

# Kyrgyz Perfume



Days: 10  
Price: 850 EUR  
International flight not included  
Comfort: ★★★★★  
Difficult: ★☆☆☆☆  
Must see Hiking Culture  
Off the beaten track  
Travel with children

Join us for a magical trip in the heart of Kyrgyz nature. Discover the **Issyk Kul Lake**, Central Asia's blue pearl, before continuing into the isolated mountains of Kyrgyzstan until **Lake Son Kul**.

\_\_Discover Kyrgyz traditions\_\_ and \_\_take on horseback riding\_\_ while exploring the best of Kyrgyzstan in 10 days.

## Day 1. Welcome and enjoy a barbecue in Chunkurchak



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

### Manas airport - 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	Rich Hotel

## Day 2. Towards Central Asia's blue pearl

Bishkek 📍  
🚗 90km - ⌚ 1h 40m  
Burana's minaret 📍  
🚗 80km - ⌚ 1h 20m  
Konorchek 📍  
🚗 100km - ⌚ 1h 50m  
Tamchy 📍

### 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 - Konorchek

- Then we'll go for a short hike in the Konorchek Canyons, a gorge with towering red, orange and yellow rocks similar to the Grand Canyon. You'll be impressed and intimidated by the heights of the rock formations.

### Konorchek - Tamchy

- Finally, we make it to the shores of the Issyk-Kul Lake (1609m or 5979ft above sea level), the second largest alpine lake in the world. This is what we call the pearl of Kyrgyzstan. It is surrounded by the **Celestial Mountains**, with snow-capped summits that climb above 5000m, and are reflected in the crystal clear water. Several dozen rivers drop from the mountains into the lake via stunning valleys.

☕ Breakfast	Rich Hotel
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Guest house
🏠 Accommodation	Guest house

## Day 3. Hiking in the Grigorievka Valley



Tamchy 📍  
 🚗 50km - ⌚ 50m  
 Tcholon-Ata 📍  
 🚗 80km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
 Grigorievka 📍

### Tamchy - Tcholon-Ata

- In the morning, we visit the **cultural center Ruh-Ordo** in Cholpon-Ata. This center, nestled in a peaceful environment, is dedicated to the harmony between the four main religions, Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Buddhism. There are also spaces dedicated to art exhibits, and to main figures of Greek culture and of Kyrgyzstan.

### Tcholon-Ata - Grigorievka

- North of Grigorievka, we take a small mountain trail to the **Chong Ak-Suu Valley** during approximately 40 minutes. We settle in a family's house and leave for a hike in the green valley. We follow the "*great white river*", a strong mountain torrent.

☕ Breakfast	Guest house
🍴 Lunch	Homestay
🍷 Dinner	Homestay
🏠 Accommodation	Homestay

## Day 4. Visiting Karakol



Grigorievka 📍  
 🚗 50km - ⌚ 45m  
 Oi-Tal 📍  
 🚗 100km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
 Karakol 📍

### Grigorievka - Oi-Tal

- We visit a family near Oi-Tal, and leave for a **horse trek** in the surrounding mountains. We follow the river of Chon Suu. We enjoy the view on this wild alpine landscape.

### Oi-Tal - Karakol

- We arrive at Karakol, a small town that borders **Issky-Kul**. We take the time to visit its Saint Trinity Cathedral, an orthodox from the 19th century; and its **Chinese mosque** which looks like a Mongol Buddhist temple, built by the Dungan population. Finally, we visit the Przewalsky museum, where you will learn about local history.

☕ Breakfast	Homestay
🍴 Lunch	Homestay
🍷 Dinner	Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	2 stars hotel

## Day 5. The colorful Skazka canyons



Karakol

30km - 40m

Jeti-öghüz

125km - 1h 50m

Skaska canyon

35km - 30m

Kyzyl-Tuu

## Karakol - Jeti-öghüz

- We continue our trip around the Issyk Kul Lake on the circular road. We arrive on the south shore, a wilder region than the north shore, where we'll be able to enjoy breath-taking landscapes.
- We then drive to the **Jeti Orguz Valley**. Covered with fertile vegetation, this gorge is probably one of the prettiest in the country. It stretches over 37 km (23 miles), between the Issyk Kul Lake and the Tian Shan Mountains. Strange rock formations, nicknamed the "seven bulls" and the "broken heart", fill the place with mystical legends. We hike in the valley.

## Jeti-öghüz - Skaska canyon

- Before heading towards our guest house, we visit the superb Skazka Canyons, whose name translates as **Fairy Tale Canyons** in Kyrgyz language. Formed from erosion, the rocks tower over the Issyk Kul Lake and offer a great contrast in color. Let your imagination work to make out the shapes of the rocks.

## Skaska canyon - Kyzyl-Tuu

- We'll then arrive in the small village of Kyzyl-Tuu, famous for its traditional fabrication of yurts. One family in the village will show you **how to build a yurt**, and you'll be welcomed to help them in this task.

Breakfast	2 stars hotel
Lunch	Homestay
Dinner	Homestay
Accommodation	Homestay

# Day 6-7. Discovering nomad life in Son Kul



Kyzyl-Tuu

90km - 1h 15m

Kochkor

120km - 2h 10m

Son Kul lake

## Kyzyl-Tuu - Kochkor

- We get back on the main road in direction of Kochkor, a village known for its local development initiatives. We visit a **felt fabric** held by an association of women, who make traditional felt rugs, the shyrdak, and other handicrafts.

