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Moto tour in Kyrgyzstan

Itinerary: Bishkek – Semenovka – Grigorievka – Jergez – Arashan – Jety-Oguz – Skazka – Kaji-Sai – Son-Kul – Tash-Rabat – Naryn – Kazarman – Arslanbob – Toktogul – Bishkek

Duration: 10 days/9 nights

Season: end of May – October

Group size: 4 - 22 pax

Tour type: driving on 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes

Daily driving distance: 200-380 km

Guides: 1 or 2

Mechanic: 1

Food: full board

Accommodation: Hotels, Guesthouses, Yurt lodge

Total distance: 2180 km

Detailed program:

Day 1. Airport – Bishkek

Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel.
Accommodation.
Start of a city tour. Lunch in a local café.
Afternoon city tour.
Dinner.



Day 2. Bishkek – Semenovka – Grigorievka (240 km)

Transfer to Issyk-Kul – the biggest lake in Kyrgyzstan nicknamed “Pearl of Central Asia”. The way goes through picturesque Boom gorge which once served as a northern branch of the Silk Road. Then along the northern shore of the lake we drive on until reaching Cholpon-Ata city where we have lunch in a local café. Carry on towards Semenovka gorge east of Cholpon-Ata. Here we can drive all the way through the gorge to get to the neighboring gorge of Grigorievka. Accommodation in a yurt lodge of Bel-Zhan. Transfer to the nearby secluded lake shore for the next activity – kayaking.

Dinner and accommodation in a yurt lodge of Bel-Zhan.

Road conditions: from Bishkek to Semenovka the road is all paved. Around 35 km in the gorges is dirt road.

Day 3. Grigorievka – Jergez – Arashan – Jergez (180 km)

After breakfast we head to Jergez village east of Karakol. Few minutes from the main road there is a nice yurt camp next to a forest. Lunch.

Afternoon we drive to the mouth of Altyn-Arashan gorge where we upgrade for a Russian army 4X4 truck. It will take us to the huts with natural hot springs upper in the gorge. Enjoy walking and bathing in the hot springs. Return to the yurt camp. Dinner and overnight in the yurt camp.

Road conditions: around 9 km is dirt road.

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Day 4. Jergez – Jety-Oguz – Skazka – Kaji-Sai (190 km)

Transfer to Jety-Oguz gorge renowned among tourists for its red rock formations in the shape of “Jety-Oguz” (Seven Bulls) and “Razbitoye serdze” (Broken Heart). Photo stop.

Upper in the gorge we can make a small hike to a beautiful waterfall. Lunch upon return in the local yurts.

Now the way goes along the southern shore of the lake. En route visit to the “Skazka” (translated fairy tale) canyon which literally exhibits fancy shaped sandstone formations as if from fairy tale.

Transfer to Kaji-Sai. Dinner and accommodation in Art Hotel Al Hyatt.

Road conditions: all paved except for Jety-Oguz after the red rocks and turn to Skazka canyon. In total around 16 km of dirt road.



Day 5. Kaji-Sai – Son-Kul (260 km)

Drive along southern part of the Issyk-Kul lake to the Son-Kul Lake, which is located at an altitude of 3016 meters above sea level. This is a great opportunity to meet with the nomads, learn more about their life and take beautiful pictures. The second part of the day is devoted for horse riding. Dinner and overnight in the yurt camp. Accommodation in yurts with the calculation of 4-6 people per yurt.

Road conditions: around 180 km of paved road and 80 km of dirt road.



Day 6. Son-Kul – Naryn – Tash-Rabat – Naryn (315 km)

Through picturesque pass of “32 parrots”, as is called among locals, we get to the main road linking China with Bishkek to reach the city of Naryn. Lunch in the local café of “Khan-Tengri”.

Further drive to visit Tash-Rabat caravanserai that has complicated history involving nomads, the Silk Road and nestorian christians.

Return to Naryn. Dinner and accommodation in hotel.

Road conditions: dirt road is on a small part between Son-Kul and the Bishkek-Torugart highway and between Bishkek-Torugart highway and Tash-Rabat caravanserai – around 81 km in total. The rest is paved.



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Day 7. Naryn – Kazarman (180 km)

Drive to the Kazarman town. Lunch en route.

Dinner. Overnight in family-run accommodation.

