TOURISM REPORT

SUMMER DESTINATIONS

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The recreation and leisure destinations within the CIS region have been experiencing a surge in popularity among travellers, and they are increasingly being included in the itineraries of foreign tourists seeking resort experiences. This heightened interest can be attributed to the abundance of historical landmarks, stunning architectural structures complemented by scenic landscapes, warm hospitality, and notable improvements in the quality of recreational facilities and services in recent years.

The resorts within the CIS region have experienced significant growth in recent years, primarily attributed to the provision of comfortable and comparable conditions to those found in European countries, but at a more affordable price point.

Among the CIS countries that have shown a specialisation in the tourism industry, notable examples include Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, and others.

Let's explore several countries mentioned above for their notable resort destinations. However, it is important to note that this report only provides a limited selection of popular tourist areas. The tourism industry in these countries is experiencing rapid growth, and the number of resorts worth considering is constantly expanding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"Mesmerizing landscapes, the lapping of waves on the sandy shore and stunning vacation experiences in neighboring countries – all this is a picture of an expected summer trip for every tourist."







largest country in the world

Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, with a large selection of interesting and exciting places for travelers, a great alternative to European countries. You can choose from beach and ski holidays, endless steppes, clean mountain lakes, museums and ancient cultural monuments.

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World Economic Forum (WEF)

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Once the Great Silk Road passed through Kazakhstan - today anyone can walk along it, the good nature of local residents, exquisite local cuisine and many fascinating natural places will be an excellent addition.

The main beach resort of Kazakhstan is the city of Aktau, which is located on the shore of the Caspian Sea, there are many hotels and restaurants with excellent local cuisine, and in the vicinity there are attractions with a thousand-year history.

The two largest cities, Nur- Sultan and Almaty, are also popular: the first is famous for the city center with skyscrapers and developed infrastructure, and the second fascinates with an abundance of greenery and gardens. In Almaty, lovers of ski holidays should go to the popular resort of Chimbulak, it is suitable for visiting at all times of the year, but it is especially good there in winter.

The weather in the northern and southern parts of the country may differ significantly. In the north there are long and harsh winters and warm summers, in the south the winter is milder, and in summer the temperature reaches + 30-35 degrees, and because of dry and hot winds at this time of year it can be uncomfortable to be outside.

According to the WEF of the World Economic Forum in 2017, Kazakhstan took 81st place out of 136 countries, slightly improving its position compared to the previous index of 2015 - 85th place (the rating is published once every 2 years). According to the results of 2021, Kazakhstan took 66th place, which in comparison with the result of 2019 does not show a change in its position. Each tourist entering the country spends an average of about 20 US dollars every hour, 30 tourists generate 1 workplace.









A week of summer vacation at the hotel for a family of two adults and 1 child will cost from 300 to 600 USD.

CASPIAN SEA

The Caspian Sea is the largest closed body of water on the globe. It is classified as the largest lake or as a sea because of its size, origin, depth, salinity, and also because its bottom is formed by oceanic crust. The Caspian Sea washes the shores of five coastal states: Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, and Azerbaijan.

For tourists, there is a wide selection of boarding houses, recreation centers and hotels, you can rent a house quite inexpensively, visit therapeutic procedures with mud baths.

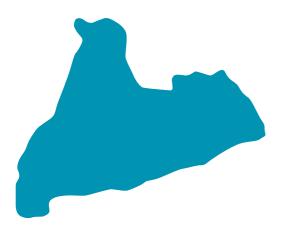
Summer destination

The main resorts are Atyrau, Kuryk, Aktau.

Aktau is the leader among the local Caspian resorts and the most popular tourist city in Kazakhstan. Aktau is one of the rapidly developing young cities of the Caspian zone of Kazakhstan, in the vicinity of which there are resorts and sanatoriums for recreation at sea. All hotels have comfortable rooms with shower, air conditioning, TV. For the convenience of vacationers there are baths and saunas. Vehicles can be left in secure parking lots.

In addition there is a snow-white mosque and a wedding palace. There are many historical buildings — for example, the underground mosque Beket-Ata and the mosque Shakpak-Ata, which was built right in the rock a thousand years ago.





KAYINDI

It is located in the Almaty region in the Kolsai Lakes State National Park, at an altitude of 1667 meters above sea level in the mountains, so the temperature there is low all year round. The lake got its name thanks to a birch grove, a feature of this place are the fir trees sticking out of the water, which appeared here as a result of flooding caused by the Kemin earthquake in 1911.

The landscape is extremely beautiful and people come here not only from Kazakhstan, but also from Russia and other CIS countries to observe this beauty. However, due to low temperatures, the water for swimming is too cold, but diving is a popular entertainment on Kaindy.





