

HIGHLIGHTS

ALMATY

- Shymbulak Ski Resort
- Shymbulak Gondola Cable Car Ride
- Park of 28 Panfilov Guardsmen
- Zenkov Cathedral
- Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments
- Chocolate Factory
- Charyn Canyon
- Eco Village Gunny
- Kok Tobe Hill
- Central Museum
- Central Mosque
- Green Bazaar
- Lesnaya Skazka Mountain Resort & Spa

Winter Season Programme

(Nov till March)

- Sledding on snow tubes

Autumn / Spring / Summer Season Programme

(April till October)

- Big Almaty Lake
- Sunkar Falcon Farm

ASTANA

- National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Bayterek Observation Tower
- Palace of Peace and Reconciliation (Pyramid)
- Museum Of First President
- Khan Shatyr Entertainment Mall

VALUE PLUS

- Cultural Dance Performance

DELICACIES

100% Full Board Meal

Meals:

- Horse & Mutton Cuisine
- Horse Milk
- BBQ Cuisine

ACCOMMODATIONS

AS STATED OR SIMILAR - LOCAL 4★

- 7 nights Ramada Almaty
- 1 night Grand Park Inn Astana



DAY 1 SINGAPORE → BANGKOK → ALMATY

(Dinner)

Assemble at Changi Airport for your flight to Bangkok. Take a connecting flight from Bangkok to Almaty on Air Astana. Upon arriving at Almaty International Airport, transfer to the hotel before proceeding for dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Almaty

DAY 2 ALMATY → SHYMBULAK SKI RESORT → ALMATY

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

- **Shymbulak Ski Resort (30 mins to get there)** - The resort is located in the upper part of the Medeu Valley in the Zailiisky Alatau mountain range. It is popular for its mild climate, large quantity of sunny days and great amount of snow through the winter (*from November till May*).
- **Shymbulak Gondola Cable Car Ride** - enjoy the panoramic scenic view of Medeo Gorge. It is well-known due to the highest mountain skating rink in the world. *Gondola Cable Car Ride subject to weather conditions.*
- **Park of 28 Panfilov Guards** - Built in memory of the fallen heroes in the Great Patriotic War.
- **Zenkov Cathedral** - the only wooden cathedral in the world. It is built without using any nails, which makes it unique.
- **Museum of Kazakh Musical Instruments** - the museum displays folk musical instruments. The local guide will introduce you to Soviet history and Kazakh culture.
- **Rakhat chocolate factory** - Rakhat which means pleasure in Kazakh is the oldest manufacturer of chocolates dating back to almost 70 years. Around 3500 workers

work in basically 2 factories, one located in Almaty and one in Shymkent city.

- **Green Bazaar** - a great chance to experience an atmosphere of the real eastern market, its colours, smells and crowds. There you can purchase famous Oriental sweets, but don't forget to bargain.
- **Central Mosque** - A very beautiful building, with friendly and magical atmosphere within.
- Dinner (Kazakh national cuisine)
- **Overnight stay in Almaty.**

DAY 3 ALMATY

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

- **Central Museum** - one of the biggest museums of Central Asia, where you will learn more about the history and development of the country.
- **Republic Square** - is the main square in Almaty used for public events. The former presidential palace, now used as municipal offices, is on its south side. In 1986, an infamous uprising known as Jeltoqsan occurred in this square.
- **Big Almaty Lake** - A natural alpine reservoir located in the Trans-Ili Alatau mountains, It lies in a hollow like a gleaming mirror, surrounded on all sides by majestic peaks.
(Autumn/Spring/Summer Season: April till October)
- Enjoy Picnic Lunch near the Lake Area.
- **Sunkar Falcon Farm** - a so called conservatory for the wild birds native to the region. The Farm breeds the Golden Eagle, and is sold to enthusiasts around the world. Enjoy the Golden Eagles show whereby they are trained to hunt at the farm
- **Overnight stay in Almaty.**

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DAY 4 ALMATY ▶ CHARYN CANYON ▶ ALMATY

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

- **Charyn Canyon** - A canyon on the Sharyn River in Kazakhstan, see the contrast of colours in its amazing rock formations from white snow to red rocks.
- BBQ dinner at Almaty
- **Overnight stay at Almaty**

