

## Difference and Resemblance of the life on Great Silk Road

### Cultural Tour

**Duration:** 10 Days

**Season:** June - September



*Mixture of the cultures in the countries of the Great Silk Road makes this region more attractive for people from different countries. From ancient times the different tribes were traveled from country to country and brought the different traditions and style of life to the Central Asia. Now you have a great opportunity visit Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan the small unique part of the Great Silk Road, to return to the past and to learn resemblance and difference of two cultures.*

*This tour offers you an excellent chance to get acquainted with the history and nature of Kyrgyzstan. During this tour you will visit magnificent historical places, see Great Kyrgyz Mountains, learn about the culture of peoples and eat the tastiest national dishes. .*

### Itinerary

- Day 1** Arrive Almaty. Meeting on arrival at the airport and transfer to the Hotel. Later sightseeing tour of Almaty. Visit Panfilov Park, St. Nicolas Cathedral - an extraordinary Russian Orthodox Church built of wood, and the History Museum which exhibits more than 40 different musical instruments. Even today in remote villages, music is part of a Kazakh's way of life. Afternoon excursion to the Medeo – see the skate rink in the region – short walks. Return to Almaty. Accommodation in the hotel .
- Day 2** Morning excursion to Tamgaly rock drawings dating back from 1st BC to 7th AD. Dinner and accommodation in the hotel .
- Day 3** Excursion in the afternoon to the scenic spot of Balshoe Almatinsky(Big Almaty Lake). This the day for walks and enjoying the scenery. Return in the evening. Dinner and accommodation in the hotel .
- Day 4** Driving through the heart of the Zailiysky Steppes, with their wide greens filled via Kegen gorge. Arrival in Karakol from Kazakhstan. Accommodation in the hotel Amir\*\*\* or Green yard. Picnic for Lunch on the way. Dinner in Uigur family (Uigur – it small Muslim nationality, who migrated long time ago from North of China). Overnight in Amir Hotel.
- Day 5** Excursion to Prejevalskiy museum in the morning (20 km). He was first military explorer to Central Asia and Tibet. Visiting Russian Orthodox Church and Moslem mosque in Dungan style. Transfer to Jety-Oguz Valley (40 km). Shepherds tell a lot of legends about the beautiful, famous, red rocks known as “Seven Bulls” and “Broken Heart”. Lunch in the yurta camp. Optionally hiking or horse riding on surroundings. Accommodation and dinner in the yurta camp (2250 m above sea level).
- Day 6** Transfer from Jety-Oguz to Song-Kul Lake (400 km) along the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake the second-largest mountain lake in the world - 1609 m above sea level. Lunch in Kochkor on the way. Stay on the shore of Song-Kul in the yurtas of local shepherds. Accommodation in a yurta, the traditional home of the nomadic shepherds (3030 m above sea level).
- Day 7** Stay by Song-Kul in the yurtas of local shepherds, who pass their summer on the jailoo (summer meadows) to graze their cattle. You can see herds of horses and sheep. Accommodation in a yurta (this is the traditional home of the nomadic shepherds). Taste kymyz (mare's milk) and observe the shepherd's wife preparing bread and cheese. At night, gaze at the skies like an astronomer - the nearness of the stars will take your breath away. Optionally hiking or horse riding on surrounding hills (3030 m above sea level).
- Day 8** AM. Free time in Song-Kul. Lunch in the yurta camp. PM. Transfer to Kochkor (150 km). Visit a felt carpet workshop in the afternoon where it is possible to produce your own felt carpet and buy carpets or souvenirs. You will test traditional Kyrgyz meal “Besh-Parmak” during the dinner with Kyrgyz family. Family run accommodation in Kochkor (1800 m above sea level) .
- Day 9** AM. Transfer to Bishkek (260 km). Visit on the way an ancient place on the Great Silk Road - Burana Tower (11th century) the remains of Karakhanid's empire in Central Asia. Lunch. PM. City tour around the centre of Bishkek. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel .
- Day 10** Transfer to airport. Fly 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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