

Kazakhstan

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New Travel Destination



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Kazakhstan is....

Sophisticated - Our futuristic modern capital city of Nur-Sultan was chosen to host the 2017 World Expo

Stable - We just had a democratic change of President; Muslims, Christians and Jews coexist peacefully

Prosperous - The World Bank classifies us as an upper middle income country, and we have the highest per capita income of all the 'stan countries

Western-aligned - Kazakhstan sees itself as a bridge between Asia and Europe, most recently indicated by a visit from EU President Tusk on 27 May



Facts

Kazakhstan is in the center of Eurasia, spread over two time zones and with two official languages (Russian and Kazakh)

Some more figures for you ...

1st largest landlocked country

1st and largest space port in the world (Baikonur)

2 Presidents since independence in 1991

3 different New Year celebrations each year (Western, Orthodox, Persian)

9th largest country in the world

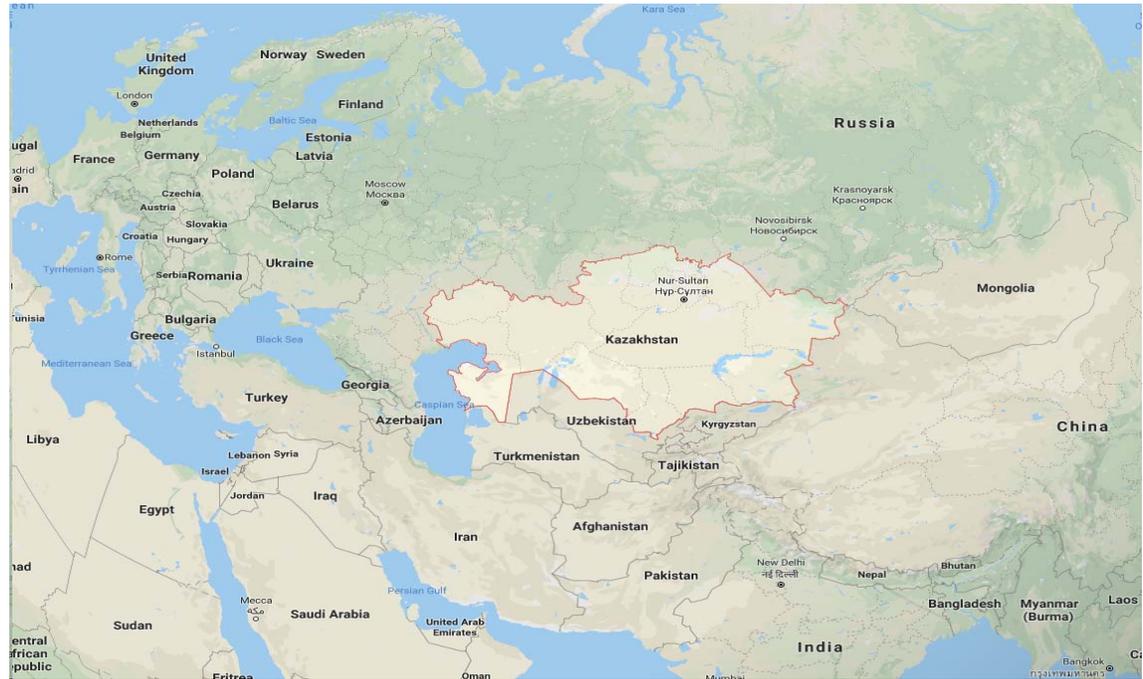
18 million people

130+ different nationalities

650 million barrels of oil produced each year

1300+ species of flowering plants

5000 ancient rock carvings (in Tamgaly)



Hotels

Enjoy great values and excellent quality experiences at world class and often brand name hotels



Cuisine

Our ethnic dishes are popular with western palates and just enough different to be distinct and memorable

In addition to in-hotel catering, a wide variety of quality eating experiences can be arranged, ranging from special gala style outdoor events to formal dining in restaurants.

We can provide a wide choice of menu styles, including traditional Kazakh type cuisine as well as international foods of all types.

