

EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS



Experiential journeys for the exploring traveller

KYRGYZSTAN EXPLORER

BISHKEK - KARAKOL - CHOLPON ATA
ISSYK KUL LAKE

MAY 30TH - JUNE 5TH

OVERVIEW

Step into the heart of Central Asia, where the snow-capped Tian Shan mountains rise above vast alpine landscapes and age-old nomadic traditions continue to shape everyday life. This small-group journey through Kyrgyzstan is crafted for travellers who seek raw nature, cultural depth, and authentic experiences—far away from crowded tourist trails.

Begin in Bishkek, a laid-back capital blending Soviet history with mountain views, before driving to the legendary Issyk-Kul Lake, one of the world's largest high-altitude lakes. Along the scenic north shore at Cholpon-Ata, enjoy tranquil lakeside moments framed by dramatic peaks. Experience true nomadic heritage with an overnight stay in a traditional yurt, sharing local food, stories, and star-filled skies. The journey continues to Karakol, a charming town known for its diverse culture, wooden architecture, and access to stunning valleys and gorges. Scenic drives, nature walks, and meaningful local encounters make this an unforgettable offbeat Central Asian adventure



ESSENTIAL INFO

Cost: Rs 68500/- per person

Country: Kyrgyzstan

Start: Bishkek

End: Bishkek

Start Date: 30th May' 2026

End Date: 5th June' 2026

Duration: 7 Days

Group Size : Min 5 / Max 15

Theme: Culture, Adventure



HIGHLIGHTS



Drive through the dramatic landscape of the Tian Shan Mountains



Visit Issyk - Kul lake (the 5th largest in Asia)



Visit the unique wooden Russian Orthodox church in Karakol



Overnight stay at a yurt camp around Issyk Kul Lake



Explore the spectacular Jeti - Oguz and Fairy Tale Canyon



Meet the eagle hunters of Issyk Kul

ITINERARY

Day 1: May 30th : BISHKEK

Arrival in Bishkek and transfer to the hotel. Evening visit Ala-Too Square and the statue of Manas – the hero of heroes for the local Kyrgyz people. See the Russian Orthodox church, one of the few Lenin statues left in all the ex-USSR countries. After dinner back to hotel. Overnight in Bishkek.

Day 2: May 31st : BISHKEK - ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK - BISHKEK

After breakfast, visit Ala Archa National Park, about an hour's drive from the city. Explore the park with its Snow-capped peaks, fast-flowing Ala Archa river, pine forests & alpine meadows, Glaciers (visible from viewpoints), Wooden bridges, picnic spots, and waterfalls. Back to Bishkek for lunch and after lunch visit Osh bazaar, Panfilov Park, Opera house, and Victory Square, with its eternal flame dedicated to WW2. Back to the hotel in the evening and overnight at Bishkek.



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Day 3: June 1st : BISHKEK – ISSYK KUL LAKE (North Shore – Cholpon-Ata) (265 kms / 4.5 hrs)

After a relaxed breakfast today, you'll start the drive to Lake Issyk Kul – one of the largest lakes in the world, 178 km long and 60 km wide. Along the way, stop at Burana Tower – a large minaret in the Chuy Valley from the Silk route – and visit the monument and museum. Continue along the scenic route with the Tian Shan mountains in the background. Reach Cholpon Ata by around 1 p.m. and after lunch, check into the hotel. After some rest, head out to the lake, and you can visit the Rukh Ordo Cultural Complex, Cholpon-Ata Petroglyphs (Open-Air Museum), take a boat ride on Issyk-Kul, and explore the local markets and souvenir shops. Later, see the sunset views with the Tian Shan mountains behind you. After dinner, overnight at the hotel.



ITINERARY

Day 4: June 2nd : CHOLPON ATA – KARAKOL (150 kms / 2.5 hrs)

After breakfast, drive along the scenic north shore of Issyk-Kul Lake towards Karakol, enjoying views of the lake and surrounding mountains. En route, take a detour to Grigorievskoe Gorge, one of Kyrgyzstan's most beautiful gorges. Enjoy a short riverside walk through pine forests, with optional horse riding and a taste of traditional kumis (fermented horse milk). Continue with brief photo stops at lakeside villages such as Chok-Tal and Sary-Oy before arriving in Karakol by afternoon. After lunch, visit the Dungan Wooden Mosque and Russian Orthodox Church, followed by a relaxing soak at a nearby hot spring. In the evening, explore the local market and town centre. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight stay in Karakol.



ITINERARY

Day 5: June 3rd : KARAKOL – BOKONBAYEVO - (Issyk Kul Lake - South Side - 160 kms / 3.5 hrs)

After breakfast, depart Karakol and journey along the quieter south shore of Issyk-Kul Lake, with expansive steppe landscapes and mountain backdrops. En route, visit the spectacular Jeti-Ögüz Gorge, famed for its striking red sandstone formations known as the Seven Bulls and Broken Heart. Enjoy a gentle walk and scenic photo stops.

Arrive in Bokonbayevo by afternoon and, if available, visit a local Eagle Hunter's residence for an introduction to the centuries-old tradition of golden eagle hunting. Later, check in to an exclusive yurt camp set against the lake and mountain scenery. Experience refined nomadic comfort with tastefully furnished yurts, warm hospitality, and serene surroundings. Unwind with a lakeside walk, sunset views, and a traditional yet elevated Kyrgyz dinner prepared with local ingredients. Spend the evening under star-filled skies and overnight at Yurt Camp in Bokonbayevo.



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Day 6: June 4th : BOKONBAYEVO – BISHKEK (300 kms / 6 hrs)

After breakfast, depart Bokonbayevo and drive along the scenic south shore of Issyk-Kul Lake, passing remote villages, open степе landscapes, and mountain backdrops. En route, stop at Skazka (Fairy Tale) Canyon, known for its colourful rock formations and short, easy walks. Continue the journey towards Bishkek, with breaks for tea and photo stops along the way. Arrive in Bishkek by evening. Late evening free to explore on your own. Overnight in Bishkek.

Day 7: June 5th : BISHKEK (Departure)

After breakfast transfer to airport.



**Rs 68500/-
per person**

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights stay each in Bishkek, 1 Night stay in Cholpon-Ata, 1 Night stay in Bokonbayevo, and 1 night stay in Karakol
- Breakfast on all days (6 Breakfasts)
- Experienced driver cum guide with 4×4 SUV
- Airport transfers
- All tours as mentioned
- Experienced tour leader
- Service charges
- Taxes





EXCLUSIONS

- Flight Charges
- Entry tickets and camera charges (wherever applicable)
- Dinner & Lunch
- Visa
- Other than those mentioned

STAYS

- BISHKEK
281 Hotel / Astor Hotel & Spa
 - CHOLPON ATA
The Lake Townhouse
 - KARAKOL
Snow Leopard / Evergreen Hotel
 - BOKONBAYEVO
Yurt Camp
- *OR SIMILAR**



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