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## LAKES & MOUNTAINS

### HIGHLIGHTS

Shymbulak with cable car/ Kok Tobe with cable car/ Big Almaty Lake/ Green Bazaar & Rakhat Chocolate Shop/ City tour /Kolsai Lake/ 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

### BIG ALMATY LAKE | GREEN BAZAAR + RAKHAT CHOCOLATE SHOP

07:00 – 10:00 Hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

10:00 Hrs

#### VISIT TO BIG ALMATY LAKE

Lake located at an altitude of 2500 meters above sea level. The inhabitants call it Zhasylkol which means "Green Lake" in Kazakh language. You will spend a few hours enjoying the pristine natural beauty of the glaciers, the harsh peaks and pine forests. On the return back to the city, the group will make a quick halt to visit The First President Park. The total area of the park is 73 hectares. The main idea of the creation the park is a combination of the unique natural landscape of Almaty and scientific achievements of the twentieth century.

14:00 Hrs

Lunch at Indian restaurant.

15:00 Hrs

#### GREEN BAZAAR + RAKHAT CHOCOLATE SHOP

If you are among these, who don't like to go to a mall and prefer the outdoor market among fresh air and belong to the old-school shopping type, then without wasting any time, head straight towards the Zelyony Bazaar located close to the Paniflov Park in Almaty. Also, known as the Green Market, this market is your typical local market where you can purchase everything starting from meat to spices to fruits to even clothes and furniture. The key to shopping here is that you should have a flair for bargaining and you can get everything at a very reasonable rate.

You will be delighted to see the colourful atmosphere and the variety of goods available.

Right next door is the famous Rakhat Chocolate shop. **Rakhat** which means pleasure in Kazakh is the oldest manufactures 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. They also make chocolates for people suffering from diabetes and their low-calorie products like candies, cookies and waffles are a range among the people and tourists.

20:00 Hrs

Dinner at Indian restaurant.

## Day 05

### VISIT KOLSAI LAKE

07:00 – 10:00 Hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check-out from the hotel.

09:00 Hrs

#### VISIT TO KOLSAI LAKE

Take a drive up to Kolsai Lake, three alpine lakes nestled among the dramatic cliffs and fir forests of the Tian Shan mountain range. Six hours away from Almaty, the road leading to the lake area is bumpy but scenic, passing vast steppes and canyons. Explore the picturesque landscape of the hiking trails around the lakes, go fishing for trout, camp

out, or visit a lakeside guesthouse. On a warm summer day, cool off with a dip in the lakes' clear, placid waters.

Overnight stay at guest house near Kolsai Lake.

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

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

## **Day 06** **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