There is no heat on Kaiyndy, as it is a high-altitude area, almost 2,000 meters above sea level.

The cost of apartments varies from 60 to 550 USD Availability of a car tour for a trip to Kaindy: The cost of an individual tour with a group size of 5 people for 2 days-1 night approximate 100 USD



Summer destination

There are several popular places on the territory that you can visit. These include the Panorama observation deck, which offers a picturesque view of the water surface, there is another favorite place of tourists "Gate of Desires", where tourists are charged with the energy of mountain water.

There are several eco-hotels near the parking lot for a secluded holiday. Kolsay Lake village — rooms of various categories are provided — from standard rooms with double occupancy to cozy houses of superior comfort. In addition, the hotel has a sauna and a cafe.

In addition to the hotels, there are guest houses in Santa's village. The village of Saty is the only village located near the lake. This is where people stop to buy tickets from domestic tour operators.





BURABAY

Burabay is a resort village in Kazakhstan, occupying the territory of an isthmus overgrown with pine forest, delimiting Lakes Borovoye and Bolshoe Chebachye. The second alternative name of the resort is "Kazakhstan Switzerland", assigned to it because of the similarity of the relief with Alpine landscapes. They go to Borovoye to evaluate the wellness programs of village sanatoriums, conquer the slopes of Mount Kokshetau and admire the shores of the purest lakes of meteoritic origin.

Advantages of rest in Burabay: Clean lakes, fresh air, good conditions for recreation with children, excellent opportunities for trekking, Kumysolechenie, healing mud and mineral water.





Even on the hottest days water remains pleasantly refreshing and saturated with oxygen, which is very popular with freshwater fish, which, in turn, are liked by fishermen who come here.



Summer destination

All the beauties of this place can be admired from a bird'seye view without the help of a personal helicopter. It is enough to climb Mount Bolektau to find yourself on a wonderful observation deck with a height of 147 meters, where all the natural attractions are visible: lakes Borovoe and Bolshoe Chebachye, Zhumbaktas rock, Okzhetpes Mountain and Blue Bay.

The most popular time is the summer period, when the weather allows you to enjoy long walks, beach holidays, swimming in the lake. The bathing season is usually opened in June, when the water in the reservoir warms up enough. Bathing in the lake improves health thanks to mineral waters and healing mud. There are both free and paid beaches on the lake in Borovoye.



RIXOS BURABAY



Rixos Borovoe Hotel - located on the shore of Lake Shchuchye among the pine forest. Here you can enjoy active recreation, play golf, tennis, walking in the woods. There is a summer cafe and a restaurant with Turkish and Italian cuisine.

The current prices for booking rooms can be found on the website booking.com or contact hotel directly, the contacts are listed on the hotel's website rixos.com

Rixos Borovoe hotel provides a heavenly experience. Nestled amidst the pine trees of the Borovoe National Park and located on the shores of Shchuchye Lake, the hotel offers a serene setting. The air is clean and fresh, scented with the fragrance of pine. The lake serves as a stunning backdrop for activities such as fishing and open-air yoga. Nature enthusiasts can explore the beautiful hiking trails in the lush landscape, and sports enthusiasts can make use of the hotel's tennis courts and football pitch. The nearby Borovoe Village and Borovoe Train Station are approximately 9.3 miles away, while Astana International Airport is about 178.3 miles from the hotel.

Rixos Borovoe boasts fabulous restaurants that serve delectable cuisine, featuring Turkish delights and modern European favorites on the menu. The hotel bars cater to a wide range of preferences, offering everything from morning coffee to fine wines.

The rooms and suites at Rixos Borovoe are designed with a sleek aesthetic and attention to detail, providing guests with a supremely comfortable in-room experience. The all-inclusive concept ensures that all meals and drinks are included in the stay.

Families will find the Rixy Club to be a perfect addition to their visit, offering a comprehensive holiday experience for children of all ages, from toddlers to tweens and teens. The club is staffed with professionally trained nannies, and it hosts over 800 shows and concerts annually, featuring internationally renowned artists and prominent DJs. Rixos Borovoe attracts over 5000 visitors, offering a vibrant and entertaining atmosphere.





BALKHASH

The drainless semi-freshwater lake is the second largest non-drying salt lake and the 14th in the list of the largest lakes in the world.

Geographically, the lake is located in the central southeastern part of Kazakhstan. The western part of the lake is relatively shallow and almost fresh, while the eastern part has great depth and salt water.

The Bektau-Ata tract stretches around the lake, which is rightfully considered one of the most beautiful places in the Balkhash region. The shore of Balkhash itself is indented by numerous coves and bays.