5 Must-Try Dishes in Kazakhstan



Beshbarmak is made with either horse or lamb meat, pasta cut into small squares, and herbs



Laghman – thick noodles served with beef broth, beef and tomatoes

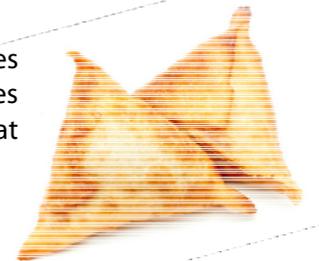


Boursaks – balls of dough pre-fried in boiling oil

Manti – a spiced mixture of lamb or beef, mixed with black pepper and enveloped in a dough wrapper



Samsa – pastries shaped like triangles and filled with meat



Excellent for all Group Events

Opportunities for any scale, size, style

Kazakhstan's ability to host large events for demanding international audiences was first proved in 2010 when it became the first ever Central Asian state to chair and host a **meeting of the OSCE**.

Since that time, the country and its MICE-related infrastructure has become more sophisticated and better developed.

Another major event was **Expo 2017**, 10 June - 10 September 2017, in Nur-Sultan. The event, based on a theme of "Future Energy" had 115 countries and 22 organizations participating, and hosted almost 4 million visitors during its three months (50% more than projected).

We can confidently handle groups of up to 2000 people, depending on format and location.



Well Connected Non-Stops



Kazakhstan Travel Choices

We have separated the regions and cities which are most distinctive to create these packages

Classic:

Almaty city: 3 to 5 nights

Nur-Sultan city: 2 to 5 nights

Adventure and nature:

Thousands of Colors: 3 to 5 nights

Golden Ring of Zhetisu: 4 nights

Mystery of Kazakhstan Lakes: 7 to 12 nights

Trekking Journey in Turgan: 4 to 7 nights

The Salt of the Earth (Mangystau region): 4 to 7 nights

Combo:

The Two Capitals: 6 to 7 nights (Almaty 4 nights + Nur-Sultan 3 nights)

Almaty + National Parks: 4 to 7 nights

Kazakhstan + Uzbekistan: 7 to 14 nights (Almaty, Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara)

Kazakhstan + Kyrgyzstan: 8 to 11 nights (Almaty, Bishkek, Ala Archa)

The Grand Tour of Central Asia: 14 to 18 nights

(Kazakhstan + Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan)

Thematic:

The Land of Nomads: 6 to 8 nights

The Kazakh Silk Road: 15 nights

Islamic Tour: 6 to 8 nights

Space Odyssey (Baikonur Cosmodrome): 2 to 4 nights

We can create and combine many other itineraries to suit your requirements



Classic City Stays & Tours

NUR-SULTAN - the nation's capital and business center

Capacity: unlimited

Optimal duration: usually 3 to 6 nights

Hotel options:

5 Star: Nur-Sultan and Almaty both offer a range of luxury hotels including well known international brands, and at very affordable prices. These hotels typically provide excellent meeting facilities on-site.

4 Star: Both cities have plenty of four star hotels for more budget conscious events, also with good facilities.

3 Star: Lower quality hotels are definitely available, but we suggest the loss of quality is not balanced by an only moderate further saving in cost.

Boutique: Such properties exist, but usually are smaller in size and typically have only limited or no meeting facilities on-site.

● **ALMATY** - the cultural and financial center

Meet & Greet/Transfers

Normal or special/themed/costumed type meet and greets can be arranged.

Transfers to suit all sizes and requirements:

Normal or luxury sedans: maximum 3 passengers with reasonable luggage

Limousines: up to 8 pax and luggage

Vans: up to 9 pax and luggage

Mini-buses: up to 24 pax

Full size coaches: up to 46 seaters

In addition, we can also arrange special transfers to certain hotels and locations – helicopters, horses, etc.



Classic Activities

Everyone of all ages and interests enjoy these types of experiences



Opportunities for Active People

Kazakhstan is an outdoor paradise with a huge variety of activities to experience and enjoy, ideal for themed events



Half day Activities

The Baiterek Tower in central Nur-Sultan is one of the country's best known iconic images and a popular tourist attraction.

The observation deck is 97m above ground level, corresponding with the year 1997, the year that Nur-Sultan became Kazakhstan's capital.

The name refers to a mythical tree said to connect the land and the heavens, and the golden orb signifies an egg laid by the magic bird of happiness between two branches of a poplar tree.



Half day Activities

The Khan Shatyr in Nur-Sultan is the largest shopping and entertainment center in Central Asia. The building was recorded in the Guinness Book of Records as the highest tent in the world. The Khan-Shatyr also entered the top ten eco-buildings of the world according to the Forbes Style magazine. The height of this architectural miracle is 150 meters to the top of the spire.



Half day Activities

The Falcon Farm, not far from Almaty, is where you can enjoy a spectacular show with specially trained hawks. Hunting with them is one of the most unique features of the the traditional Kazakh way of life.

