

## Virgin culture untouched by the time

### Cultural Tour

**Duration:** 15 Days

**Season:** June - September

### Itinerary

- Day 1** Arrival to Dushanbe airport. Rest till noon. After breakfast round trip-excursion to Hissar fortress (30 kms from Dushanbe) and the historical complex - museum. Afternoon, city tour of Dushanbe visiting Museum of Antiquities, local Bazaar(market) and some art galleries. Early dinner, check and prepare for long-way trip to Pamirs. Hotel\*\*\*.
- Day 2** Drive to Kalai-Khumb via Khab-u-Rabat (Saghir-Dasht) Pass - 3252m. Late afternoon descent to Kalai-Khumb – administrative center of Tajik Darwaz rayon on Tajik-Afghan border (1350m). Lunch and dinner at local small rural restaurants. Overnight in guest-house.
- Day 3** Drive from Kalai-Khumb to Khorog along Panj River and the Tajik-Afghan border. Observing green irrigated oasis's of Afghan Badakhshan Province, where life didn't much changed in last thousand years. Accommodation in small hotel\*\*\* in Khorog. Lunch and dinner.
- Day 4** After breakfast round excursion in Khorog, visiting highest in former Soviet Union (2300m) botanical garden and local museum. Afternoon relax – free time. Lunch, Dinner. Hotel\*\*\*.
- Day 5** Drive to Murgab (311 km) along the Pamir Highway. The road goes over the Koi-Tezek pass (4270). After the pass the road lies on high plato with comparably low gentle mountains. We'll also visit small fall of fish crystal-clean lake Ak-Balyk (White Fish (Kyrg.)), and take a cup of tea with yaks sour cream and fresh bread in a Kyrgyz yurt. Dinner at homestay or local restaurant.
- Day 6** Drive to Karakul Lake (3920m). Visiting on the way Shor-kul and Rang-kul Lakes. Return back to the asphalt road and keep drive further up to pass Ak-Baital (4655m). Before dinner is ready stroll at the lake's shores observing the lake and majestic Trans-Alay Ridge with p.Lenin (7134m) in it. Paked lunch on the road and dinner in homestay in Karakul.
- Day 7** Transfer to Kyzyl-Art Pass (4282m) – Tajik-Kyrgyz border. Border formalities and meeting with Kyrgyz cars. Transfer to Sary-Tash (100 km). Family run accommodation.
- Day 8** Transfer to Osh by mountain road (200 km).Lunch on the way. Short city tour in Osh. Visit four-headed Sacred Suleiman Mountain in the center of the city with stone inscriptions, signs and the ancient settlement of the Iron Age on the southern slope of it, caves of Suleiman Mountain with History. Dinner. Accommodation in the guesthouse.
- Day 9** Transfer to Chichkan gorge (450km). Visit the Uzgen Minaret the remains of Karahanid empire on the way. Lunch in Jalal-Abad. You will see on the way Tash-Komur HPS (Hydro Power Station) and biggest water reservoir in Kyrgyzstan – Toktogul. Dinner and overnight in the Ak-Ilbirs guesthouse in Chichkan gorge.
- Day 10** Drive to Song-kul lake. The road goes along the beautiful Suusamyр valley Picnic for lunch. Local people live and graze their livestock on the meadows (jailoo) around the lake, from July till September. You will have time to enjoy with the amazing scenery of this place: edelweiss carpet, beautiful mountains and lake. Accommodation in the NoviNomad yurta camp.
- Day 11** Transfer to Kochkor village (150 km). Visit a felt carpet workshop where it is possible to produce your own felt carpet and buy carpets or souvenirs. Lunch in Kochkor. PM. Transfer to the Issyk-Kul lake to Cholpon-Ata (120 km) along the northern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 12-13** Two days in Issyk-kul Lake. You can relax and swim on the shore of Issyk-Kul. Visiting an open air museum of Petroglyphs in Cholpon-Ata. Accommodation and dinner in the hotel.
- Day 14** Transfer to Bishkek (280 km). Lunch on the way. Visit the Burana Tower (XI C.) the remains of Karakhanid's empire in Central Asia and an open air museum with unique collection of balbals - ancient nomadic stone sculptures on the way. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 15** Transfer to airport early in the morning. Fly home .

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.

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