In winter, the lake freezes, and the ice lasts from November to April.

Recreation centers – on average 30 - 50 USD with amenities, meals are not included in the price.

To get to the rest houses on the west coast of Lake Balkhash (villages Chubar-Tyubek and Torangalyk) from Almaty is possible by car.

The total distance is about 610-620 km. Travel time is approximately 8-9 hours.



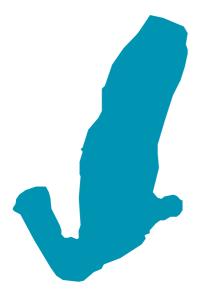
Summer destination

The recreation center "Blue Lagoon" is located in the village of Chubar-Tyubek. The territory of the "Blue Lagoon" will delight you with cleanliness, greenery and flowers, friendly staff and excellent service.

The Doszhan Rest House is located in the village of Chubar- Tyubek. The territory is beautifully equipped, there is a lot of entertainment for vacationers: fans of outdoor activities, fishing enthusiasts, and families with children will find something to do here.

Pension "Gulfstream" - the territory is clean and well-groomed, the beach is nearby, private, sandy, there are sun loungers and umbrellas. An excellent choice for those who came to Balkhash in search of a measured and relaxing holiday. There are all kinds of water activities for active recreation.









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Accommodation is carried out according to the so-called vouchers. The cost is strongly influenced by the season and the day of the week.

Daily rent of a standard 3-bed house in September will cost 15 USD and higher depending on room class, 5-bed — from 20 USD

Accommodation in the Sikani Resort house, designed for 2 owners (7-bed), will cost 35,000.



SIBINSKY LAKES

Five water bowls of different sizes are embedded in the rocks of the Kalbinsky ridge in the southwest of the Altai Mountains. These are the Sibinsky lakes - located near Ust-Kamenogorsk. If you look at them from a height, you can see that they are located as if on the stairs.

Sibinsky lakes are a group of 5 reservoirs: Sadyrkol, Cake kalla, Shalkar, Korzhynkol and Karakol. Approximately in this sequence they are located, if you move from the Kazakh city of Ust- Kamenogorsk. Granite mountains framing lakes from 3 sides give a unique appearance to water reservoirs.

Summer destination

You can't call this place an untouched corner of nature — there are plenty of recreation centers here. One of the most famous recreation centers is located next to Lake Tortkara and is called "Sibiny". Its owners offer their guests accommodation in cabins with a capacity of 3 to 7 people. All buildings are attributes necessary for a comfortable stay. The campsite is equipped with a guarded Parking lot, there is a grocery store.

On the popular lake Shalkar, you can also find a lot of options for overnight accommodation, but you should book houses in advance.

If you want to have a good rest on Korzhynkol Lake, stay at Subini Resort. A good addition to the rest will be renting a gazebo on the water, visiting an extreme park, a climbing wall and bungee jumping.







The bathing season on Alakol begins from the beginning of July. It lasts only 1.5 months, until mid-August. At this time, the peak of people coming to rest falls.

The composition of the lake water contains all the elements of the periodic table, except one – iodine.

Prices for accommodation with meals in peak season start from 25 USD. In mid-June, many boarding houses reduce prices to 20 USD per person with meals, but you need to book vouchers in advance.



ALAKOL

Alakol is a lake located in a desert region in the east of Kazakhstan. It is located in the valley of the Dzungarian Alatau, surrounded by low foothills. The mineralized waters of a vast reservoir, an abundance of healing springs and impressive landscapes led to the creation of a resort area on the shores of the lake.

In recent years, the resort has been gaining huge popularity. One of the key points of choosing Lake Alakol is its wonderful, invigorating, healing water. In the summer months, the water warms up to +25 degrees and becomes comfortable even for the most susceptible to lake water vacationers.

Summer destination

The tourist business is developing in Alakol every year. Boarding houses and recreation centers are growing on the coast: Aquamarine resort, Oasis, Alakol resort, Atlantis, Marsell family resort and others.

Most of the boarding houses have children's entertainment programs, animation, summer cinemas and much more. Prices for the summer are prepared taking into account discounts for children, in many recreation areas children under 5 years old live for free.

Beaches on Lake Alakol: black, volcanic (as in Sochi), hot pebbles in summer, so swimming shoes are recommended. The water of the lake is clear, clean. When choosing a place to rest, please note that often the coast is steep, the entrance to the lake can be sharp. It is necessary to select recreation centers whose entrance to the lake is flat.





