KYRGYZ ADVENTURE TRAVEL



GRAND KYRGYZSTAN ADVENTURE TOUR: 20 DAYS OF NOMADIC HERITAGE & ALPINE WONDERS

DURATION	STARTING FROM	DESTINATION
20 Days	$2450 / person	Kyrgyzstan

OVERVIEW

Tour Overview & Description
Embark on the ultimate 20-day journey through the heart of Central Asia. This grand expedition takes you from the bustling capital of Bishkek deep into the majestic Tian Shan mountains. Experience the nomadic way of life in authentic yurt camps, ride horses through pristine alpine valleys, marvel at hidden petroglyphs, explore ancient silk road monuments like Tash-Rabrat, and gaze upon the breathtaking turquoise waters of remote high-altitude lakes like Kel-Suu and the legendary Issyk-Kul.

Key Highlights
Cultural Immersion: Sleep in traditional nomadic yurts, enjoy a felt-making masterclass in Kochkor, and witness a traditional eagle-hunting (berkutchi) show in Bokonbayevo.

Iconic Landmarks: Visit the ancient stone Silk Road fortress of Tash-Rabrat and the open-source petroglyph sites of Cholpon-Ata and Chong-Kurchak.

Stunning Alpine Nature: Trek to hidden waterfalls in Ala-Archa and Barskoon, explore the Mars-like Skazka Canyon, and reach the remote, glacier-fed shores of Lake Kel-Suu.

Outdoor Adventures: Enjoy 2-to-3-hour guided hikes, horseback riding through the lush Chong-Kemin valley, and panoramic mountain ridge views.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1

DAY 1: BISHKEK — CITY TOUR

Activities: Immerse yourself in the vibrant green capital. Take a leisurely 3–4 hour walking tour across the grand Ala-Too Square, beneath the whispering pines of Oak Park, past the poignant monuments of Victory Park, and dive into the sensory overload of the bustling Osh Bazaar.

Duration: 3–4 hours of walking.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Hotel in Bishkek (e.g., Smart Hotel, Plaza Hotel, or Orion-style boutique partner).

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DAY 2

DAY 2: ALA-ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

Activities: Breathe in the crisp, pine-filtered air of a majestic alpine gorge. Embark on an active 3–4 hour hike along rushing mountain rivers with the option to push upward toward the roaring waters of the Aksai Waterfall.

Distance/Time: ~40 km one way (approx. 45 min drive); 3–4 hour active hike.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Hotel in Bishkek.

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DAY 3

BISHKEK — KYZYL-OY VILLAGE

Activities: Depart the capital and head west and south through mountain passes down into the stunning canyon village of Kyzyl-Oy, nestled at 1,800m altitude amidst dramatic red-ochre clay mountains. Enjoy a peaceful 2-hour walk along the roaring Kokomeren River. Distance/Time: ~130 km (approx. 3 hours driving); 2 hours walking.Accommodation: Cozy Local Guesthouse in Kyzyl-Oy (CBT-style authentic hospitality).

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DAY 4

KYZYL-OY — KARA-KECHE PASS — LAKE SON-KUL

Activities: Embark on an epic mountain journey via the dramatic Kara-Keche Pass, descending into the high-altitude celestial basin of Lake Son-Kul. Watch free-roaming herds of horses graze against endless green steppes.

Distance/Time: ~160–180 km over mountain terrain (approx. 4–5 hours driving); evening walk by the lake.

Accommodation: Authentic Yurt Camp at Lake Son-Kul.

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DAY 5

LAKE SON-KUL (NOMADIC LIFESTYLE DAY)

Activities: Spend a full day immersed in high-altitude nomadic life (altitude ~3,016m). Enjoy a 2–3 hour horse-riding or walking excursion along the expansive lake shores, breathing in the pure mountain air. Duration: 2–3 hours of walking or horseback riding. Accommodation: Authentic Yurt Camp at Lake Son-Kul.

