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### Trekking in the Celestial Mountains 16 days

**Trekking and discovery of the Celestial Mountains. Three-stage trekking tour to Karakol, Ton – Jyluu Suu (hot spring) and Song-Kul. The wild nature will enchant you, with superb treks to Nomadic "jailoo", the Tian-Shan Mountains (Celestial Mountains), feel the warm welcome of the people and discover an unknown country.**

#### Day 1: Bishkek

We will meet at the Manas international airport and transfer to Bishkek. Rest in a guesthouse or hotel. Visit the capital city Bishkek and its center, contrasted city of Soviet architecture but with nice parks and superb Trekkings. You will visit the Osh Grand Bazaar, Trekking along its bustling alleyways, and see its artisanal goods, its cultural contrasts between Chinese specialties and dried fruits from the Middle-East.

Transfer: 45 min

Accommodation: homestay

#### Day 2: Karakol

Transfer to city of Karakol. We drive along Lake Issyk-Kul by the north shore, the second highest salt lake in the world after lake Titikaka.

Transfer: 6h

Accommodation: guest house

#### Day 3: Sirota camp

Trekking in the Karakol Gorge to arrive in the Sirota camp, the day starts with morning transfer by car (30min.)

Trekking time: 4/5 h

Altitude variation: 800m

Accommodations: tent

#### Day 4: Altyn-Arashan

Trekking to Ala-Kul Lake. A lake at the altitude of 3500m. We will cross the pass at 3860 m. which bears the name of the lake, the first mountain peaks of over 5,000m appear on the horizon. At the end of the day bathing at the hot spring in Altyn-Arashan.

Trekking time: 7 / 8h

Altitude variation: 900 / -1200

Accommodations: tent

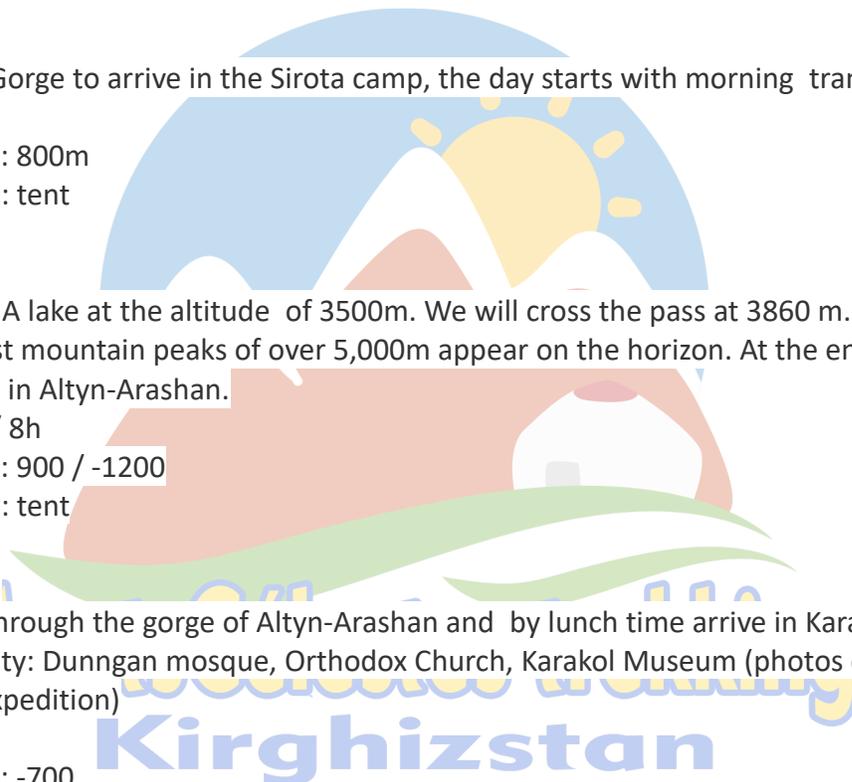
#### Day 5: Return to Karakol

We go down the valley through the gorge of Altyn-Arashan and by lunch time arrive in Karakol. In the afternoon we visit the city: Dunngan mosque, Orthodox Church, Karakol Museum (photos of Ella Maillart taken during her 1932 expedition)

Trekking time: 4h

Altitude variation: -700

Accommodation: guest house



### Day 6: Transfer to Ak-Sai

We drive along the south shore of Lake Issyk-Kul. Magnificent views of the lake and mountains of the Tien Shan range (Celestial mountains). Camp by the lakeshore.