LAKE ISSYK

The birth of the high-altitude reservoir happened about 10,000 years ago, when after a powerful mountain collapse, a large fragment of rock fell into the river, thereby blocking it. The resulting natural dam with a height of 300 meters served as the beginning of the origin of the mountain lake.

The surroundings of the lake are a wonderful place for year—round outdoor activities and tourism. Anyone who has visited Lake Issyk at least once will never forget the enchanting beauty of the mountain slopes, rocks with snow caps on the tops, dense coniferous forests and the mirror beauty of the lake, which is compared to an emerald.





If you visit it in winter, the lake usually freezes.

The weather is very changeable, it is recommended to get acquainted with the weather forecast before the trip.

For those who will be in Almaty, there are different tours for tourists that include a trip to the lake. The cost is on average 10-15 USD and above



Summer destination

On the way to the lake, you can visit the Museum of the Golden Man (Cultural Reserve-Museum "Issyk"), and the place where they found the Sak warrior in golden armor, which is the symbol of the country.

In front of the lake there is an observation deck and an equipped parking lot for cars. Just below the parking lot there is a picnic area with gazebos. The site offers magnificent views of the lake with turquoise water and dense coniferous forest on the slopes of the mountains. The picturesque mountain surroundings of the lake attract vacationers to go hiking. In good weather, you can walk to the "Kremlin Wall" - a unique sheer cliff of red granite. Lovers of outdoor activities will also be interested in making an exciting mountain hike to the waterfalls in the Turgen gorge. Among them there is the famous Bear Waterfall.





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The entrance to the water is smooth, without sharp descents. Mostly the sandy coast prevails, but sometimes there are rocky areas.

Prices per day per person on average from 15 USD without meals; 2-bed standard room 30-45 USD and above per day without meals. the way, in the spring of 2022, the city of Kapchagai was renamed Kunaev by the decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



KAPCHAGAY

Kapchagai is a reservoir located 80 km from the city of Almaty. The reservoir was created in order to regulate the flow of the Ili River and install a Hydro-Electric Station. However, due to its proximity to the city, it has become a popular place for residents to have a beach holiday. Kapchagai is also popular for gambling, which was moved from Almaty in 2007.

Recreation on Kapchagai is very popular among the citizens of the southern capital, beach lovers from Russia and CIS countries also come here. Sanatoriums, boarding houses, hotels and many other infrastructure facilities were built on its shores. The rest will be enjoyed here not only by the adult population, but also by many children. The most popular is the northern coast of the reservoir.

Summer destination

Today, there are about 150 recreation areas located on the Kapchagai coast, which are located close to each other. In the city itself there is a wonderful water park "Kapchagai" - a whole complex of swimming pools, sports and entertainment venues and attractions. There are various cafes on the territory of the Water Park. On the shore, some recreation areas work all year round, others seasonally. Discounts are provided for children.

Private guides can take tourists to the mountains of Almaty, to the Medeo mountain skating rink directly from the recreation centers. Recreation centers that have all the conditions for a good rest for children and adults: Malibu, Jamaica, Morelux, Victoria. The price depends on the date of arrival and the category of the house.







place by area

The country is reaping benefits of the generous investment in international PR campaigns such as CNN and Euronews coverage, and more importantly, investment in tourism infrastructure.

Georgia is a popular choice as a weekend destination for its neighbors. Russia, Turkey and Azerbaijan consistently lead in the top 15 countries by tourism exports lists. Growth in Turkish visitors is especially significant, as it follows a brief decline in 2016; the decline was caused by travel restrictions introduced by the Turkish government (related to the failed coup) and renovation works at the Georgian-Turkish customs checkpoints. We believe geographic proximity, visa-free travel and gambling are major attractions for these neighborhood visits to Georgia.

As a relatively cheap destination, Georgian tourism also continues to benefit from the economic hurdles and currency depreciation in its neighboring countries.

Over the past decade, Georgia has transformed itself from a lesser-known country into a competitive regional tourist destination, attracting visitors from CIS and Middle Eastern countries. Europe and parts of Asia are now also emerging as sustainable tourism markets.

In terms of expenditure, the largest category for foreign visitors tends to be food and drinks; Seeing as foreign visitors tend to prefer accommodating at lodging facilities, it is not surprising the accommodation is the second largest expenditure class. Additionally, foreign visitors tend to spend significant amount of money on culture and entertainment and shopping.





TBILISI

It is beautiful, tasty and inexpensive in the capital of Georgia. Along the small streets and wide avenues, you can wind tens of thousands of steps and see a very different Tbilisi, where Soviet architecture coexists with fading mansions of the XIX century, carved verandas and modern buildings made of glass and iron. Tbilisi is the most popular tourist destination in Georgia.