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DAY 6

DAY 6: SON-KUL — TASH-RABRAT

Activities: A spectacular cross-country drive heading south towards the ancient stone Caravanserai of Tash-Rabrat (15th century), hidden deep within a dramatic mountain valley along the Great Silk Road.

Distance/Time: ~250–280 km (approx. 5–6 hours driving); 1–2 hour site exploration.

Accommodation: High-altitude Yurt Camp near Tash-Rabrat.

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DAY 7

DAY 7: TASH-RABRAT EXPLORATION

Activities: Enjoy a deeper exploration of Tash-Rabrat. Take a 3–4 hour guided hike or horseback ride into the surrounding alpine valleys or toward the nearby mountain ridge for panoramic views. Duration: 3–4 hours of trekking.Accommodation: High-altitude Yurt Camp near Tash-Rabrat.

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DAY 8

DAY 8: TASH-RABRAT — KEL-SUU LAKE

Activities: Navigate rugged, high-altitude off-road tracks through raw borderlands to reach one of Central Asia's most stunning hidden spectacles: the emerald-blue, fjord-like waters of Lake Kel-Suu.Distance/Time: ~180–200 km over rough terrain (approx. 5–6 hours driving). Accommodation: Remote Wilderness Yurt Camp near Kel-Suu Lake.

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DAY 9

DAY 9: LAKE KEL-SUU (FULL DAY)

Activities: Spend the day exploring the dramatic shores of Kel-Suu. Take a 2–3 hour scenic walk along the cliffs, with an optional boat ride onto the high-altitude glacial waters (weather permitting), followed by a peaceful lakeside picnic.

Duration: 2–3 hours of walking.

Accommodation: Remote Wilderness Yurt Camp near Kel-Suu Lake.

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DAY 10

DAY 10: KEL-SUU — NARYN

Activities: Bid farewell to the high-altitude wilderness and journey back down to the regional hub of Naryn. Arrive by afternoon for a relaxing 2-hour walking tour to unwind and enjoy mountain-town life.

Distance/Time: ~130 km (approx. 3–4 hours driving); 2 hours walking.

Accommodation: 3★ Hotel in Naryn (e.g., Tien-Shan Hotel).

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DAY 11

DAY 11: NARYN — KOCHKOR — BOKONBAYEVO

Activities: Drive to the craft capital of Kochkor for an interactive felt-making masterclass. Continue onward along the wild, sun-drenched southern shores of Issyk-Kul Lake to Bokonbayevo.

Distance/Time: ~240 km (approx. 3.5–4 hours driving).

Accommodation: Comfortable 3–4★ Eco-Guesthouse / Resort in Bokonbayevo.

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DAY 12

DAY 12: BOKONBAYEVO PANORAMA & LOCAL RELAXATION

Activities: Morning 2-hour hike up to the sweeping Shattyly panoramic viewpoint to admire stunning vistas of Issyk-Kul and the mountains. Experience a traditional eagle-hunting demonstration (berkutchi), and unwind in the evening with a cold local beer overlooking the lake.

Duration: 2 hours walking + 1 hour show.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Eco-Guesthouse / Resort in Bokonbayevo.

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DAY 13

DAY 13: BOKONBAYEVO — KARAKOL

Activities: Journey along the southern shore, stopping to explore the surreal red labyrinth of Skazka (Fairytale) Canyon (1.5-hour walk), before continuing to the multicultural alpine town of Karakol.

Distance/Time: ~140 km (approx. 2.5–3 hours driving); 1.5 hours walking.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Boutique Hotel in Karakol (e.g., Green Yard Hotel or Karagat Hotel).

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DAY 14

DAY 14: KARAKOL — JYRGALAN VALLEY — KARAKOL

ctivities: Head east from Karakol into the stunning, verdant alpine valley of Jyrgalan. Enjoy an invigorating 2–3 hour nature walk or light trek through pristine meadows and rolling green hills surrounded by majestic peaks, returning to Karakol in the evening.

Distance/Time: ~60 km one way (approx. 1.5 hours driving); 2–3 hours walking/hiking.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Boutique Hotel in Karakol.

