

## Tour with guaranteed departure

**Destination: Kyrgyzstan**

**Season: mid June – mid September**

**Dates to start in season 2018:**

**12.07.2018- 21.07.2018 – For visiting of Ethno Festival**

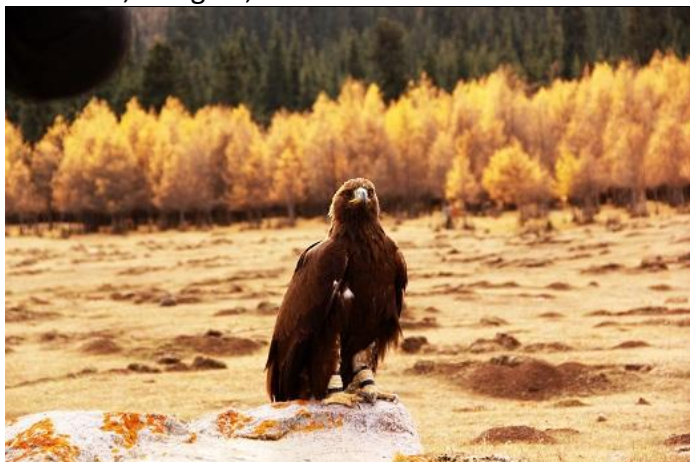
**08.08.2018-17.08.2018 – For visiting Birds of Prey Festival**

**15th of July - Ethno festival - Teskey Jeek-2018.** In the program there are spectacular performances of traditional hunting "Salbuurun", a show of yurt installation for a time, folklore shows, equestrian sports games (kyz kumai, tiyn enmei, eer oodarysh), kok-boru, master classes in crafts, national cuisine, performance Kyrgyz traditions, national games with tourists.



### **11<sup>th</sup> of August - Birds of Prey Festival on the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake**

Festival Birds of Prey is already traditional and popular cultural event at the south shore of the lake Issyk Kul, near Bokonbaevo town. The only festival dedicated to birds of prey and eagle hunting, which has the strong tradition in this region. You will be able to see the fascinating show of nomadic way of hunting. This hunting is executed with the help of eagles and taigans, special group of the only dogs who can hunt on wolves tamed by the Kyrgyz people from the ancient times. Kyrgyz hunters trained eagles and passed this tradition from generation to generation. With the help of eagles and taigans they hunted on wolves, foxes, marmots, badgers, hares and other animals and used their skin for trade as a means of their sustenance.



**Day 1 (8.08.2018) or other possible dates (12.07.2018)**  
**Departure day from Italy**

**Day 2 (9.08.2018) or (13.07.2018)**

**AIRPORT - BISHKEK (55 km, 40 minutes of driving)**

Arrival to Bishkek early in the morning, meeting with the Kyrgyz guide and driver, transfer to hotel for rest and buffet breakfast. A city tour of Bishkek. A visit to Central Ala Too Square, Oak Park, Museum. Also a visit to Osh market, it is the most popular bazaar among the local people. One can buy here anything he wants. It is so called Kyrgyz supermarket.

For dinner we will visit Dungan family. Overnight in the hotel.