Tbilisi has always enjoyed a steady flow of tourists with both leisure and business purposes. International tourism demand in Tbilisi is characterized by seasonality. Third quarter is high/peak season for tourism, second and fourth quarters are shoulder seasons, and the first quarter is a low season.



The city remains quite warm year-round, but it can receive a lot of rainfall in any given year. The highest rainfall is experiences in May and June – 75.7 millimeters and 75.4 millimeters respectively. Tbilisi receives 15 hours of daylight at peak seasons – June and July, when the tourist inflow also peaks.

The cost of tours in Tbilisi starts from 300-450 USD and higher.

There are many tourist routes in the capital of Georgia.

Average cost ranging from 20-40 USD and higher.



Summer destination

Business Register of the National Statistics Office reports that at the beginning of 2022, there were 512 hotels and lodging establishments in Tbilisi.

The city has beautiful and unique squares, a botanical garden and a children's railway. Excursions to various sights are constantly conducted in Tbilisi. The main tourist areas there are the central quarters of Avlabar, Rustaveli Avenue and the Old Town.

Interesting places: Rike Park is a cozy park in the city center with benches, flower beds, a musical fountain. Narikala is the remains of a medieval fortress, which offers stunning views of the entire city. Entrance to the fortress is free. Nearby there is a 20-meter statue of "Kartlis Deda" ("Mother Georgia").







average air temperature in summer



average water temperature in summer

The Batumi lies on 5m above sea level In Batumi, the climate is warm and temperate. The rainfall in Batumi is significant, with precipitation even during the driest month. Finally, Batumi receives 15 hours of daylight at peak seasons — June and July, when the tourist inflow also peaks.

The cost of tours in Batumi also starts from 300-450 USD and higher. The price of excursions depends on the number of people.

The cheapest on average from 40-80 USD. More expensive from 100-200 USD



BATUMI

Known as the capital of Georgia's summer tourism industry, Batumi is one of the most popular warm weather destinations in the country. Located in the Black Sea Bay, Batumi features a seaside park- boulevard that stretches over 8 kilometers, providing visitors with an assortment of entertainment options including a harbor, botanical garden, Dolphinarium, an array of boutique shops, local traditions, and an active nightlife.

Batumi offers all of the charm of an elegant, 'old world' southern city with the modern benefits that come from continuously improving infrastructure and startling new architectural developments.

Summer destination

Batumi is the largest resort in Georgia and a lively port city. Due to the port and the mouth of the Chorokhi River, the Black Sea in Batumi is inferior in purity to small coastal villages. Sea water can be quite transparent, but after rains it becomes cloudy for a day or two. The wide beaches of Batumi stretch for several kilometers along the entire city. The shore is covered with medium and large pebbles, so it is more convenient to swim in aqua shoos.

The entrance to the water is gentle, and the depth begins at 5-8 m from the shore. Tourists who prefer an economical vacation in Batumi, there is a budget option — accommodation in the private sector and numerous guest houses, since the prices are not too high. The most popular excursions in Batumi are car-walking, mountain Svaneti,

O Katse and Martvil canyons, Borjomi Park, Rabat Fortress and the cave city of Vardzia.





KAZBEGI

Kazbegi district, located high in the mountains, is a picturesque place in Georgia, lost among the Caucasian ridges. The road to it lies through mountainous terrain. It will take 2-3 hours to get from Tbilisi to Kazbegi.

Stepantsminda is an urban-type border settlement with a population of 2 thousand people, located 10 km from the Russian border on the Georgian Military Road. This is a climatic resort. It was called Kazbegi until 2007. Mountaineering routes to the peaks of the Greater Caucasus open from here.



Given the geographical location of the area, precipitation often falls here, fog falls and is blown by the north wind. So the climate in this area is humid. According to statistics, July-August is considered the best time to relax in Kazbegi.

In most cases, for 20 USD, you can rent a single guest house with all the necessary amenities inside, including breakfast.

In a four-star comfortable hotel, the cost of living per person per day can be more than 140 USD.



Summer destination

There are two main attractions in the village: Kazbek and the Georgian Military Road. To study them in a day, you can choose one of the routes. After taking a walk along the slopes of Kazbek, there is an opportunity to explore the mountain landscapes of the Kazbegi National Park. It will take several hours to see the Bethlem Cave, the famous Gegret Church, the Gwelet Waterfall.

In Stepantsminda you can find good and delicious cafes, restaurants, wine shops. There are also many guest houses and hotels in the city with beautiful views. Prices in Stepantsminda are slightly higher than in Tbilisi. The most popular attraction of this area is Mount Kazbek, which people come here from all over the world to see. The mountain is 5054 meters high and is located on the border of Georgia and Russia. For fans of extreme sports and mountaineering, there is an opportunity to climb the mountain, but for this you need to contact experienced accompanying climbers.







