

Bishkek to Almaty: a Journey through Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan

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Experience the best of Central Asia on this 8-day adventure spanning two captivating countries, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. Starting in Bishkek, explore vibrant cities, ancient landmarks, and natural wonders as you journey through the Chon Kemin Valley, Issyk-Kul Lake, and iconic canyons. Discover nomadic traditions, enjoy eagle hunting, and marvel at the breathtaking landscapes of Fairy Tale Canyon, Djety Oguz, and Kolsai Lakes. Cross into Kazakhstan to visit the awe-inspiring Charyn Canyon and immerse yourself in the dynamic culture of Almaty, where history and modernity blend seamlessly. With a mix of guided experiences and time to relax, this tour offers a perfect balance for an unforgettable journey.

DEPARTURE DATES:

10.05.2025; 17.05.2025; 24.05.2025; 31.05.2025; 07.06.2025; 14.06.2025; 21.06.2025; 28.06.2025; 05.07.2025; 12.07.2025; 19.07.2025; 26.07.2025; 02.08.2025; 09.08.2025; 16.08.2025; 23.08.2025; 30.08.2025; 06.09.2025; 13.09.2025; 20.09.2025; 27.09.2025; 04.10.2025; 11.10.2025.

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Day 1 - Bishkek

Your adventure begins in Bishkek, the lively capital of Kyrgyzstan. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, enjoy the rest of the day to unwind or explore the city at your leisure, getting ready for the exciting experiences to come. Overnight in Bishkek. (Dinner)

Day 2 - Bishkek / Burana Tower / Chon Kemin National Park

After a relaxed breakfast, set off on a guided city tour of Bishkek to uncover its history and Soviet-era allure. Visit notable sites like Ala-Too Square, the Monument of Manas, Oak Park, and Victory Square, which commemorates WWII heroes. Later, travel to the picturesque Chon Kemin Valley, with a stop at the Burana Tower, a captivating remnant of the ancient Silk Road. Upon arrival in Chon Kemin, settle into a charming guesthouse and unwind for the night. Overnight in Chon Kemin. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 - Chon Kemin / Bokonbaevo

Begin the day with a refreshing morning hike through the beautiful Chon Kemin Valley, offering breathtaking mountain views and untouched landscapes. Alternatively, explore the local gorges, or take part in cultural activities like horseback riding or learning the art of yurt construction. We'll then head towards Lake Issyk-Kul, where the stunning shimmering waters are framed by towering mountains. On the way, stop at Kyzyl Tuu village, famous for its traditional yurt-making skills. Our journey continues to Bokonbaevo, where you'll meet a skilled eagle hunter and experience the ancient practice of falconry. Overnight in Bokonbaevo, surrounded by Kyrgyzstan's rich nomadic culture. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 - Bokonbaevo / Skazka Canyon / Djety Oguz Canyon / Karakol

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Accommodation
Breakfasts - daily
Lunches - as indicated
Dinners - daily
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions

Practical information

About Go Russia company
Accommodation options

Venture along the shores of Issyk-Kul Lake, making your way to the enchanting Fairy Tale (Skazka) Canyon, where vibrant rock formations create a truly magical landscape. Continue on to Djety Oguz Canyon, renowned for its dramatic red cliffs, including the iconic "Broken Heart" rock and the striking "Seven Bulls" formations. In Karakol, a town rich in cultural heritage, explore the Dungan Mosque, designed in the style of a Chinese pagoda, and the beautifully preserved Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Cathedral. Visit the N. M. Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the legendary Russian explorer. Overnight in Karakol, immersed in its unique historical and cultural atmosphere. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Karakol / Border Crossing / Kolsai Lakes / Saty

Cross the border into Kazakhstan and head to the charming Saty Village, nestled in the heart of the scenic Kolsai Lakes National Park. Here, you'll have the chance to explore the stunning landscapes, including a hike to the tranquil Kolsai Lakes, often referred to as the "Blue Necklace" of the Tien Shan Mountains due to their vivid beauty. If time permits, we'll also visit Kaindy Lake, renowned for its submerged forest and crystal-clear turquoise waters, creating an ethereal and unique sight. Overnight in Saty Village. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 - Saty / Charyn Canyon / Almaty

We begin our journey towards Almaty, making a memorable stop at the awe-inspiring Charyn Canyon. As we explore the "Valley of Castles," we'll be mesmerized by the dramatic rock formations and sweeping panoramic views that showcase the immense beauty of this natural wonder. After soaking in the canyon's magnificence, we'll continue our drive to Almaty, the largest and most dynamic city in Kazakhstan. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation after a day filled with exploration. Overnight in Almaty. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7 - Almaty

Your day in Almaty starts with a visit to Panfilov Park, where you'll learn about the 28 heroes who gave their lives for the country's freedom. Admire the Zenkov Cathedral, the city's oldest wooden building, and pay tribute at the Memorial Complex with its eternal flame. Afterward, explore the vibrant Green Bazaar, ideal for finding unique souvenirs, and visit the central Mosque before heading to Republic Square to see the Independence Obelisk and other national symbols. In the afternoon, we'll ascend Kok-Tobe Hill for panoramic views of Almaty, followed by a peaceful walk through Kok-Tobe Park, home to a monument dedicated to "The Beatles." To conclude the day, enjoy a scenic cable car ride back to the city center before returning to your hotel. Overnight in Almaty. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Almaty

On the final day, we'll transfer you to the airport for your departure, marking the end of your unforgettable journey through Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. (Breakfast)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
10/05/2025 - 17/05/2025	£1795	£2495	£155
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PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > Best of Kyrgyzstan: Discover Finest Lakes, Steppe Land & Historic Towns (SR-05), Price from £1,395, 8 days
- > Great Uzbekistan Discovery: from Fergana to Khiva (SR-06), Price from £1,795, 13 days
- > Best of Uzbekistan: Tashkent, Chimgan, Samarkand, Shakhrisabz, Bukhara, Khiva (SR-07), Price from £1,445, 10 days
- > Discover the Silk Road: a Journey across 5 Stans (SR-08), Price from £4,795, 23 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in the UK, USA, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two - three weeks for each visa application to be processed. The actual visa processing times are published on our website. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in the above countries, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa, processing times and application forms on our website:

www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice,

including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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