Transfer: 3h

Accommodations: tent

### Day 7: Walking in the Aksai canyons and eagle hunting

Small hikes in the canyons and swim in the lake. In the afternoon, we can see a hunting demonstration with an eagle. An unforgettable view with the wild nature and desert. Canyons and summits with glaciers over 4500-4600 m altitude will be the complements of the landscape view.

Walk: 3 / 4h

Accommodations: tent

### Day 8: Trekking

The vehicle drops us off at the village of Tura-Suu. We start our trekking in the Celestial Mountains. We take a trail of nomads that leads to the "jailoos", the large summer pastures.

Transfer time: 40m

Trekking time: 4 / 5h

Altitude variation: 800m

Accommodations: tent

### Day 9: Jyluu-Suu

Trek to Jyluu-Suu (hot spring), we will pass Ton Pass (4022m) on the Teskei AlaToo range, southern side of Issyk-Kul Lake.

Trekking time: 6h

Altitude variation: 900m / -1100m

Accommodations: tent

### Day 10: Trekking to Lake Teshik-Kul and return

Trekking to Lake Teshik-Kul (pierced lake) which is at 3400m above sea level. In the afternoon we will go down to the same camp.

Trekking time: 5h

Altitude variation: 700m / -700m

Accommodations: tent

### Day 11: Transfer to Song-Kul

Morning: transfer by road to Song-Kul Lake, crossing the river and the plateau of Balgart.

Transfer: 6h

Accommodations: yurt

### Day 12: Free day

During the summer a large gathering of Kyrgyz nomads cover the whole landscape of Son-Kul. Discover the life of nomads. Possibility of a horse riding or walking on foot.

Accommodations: yurt

### Day 13: Trekking

We go down to the valley of Jungal. In the afternoon our car will pick us up and we will drive to the gorge of Kokomeren.