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A light sea breeze perfectly helps to cope with the summer heat. The season begins in May, when the sea has already warmed up, and the weather is already conducive to swimming and continues until the end of October.

In the National Park "Mtirala" You can spend the night in the guest house with the caretaker.

The average price:

30-40 USD with meals for two.

KOBULETI

Kobuleti is the second largest city of Adjara after Batumi, a major youth beach resort, the pebble beaches of the city stretch for 9 km. It is located on the Black Sea coast, 24 kilometers from Batumi. The resort is distinguished by its silence, tranquility, healing properties and, of course, its beaches.

It is a little cheaper here than in Batumi and there are fewer tourists, but there are almost as many guest houses, restaurants and various entertainments. The coast is protected by mountains, so it is always warm in Kobuleti.

Summer destination

There are many types of marine entertainment – banana riding, catamaran, scooter. For thrill–seekers, there is one of the best amusement parks in the country - "Tsitsinatela". The park works at night, and appears in all its glory – there is a very bright illumination. Admission is free, but it is better to buy tickets for the attractions right away.

You can also visit the Kintrishi Nature Reserve and the Mtirala National Park - a huge reserve of 6000 hectares to the south-east of Kobuleti. The park has been open since May, admission is free, and a map will also be issued with routes.

Arriving here, you can admire the wild untouched nature, mountain lakes and waterfalls. It is impossible to do without visiting the largest concert venue on the Black Sea coast, the Black Sea Arena, where concerts of world stars take place during the holiday season.





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Every corner of Uzbekistan attracts with its peculiarities – in Tashkent you can walk in the most beautiful subway in the world or see the oldest manuscript of the Koran of Usman. In the historical cities included in the UNESCO Cultural Heritage List – Samarkand, Bukhara, Shakhrisabz and Khiva, you can visit the oldest architectural monuments that have preserved echoes of past eras.



Located in the heart of Central Asia, the Republic of Uzbekistan is famous for numerous architectural monuments, landscapes, ruins of civilizations, the brightest cultural events, gastronomic delights and famous craft workshops. From the first visit, our country evokes extraordinary feelings that encourage you to come here again and again.

Without the cost of the flight, one day of comfortable stay in the country costs 25,000 tenge. This includes overnight stay in a guest house, meals, train and taxi rides, sightseeing, buying sweets and small souvenirs. A separate budget item is individual sightseeing tours. Beach holidays are possible at the Charvak reservoir, where tourist buses regularly go. There are umbrellas on the beach, there is a catamaran rental service. On the opposite shore of the reservoir there is a picturesque mountain range.

Uzbekistan is considered a fairly safe country for tourists. Police are on duty at all important facilities, law enforcement officers patrol streets, parks, squares and the metro. The police stop the attempts of young people to gather in large and noisy groups and keep order.





SAMARKAND

One of the oldest cities in the world, has been an integral part of the Silk Road since ancient times. During the arrival of Genghis Khan, the city fell into disrepair and many buildings were destroyed, but after the arrival of Tamerlane, the city was revived and became the capital of his empire.

At the moment, the city with a population of 559 thousand people is a tourist destination for Uzbekistan, which has opened up to the world. The tourist flow attracts preserved historical architecture and identity. Samarkand is famous for its bustling oriental markets, excellent restaurants with traditional Uzbek cuisine, folklore festivals.



It is not here in summer, winters are not very cold. Spring comes to Samarkand early, quickly and decisively dealing with the cold.

Conditionally, all catering outlets in Uzbekistan can be divided into three categories:

To have a snack on the go at street stalls

— 2-5 USD

Fast food: 8-10 USD

In "tourist" restaurants : 15 USD and above







Summer destination

The main tourist destination is Registan Square - the majestic central square of the city, this place is the main attraction of the country, thanks to the unique architectural ensemble of three madrasahs (schools). The square has existed for more than 600 years, some of its buildings have been preserved in their original form since the XV century.

The main places to visit are the Bi bi-Khanim Mosque and Mausoleum, the Shahi Zinda necropolis, the Gur Emir Mausoleum, the ancient settlement of Afrosiab, the Rukhabad Mausoleum, the Imam Al-Bukhari Memorial complex. One of the key parts of traveling around the city of Samarkand is gastronomic tourism.

