

On Skis to the Winter Fairy Tale

Ski tour (combination of downhill and cross-country skiing)

Duration: 13 days

Season: Middle of December – Middle of March

Itinerary

- Day 1** Arrival in Bishkek early in the morning. A city tour in Bishkek. Dinner. Accommodation in the hotel.
- Day 2** Transfer to ski base Tuya-Ashuu (140 km). Road goes via Tuya-Ashuu pass (3580 m) through the biggest tunnel in Kyrgyzstan. From the ski base you will have a good view to beautiful Suusamyр valley. The downhill skiing on the base. Length of the ski slope is about 4,5 km. Changes of the vertical altitude is from 3500 m from the top till 2500 in the end of the slope. Overnight stay in the hotel on the ski base .
- Day 3** Transfer to start point for cross-country ski in Suusamyр valley (30 km). Cross-country skiing on a fresh snow about 25-30 km. The snow condition in this area is 1-1,5 m of depth, average temperature during the day is about 8-10 C below zero. Short stop for picnic. In the end of day you will reach Kyzyl-Oi or Chaek village (on the altitude about 2000 m). Dinner and overnight in the family run accommodation .
- Day 4** Transfer to the start point for skiing – Kyzart (30 km). Altitude of the start point for skiing is about 2300 m. Cross-country skiing on a fresh snow about 12-14 km up to the Uzbek pass (3290 m). From the pass you will view to the lake which is covered with the ice in winter. The snow condition in this area is about 1 m deep, average temperature during the day is about 8-10 C below zero. Skiing down in the afternoon. Transfer by car to Kochkor village (100 km). You will test traditional Kyrgyz food “Besh-Parmak” during the dinner. Family run accommodation.
- Day 5** Visit the felt carpet workshop, where you can not only buy souvenirs but, produce them yourself. Transfer to Tamga or Barskoon village on the Southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake (180 km). Overnight stay in the guesthouse .
- Day 6** Transfer along the Barskoon river to Barskoon pass (about 3700 m). Skiing on the plateau or down hill skiing from the pass on a fresh snow. Transfer to Karakol (110 km) in the afternoon after skiing. Dinner. Accommodation in the guesthouse .
- Day 7** Transfer to the ski base “Karakol” (7 km). Full day down hill skiing. The ski base has 5 different slopes with lengths from 1,2 km to 3,5 km. Changes of the vertical altitude is from 3200 m from the top till 1900 in the end of the slope. Transfer back to Karakol in the afternoon. Dinner in Uigur family. Accommodation in the guesthouse.
- Day 8** Transfer to Ak-Suu village (30 km) – start point of the trek. Trekking about 4-5 hours to Altyn-Arashan resort, which is situated 2450 m above sea level. You will never be able to forget the sight of the snow on Peak Palatka (5260 m). You can use ski for the trip to Altyn-Arashan. You can go to the swimming pool with nature thermal water. Dinner. Overnight stay in the dormitory .
- Day 9** A whole day in Altyn Arashan. Radial trip on cross country skis in the area of Altyn-Arashan or rest and relax. It is very good quite place in winter. Panorama of snow covered mountains, free air and silence is very good place for people who likes meditation. Dinner. Overnight stay in the dormitory .
- Day 10** Trekking or skiing down to Ak-Suu. Transfer back to Karakol. City tour in Karakol in the afternoon. Visiting Prejevalskiy (famous Russian traveler) museum, Russian Orthodox Church, Moslem mosque in Dungan style. Dinner. Accommodation in the guesthouse.
- Day 11** Transfer along the Northern shore of Issyk-Kul lake to Chon-Kemin (320 km). Visiting Open air museum with petroghyphs in Cholpon-Ata. Free time in Chon-Kemin. You can have the excursion with local people by horse cart. Dinner. Overnight stay in the guesthouse.
- Day 12** Transfer to the ski base “Orlovka” (55 km). Half a day down hill skiing. The ski base has 3 different slopes with lengths from 800 m to 1,2 km. From the top of ski base you will have a very good view to Chuy valley. Transfer to Bishkek in the afternoon (100 km). On the way you visit the Burana Tower (11th century) the remains of Karakhanid's empire in Central Asia. Optionally Kyrgyz folklore program during the dinner. Overnight stay in the hotel .
- Day 13** Transfer to the airport early in the morning. Fly home.

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Map of tour



Conditions: It is necessary to bring warm clothes for skiing, trekking boots, sleeping bag. We recommend you to bring skis for ski-tours, which is practical for skiing up and down in the mountains.

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