Trekking time: 3 / 4h

Transfer: 3h



Altitude variation: 300 / -800

Accommodations: tent

### Day 14: Return to Bishkek

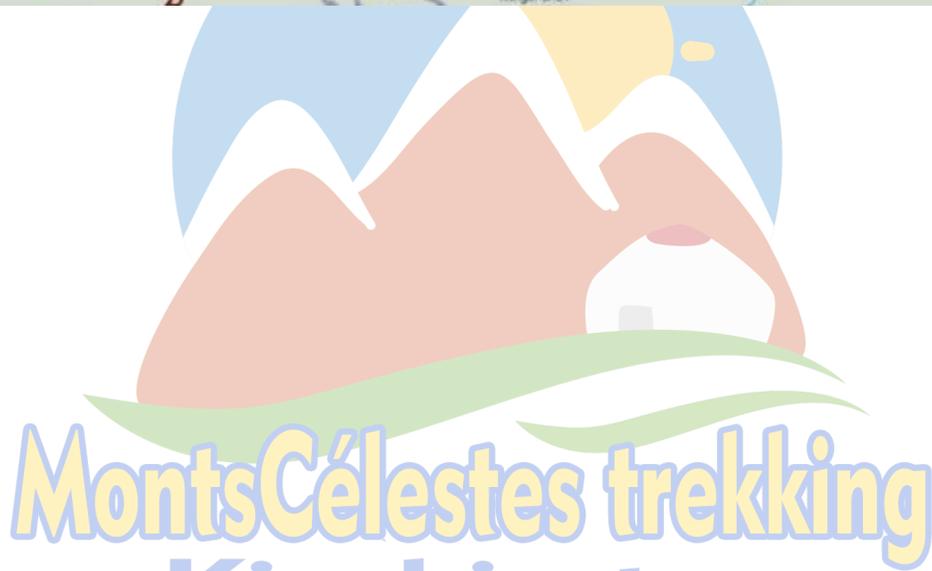
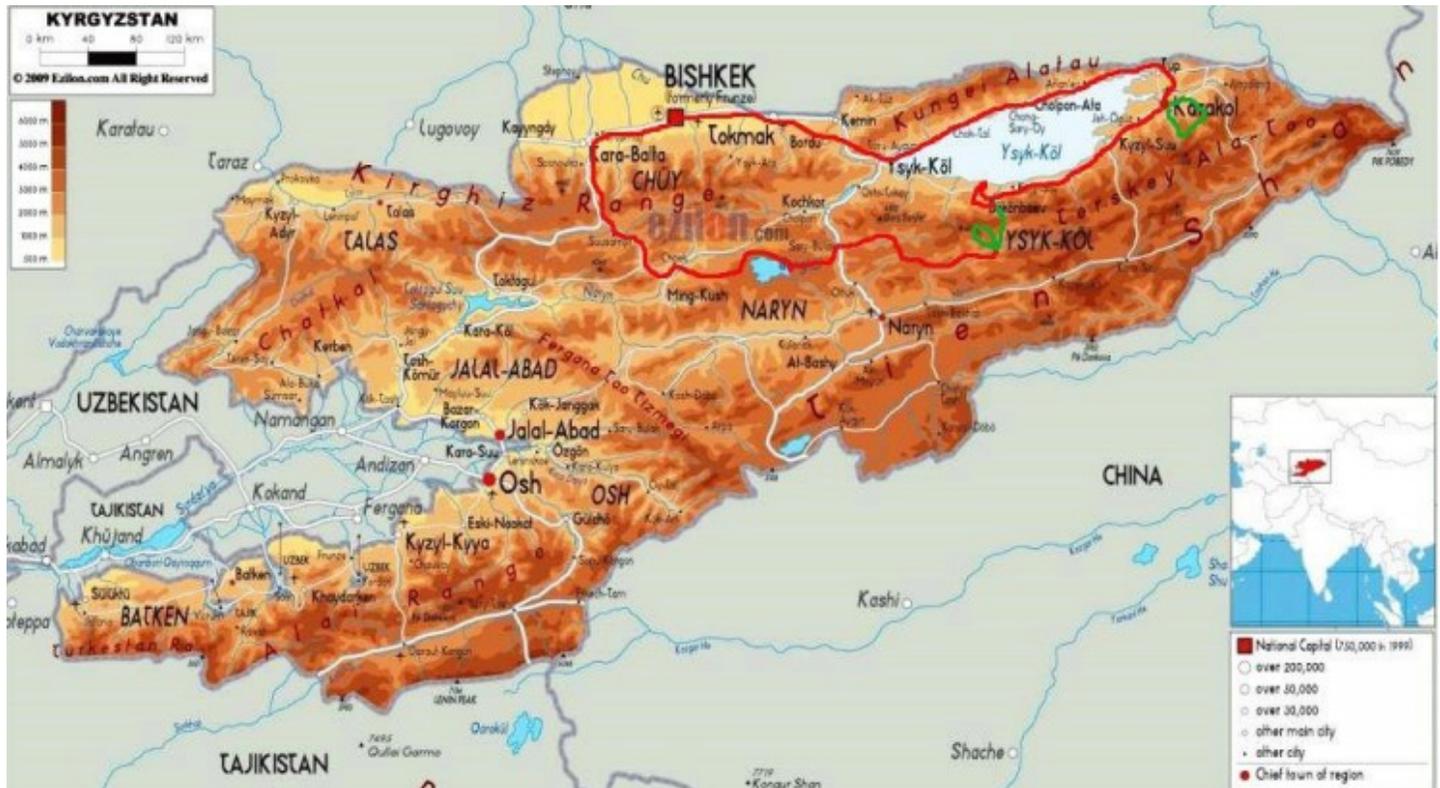
Returning to Bishkek through the Suusamyr plateau, then the famous Too-Ashuu pass

Transfer: 5h

Accommodation: homestay

### Day 15: Transfer to the airport and return flight

Transfer: 45 min



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