

Nomads, Camels and Great Silk Road

Cultural tour

Duration: 16 days

Season: Middle of June-September



This tour offers you an excellent chance to get acquainted with the rich history and nature of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. During this tour you will visit magnificent historical places related to 11-19th century: the fabled mosques and Madrasses of Samarkand and Bukhara with their marvellous design and tiles, see Great Kyrgyz Mountains, relax on the shore of Issyk-Kul lake – the Pearl of Kyrgyzstan, learn about the culture of Central Asian peoples and eat the tastiest national dishes.

Itinerary

- Day 1** Arrival in Bishkek early in the morning. Transfer to a hotel. Rest. Transfer to Kochkor village (270 km). You will test a traditional Kyrgyz food “Besh-Parmak” during the dinner. Family run accommodation.
- Day 3** Breakfast. Visit the felt carpet workshop, where you can not only buy souvenirs but, produce them yourself. Transfer to Son-Kul lake (130 km). Accommodation and dinner in the yurta camp.
- Day 4** Breakfast. Full day in Son-Kul. You will have time to enjoy with the amazing scenery of this place: edelweiss carpet, beautiful mountains and lake. You may go for horseback riding or visit shephers and taste a national Kyrgyz drink “kymyz”, made of mare’s milk. Overnight stay in the yurta camp.
- Day 5** Breakfast. Transfer to Jety-Oguz (400 km) along the South shore of Issyk-Kul. Shepherds tell a lot of legends about the beautiful, famous, red rocks known as “Seven Bulls” and “Broken Heart”. Picnic for lunch on the way. Dinner in the yurta camp. Overnight stay in the yurta camp, in “Flower valley”.
- Day 6** Breakfast. Full day in Jety-Oguz. You will have a chance to explore the Jety-Oguz gorge. Overnight stay in the yurta camp.
- Day 7** Breakfast. Transfer to karakol town (40 km). City tour. Lunch in a Uigur family (Uigur – it small Muslim nationality, who migrated long time ago from China). Transfer to Cholpon-Ata (150 km). Accommodation in the hotel on the North shore of Issyk-Kul lake. Dinner in the hotel.
- Day 8** Breakfast. Transfer to Bishkek (250 km). You have an excursion on the way to Burana Tower (11th century) the remains of Karakhanid's empire in Central Asia and an Open Air museum of stone inscription. Dinner in a restaurant with Kyrgyz folklore program. Overnight stay in the hotel.
- Day 9** Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Fly to Tashkent (1 hour). Upon arrival in Tashkent meet and proceed for city tour of Tashkent. Dinner and overnight at hotel.
- Day 10** After early breakfast transfer to the airport for HY flight to Urgench. On arrival drive to Khiva (30 km) and city tour of city. Dinner and overnight at hotel.
- Day 11** After breakfast excursion to Topraq Qala and other sites of ancient Khorezm State settlements, now on the territory of Karakalpakstan. Camel riding. Lunch, dinner and overnight in Yurts.
- Day 12** After breakfast drive to Bukhara. Lunch at local restaurant. Upon arrival in Bukhara transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Day 13** After breakfast proceed for full day city tour of Bukhara. Enjoy folk show and dinner at Nadir Divan Begi Madrassa. Overnight at hotel.
- Day 14** After breakfast drive to Samarkand. Upon arrival transfer to Hotel. After lunch proceed for half-day city tour of Samarkand. Visit Reghistan Square, Gur-Emir Mausoleum, Bibi Khanum Mosque and bazaar. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
- Day 15** After breakfast proceed for half-day city tour of Samarkand. Visit Ulugbek Observatory, Afrosiab Museum, Shakhi Zinda necropolis. After lunch at local restaurant drive to Tashkent. Dinner and overnight at hotel.
- Day 16** After early breakfast transfer to airport. Fly home.

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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.