy - 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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### Included

- All meals during our trip
- Mineral water
- 1 night in a family
- 1 night in a guest house
- 2 nights in a tent
- Car, driver and fuel
- English-speaking guide
- Local horse guides
- Horseman
- Horse rental (1 per person + 1 extra horse for every 3 or 4 travelers, in case of injury)
- Horses to carry equipment
- Equestrian equipment
- Entry fees to parks and museums
- Kitchen equipment (tent, tables, chairs), sleeping equipment (tent, sleeping bag, mattress) and 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 mentioned in the program
- Extra fee for a single room