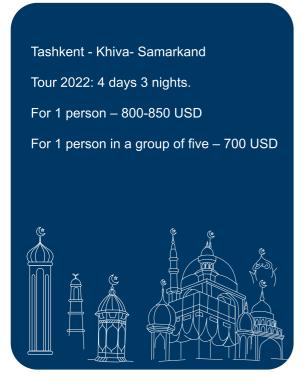
The state focuses on the revival of traditional crafts and architecture. This is how the village of Konigil was created, the first tourist village where ancient crafts are presented, in particular a creamery, paper production, so tourists will have an opportunity to contemplate the traditional life, customs and rituals of the Uzbek people.







The climate is warm in summer starting from March to October months. The best time to travel is from March to April and from September to October.



BUKHARA

One of the oldest cities in Central Asia, along with Samarkand, a real architectural, historical and cultural reserve that has preserved unique architectural monuments of all historical epochs since the IX century. The historical part of the city is included in the UNESCO World Heritage.

Perhaps, of all the cities of Central Asia, Bukhara is distinguished by the most romantic past. It was founded in 500 BC, conquered by Alexander the Great, destroyed by Genghis Khan, rebuilt by Timur. Bukhara was admired by Marco Polo, and gradually the city turned into an intellectual and cultural center of the Silk Road.

Summer destination

The main places to visit: Ark Fortress - this is the oldest archaeological monument of Bukhara, dated from the I-VI century. The earthen fortification is located in the western part of the city. Samanid Mausoleum - the family tomb and and is considered one of the pearls of world architecture. Bukhara builders managed to achieve harmonious architectonics and create a magnificent decor of the building from brick patterns. Also Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum, Poi-Kalon architectural complex, Magaki-Attari Mosque, Ulugbek Madrasah, Miri-Arab Madrasah, Lyabi-Hauz ensemble and much more.

Being the historical center of the spread of Islam in the region, it continues to attract more than thousands of Muslims as a place for pilgrimage. As well as in other cities, gastronomic tourism is quite popular in Bukhara. The city has its own version of pilaf, which is considered the most dietary among all options and has a requirement for cooking in copper dishes.





TASHKENT

One of the largest cities in Central Asia, the capital of the sovereign Republic of Uzbekistan. The city is located in the foothills of the Tien Shan range. Government institutions, institutions of the National Academy of Sciences, numerous museums, monuments of ancient history and culture of Uzbekistan are concentrated here.

Tashkent is interesting for an amazing combination of religious buildings of different beliefs — not in every city you will see a Catholic cathedral and a Muslim madrasah nearby. Modern areas with Soviet- era buildings harmoniously coexist with a unique block of clay houses.



The climate is characterized by hot, humid summers, unstable weather, thaw, or vice versa, a sharp cold snap in winter. Therefore, these seasons are not the best for traveling. Spring and, especially, autumn is the best time to see the sights of the capital of Uzbekistan.

The cost of professional tours around the city of Tashkent varies on average from 45 to 90 USD for 1 person.

Tashkent - Khiva- Samarkand Tour 2022: 4 days 3 nights.

For 1 person – 800 USD



Summer destination

All the main attractions of Tashkent are conveniently located in the city center. Hazrati Imam Religious Complex (Khast-Imam) - The complex includes two madrasahs, two mosques and the tomb of the Hazrati Imam, erected over the grave of the preacher at the end of the tenth century. The main treasures of the complex are the hair of the Prophet Muhammad and the world's oldest handwritten Quran of 640 on buckskin parchment. Entrance to the complex is free, open daily.

Amir Temur Square - a pretty square with fountains was founded in 1882. Near the park, on Tamerlane Square, there are the famous Tashkent chimes — one of the main symbols of the capital, as well as the Palace of Forums crowned with a 48-meter dome. Tashkent City - a compact business center is a real find for tourists looking for new and trendy locations. There is a wax museum, a steel sculpture of dolphins, a cinema, a planetarium, an amphitheater with a picturesque view of the lake and a large number of original photo zones.





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Located in the heart of the Eurasian continent, Kyrgyzstan is famous for its impressive landscapes, for which it was nicknamed the "land of heavenly mountains". With many majestic peaks, including such iconic peaks as Victory Peak and Khan Tengri Peak, towering more than 7000 meters, the country attracts climbers from all over the world. It is noteworthy that Kyrgyzstan boasts 29 peaks with a height of more than 4,000 meters and 45 peaks with a height of more than 3,000 meters, attracting both experienced climbers and those who are looking for less explored peaks. Approximately 94% of the country's territory is located at altitudes exceeding 1000 meters above sea level, and the vast Tien Shan mountain range covers 80% of its land.