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DAY 15

DAY 15: KARAKOL — JETI-OGUZ GORGE & MAIDENS BRAID WATERFALL — KARAKOL

Activities: Excursion from Karakol into the scenic Jeti-Oguz gorge. Enjoy an invigorating 2–3 hour hike along the mountain river to visit the picturesque Maidens Braid Waterfall, surrounded by dramatic red cliffs and pine forests, before returning to Karakol in the evening.

Distance/Time: ~35 km one way (approx. 40 min drive); 2–3 hours walking/hiking.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Boutique Hotel in Karakol.

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DAY 16

DAY 16: KARAKOL — GRIGORIEVSKOYE & SEMENOVSKOYE GORGES — CHOLPON-ATA

Activities: Skirt the northern coastline of Issyk-Kul, driving deep into the emerald, flower-strewn alpine valleys of Grigorievskoye and Semenovskoye gorges, stopping for refreshing nature walks.

Distance/Time: ~150 km (approx. 3 hours driving); 2 hours walking.

Accommodation: 3 - 4 star Hotel

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DAY 17

DAY 17: CHOLPON-ATA — CHONG-KEMIN

Day 17: Cholpon-Ata — Chong-Kemin

Activities: Leave the lake behind and journey into the pristine, fairytale-like mountain valley of Chong-Kemin, surrounded by soaring peaks and dense pine forests.

Distance/Time: ~160 km (approx. 2.5–3 hours driving).

Accommodation: Guest House

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DAY 18

CHONG-KEMIN NATURE RESERVE EXPLORATION

Activities: Dedicate the day to fully exploring the Chong-Kemin Nature Park. Enjoy a 3-hour guided walk through lush pine forests, mountain trails, or opt for an optional horseback riding adventure.

Duration: 3 hours of active walking or riding.

Accommodation: Guest House or Yurtcamp

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DAY 19

DAY 19: CHONG-KEMIN — BURANA TOWER — BISHKEK

Activities: Depart Chong-Kemin and stop en route at the historic Burana Tower—an ancient 10th-century minaret and field of mysterious stone balbals. Continue to Bishkek by afternoon for final souvenir shopping at the vibrant Osh Bazaar and a celebratory farewell dinner.

Distance/Time: ~150 km total (approx. 3 hours driving total); 1-hour stop at Burana.

Accommodation: 3–4★ Hotel in Bishkek.

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DAY 20

DAY 20: BISHKEK — AIRPORT (DEPARTURE)

Activities: Morning transfer from your hotel to Manas International Airport for your flight home, carrying unforgettable memories of your Grand Kyrgyzstan Expedition.

Distance/Time: ~30 km (approx. 30–40 min drive to the airport).

GROUP PRICING

GROUP SIZE	PRICE PER PERSON
2	$4850
3	$3940
4	$3440
5	$3155
6	$2965
7	$2830
8	$2730
9	$2650
10	$2580
11	$2530
12	$2490
13+ BEST	$2450

TRIP DETAILS

INCLUDED

- ✓ What's Included in the Program:
- ✓ Full-board meals (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the tour)
- ✓ Professional English-speaking guide for the entire tour
- ✓ Comfortable mini-bus transportation for all transfers and excursions
- ✓ Accommodation in 3–4★ hotels, cozy local guesthouses, and traditional yurt camps
- ✓ All entrance tickets to museums and historical sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Traditional folklore show and eagle-hunting ("berkut") show

NOT INCLUDED

- × What's Not Included:
- × International flights (airfare to/from Kyrgyzstan)
- × Tourist visa and consular fees (if applicable)
- × Travel insurance
- × Alcoholic beverages
- × Any personal expenses, tips, and anything else not explicitly mentioned in the program

WHAT TO TAKE

- What to Bring:
- Sturdy hiking shoes
- Hiking sticks (trekking poles)
- Reusable water bottle
- Personal medical kit (first-aid kit)
- Waterproof jacket (rain jacket)

READY FOR YOUR ADVENTURE?

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