This is an amazing sight! We show how a Golden eagle can take a wolf, how a White-tailed Eagle catches fish from the water, how a Black vulture dances, and how a Saker Falcon flies at a speed of 320 km/hr.



Full day Activities

Burabay in the Kokshetau region, not far north of Nur-Sultan, is known as “Kazakhstan's Switzerland”.

Among the yellow scorched endless steppe you run into the green wall of the forest. It is full of wonders: hills covered with trees, rocky ridges, fantastic piles of rocks like silent giants, and ghosts, silent as enchanted lakes.

This is the mysterious land of Burabay (also known as Burayovo).



Full day Activities

400 km away from Nur-Sultan, in the North Kazakhstan area is a place marvelous in its beauty — the Imantau lake and mountains.

The pine forests in this region add green to the lake, and the trees are so dense as to seem impenetrable.



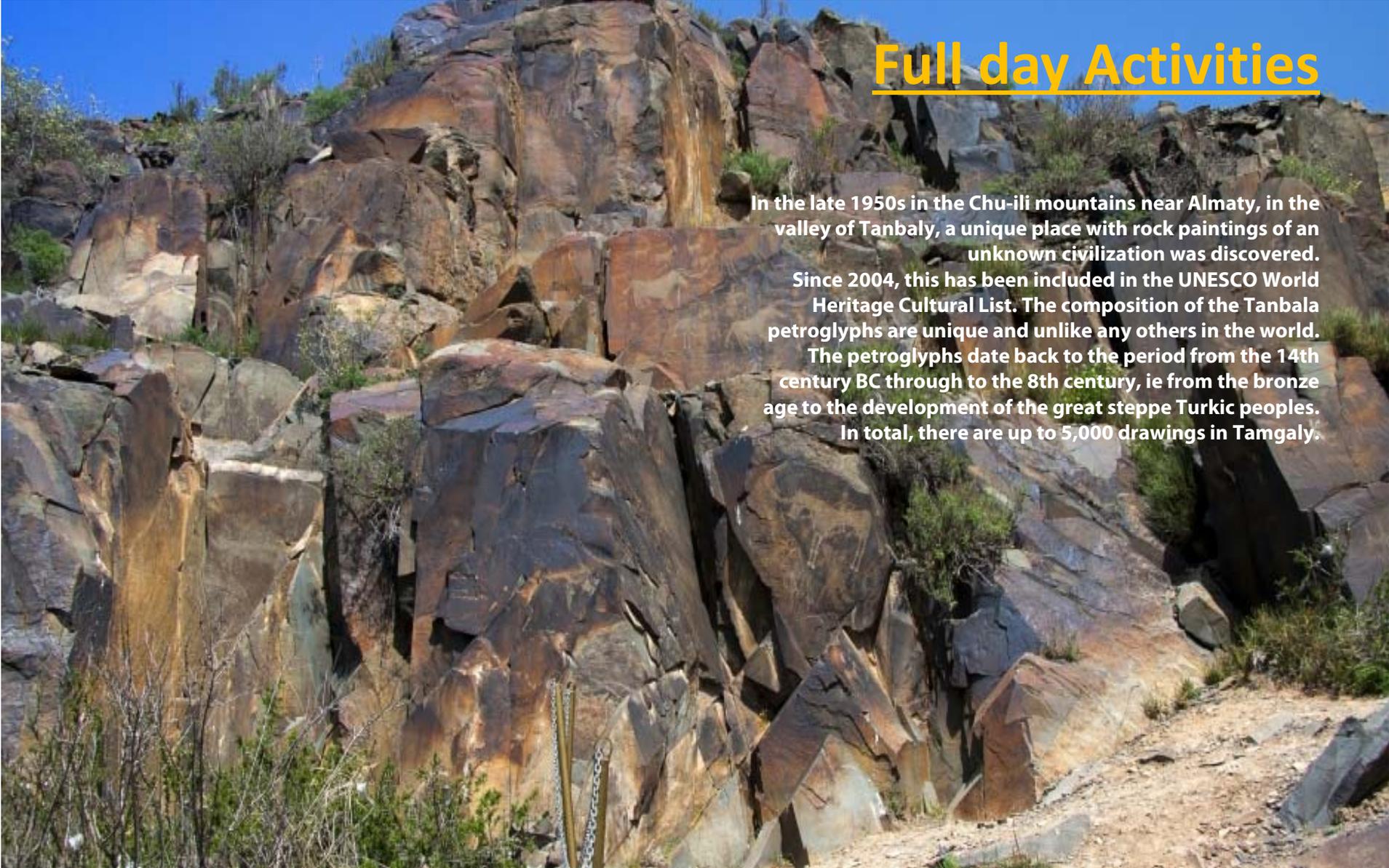
Full day Activities

Discover the beauty of Lake Issyk located in Issyk gorge of Trans-Ili Alatau mountain range, about 40 km east of Almaty.