## Kochkor - Son Kul lake

- 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.

## Day 7

- We leave after breakfast to discover the lake on a horse.

## Also

Breakfast	Homestay Homestay
Lunch	Local restaurant Yurt Homestay
Dinner	Homestay
Accommodation	Yurt Homestay

## Day 8. The Kekemeran River



Son Kul lake   
🚗 140km - ⌚ 4h  
Kyzyl-Oi

### Son Kul lake - Kyzyl-Oi

- We continue our trip to Kyzyl Oi, which translates as "the red bowl".

This little village, located at 1800m altitude (5905ft), gets its name from the surrounding red mountains. The road is a little harsh, but this new landscape will astonish you.

We go for a short hike to discover this unexpected environment.

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☕ Breakfast	Homestay
🍴 Lunch	Homestay
🍷 Dinner	Guest house
🏠 Accommodation	Guest house

## Day 9. Visit Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital



Kyzyl-Oi   
🚗 240km - ⌚ 4h 10m  
Bishkek

### Kyzyl-Oi - 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.
- We visit the National history museum near the main square.

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☕ Breakfast	Guest house
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Rich Hotel

## Day 10. Have a nice trip!



Bishkek   
🚗 30km - ⌚ 40m  
Manas airport   
Departure

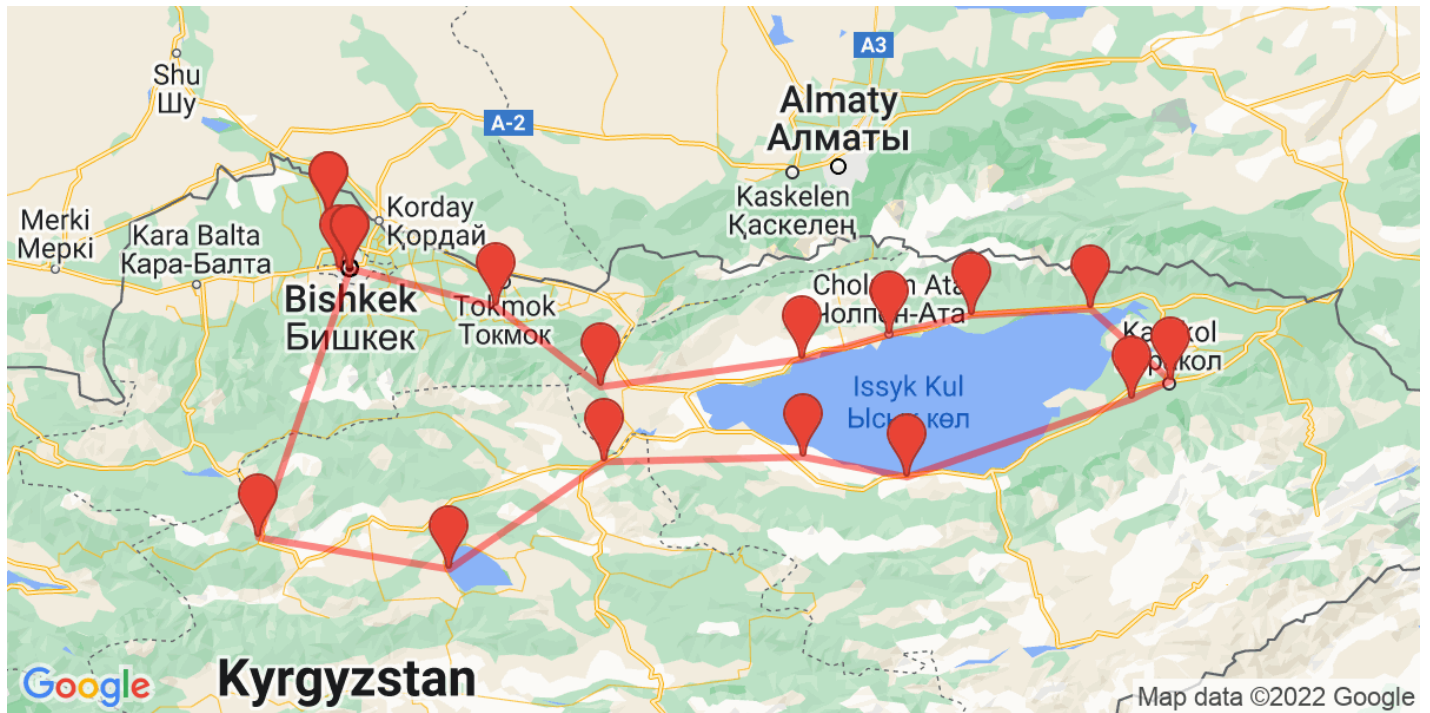
### Bishkek - Manas airport

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

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☕ Breakfast	Rich Hotel
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# Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-4	5-6	7-8
1300 EUR	1100 EUR	950 EUR	900 EUR	850 EUR

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 transfer
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Bishkek, breakfast included
- 1 night in a local hotel
- 2 nights in a guest house
- 4 nights in family stays, including 2 nights under a yurt
- Bottled mineral water
- All meals during the trip
- Car, driver and fuel
- English-speaking guide
- Local horse guides
- Entrance fees for museums and parks
- Sleeping bag
- Kitchen equipment (table and chairs)

## Not included

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