To truly appreciate the diversity of Kyrgyzstan's climatic zones, it is strongly recommended to hike along trails that cross coniferous forests, tundra vegetation, remote pastures and rocky mountain peaks. The country's tourism sector is actively developing, offering a wide range of leisure opportunities, such as cultural tours, hiking expeditions, mountaineering adventures, skiing holidays, serene walks on the steppes, horse riding, as well as opportunities to recuperate at resorts and sanatoriums.

Kyrgyzstan has a huge but untapped potential for water sports enthusiasts, especially kayaking, thanks to its rich water resources. With more than two thousand lakes and about forty thousand rivers, the country is a wonderful platform for water sports. In addition, Kyrgyzstan boasts numerous hot springs, some of which are famous for their healing properties, attracting locals and visitors looking for natural remedies for various ailments.

One of the most valuable treasures of Kyrgyzstan is Lake Issyk-Kul, one of the largest and deepest mountain lakes in the world. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, Lake Issyk-Kul does not freeze even in the harshest winters, demonstrating its exceptional beauty all year round.





ISSYK KUL LAKE

Lake Issyk-Kul is a renowned tourist destination in Kyrgyzstan, distinguished by its remarkable features. Situated in the eastern part of the country at an altitude of 1600 meters, it is surrounded by the towering peaks of the Tien Shan mountain range. This picturesque lake is notable for being one of the deepest in the world, with a maximum depth of approximately 700 meters. Unlike most lakes, Lake Issyk-Kul remains unfrozen even during winter due to its saline nature.

With its crystal-clear and pristine waters, Lake Issyk-Kul is often considered the pride of Kyrgyzstan, second only to Lake Baikal in terms of purity and transparency. The water, however, is brackish and not suitable for drinking. The lake receives water from around 118 small mountain rivers and large streams, but it has no outflow.







Summer destination

Stretching for nearly 700 kilometers, the lake's shoreline can be divided into the northern and southern parts. The northern coast is more popular among tourists due to its proximity to Bishkek, the capital city, as well as its sandy beaches and milder climate. Consequently, the tourist season lasts longer in this region. On the other hand, the southern coast offers a wilder and more untouched experience, with natural attractions and secluded beaches. While there is less infrastructure in the south, it tends to be more affordable.

Accommodation options at Lake Issyk-Kul are diverse. Visitors can choose to stay in sanatoriums along the coast, which offer a combination of relaxation and therapeutic treatments. Alternatively, there are package tours available, or travelers can arrange their own accommodations without much difficulty. Several notable sanatoriums can be found in the region.

Apart from beach activities, Lake Issyk-Kul offers various sightseeing opportunities. The area is abundant in beautiful valleys, gorges, and smaller lakes, which are worth exploring. These sightseeing programs can occupy a significant portion of one's trip, allowing visitors to appreciate the natural beauty of the region.

TOURISM IN KYRGYZSTAN





This summer, you can go on a 3-day tour that will be organized by Tour.too.kg cost from 180 to 230 USD

There is also a jeep tour from adrenalinicsilence.kz cost about 932 USD for 2 people, reservations should be made 2 weeks in advance



KOL-SUU LAKE

Kol-Suu is a glacial lake situated in the southeastern part of the Naryn region near the Kyrgyz-Chinese border. It is perched at an altitude of 3,500 meters, access to the lake requires a border pass due to its location in the border area. The lake is known for its remote and challenging terrain, as it is nestled in the Kokshaal-Too ridge. The journey to Kol-Suu involves traversing the Ak-Say valley, which is dotted with marshy areas and river crossings that demand a well-equipped vehicle and an experienced driver.

The lake captivates visitors with its breathtaking scenery. Its vibrant blue water creates a striking contrast against the rugged surrounding rocks. Kel-Suu is considered one of the most beautiful yet hard-to-reach places in Kyrgyzstan. The lake was formed by a powerful earthquake, which created a large crevice between the rocks. Most of the lake is hidden from view, requiring a boat ride to appreciate its entirety.

Summer destination

The name Kol-Suu translates to "incoming water" in Kyrgyz language, reflecting the lake's unique characteristic of occasionally disappearing. At times, the water flows underground into caves and grottoes, making it elusive. Therefore, it is crucial to be aware that the lake may not always be visible before planning a visit.

Staying at such high altitudes without proper acclimatization can be challenging for individuals. Even after spending some time in the mountains, one does not readily adapt to the altitude.

Upon reaching Kol-Suu, a magnificent vista unfolds from the dam. Towering cliffs, hundreds of meters high, surround the lake, along with waterfalls, a rocky island, coves, caves, and grottoes. The steep peaks, topped with snow even in the warmest summers, encircle the turquoise expanse of water. The water's color constantly shifts, depending on the lighting conditions.



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