DAY 5 ALMATY ▶ LESNAYA SKAZKA MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA ▶ ALMATY

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Lesnaya Skazka Mountain Resort & Spa is set in a quiet area of the Ile-Alatau National Park, with the wonderful splendour of nature spread all across the 5 hectares of exceptional beauty, featuring stone uplands as well as flora and fauna that you'll never see elsewhere. Here, you will be able to experience:

- Enjoy the leisure in the lap of nature to the fullest by taking part in **hiking or trail riding**;
- Ride a horse;
- You will be able to master a **snowboarding** or **skiing technique** in the ski trail;
- Try skating on an ice rink, ride an inflatable sledge, rent all the necessary equipment for proper leisure and simply enjoy;
- After the active leisure drop into the **Family Café**, a Georgian restaurant or a quick-service restaurant. For amateur singers we've got the special karaoke nomads tent.
- Take a spa in yurts.
- **Winter Season Program (Nov till March)**
Sledding on snow tubes - Enjoy sledding on snow tubes on a white powdery snow! Fun entertainment for adults and children.
(subject to weather conditions)
- **Overnight stay in Almaty.**

DAY 6 ALMATY

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

- **Eco Village "Gunny"** is located in the Novokamenniy Gorge beyond Talgar. Here everyone can join into the nomadic life and experience their culture and traditions. Vacationers have the opportunity to participate in the Kazakh people's past, witness their customs.
- The main entertainment at the base is a costume show featuring traditional games and costumes. The standard programme begins with the ritual of meeting guests - "Shashu" followed by with other traditions.
- **Kok Tobe Hill** - where you can view the entire city & the tallest TV tower in the world.
- **Overnight stay in Almaty.**

DAY 7 ALMATY

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

- **Tamgaly Gorge** - En route, enjoy the amazing scenery of beautiful natural landscapes.
- **Tamgaly Rock Carvings** - a picturesque place that attracts many tourists. The same petroglyphs like in Kazakhstan have also been found in Kyrgyzstan, China, India, Pakistan and Tibet.
- **Tamgaly petroglyphs** - one of the oldest and most striking monuments of rock art of Zhetisu, which is included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.
- **Overnight stay in Almaty.**

DAY 8 ALMATY ▶ ASTANA

(Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

- After breakfast, take a domestic flight to Astana and continue the next city tour.
- **National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan** - The largest unique museum complex has an area of

74,000 square metres and consists of seven blocks with a variable number of storeys to the ninth floor. Exhibit space occupies 14 rooms with a total area of over 14,000 square metres.

- **Bayterek Observation Tower** - A monument, at the heart of a large square centred on the Nurzhol Boulevard, has become a symbol of Astana and indeed of post-independence Kazakhstan.
- **Palace of Peace and Reconciliation (Pyramid)** - is a symbol of friendship, unity and peace in Kazakhstan.
- **Overnight stay in Astana.**

DAY 9 ASTANA ▶ ALMATY ▶ BANGKOK

(Breakfast/Lunch)

- **Museum Of First President** - the museum was initiated on 28 August 2004 by Nursultan Nazarbaev, the president of the Republic of Kazakhstan. You can see unique archive documents, scientific materials, books written by Nazarbaev, gift collections, awards and many other interesting items revealing the work of the first president of the country and the newest history of Kazakhstan.
- **Khan Shatyr** - this famous eco-building is the largest marquee with shopping and entertainment facilities.
- On board your flight back to Singapore via Almaty and Bangkok

DAY 10 BANGKOK ✈ SINGAPORE

Arrive back in Singapore in the afternoon with fond memories of Kazakhstan.

Important Remarks:

1. In the event of local religious festivals, unforeseen circumstances and/or bad weather condition, the sequence of the itinerary may be changed or substituted in by alternative sites without prior notice and/or at short notice in order to ensure smoother journey and tour.
2. Excludes tipping for Guide & Driver/Porter at USD8/ pax/day (Adult & Child).
3. Excludes tipping for Tour Leader at USD3/pax/day (Adult & Child).