The Silk Road and 3 Stans (14 Days, 13 Nights)
Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan
Itinerary

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14 Days, 13 Nights (The Silk Road and 3 Stans)
WINTER SCHEDULE
OCTOBER - MARCH

Day	Starting Place	Day plan	Afternoon plan	Evening plan	Ending place	Accommodation
1	Tashkent Uzbekistan	**8am – Start of tour** **TASHKENT WALKING TOUR** Visit ***Chorsu Bazar***, the largest bazaar in Tashkent. Have lunch at the food bazaar where a huge variety of local food are sold. Visit the ***Centre for Islamic Civilisation*** to see one of the world's oldest Quran, the Samarkand Kufic Quran. Ride the ***Tashkent Metro***, the biggest metro system in Central Asia and one of the most beautiful in the World. Visit to ***Hotel Uzbekistan*** and ***Amir Timur Statue***.		**Travel to Samarkand by train (4 hours)** **Arrival in Samarkand**	Samarkand Uzbekistan	Guesthouse
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5	TRAIN Uzbekistan	**Overnight on Sleep Train** **Bukhara - Andijan**	**Arrival in Andijan, Uzbekistan** Visit to ***Bogishamol Amusement Park***, a Soviet-era theme park. (Seasonal) **Travel from Andijan to Osh by private-hire van via the Uzbek-Kyrgyz border at Dostuk (1 hour)** **Arrive in Osh, Kyrgyzstan**	Explore the ***Suleiman Too Cave Complex***, a UNESCO World Heritage Site Enjoy sunset views overlooking the city of Osh from Suleiman Too	Osh Kyrgyzstan	Homestay
6	Osh Kyrgyzstan	**Travel from Osh to Toktogul Lake by private-hire van (7 hours)**	**Arrival in Toktogul** Walk along ***Toktogul Lake***, often said to be one of the most beautiful lakes in the country.		Toktogul Kyrgyzstan	Guesthouse
7	Toktogul Kyrgyzstan	**Travel to Bishkek by private-hire van (7 hours)**	Drive along the ***Bishkek-Osh highway***, often regarded as one of the most scenic highways in the world. Pass through the ***Ala Bel*** and ***Too Ashu Mountain Passes***, elevation of 3200+ metres above sea level **Arrival in Bishkek**	**BISHKEK WALKING TOUR** Visit ***Ala-Too Park*** to view the Brutalist Structure built by the Soviet Union. Visit ***Panfilov Park***, a park built during the Soviet Times, and ride the attractions there. Dinner at ***Dungan restaurant***, a fusion of Chinese & Central Asian cuisines (price not included)	Bishkek Kyrgyzstan	Guesthouse
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13	Almaty Kazakhstan	**Travel to Charyn Canyon by private-hire van (4 hours)**	Hike and picnic in ***Charyn Canyon***, a Canyon that is often compared to the Grand Canyon. (4 kilometres, 1.5 hour hike) **Travel to Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes by private-hire van (2 hours)**	**Arrival at Saty village**	Saty village Kazakhstan	Guesthouse
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APRIL - SEPTEMBER

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Day 1: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Walking tour of Tashkent, to get up and close with the sights of the city, as well as get a glimpse of life in the Uzebek Capital.

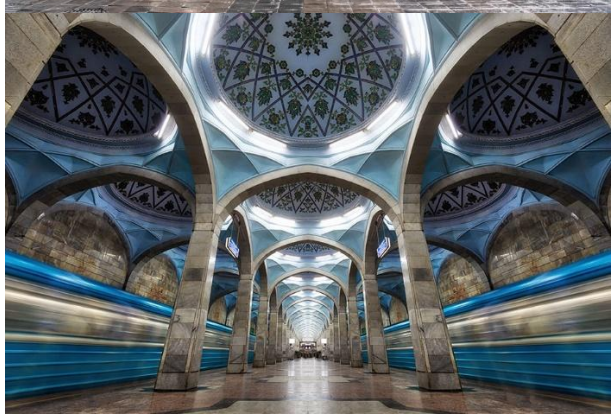
Day Activities:

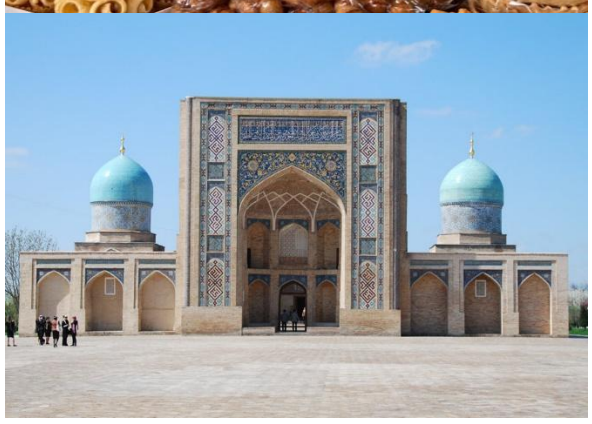
- Ride the **Tashkent Metro**, as well as other forms of public transportation in Tashkent.
- Visit **Chorsu Bazaar**, the largest bazaar in Tashkent.
- Have lunch at the **Chorsu Food Bazaar** with a variety of local foods.
- Visit the **Centre for Islamic Civilisation** to see one of the world's oldest
Qurans, the Samarkand Kufic Quran.

Evening:

Travel to Samarkand by train (4 hours).

Transportation: Metro, Bus, Taxi, Train
Accommodation: Guesthouse in Samarkand.

Day 2: Samarkand, Uzbekistan

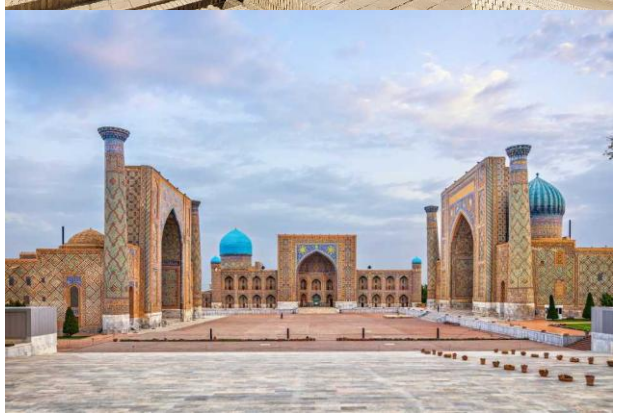
Walking tour of Samarkand, the ancient capital of the Temuride Empire. A city filled with ancient Silk Road-era monuments awaits you.

Activities:

- Samarkand Walking Tour.
- Visit to the 15th-century **Bibi Khanum Mosque**.
- Visit to and lunch at the **Siab Bazaar**.
- Visit to UNESCO World Heritage site of **Shah-i-Zinda Necropolis & Cemetery**, and the **Mauseleum of Islam Karimov,** the late Uzbek leader.
- Visit to **Registan Mosque and Madrasah Complex.**

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Samarkand.






Day 3: Samarkand to Bukhara, Uzbekistan

We'll travel to Bukhara in the morning from Samarkand. A train ride that slashes through miles and miles of the picturesque Uzbek landscape. Once, in Bukhara, we'll visit some of the city's centuries-old jewels.

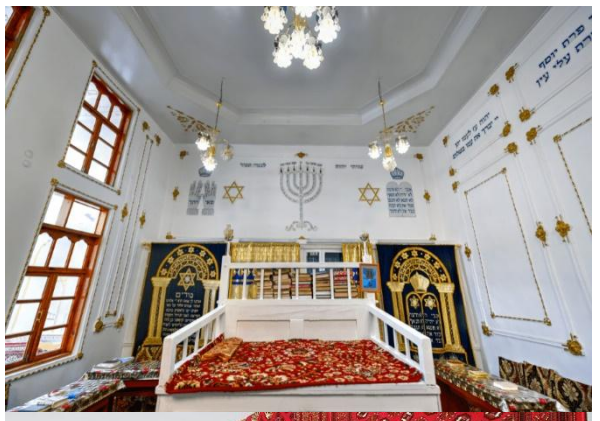
Morning:

Travel to Bukhara by train (3 hours)

Activities:

- Walking tour of the tight alleyways of the ancient Silk Road city of Bukhara.
- Visit **the Bukhara Synagogue**, the centre of the once-thriving Uzbek Jewish community.
- Visit Carpet workshops, where carpets are manufactured by hand
- Visit a **caravanserai,** a centuries-old inn that was operational during the days of the ancient Silk Road and served as a rest stop to traders.

Transportation: Train, Taxi
Accommodation: Guesthouse in Bukhara.



Day 4: Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Discover Bukhara's downtown core, home to numerous centuries-old monuments dating back to the Silk Road. End the day with an overnight train journey back to Tashkent.