**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Accommodation in Asia Mountain Hotel\*\*\* or similar**



**Day 3 (10.08.2018) or (14.07.2018)**

**BISHKEK – TOSOR (300 km)**

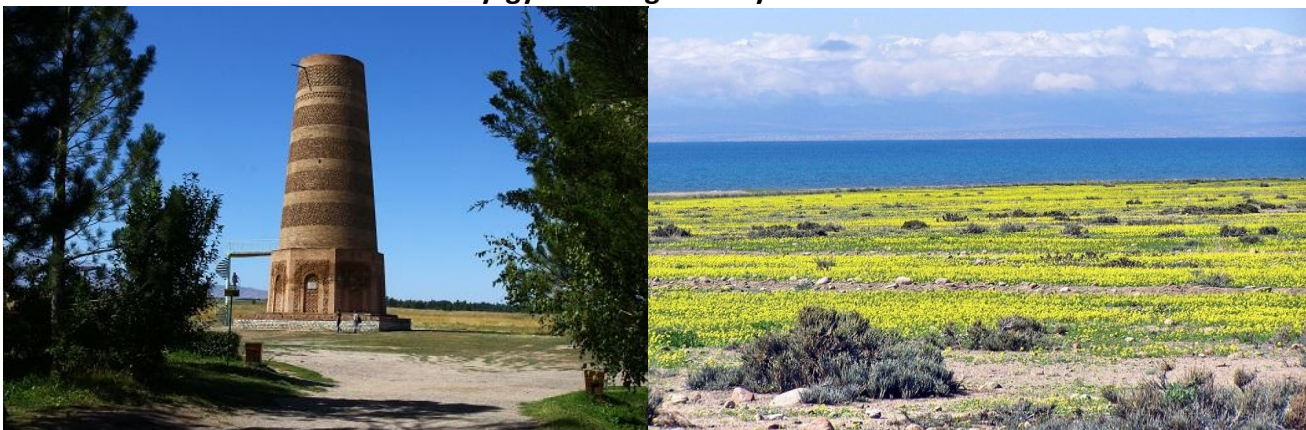
After breakfast transfer to the southern shore of Issyk-Kul lake. On the way we will stop not far from Tokmok town (60 km) and have excursion to Burana Tower, a place on the Great Silk Road dated to 11<sup>th</sup> century.

On the way we will stop in Kyzyl-Tuu village. Here the local craftsman are producing the wooden parts of the yurts. We will see the process and the craftsman will describe us the process.

Upon arrival to Tosor dinner and overnight in the yurt.

**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Accommodation in the traditional Kyrgyz housing called yurt.**



**Day 4 (11.08.2018) or (15.07.2018)**



## **TOSOR – KARAKOL**

**On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July** after breakfast in the yurt we will drive to Bokonbaevo village along the southern shore of Issyk Kul to participate in Ethno festival - Teskey Jeek-2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9bOWyCCd5Y>

All day in the festival. Yurts, National food and music will be on the festival , build up the traditional house of Kyrgyz nomads YURTA.

**On the 11th of August** after breakfast in the yurt we will drive to the Birds of Prey Festival. Here in the Festival we will see the demonstration of hunting with a Golden Eagle; folklore show; exhibition and sale of handicrafts and souvenirs; tasting of Kyrgyz cuisine. One can see the video of this festival following the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJhYHYbtvTY>

After the Festival we will drive to Karakol.

Overnight in the hotel.

**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Accommodation in Amir Hotel\*\*\*.**



**Day 5 (12.08.2018) or (16.07.2018)**

## **KARAKOL – JETY OGUZ –KARAKOL**

If you are in Karakol on Sunday you can visit Sunday animal market. It is the market that is visited by the people who is connected with cattle, they come here very early, at 5.00 am the bazaar is full of people and animals. Before the breakfast we will visit the bazaar and after excursion to bazaar return to the hotel for the breakfast. People, who prefer to sleep, can sleep.

After breakfast a city tour of the city with visiting Russian Orthodox Church, Muslim Mosque in Dungan style. We will drive to Jety-Oguz gorge, it is place famous for its red rock formation, a walking in the gorge.

For the dinner we will visit Uighur family.

**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Accommodation in Amir Hotel\*\*\* (private toilet and shower)**



**Day 6 (13.08.2018) or (17.07.2018)**

**KARAKOL - northern shore of Issyk-Kul lake (170 km)**

Breakfast. Today we will drive to the northern shore of Issyk-Kul lake, that is considered to be the second largest mountainous lake in the world on the altitude of 1607 meters above the sea level. We call the lake “the pearl” of Kyrgyzstan.

