

Inspiring
Traditions...



Experience
traditional felt
making and
craft your own
souvenir

Autumn - Winter
10:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.

Spring - Summer
08:00 a.m. - 08:00 p.m.

Price: 700 KGS/person*

Duration: 1 hour

Minimum group: 5 people

Location: 69, Karymshakova str.,
Bokonbaevo vill.



South Shore of Issyk-Kul

Take part in a workshop
to build your own
traditional Kyrgyz
nomadic carpets
(Shyrdak and Ala-Kiyiz)

Learn the meaning and
stories behind traditional
Kyrgyz handicrafts from
UNESCO certified
craftswomen

Possibility to shop on-site
handicrafts shop and
meet local craftswomen



Kyrgyz crafts workshop and NGO Altyn Oimok (Golden Thimble) produces shyrdaks (Kyrgyz felt carpets) and other traditional in Bokonbaevo. It employs over 30 rural women and continuing to educate the next generation in traditional crafts. In addition, the NGO delivers workshops and shows to tourists to share techniques and stories behind nomadic Kyrgyz crafts.

In 2014 the organization was awarded with a UNESCO Award of Excellence of Handicrafts, thereby showing the quality of its products and design.

Altyn Oimok is located in the small village Bokonbaevo on the South Shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, surrounded by snow-capped mountains on one side and sacred Issyk-Kul Lake on the other. Design and decoration of Kyrgyz carpets and embroidery reflect the beauty of this local nature.

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***Price to include:**

English speaking guide

Souvenir take-away

Tea/coffee/other refreshments



Felt making traditions have historically played an important role in Kyrgyz culture. Tradition within felt making, even today, represents a skill which continues to supply everyday household products for nomadic herders as they migrate and live across mountain pastures during summer months with their grazing herds and flocks of animals.

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“Shyrdaks” and “Ala kiyiz” rugs can be seen in nearly every traditional Kyrgyz dwelling, also known as yurts. These felt products are as rich in color as they are in design and overall beauty, and reflect the depth of local cultural elements and living history. In this offering, come learn about the skillful art and process of producing these heritage products, and the symbols often times represented in each.



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Experience of living in
nomad yurt camp

Fresh air and
home-made food
cooked from organic
vegetables grown
locally

Breathtaking
horse-back riding,
trekking and jeep-tours
to Kok-Sai glacier or
alpine lakes in Teskey
Ala-Too range

Go nomad!
Yurt-camp
ranch Jaichy

Season: Year Round;
May - September (high)

Price: 800 KGS/person
for accommodations
Tour prices available upon
request

Location: Yurt-camp Jaichy,
Kok-Say vill.



Yurt-camp Jaichy Legend

During the 15th/16th century lived a man with special abilities handed down from God himself. One man - Jaichy - had ability to influence weather, and in turn save his people. One evening in particular, Jaichy and his family were attacked by marauding enemies whom ended up stealing flocks of his grazing animals on the mountain jailoo.

Rather than cower and allow these thieves the spoils of their actions, Jaichy and local warriors pursued their enemies and recovered their precious flocks. In a chase that ensued, Jaichy used his innate powers to conjure up strong winds, rains and snow, thereby making the road impassable to his enemies. They returned home triumphant, with Jaichy a hero to his people until his death many years later.

Even today, descendants of Jaichy are believed to have such special powers, and one can find them on the jailoo at the base of the Teskey Ala-Too mountain range, home to Jaichy yurt-camp. Come visit and see local legends for yourself!

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Alternative offerings to include:

Accommodation in nomad yurt
Jeep/horse tours to glacier and lake

Falcon show and national horse games

Cooking classes (South Shore favourite Tash-Kordo, Boorsok)

Sheep shearing class (May - June)

Services of English speaking guides available



- Enjoy summer days as a nomad at the ranch located on scenic jailoos amongst beautiful mountain range Teskey Ala-Too
- Take a photo safari to capture local wildlife (wolves, eagles and if very lucky an endangered snow leopard)
- Challenge yourself and enjoy dramatic scenery along a 1- or multi-day horse trek or hike to the Kok-Sai glacier. Or opt to take in the same route via a jeep trek
- Organize and learn local traditions and nomadic horse games including kok-boru (a battle between two teams of riders for a goat polo), tyyn enmey (picking up coins from the ground while galloping), kyz-kuumay (Chasing the Bride) or eer-oodarysh (horse wrestling).