Day Activities:

- Bukhara Walking Tour.
- Visit **Chor Minor Madrasah** and nearby abandoned madrasahs.
- Visit **Ark of Bukhara**, Bukhara's oldest building dating back to the 5th Century.
- Visit **Kalyan Mosque**, a 15th-century mosque, one of the largest in Central Asia.
- Visit the **Mir-I-Arab Madrasah**, a centuries-old Islamic religious school that is still in active use.
- Visit to the **18th century Bolo Haus Mosque**, a wooden structure that is renowned for its large scale and intricate designs

Evening:

Travel to Andijan by Sleeper Train (14 hours).

Transportation: Train
Accommodation: Overnight sleeper train






Day 5: Andijan to Osh, Kyrgyzstan

Wake up onboard the sleeper train and arrive in the border town of Andijan. Cross the Uzbek – Kyrgyz border and explore the southern city of Osh and experience local life through a homestay

Morning:

Arrival in Andijan by sleeper train

Afternoon:

- Visit **Bogishamol Amusement Park**, a Soviet-era theme park.

Travel from Andijan to Osh by private-hire van via the Uzbek-Kyrgyz border at Dostuk (1 hour)

Transportation: Taxi, Train, Private-hire Van
Accommodation: Homestay in Osh, Kyrgyzstan






Summer Trip Day 6:
Osh to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Head north from Osh to the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, home to numerous Soviet-era brutalist-style buildings and monuments.

Morning:

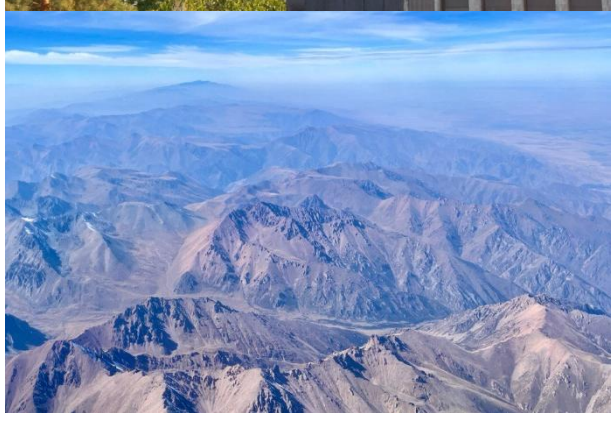
Travel to Bishkek by plane from Osh (1 hour)

Activities:

- Explore **Ala-Too and Panfilov Parks and Soviet-era Brutalist structures**, such as the **Kyrgyz Parliament** & the **National Library**.
- Tour the **National Mosque of Kyrgyzstan** with Turkish influences.
- Enjoy a Dungan dinner, sampling cuisine blending Central Asian and Chinese flavors.

Transportation: Private-hire van, flight, taxi, trolley bus, marshrutka
Accommodation: Guesthouse in Bishkek






Winter Trip Day 6:
Osh to Toktogul, Kyrgyzstan

Travel from Osh to Toktogul, enjoy a scenic walk along the picturesque Toktogul Lake, and stay overnight at a guesthouse.

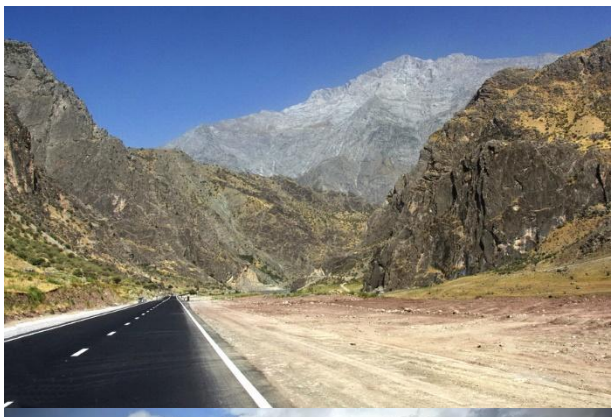
Morning and afternoon:

Travel to Toktogul from Borbash. (6 hours)

Activities:

- **Travel along the M-41,** regarded as one of the most scenic highways in the world.
- Short hike (1 hour) along the shores of **Lake Toktogul**.

Transportation: Private-hire Van
Accommodation: Homestay in Toktogul






Summer Trip Day 7:
Ala Archa National Park & Shabdan

Venture into the wilderness of the Kyrgyz mountains overlooking Bishkek with a visit and hike at the Ala Archa National Park. In the late afternoon, we'll head eastwards into the Kyrgyz countryside to our homestay in Shabdan.