The lake was formed about 10,000 years ago due to a colossal landslide, resulting in the formation of a natural dam containing the lake within.

The lake is approximately 300 m deep.





Full day Activities

In the late 1950s in the Chu-ili mountains near Almaty, in the valley of Tanbaly, a unique place with rock paintings of an unknown civilization was discovered.

Since 2004, this has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Cultural List. The composition of the Tanbala petroglyphs are unique and unlike any others in the world.

The petroglyphs date back to the period from the 14th century BC through to the 8th century, ie from the bronze age to the development of the great steppe Turkic peoples.

In total, there are up to 5,000 drawings in Tamgaly.

Full day Activities

During a dizzy climb to the modern ski resort on the Shymbulak glacier, not far from Almaty, you can feel the free spirit of Kazakhstan, and marvel at the scope of its territories and the beauty of its lands.

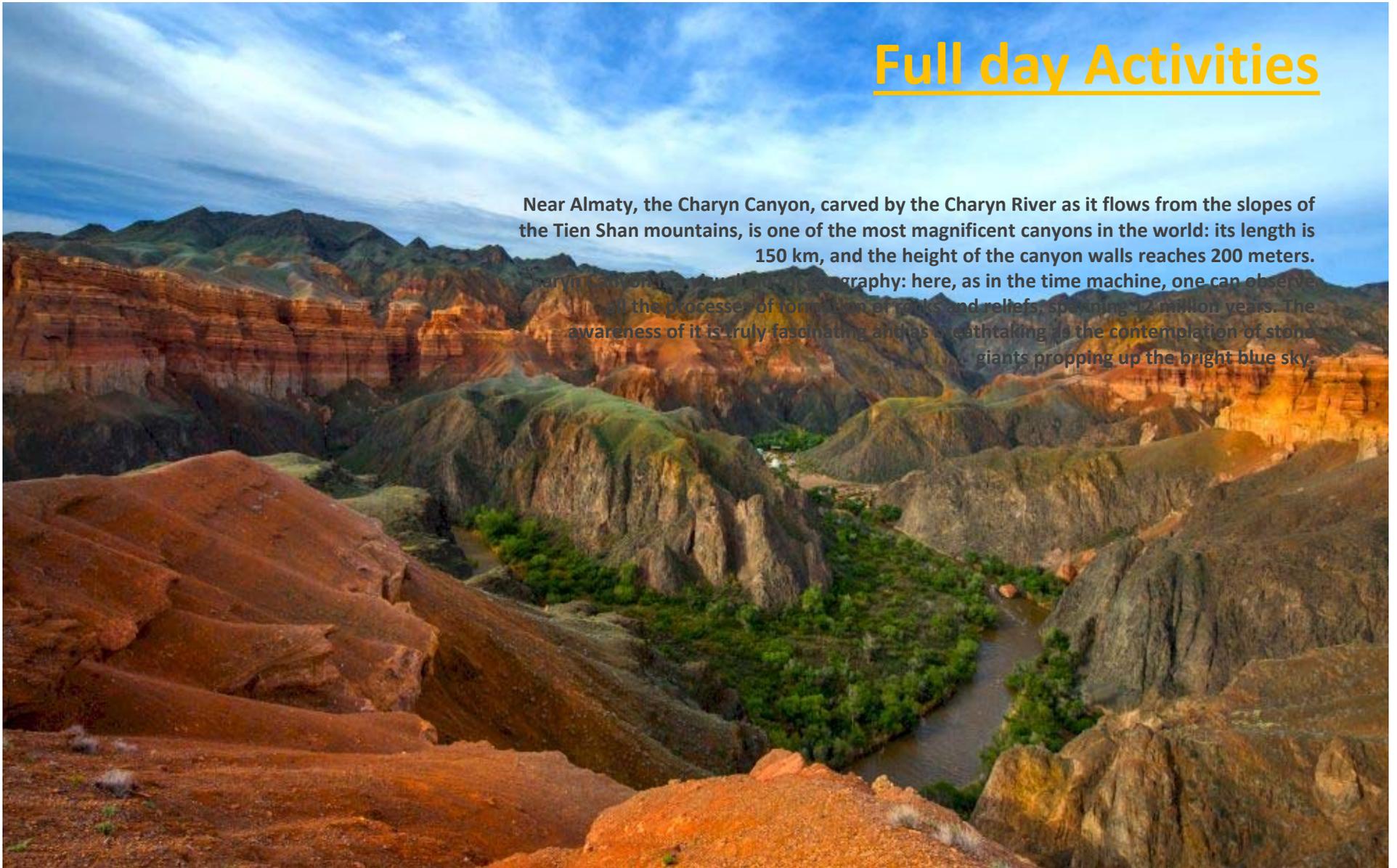
Snowy peaks, centuries-old forests, mountain lakes... you can experience all of this, combined with convenient modern ski lifts, thermal pools, and comfortable cottages.



