



## 4N Almaty with Issyk Lake

### HIGHLIGHTS

Shymbulak with cable car/ Kok Tobe with cable car/ Issyk Lake/ City tour / Shopping tour /Private transportation / English speaking guides / daily meals / Visa

#### Day 01

#### WELCOME TO ALMATY

15:50 Hrs

Welcome to Almaty!! After clearing custom & immigration procedures followed by baggage collection, you will be met by our English speaking office staff in the arrivals hall.

16:50 Hrs

Our team will escort the group to their vehicle. Proceed to your hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel group will check-in to their respective rooms.

20:00 Hrs

Enjoy dinner at Indian restaurant.

#### Day 02

#### FUN IN SHMBULAK | SHOPPING TOUR

07:00 – 10:00 Hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

10:00 Hrs

#### VISIT TO SHYMBULAK SKI RESORT

Proceed on an excursion to the beautiful mountain resort of Shymbulak Ski resort including Gondola tickets to level 3 and services of our English speaking guide.

“Shymbulak Ski Resort” is located in the beautiful Zailiyskiy Alatau mountain at 2260 m above sea level. It is 25 Km from the city centre of Almaty city and has an average temperature of +25C in the summer & -7C in the winter months. The average snowfall is

around 1.5M. It is usually very sunny as the average number of sunny days a year can reach 90%. Ski season is normally begins in December and can run into April.

The ski slopes are served by Gondola cars from “Medeu” to the base of Shymbulak, 2260 m above sea level. This Gondola is the world’s third-longest Gondola with a length of 4.5 KM. The Gondola has 114 comfortable cabins for all guests of the resort and has the capacity of 2,000 people per hour. The Ski resort has six lifts that service the mountains. Two combination lifts ( Combi1 & Combi2) that have both quad-chairs and 8 passenger cabins, two quad-chair lifts. The lift system will take you to Talgar pass where you are 3180 m above sea level. A vertical rise of 920 m. The majestic mountain view with snowy slopes and evergreen Tien Shan are spectacular and must be seen.

Located in the resort is a hotel, restaurants, café and coffee shop with a variety of cuisine to suit all taste.

Time at leisure.

**14:00 Hrs** Lunch at Indian restaurant.

**15:00 Hrs** **Shopping Tour**  
Almaty is great for shopping. Your tour guide will take you to visit various modern shopping malls around the city. Some of the well known malls are Mega Mall, Dostyk Plaza, Villa boutiques.

**Later** Return to the hotel for relaxation & free time.

**20:00 Hrs** Dinner at Indian restaurant.

## Day 03 CITY TOUR | KOK TOBE TOUR

**07:00 – 10:00 Hrs** Breakfast at the hotel.

**10:00 Hrs** **PANFILOV PARK & ZENKOV CATHEDRAL**  
Its Almaty’s most popular strolling and picnic places for people of all ages. The Park is named and dedicated to the Panfilov Heroes who were 28 soliders of an Almaty Infantry. Their memories are etched at the fearsome war memorial east of the Zenkov Cathedral which depict soliders from all 15 soviet republics on the map of USSR. The Park is lush green area and it’s a good place to sit, rest, relax and see the bustling sights of the city.

**‘ZenkovCathedral’**,is one of the most beautiful, magnificent and architectural monument of the city of Almaty with the height of 56 meters and is located in the green Panfilov Park of Almaty. A. Zenkov had supervised the construction of this cathedral in the early 19th century and legend goes that it was built without a single nail. But unfortunately, it’s not true. Although the design is remarkably unique but it’s because of the advanced technological expertise of that time. They used the construction concept of Semi ruche which meant using of reinforced concrete, timber preservation and ventilation.

**14:00 Hrs** Lunch at Indian restaurant.

**16:00 Hrs** **VISIT TO KOK TOBE HILL**  
Kok Tobe is the highest point in the city of Almaty standing on a 1100 m hill at the south-east edge of the city. It is worth a visit to KokTobe because of its panoramic view of the city from all directions. To reach the KokTobe hill, one should take a cable car ride which starts near Hotel Kazakhstan and goes over some of the oldest parts of Almaty and the magnificent fruit growing gardens. Once you reach the KokTobe hill, you would see the

famous 372 m high TV Tower which is visible from far and offers great views of the mountains and the city plus many attractions at the top including many restaurants serving cuisines from across the globe.

**20:00 Hrs** Dinner at Indian restaurant.

## **Day 04** **ISSYK LAKE**

**07:00 – 10:00 Hrs** Breakfast at the hotel.

**10:00 Hrs** **Visit to Issyk Lake !!**

The Issyk lake tour is especially designed for all mountain lovers who can first hike to the beautiful cliffs called 'The Kremlin walls' and later camp at the lake side taking in the fresh air and scenic beauty. The tour would start by taking you to the spectacular gorges of Trans-Ili-Alatau along the Kuldja tract famous for trade caravans. In between, you would get a dose on history, as the tour would take you to see the burial mounds of the Saka Period, the Ostrich Farm and the Issyk Barrow. The route would finally take you to Issyk Lake, where you can enjoy the breath-taking beauty of the turquoise water surface and a view of the surrounding area. One can click photographs to seize the moment or can just laze around and read a book or soak in the silence of the natural beauty.

**14:00 Hrs** Lunch at Indian restaurant.

**20:00 Hrs** Dinner at Indian restaurant.

## **Day 05** **RETURN HOME**

**04:30 – 05:00 Hrs** Packed breakfast to go.

**05:00 Hrs** It's time to say good-bye to this beautiful city. Our driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer you to the airport for your flight home or to an onward destination