Morning:

Travel to Ala Archa National Park (1 hour)

Activities:

- Hike at **Ala Archa National Park** (8 kilometres, 3 hours)

Afternoon:

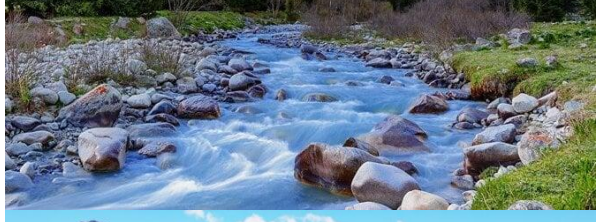
Travel to Shabdan village (3 hours)

- Along the way, stop at **Burana Tower**, a 9th-century tower near Tok Mok

Evening:

- Arrival at the **homestay in Shabdan village**

Transportation: Private-hire van
Accommodation: Homestay in Shabdan



Winter Trip Day 7:
Tokgotul to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan






Travel from Toktogul to Bishkek via the scenic highway, passing through stunning mountain passes. Explore Bishkek's parks and Soviet-era landmarks.

Morning and afternoon:

Travel to Bishkek from Toktogul. (6 hours)

Activities:

- Travel along the Osh- Bishkek Highway, regarded as one of the most scenic highways, and travel through Too Ashu & Ala Bel mountain passes.
- Explore **Ala-Too and Panfilov Parks** and Soviet-era Brutalist structures, such as the **Kyrgyz Parliament** & the **National Library**.
- Tour the **National Mosque of Kyrgyzstan** with Turkish influences.
- Enjoy a Dungan dinner, sampling cuisine blending Central Asian and Chinese flavors.

Transportation: Private-hire Van

Accommodation: Guesthouse in Bishkek

Winter Trip Day 8:
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Morning:
Travel to Ala Archa National Park (1 hour)

Activities:

- Hike at **Ala Archa National Park** (8 kilometres, 3 hours)

Afternoon:

Travel to Shabdan village (3 hours)

- Along the way, stop at **Burana Tower**, a 9th-century tower near Tok Mok

Evening:

- Arrival at the **homestay in Shabdan village**

Transportation: Private-hire van
Accommodation: Homestay in Shabdan

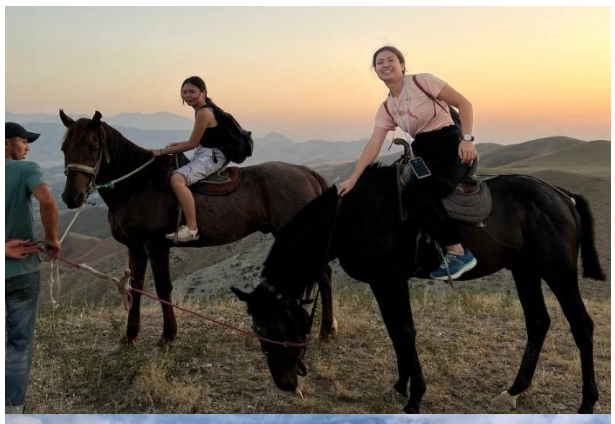
Summer Trip Days 8 & 9 /
Winter Trip Days 9 & 10:
Homestay in Shabdan, Kyrgyzstan

Immerse yourself in Kyrgyz culture while staying in a local Kyrgyz village and with visits to local schools, farms, and bazaars.

Activities:

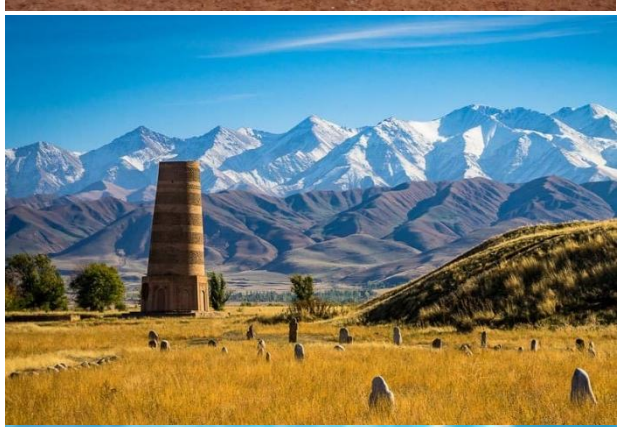
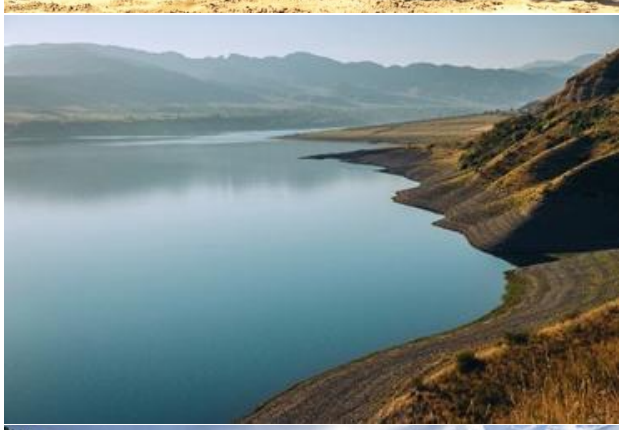
- **Homestay experience** with a local family of farmers and bakers in Shaban village
- Explore & hike at **Kok Moinok Canyon, Ak Tuz Geyser, Ak Say Canyon, Chon Kemin River, Orto-Sai Reservoir,** and **Ala-Too Mountains** *(Easy & Moderate hikes of not more than 1 hour each)*
- Explore places of local life, **like villages, bazaars, cattle markets, communal banya,** and **schools**
- Partake in **local events** and **celebrations (weddings, religious events)** – if available
- Watch **Eagle Hunting** and **Kok Boru** (in winter), a nomadic game played on horseback
- **Horse riding** (2-4 hours) in the Chuy Region

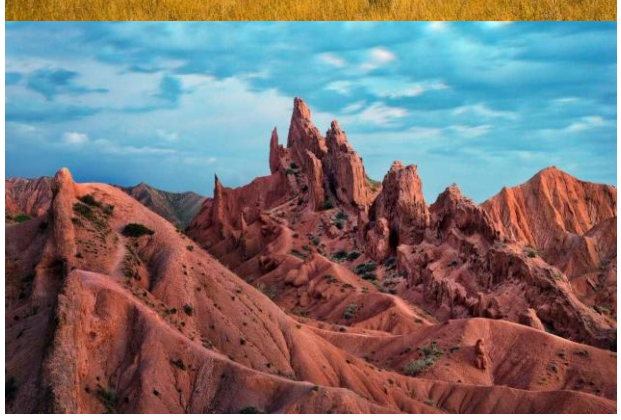
Transportation: Private-hire van
Accommodation: Homestay in Shabdan village.











Summer Trip Day 10 / Winter Trip Day 11: Issy Kul Lake & Yurt Stay

Experience an authentic yurt stay nestled by the turquoise waters of Lake Issy Kul, The yurt, deeply connected to Kyrgyz culture, offers a unique and immersive experience into the local way of life.

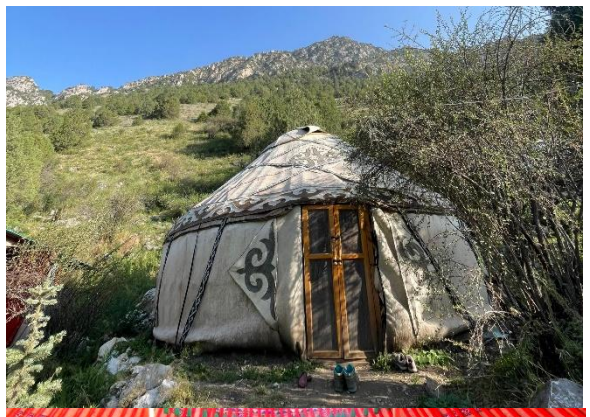
Morning:

Travel from Shabdan village to yurt stay near Tong. (3 hours)

Activities:

- Hike along **Lake Issy Kul**, the largest lake in Kyrgyzstan.
- Traditional hotspring near Kadji-Say (Optional US$10)
- **Yurt stay experience** in a traditional Kyrgyz nomadic yurt.

Transportation: Private-hire Van
Accommodation: Yurt Stay along Lake Issy Kul



Summer Trip Day 11 / Winter Trip Day 12:

Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan to Almaty, Kazakhstan

Leave Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan for Almaty, Kazakhstan, crossing the Kyrgyz-Kazakh border at Korday. Enjoy an evening walk along Almaty's vibrant Abay Street.

