

## On Horseback to Heavenly Mountains

Horse Riding Tour Duration: 9 Days

Season: July - September



This horse riding tour takes you across the Barskoon gorge and Djuku River, located at the southern part of Issyk-Kul. This place has been untouched by civilization, thus you are given a chance to see the beauty of primordial nature: snow-capped mountains, virgin forests at their foot and mountain lakes with crystal clear water. Throughout these days you experience different climatic zones – from semi-desert to tundra. During the tour you will have a chance to spend a night in the real dwelling of these ancient nomads (yurtas) and experience their life and culture.

## **Itinerary**

Day 1 Arrival in Bishkek. Transfer to a hotel and rest. City tour in the afternoon. Overnight stay in the hotel.

- **Day 2** Drive to Tamga village along the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake (320 km). Visit on the way Burana Tower (11th century) the remains of Karakhanid's empire in Central Asia. Overnight stay in a private guesthouse.
- **Day 3** Drive to the Lake Jashyl-Kul at an altitude of 3250 m above sea level (50 km). Get acquainted with the horses. Horse riding for 2,5-3 hours. Overnight stay in tents.
- **Day 4** On horseback for 5-6 hours. Cross a Pass (3800 m) on the way to two mountain lakes (3200 m). Overnight stay in tents.
- **Day 5** On horseback for 5-6 hours. Descend along a river down to the level of 2500 m. Forests begin to appear. Overnight in tents.
- **Day 6** On horseback for 5-6 hours along mountain slopes. Wonderful view of Issyk-Kul Lake. Beautiful scenery glaciers on the right and forests on the left (3500 m). Overnight in tents.
- **Day 7** On horseback for 5-6 hours. The path goes through undergrowth and bushes. Cross the Chon-Djyrgalchak River. Overnight in tents (3200 m).
- **Day 8** Return to the village of Barskoon. Lunch. Drive back to Bishkek. Optionally the folklore program during the dinner. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 9 Transfer to the airport. Fly home.

<u>Level of difficulty:</u> This tour is recommended for people with an average level of fitness and experience in horse riding, because sometimes they must ride for 5-6 hours per day.

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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.

Conditions:



## Map of tour

