

## FIVE STANS ADVENTURE

The easiest way to explore Central Asia

### ALMATY-MEDEU-CHARYN CANYON- ISSYK LAKE 5 DAYS



#### Day 1: Almaty

Your guide will pick you up at International Airport and accompany you to Almaty City. Almaty was the capital of independent Kazakhstan from 1991 to 1997. In 1997, the capital moved to Astana; since then, Almaty has been referred to as the southern capital of Kazakhstan. Almaty remains the major commercial center of Kazakhstan. The city is located in a mountainous area of southern Kazakhstan, near the border with Kyrgyzstan. Almaty is the largest, most developed, and most ethnically and culturally diverse city in Kazakhstan. This overnight will be in a hotel.



#### Day 2: Almaty city tour – Medeu – Almaty

In the morning we will start a city tour. You will get acquainted with Almaty's history and see the Ascension Cathedral – the second highest wooden building in the world! Then you will visit the Square of 28 Panfilov Heroes. You will see there the Glory Memorial dedicated to the victims of the Civil War and the Second World War. Afterwards you will visit the Museum of Musical Instruments. After lunch you will

have an excursion to Medeu. It is an ice stadium located in a mountain valley on the south-eastern outskirts of Almaty. Night will be in a hotel.



### **Day 3: Almaty city tour – Hawks nursery – Green Bazaar – Kok Tebe – Almaty**

In the morning we will start second part of city tour. In the morning we will drive to the "Hawks nursery". There you will see different hunting dogs and many birds of prey. At this place people teach hawks, eagles, golden eagles to hunt together with them. Your guide will tell you about amazing traditions of Kazakh hunting with hawks! You will have a chance to make photos of these birds and to find out many interesting facts about their life! Then you will visit our historical museum. The guide will tell you a lot of amazing facts about Kazakh history. After lunch we will go for a walk on Green Bazaar. In the evening drive to Kok Tebe to see the panorama view of Almaty. Night will be in a hotel.



### **Day 4: Almaty – Charyn Canyon – Almaty**

Today we will visit another most popular place of Kazakhstan – Charyn Canyon. It is an amazing creation of nature that exists for millions of years, picturesque and very diverse in geomorphologic aspects. The height of steep mountainsides reaches 150-300 meters. Numerous ravines and gullies make dense rambling net. Wind and water created stunning "Red Castles Valley". The length of it is more than two kilometers; the width is 20-80 meters. All along the valley you are surrounded by towers of fantastical forms, built of sedimentary. Their age is about 12 million years. All this time the nature was creating these architectural wonders, without haste was building the majestic castles. The road to the Canyon and back is 400 km. Return to Almaty.





### Day 5: Almaty – Issyk Lake – Almaty

In the morning we will drive to the most beautiful gorges of Trans-Ili Alatau - Issyk Gorge. It is situated along the Kuldja tract, where hundreds of years ago the trade caravans travelled. Then the tour route will take you to an altitude of 1756 meters above sea level, to the beautiful mountain lake Issyk, located in the valley with the same name. The lake was formed about 10,000 years ago due to colossal landslide, resulted in formation of the natural dam of 300 meters in height. On the lake you will enjoy the majestic beauty of its turquoise water surface and the Issyk Gorge, as well as having a rest to enjoy its beauty. In the evening you will come back to Almaty city. After the night in a hotel you will be transferred to the airport for the flight.



#### Service includes:

- Airport transfers
- Transport for all transfers and excursions
- Double room accommodation+Breakfast:
- Mineral water during the tour
- Full-time service of your English speaking guide-interpreter
- Entry fees to museums

#### Service does not include:

- Single room accommodation
- Kazakh visa and visa support
- Personal travel insurance