Full day Activities

Near Almaty, the Charyn Canyon, carved by the Charyn River as it flows from the slopes of the Tien Shan mountains, is one of the most magnificent canyons in the world: its length is 150 km, and the height of the canyon walls reaches 200 meters.

Charyn Canyon is a walk in geology: here, as in the time machine, one can observe all the processes of formation of rocks and reliefs, spanning 12 million years. The awareness of it is truly fascinating and as breathtaking as the contemplation of stone giants propping up the bright blue sky.



Full day Activities

Altyn-Emel (translated as "a Golden Saddle") is a national park in the center of the Almaty region.

You can see the famous Martian landscapes: the 1.5 km long and 130 m high "Singing Barkhan" dune; the Aktau clay mountains, rugged by canyons, as if it was cut with a sharp knife; and the Katutau mountain range, created with the help of fiery volcanoes. In the west of the park, there is a long chain of 45 stone fences, on which you can see the drawings of animals.



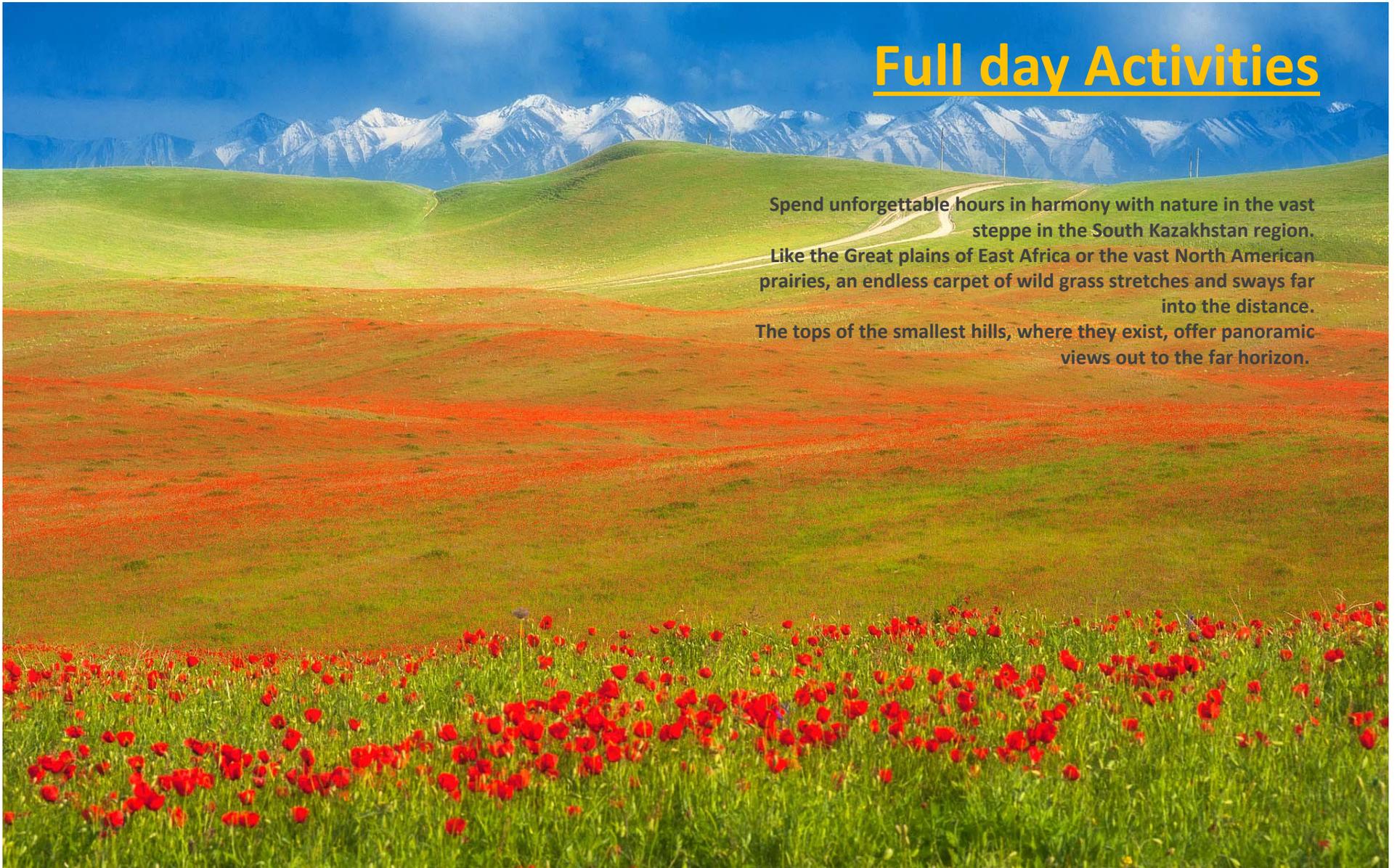
Full day Activities

Enjoy the alien landscapes of the Ustyurt Plateau in Mangystau region. According to scientists, it is the dried-up bottom of a sea which existed in the area about 21 million years ago. Flat desert terrain is interrupted by cracks and Cretaceous deposits in the form of rocks. All this looks like the landscape of another planet.



Full day Activities

Spend unforgettable hours in harmony with nature in the vast steppe in the South Kazakhstan region. Like the Great plains of East Africa or the vast North American prairies, an endless carpet of wild grass stretches and sways far into the distance. The tops of the smallest hills, where they exist, offer panoramic views out to the far horizon.



Full day Historical Activities

For centuries the Great Kazakh steppe saw caravans plying their way along the Great Silk Road, stopping in the oases where cities and settlements sprung up.

The mausoleum of Khoja Ahmet Yassawi in the Turkestan region is a grandiose structure erected in honor of the well-known ancient Turkic thinker and preacher of Sufism Ahmet Yassawi who lived in the 12th century. A poet and mystic, he was the head of the Turkic branch of Sufism.

The mausoleum of Khoja Ahmet Yassawi is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.





Multi-day Touring

