

Discover the Land of Chingiz Aitmatov

Cultural Tour

Duration: 15 Days

Season: June - August



This journey will take you literally along with him to get acquainted with the beautiful landscapes, the wild horse herds and the white high mountains slopes of Tien-Shan. You will visit the journey his native village, meet with village-dwellers that seem to emerge from his novels. On this trip you will discover the literary soul of a so far unknown country Kyrgyzstan – a land that is struggling for a new identity from a former Soviet state to a modern Central Asian country, a land rich of all its traditions, folklore and nomadic lifestyle.

Itinerary

- Day 1** Flight to Bishkek. City Tour. You may see a feature film of one of Aitmatov's novel. Accommodation in a hotel.
- Day 2** Travel to Lake Issyk-Kul (5 hours). On the way visit the Burana tower. Spend the evening walking along the lakeshore. Overnight in a former Soviet resort-complex.
- Day 3** Travel to Karakol . On the way visit an open-air stone inscription (petroglyph) museum. Enjoy a picnic on the way. Accommodation in private flats.
- Day 4.** City tour of Karakol. Visiting points related to Ch. Aitmatov and his family. Visit the oriental market and other cultural places. After lunch you will be able to watch the feature film - "White ship". Accommodation in private flats.
- Days 5** Travel to Jety-Oguz (Seven Bulls) Gorge. Overnight stay in a Yurta.
- Day 6** Free day for activities in the Jety-Oguz Valley. Optional horse riding or hiking around the valley. Reading session in the evening. Overnight stay in a Yurta.
- Days 7** Travel to Kochkor . Picnic on the way on the Southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. Overnight in family-run accommodation.
- Day 8** Felt carpet Demonstration. Travel to the jailoo (Summer Pasture) at Son-Kul lake (3000 m above sea level) by car (3 hours) via the Dolon and Kara Unkur Passes. This area was featured in Aitmatov's book 'My Young Poplar In A Red Scarf'. Accommodation in yurtas (traditional round felt tents). Taste Kymyz (mare's milk) and watch the nomads making bread and cheese. Go horseback riding or walking along the shore of the lake. At night, the nearness of the stars will take your breath away. Enjoy dinner with a shepherd's family, and listen to songs and the Komuz (traditional guitar) played and sung by the women living in the yurtas.
- Day 9** Free day for activities on Son-Kul Lake. Optional horse riding or hiking around the valley. National game – Ulak Tartysh. Reading session in the evening. Overnight stay in a Yurta.
- Day 10** Optional light hiking (5 hours) or driving to Kyz Art village. Travel to Chaek village (1,5 hours). Overnight in family-run accommodation.
- Day 11** Travel to Sheker - the native village of Ch. Aitmatov - by car (7 hours) over the Otmok Pass (3800 m, stopping for a picnic on the way.
- Day 12** Travel to Maimak rail station, which is described in almost all of Aitmatov's novels. Visit Aitmatov's Library-Museum and meet the living heroes from the works of Aitmatov in Sheker . Reading session in the evening. Overnight in family-run accommodation.
- Day 13** Travel to Chaek (7 hours). Overnight in family-run accommodation.
- Day 14** Travel back to Bishkek. Meet the film director who made the film "Djamilia". Farewell dinner and folklore group performance. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 15** Flight home.

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Map of tour



Level of difficulty: This tour is suitable for both children and adults.

Conditions: If you have some specific sicknesses you need to bring own first aid kit with necessary medicaments.

Tour combination: This tour can be combined with the other tours in Kyrgyzstan offered by NoviNomad.

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