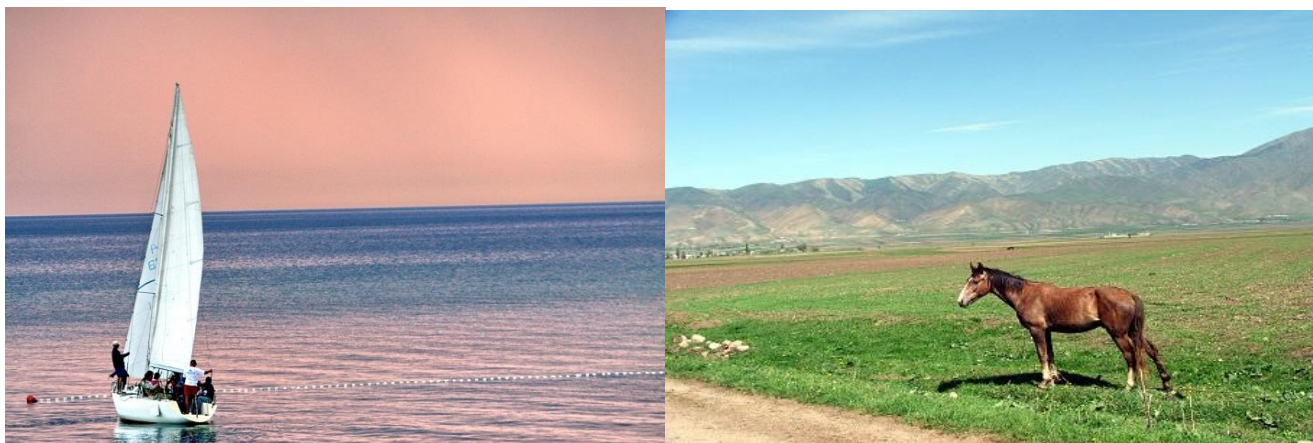
On the way we will visit the farm in Tepke village, here the farmers grow the Kyrgyz horses, cows, and may other domestic cattle. The farmer will make us excursion and present his farm to us.

We will have a lunch here in the farm on the bank of the mountainous river. Later transfer to the lake visit to Open Air Museum of Petroglihs – stone inscriptions.

For the dinner and overnight we will drive to the hotel that is situated on the shore of the lake with the private beach.

**Included meals: Breakfast Lunch and Dinner**

**Accommodation in the Raduga hotel\*\*\*\* (private toilet and shower)**



**Day 7 (14.08.2018) or (18.07.2018)**

**northern shore of Issyk-Kul lake – SON-KUL LAKE**

After breakfast transfer to the mountainous lake called Son-Kul, the lake is considered to be one of the highest lakes in the country, it is situated on the altitude of 3016 meters above the sea level and is a famous summer pasture for the local people, who come here every summer with their cattle and families and stay in the traditional nomadic housing called yurt.

In the afternoon a light walking to the lake.

In the evening the cook of the yurt camp will show us “Manty” show, Manty is a traditional central Asian dish, made of dough, meat and onions, those who wish can cook together the Manty.

Dinner and overnight in the yurt.

**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**



**Accommodation in the yurts by 4-5 people (sleep on the mattresses on the floor)**



**Day 8 (15.08.2018) or (19.07.2018)**

**SON-KUL - CHON KEMIN**

After breakfast transfer to Chon-Kemin Nature Park, on the way stop in Kochkor village, a visit to felt workshop where the local women produce the goods of felt, they will show us the process and we will make a carpet made of felt. Lunch in the Kyrgyz family.

Transfer to Chon-Kemin, upon arrival a walk in the nearest gorge.

Dinner and overnight in the family guesthouse.

**Included meals: Breakfast Lunch and Dinner**

**Accommodation in the guesthouse (shared toilet and shower)**



**Day 9 (16.08.2018) or (20.07.2018)**

**CHON-KEMIN – BISHKEK**

After breakfast transfer to Bishkek. Upon arrival to Bishkek free time.

Farewell dinner in the local restaurant with Optional folklore music. Overnight in the hotel.

**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Accommodation in Asia Mountains Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar**



**Day 10 (17.08.2018) or (21.07.2018)**

### **BISHKEK**

After breakfast transfer to airport.