Most of our half and full day activities can be combined to create multi-day itineraries. We also have multi-day touring itineraries, for example, our two-day showcase of the extraordinary natural beauty in the Kolsay and Kaindy Lakes region, a short distance east of Almaty.

Baikonur - A Space Odyssey

The Baikonur Cosmodrome is where many space “firsts” occurred. The complex remains active to this day, with all astronauts to the International Space Station traveling from here.

Notable firsts include the launch of Sputnik 1 in 1957 and Yuri Gagarin becoming the first man in space in 1961.

We can arrange site tours and even get your people to Baikonur to watch a rocket launch, but schedules are subject to change making this a difficult event to guarantee in a program.



The Great Silk Road

Retrace the footsteps of past travelers – but in more comfort!

In 2014 UNESCO added eight historic settlements along the Changan-Tian-shan section of the Great Silk Road in Kazakhstan to its World Heritage List.



Culture & Traditional

As a special feature of any itinerary, we can arrange overnight accommodation in a very comfortable yurt, together with a special feast served in each yurt or communally for a group

Kazakhs are historically a nomadic people, and thus many of their cultural symbols reflect nomadic life. Also a product of their formally nomadic lives is the “Yurt” – a central Asian dwelling resembling a tepee,

which was transportable and utilitarian on the harsh Central Asian steppe. These small white homes are still found in some parts of Kazakhstan, but for the most part they are used in celebrations and for murals and tourist crafts.



Religious Activities

Also central to Kazakh symbolism are Muslim symbols. Kazakhs are Muslim by history, and even after seventy years of Soviet atheism, they incorporate Islamic symbols in their everyday life. The traditional Muslim star and crescent can be widely seen, as can small Muslim caps and some traditional Muslim robes and headscarves in the villages.



About Trip to KZ



We offer a wide range of services:

- Events of any size or nature
- MICE planning and strategizing
- All arrangements and coordinator
- Individual as well as group events

Why choose Trip to KZ:

- In business since 2002
- Knowledgeable and professional
- Easy to work with
- Can assist with all 'stan travel needs

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