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Birds of Prey Festival ***Culture Tour***

Kyrgyz people value and keep their traditions, the festivals are held to unite the nation and show their traditions and customs. During this tour you will see the show of yurt installation for a time, folklore shows, equestrian sports games (Kyz Kuumai, Tyiyn Enmei, Eer Oodarysh), Kok-Boru, master classes in crafts, national cuisine, performance Kyrgyz traditions, national games. You will be able to take part in the process.

Dates of the tour 11.08.2023 – 15.08.2023

Route: Bishkek 🚗 Tamga 🚗 Bokonbaevo 🚗 Kochkor 🚗 Son-Kul 🚗 Bishkek

Highlights of the tour:

- Enjoy the quiet charms and warm hospitality of Kyrgyzstan;
- Visit Issyk Kul, the lake known as “The Pearl of Kyrgyzstan”;
- Experience nomadic life sleeping in a yurt beside the alpine lake of Song Kul;
- Take part in celebration of Birds of Prey Festival, learn about Kyrgyz traditions, customs and cuisine;
- Watch ancient hunting with Golden Eagles on horses with Taygans;
- Do light hikes along the magnificent Tian-Shan Mountain ranges;



Itinerary

Day 1 Bishkek- Tamga (350 km, 5-6 hours of driving)

Meeting with a guide and driver in Bishkek. Transfer to Tamga along the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake, that is considered to be the second largest mountainous lake in the world on the altitude of 1607 meters above the sea level. We call the lake "the pearl" of Kyrgyzstan. On the way we will stop not far from Tokmok town (60 km) and have excursion to Burana Tower, a place on the Great Silk Road dated to 11th century.

On the way we will stop in Kyzyl-Tuu village. Here the local craftsman products the wooden parts of the yurts. We will see the process and the craftsman will describe us the process.

Upon arrival to Tamga dinner and overnight in the yurt. (Meal: D)

Day 2 Tamga – Bokonbaevo (50 km one side)

On the 12th of August after breakfast in the yurt we will drive to the Birds of Prey Festival. Here in the Festival, we will see the demonstration of hunting with a Golden Eagle; folklore show; exhibition and sale of handicrafts and souvenirs; tasting of Kyrgyz cuisine. One can see the video of this festival following the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJhYHYbtvTY>

After the Festival we will come back to the yurt camp in Tamga. Dinner and overnight at the yurt camp. (Meal: B/L/D)

Day 3 Tamga – Kochkor (200 km, about 3-4 hours of driving)

After breakfast we will drive to Kochkor. On the way we will visit the canyon "Fairy tale". The canyon was named because of its bizarre rocky landscape, which for many years has been transformed by erosion into amazing sculptures and formations. Some formations look like The Great Wall of China and you can also find other formations that look like snakes, dragons, sleeping giants and even whole castles. From the canyon you can see a majestic panorama of Lake Issyk-Kul and snow capped mountains. One-hour walking there. Upon arrival to Kochkor visiting the workshop of felt carpet production. Dinner and overnight in the hotel. (B/-/D)

Day 4 Kochkor – Son- Kul (150 km, 3-4 hours of driving)

After breakfast transfer to the mountainous lake called Son-Kul, the lake is considered to be one of the highest lakes in the country, it is situated on the altitude of 3016 meters above the sea level and is a famous summer pasture for the local people, who come here every summer with their cattle and families and stay in the traditional nomadic housing called yurt. In the afternoon a light walking to the lake. In the evening the cook of the yurt camp will show us "Manty" show, Manty is a traditional central Asian dish, made of dough, meet and onions, those who wish can cook together the Manty. Dinner and overnight in the yurt. (Meal: B/L/D)

Day 5 Son - Kul - Bishkek (420 km, 5-6 hours of driving)

After breakfast transfer to Bishkek.

Upon arrival to Bishkek is end of our services.

(Meal: B/-/-)

**To get detailed day-by-day itinerary, please contact us by mail: novinomad@elcat.kg*

Price for the tour: is 911 USD per person (minimum size of the group is 2 pax, maximum is 10 pax)

Services included:

- Transport for transfers and excursions during the tour (car in good condition with air conditioning);
- Twin / double room accommodation;
- Four-person accommodation in the yurts
- Meal as indicated in each day of the program
- Entree fees to cultural places and nature parks
- Mineral water during the tour (1 liter per person)
- Tour guide
- Yurt Production Show
- Tickets to the Festival
- Felt Show
- Manty Cooking class in Son- Kul

Services not included:

- Early check-in on day 1
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Costs for Kyrgyz visa if necessary;
- Porter service in hotels and at the airport
- International and domestic flight tickets
- Personal expenses of customers
- Any division from the program
- Airport pick-ups and drop offs
- Accommodation in Bishkek
- Horse riding in Son- Kul
- Horse Games show in Son- Kul
- Full Board
- Folklore Program in Bishkek

Supplements:

- Supplement for horse riding in Son-Kul - is 20 USD per person (2-3 hours of riding) (for the service of escorting stableman is - 25 USD per group of 3-4 people);
- Supplement for the Horse Games show - is 250 USD for the group;
- Supplement for airport pick – up / drop off – is 40 USD (car for 1-3 pax);
- Supplement for full board (3 lunches and 1 dinner) – is 50 USD per person;
- Supplement for Folklore Program in Bishkek – is 80 USD per group;

Accommodation during the tour:

Place	Hotel / Guesthouse / Yurt Camp	Conditions:
Tamga	Yurt Camp	4 people accommodations in a yurt, shared outside European style toilet and shower cabins
Kochkor	Nomad lodge guesthouse or similar	Twin room accommodation, private facilities in each room
Song-Kul	Yurt Camp	4 people accommodations in a yurt, shared outside European style toilet and shower cabins

*For additional payment, we can book accommodation in Bishkek or make upgrade where it is possible.

Additional information:

Level of difficulty: There are no difficulties on the route.

Conditions: It is necessary to bring warm clothes, walking boots, rain coat and etc. Weight of personal things is not limited.

Health: If you have any specific sicknesses, you need to bring own first aid kit with necessary medicaments.

General map of the tour