**Price is 1185 USD per person**

**Size of the group: Minimum 4 pax**

**Maximum 9 pax**

Hotel list:

Bishkek – Asia Mountains Hotel or similar

Tosor yurt camp in Tosor (shared shower and toilets)

Karakol – Amir Hotel or similar

Northern shore of Issk-Kul lake –Raduga or Karven Hotels

Son-Kul yurt camp – in Son-Kul (with shared shower and toilet)

Chon-Kemin – family guesthouse (with shared shower and toilet)

#### Level of difficulty:

There are no difficulties on the route, but tourists should have an average level of fitness because sometimes they have long transfers 4-5 hours by mountain roads.

Conditions: It is necessary to bring warm clothes, trekking boots, rain coat and etc. Weight of personal things is not limited.

#### Service is included:

1. Transport for transfers and excursions (good condition car with A/C) for Kyrgyzstan
2. Twin room accommodation
3. Four Five people accommodation in a yurts
4. Meal based on half board mostly – 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 8 dinners
5. Mineral water during the tour (one litter a day per person)
6. English speaking tour guide
7. Entry fees to museums
8. Visit of yurt production in Kyzyl Tuu
9. Entry fees to Festival
10. Manty Show in Son-Kul

#### Service is not included:

1. Alcohol and soft drinks
2. **International and domestic flight tickets**
3. Items of personal nature including extra luggage charges, room service, medical expenses etc
4. Camera and video fee where applicable
5. Trip cancellation, medical and accident insurance
6. guide assistant
7. Any deviation from the program
8. Single room accommodation

9. Boat excursion in Issyk-Kul lake
10. Folklore program in Bishkek

**Hotel list:**

Asia Mountains in Bishkek (with early check)  
Tosor yurt camp in Tosor (shared shower and toilets)  
Amir Hotel \*\*\* - in Karakol  
Northern shore of Issk-Kul lake –Raduga Hotel  
Son-Kul yurt camp – in Son-Kul (with shared shower and toilet)  
Chon-Kemin – Ashu guesthouse

**Supplements:**

Supplement for folklore show in Bishkek 80 USD per group  
Supplement for the horse ride in Song Kul is 15 USD per person  
Supplement for Boat Excursion is 150 USD per group  
Single supplement is 155 USD (available in Bishkek, Karakol, Issyk-Kul lake)

**Prices:**

The prices are in USD, Valid till the end of 2018.

**Payment:**

Given price is valid if the payment is done via bank transfer.

**Cash payment** – Given price is valid if the payment is done via bank transfer. If you prefer to pay in cash upon arrival, price will be 5% cheaper

**Conditions of accommodation:**

During this tour you will have accommodation in hotels, yurt camps and family guesthouse.

- In Hotels in Bishkek, Karakol and Issyk-Kul lake – private shower and toilet
- In yurts in Tosor and Yurt camp – shared shower and toilet.
- In Chon-Kemin in the guesthouse – shared shower and toilet.

**Health**

If you have some specific sicknesses you need to bring own first aid kit with necessary medicaments.

**Responsibilities of clients**

Your clients should recognize and accept the risk that circumstances may arise which would cause some activities to be shortened or eliminated altogether without reimbursement or refund. Such circumstance includes weather conditions, earthquakes and other acts of nature, injuries or other medical problems, which they may experience. However, you recognize and accept that none of the eventualities described above will give you a right to a refund or other forms of reimbursement. Each tourist should have medical insurance that should be organized him/herself in homecountry.

**NOTES:**

- The price is given on the basis of 3 star's hotel accommodation in Bishkek. We can change it for hotels with higher level upon request for additional payment.
- Please keep in mind that people in the countryside do not stick to time and can be late for 20-30 minutes. So it may not always be on time according to the itinerary, especially when local people cook and serve food or organize horses for riding.
- People in Kyrgyzstan are very friendly and like to take pictures. But please do ask for permission if you take a picture of old people, mosques, churches, funerals etc or in countryside as people may be offended.
- The same tour program can be organised for another date upon request or for individual groups with the same conditions and same price