Road conditions: from Naryn to Ak-Tal the road is paved, which is around 82 km. The rest is dirt road almost with no asphalt.

Day 8. Kazarman – Arslanbob (229 km)

Long drive to Arslanbob village, mostly known for its walnut forest of the same name. 600 000 hectares of naturally growing walnut forest there makes the Arslanbob woodland the largest walnut grove on Earth. There are two waterfalls highly popular among tourists as well.

Lunch on the way.

Dinner and accommodation in local families'.

Road conditions: from Kazarman to Osh-Bishkek highway it is mostly dirt road (around 152 km), from further on it is paved road of around.

Day 9. Arslanbob – Toktogul – Bishkek (586 km)

Transfer to Bishkek. En route we go along the longest river in Kyrgyzstan – Naryn – that starts in the high mountains of Naryn, flows across the whole country to be the main source for watering vast cotton fields in Uzbekistan. Pass by several hydro power plants and stop by the Toktogul reservoir. Lunch in a local café to try fresh fried most delicious trout fish that leaves no gourmet indifferent.

Transfer to Bishkek through picturesque Chichkan gorge, witness drastic change on Ala-Bel pass (3175 m) and Ala-Bel valley where snow lies almost all year round, pass by Suusamyr valley to get to Too-Ashuu pass (3586 m).

Dinner. Accommodation in a hotel in Bishkek.

Road conditions: all paved road.



Day 10. Departure

Transfer to airport. End of the service.

Possible extensions:

1. On the way from Bishkek to Grigorievka (Day 2) you can do white water rafting. The rafting grade can be from 3 (average, for amateurs) up to 6 (tough, for professionals). After rafting we stop for lunch en route. Arrive at Grigorievka gorge for accommodation in yurt lodge of Bel-Zhan. Resting time. Dinner.



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The next day we drive to the neighboring gorge of Semenovka, drive through it and cross it over to get back to Grigorievka. Lunch at yurt lodge.

Transfer to the nearby secluded lake shore for the next activity – kayaking. Dinner and accomodation in a yurt lodge of Bel-Zhan.

- Nearby Kazarman town there is Saimaly-Tash – a grandiose natural sanctuary containing one of the biggest collections of petroglyphs (rock pictures) not only in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia but also in the whole world. About 10,000 stones with pictures have been identified, the earliest dating back to the third to early second millennia BC, that is to the Eneolithic and Bronze Ages.

Whole day horse riding to reach the site. Picnic. Exploring the site.

Dinner and overnight stay in family-run accomodation.

- In Arslanbob village you can spend one extra day for exploring the walnut forest and both waterfalls. You can do it either by horse, foot, local russian fancy jeeps or foot.

The package price*:

Group size	Amount of cars and bikes (including car for guides)	Basic package 10 days/9 nights	Extension 1 With white water rafting	Extension 2 With extra day exploring the Saimaly-Tash petroglyph site	Extension 3 With extra day exploring Arslanbob walnut woods	Extension 4 Full package: Basic+rafting+Saimaly-Tash+Arslanbob
Duration:		10 days/9 nights	11 days/10 nights	11 days/10 nights	11 days/10 nights	13 days/12 nights
group / 22-24 people	6 cars, 9 bikes	€ 2 063		€ 2 332		€ 2 937
group / 18 people	5 cars, 9 bikes	€ 2 346		€ 2 526		€ 3 183
group / 14 people	4 cars, 8 bikes	€ 2 752		€ 2 734		€ 3 443
group / 10 people	3 cars, 6 bikes	€ 2 572		€ 2 765		€ 3 493
group / 8 people	3 cars, 4 bikes	€ 2 682		€ 2 872		€ 3 642
group / 6 people	2 car, 4 bikes	€ 2 955		€ 3 184		€ 4 058
group / 4 people	2 cars, 3 bikes	€ 3 667		€ 3 946		€ 5 044

*Prices can be slightly changed.

The price includes:

Rental of the motorbikes and cars, airport transfer, full board, accommodation in double rooms, English-speaking guide, transport supporting with mechanic during the trip, entrance fees.

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The price does not include:

International airfare, visa and visa support (if needed), insurance, single hotel rooms, alcohol drinks and additional personal expenses.

P.S. There might be some small changes in the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

We hope for your understanding.