Morning:

Depart Lake Issyk Kul for Bishkek (4 hours)

Afternoon:

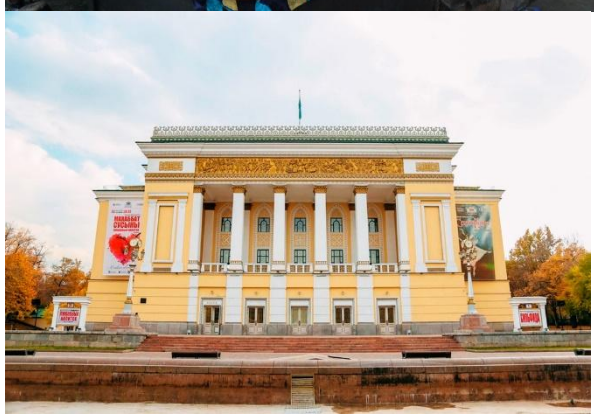
Travel to Almaty, Kazakhstan by bus. (5 hours)

Evening:

- Evening walk along **Abay Street** in Almaty.

Transportation: Trolley bus, taxi, Bus
Accommodation: Guesthouse in Almaty



Summer Trip Day 12:
Charyn Canyon, Kazakhstan

Travel from Almaty to Charyn Canyon, hike its stunning landscapes, and camp overnight, enjoying an outdoor dinner and campfire under the stars.

Morning:

Travel to Charyn Canyon, Kazakhstan. (4 hours)

Activities:
- Hike (4 kilometres – 1.5 hours) at Kazakhstan's famed **Charyn Canyon**. This Canyon is often compared to the Great Canyon in the US.
- Set up campsite by the Charyn River.
- Overnight camping by the Charyn River.

Transportation: Private-hire van
Accommodation: Overnight camping (tent) in Charyn Canyon.






Winter Trip Day 13:
Charyn Canyon and Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes, Kazakhstan

Travel from Bishkek to Almaty, hike Charyn Canyon, explore Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes, and return to Almaty.

Morning:

Travel to Charyn Canyon, Kazakhstan (4 hours)

- Hike (4km, 1.5 hours) at **Charyn Canyon** to the Charyn River and back.

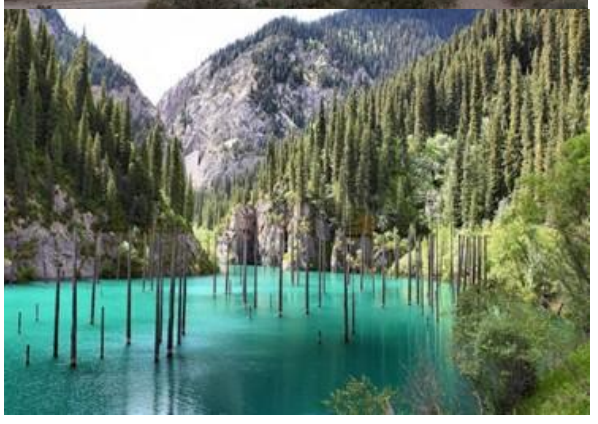
Afternoon:

Travel from Charyn to Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes (2 hours)

- Hike (45 minutes for each lake) along the turquoise shores of **Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes**, Kazakhstan's other famed natural wonders.
- Ride a Soviet-built 4-by-4 all-terrain vehicle (known as "loaf") to the lakes.

Transportation: Private-hire van
Accommodation: Guesthouse at Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes



Summer Trip Day 13:

Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes, Kazakhstan

Start with an outdoor breakfast, hike out of Charyn Canyon, then travel to Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes for more scenic hikes. End the day at a nearby guesthouse.

Morning:

Travel to Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes, Kazakhstan. (2 hours)

Activities:
- Hike (45 minutes for each lake) along the turquoise shores of Kolsai & Kaindy Lakes, Kazakhstan's other famed natural wonders.
- Ride a Soviet-built 4-by-4 all-terrain vehicle (known as "loaf") to the lakes.

Transportation: Private-hire van
Accommodation: Guesthouse at Kolsai & Kaindy






Day 14:

Return to Almaty, Kazakhstan

In Almaty, explore the city with a walking tour, visiting landmarks and head to Kok Tobe for panoramic city views. The tour concludes at 5 PM.

Morning:

Travel to Almaty, Kazakhstan (2 hours)

Activities:
- Almaty walking tour: visit **Abay Street, Zenkov Cathedral** and **Green Bazaar**.
- Head up **Kok Tobe hill** to enjoy panaromic views of the city.

Trip ends at 6 pm on this day.

Transportation: Private-hire van, metro, taxi