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Feel
the nomad
spirit with
Salbuurun!

Time and schedule:
10:00 a.m. and 04:00 p.m.

Price: 1000 KGS/person
* the price may change if the show
needs to be arranged at a specific
venue

Duration: 1 hour

Minimum group: 5 people

Location: Salbuurun-Ordo,
Bokonbaevo vill.



South Shore of Issyk-Kul

Discover traditional
Kyrgyz hunting – a
combination of golden
eagles, taigan dogs
and archers on
horseback

Get a sense of true
nomad life and spirit
of hunting

Take an iconic photo
with your own golden
eagle



Additional offerings:

- Archery workshop (on horseback) **(7000 KGS/45 min)**
- Dance with eagles **(4000 KGS/25 min)**
- Classes to craft nomadic bow and arrows **(2000 KGS/35 min)**

*Prices may change if the shows are arranged outside Salbuurun venue upon the request of the tourists

Price to include:

Transport

English speaking guide

Your next favourite pic!

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In ancient times nomads wishing to hunt gathered in groups and rode with their golden eagles, taigan dogs, and bows and arrows to hunt for many days on end. This represents the roots of Salbuurun, or traditional Kyrgyz hunting. Such long hunting trips helped to identify the most courageous and dexterous of hunters, as well as the most agile golden eagles, intelligent taigan dogs and sturdy horses.

Salbuurun is a comprehensive hunting game - and the only one in the world — that combines the teamwork of a golden eagle, taigan dog and shooting from a traditional bow while on horseback.

For several decades under Soviet times, the techniques and culture behind Salbuurun were discouraged and this nomadic tradition almost died out. The Salbuurun Federation, based in Bokonbaevo, have made considerable efforts in the last years to bring these techniques and traditions back to life and teach younger generations their importance.



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**Build
nomad yurt
with local
champions!**

Time and schedule:
upon request of tourists

Price: 1300 KGS/person

Duration: 1 hour
Minimum group: 5 people

Location: Felt Museum, Kyzyl-Tuu vill.



South Shore of Issyk-Kul

**Build your own
yurt with
Champions**

**Discover symbolism
and authenticity of
a Kyrgyz yurt**

**Connect to the spirit
and aura of
Nomads**



Additional offerings:

Observe world champions set up a yurt at record speeds (Local Kyzyl-Tuu craftsmen currently hold world record at 13 minutes)

Price: 8000 KGS/group
Duration: 15 min

*Prices may change if the shows are arranged outside Yurt show venue upon the request of the tourists

Price to include:

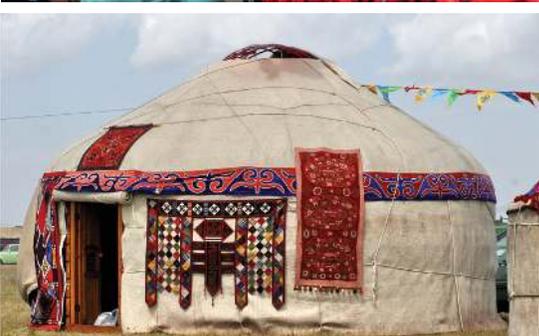
Transport Bokonbaevo - Kyzyl-Tuu village and return

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Tea/coffee/other refreshments

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Yurts, or typical nomadic dwellings, serve as a strong and lasting connection between past, present and future generations across Kyrgyz Republic.

A typical yurt can be constructed over the course of a month but used for decades, and is assembled without single nail! Nomads used natural means to build their dwelling - felt made of wool, natural woods and red minerals to serve as primary colors.

The wooden circular frame of the yurt consists of a door-frame, or "bosogo", and several expanding lattice wall-sections "kerege" made of various local trees. Anyone visiting a yurt easily can identify the "tunduk" or crowning circle at the top of the yurt.

There is deep symbolism in the shape, design, fabrics and colors that compose a yurt. Even today, it continually serves not only as the common and recognizable dwelling of Central Asia's nomadic people, but as a testament to Kyrgyzstan's commitment to preserving its tradition and roots. Kyzyl-Tuu village, home to the masters of this ancient tradition and art form, look forward to welcoming you to share in this rich history.



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