

## Starway to Heaven

### Trekking

**Duration:** 9 Days

**Season:** Middle of July – September



*The valley of the Chon-Kemin River, stretching for more than 110 km from west to east, is surprisingly beautiful. All the riches of Kyrgyz nature can be found here: the fantastic beauty of mountain views stretching to the far horizon, the turquoise surfaces of high-mountain lakes and the juicy greens of the Alpine meadows framed by unclimbable rocks and many different kinds of animals and flora. The pure, clean, air, sated by oxygen and the aroma of mountain flowers, makes the gorges of the southern slopes of the Zailii Range and the northern slopes of the Kungei Ala-Too Range, unique places.*

### Itinerary

- Day 1** Arrival in Bishkek. Transfer to a hotel. City tour in the afternoon including a visit to an Oriental bazaar and other places, typical of an Eastern city. Overnight stay in the hotel.
- Day 2** Transfer to the Jyndy-Suu River at the Chon-Kemin Gorge (200 km). Set up the tent camp. Walk around the local area. Stay overnight in the tents (altitude -2500 m above sea level).
- Day 3** Walk along the Chon-Kemin River to the mouth of the Orto Koi Suu river (5-6 hours). The Chon-Kemin River valley is surprisingly rich in flora. Here you can see a unique spectacle – meadows, full of edelweiss.
- Day 4** The walk takes you along the Chon-Kemin River to the mouth of the West Ak-Suu River (5-6 hours). The route passes along the rebuilt Almaty-Cholpon-Ata road. It is the shortest way to Issyk-Kul from Kazakhstan. Stay overnight in tents (3000 m above sea level).
- Day 5** An excursion to the lake – the source of the Chon-Kemin River. The lake is a magnificent spectacle in the bright sunshine. It looks like a sapphire set amongst a vast array of silver, snow-covered mountains. Further on, the route leads to the foot of the Ak-Suu Pass. From here there is a magnificent view of the glacier. Stay overnight in tents (3600 m above sea level).
- Day 6** Cross the Ak-Suu Pass (4052 m). From the top of the pass there opens before you, a grand panorama across the mountains. From the pass you will cross meadows covered with different plants. These meadows lead you to the Chon Ak-Suu River where you will set up the tent camp (3060 m above sea level).
- Day 7** Next, the route passes along the Chon Ak-Suu River to the mouth of the Ui-Bulak River. The path passes through alpine meadows where, in summer, local people live with their families. Stay overnight in tents.
- Day 8** The last part of the route goes along the valley of the Chon Ak-Suu River (4-5 hours). One of the most picturesque gorges in the Issyk-Kul oblast is the Grigorievka Gorge. Transfer to Bishkek by car (280 km). Overnight in the hotel.
- Day 9** Fly home.

**Level of difficulty:** This tour is recommended for people with hiking experience. You should have knowledge of trekking by stones in some places. Hiking time is approximately 5-7 hours per day.

**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.

## Map of tour



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