

GROUP EXCURSION AROUND ALMATY CITY AND ALMATY REGION

Day of the week	Name of excursion	Start time	Duration	Gathering place / Conducting	Cost per person, KZT	Tourist information
Monday	Medeo + Chimbulak	9:00 The first half of the day	3 - 4 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	13 800 *Entrance tickets are included in to the price	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, warm top clothes (if you go up to the 3rd Station of Chimbulak), sunglasses, hats
	Kok-Tobe	18:00 The second half of the day	2 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	11 800 *Entrance tickets are included in to the price	Comfortable shoes, hats and sunglasses
Tuesday	"Huns" ethno village + Predatory birds show by "Sunkar" farm	8:00	8 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	17000 *Entrance tickets are included in to the price	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, sunglasses and hats
Wednesday	Lake of Issyk	8:00	9 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	23500 *Entrance tickets are included in to the price	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, sunglasses and hats
Thursday	Sightseeing tour around Almaty + Medeo	9:00	4-5 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	10 300	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, sunglasses and hats
Friday	Big Almaty Lake	9:00	6 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	19635 *Entrance tickets are included in to the price	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, sunglasses and hats
Saturday	Evening sightseeing bus tour around Almaty	20:00	3 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	7 300	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, sunglasses and hats
Sunday	Charyn Canyon "Valley of Castles"	8:00	12 - 13 hours	Central Stadium (Baitursynov St. corner of Abay Ave.)	41800 *Entrance tickets are included in to the price	Comfortable shoes, clothes according to weather, sunglasses and hats



Medeo + Chimbulak

The excursion route gives you a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with the beautiful mountains of Zailiysky Alatau, surrounding the city of Almaty. The first stop will be at the Medeo tract, where you will be surrounded by magical mountain landscapes and you will have a chance to see world's largest high-mountain skating rink. Moreover, near Medeo there is a dam that protects the city from the devastating mudflows forming on the tops of the Western Tien Shan. Further, the excursion route will take you to an altitude of 2230 meters above sea level, where the ski resort Shymbulak is allocated, which also considered as one of the best ski bases among all CIS countries, is located.

Kok-Tobe

Kok-Tobe Park, this is one of the main attractions of Almaty. The park is located on the hill with the same name, which towers over the city at 1130 meters high. The park was opened in 2006, when the mountain slopes were strengthened to prevent the threat of landslides. Today the park is a landscaped area with picturesque terraces and avenues. Near the park is the famous Almaty TV tower is located. Almaty TV tower is considered as the highest building of the city and one of its symbols. One of the favorite places in the park among young townspeople is the Alley of Lovers, from where a romantic view of the glowing thousand-strong city lights opens. The park is also famous for its sculptures, including the monument to the legendary ensemble «The Beatles» and the fountain «Yabloko» (Apple), where visitors throw coins to once again return to this wonderful place.



“Huns” ethno village + Predatory birds show by “Sunkar” farm

“Huns” ethno village is located in the Novokamenniy Gorge, behind Talgar, 35 kilometers from Almaty. This is a comfortable recreation center, where anyone can plunge into nomads' way of life, culture and traditions. Holidaymakers have an opportunity to join the past of the Kazakh people and see many customs. The cage of predatory birds “Sunkar” is very close to Almaty (7 km), to the right of the eco-post, in the Big Almaty gorge. The farm is 25 years old. Its main direction is the cultivation and release of the most valuable falcons listed in the Red Data Book. Many other species of birds of prey are also represented: owl, burial ground, kumai, golden eagle. There are also famous Kazakh greyhounds - tazy.



Lake of Issyk

The excursion route to one of the most beautiful gorges of the Zailiysky Alatau - Issyk is located along the Kuldzhinsky tract, where hundreds of years ago there were commercial caravans. On the way you will get acquainted with the history and nature of this region, as well as with archaeological monuments of Sak culture - burial mounds, where the famous “Golden Man” was found, which eventually became the state symbol of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Also you will visit «Issyk» State Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve, where you will get acquainted with the exhibitions devoted to the history and culture of the Sak period, among which there is a copy of the Golden Man and gold products, ancient ceramics, weapons, elements of horse equipment, as well as the model of the Sak burial mound in section. Then the excursion route will take you to a height of 1756 meters above sea level, to the beautiful high-mountainous lake Issyk, which is located at the same gorge.



Sightseeing tour around Almaty + Medeo

The southern capital of the country - Almaty, which has over one and a half million inhabitants, is the financial, cultural and scientific center of Kazakhstan. Being in the center of the Eurasian continent, Almaty bears the features of the European and Asian architectural traditions, city where national color are taking into account. During the tour, you can visit the historical center of Almaty. Nobody will be left indifferent by the old administrative center that was established in the 30-60's. XX century, which includes the buildings of the Opera and Ballet Theater. Abay, the former ministries of Kazakhstan, as well as the Old Square - now named Astana. The tour introduces the architectural ensemble of the main square of Almaty - named Square of Republic, monument of Independence, monuments to outstanding Kazakh enlighteners. The route will pass through the city's favorite avenues - named after Abay, Abylai-khan, Dostyk, through the market, sports and cultural centers of Almaty.



Big Almaty Lake

The excursion begins with an ascent along the Great Almaty Gorge, where, at an altitude of 2510 m above sea level, there is the Big Almaty Lake, which is considered as one of the most picturesque lakes of the Zailiysky Alatau. The lake is very beautiful, especially when its blue surface is absolutely calm and reflects the sky and surrounding mountains. Big Almaty Lake was formed as a result of the activity of the ancient glacier and, thanks to the high altitude location, the water in the lake always remains cool - even in July the water temperature does not exceed +10 degrees. Since the lake is a source of drinking water supply in Almaty city the access for tourists to BAL is limited.



Evening sightseeing bus tour around Almaty

When the mountain breeze brings the long-awaited coolness, the southern capital reopens for those who visited this excursion from the new side. It acquaints with parks and architecture of small forms of the city - first of all with fountains of beloved Almaty residents: “Zodiac signs”, “Stone flower”, “Dandelion”, “Thousand jets”. The route practically does not repeat the sightseeing tour and is mostly laid along those streets and avenues where you can walk only on foot, inhaling the aroma of flowers and feeling the cool of the fountains. The green outfit of the city perfectly complements its architecture, bringing a human closer to nature, enriches his life with artistic and emotional effects, creates a favorable environment for his work.



Charyn Canyon “Valley of Castles”

The Charyn Canyon is one of the most unique objects of nature, where, under the influence of millennial processes of weathering of sedimentary rocks, the original shape of the relief took the outlines of isolated rocks, columns and towers. The journey time to Charyn canyon is about 3 hours. On the way you will get acquainted with the history and nature of this amazing land, learn a lot of interesting things about the Kazakh people, its life and traditions.

