



KYRGYZSTAN

Overland

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About The Drive

Imagine yourself wandering through landscapes that seem like they were hand-painted by the universe itself. We're talking lush valleys laden with snow, mighty peaks that play peekaboo with the clouds, and alpine lakes so clear that you can practically see the fish blushing. It paints quite a picture, doesn't it? Kyrgyzstan with its nomadic charm puts life in these pictures.

The Kyrgyzstan self-drive road trip starting from Bishkek is a whirlwind of experiences where you get to conquer the Boom Gorge, discover the magic of Lake Issyk-Kul, and sail into the sunset on a boat trip. But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

From witnessing eagle hunters in action, learning about Kyrgyz felt carpets, and taking in the stunning views as you drive through treacherous desert trails, it isn't just a drive, it's a deep dive into the true charm of Central Asia.

Why travel With AO



A brainchild of Sanjay Madan and Tushar Agarwal, Adventures Overland was established in the year 2012 and is today universally recognized as the end word in the realm of self-drive expeditions within India, as well as across the world. Our promise of a luxurious experience, which is safely executed and is unique in its implementation, has withstood the test of time and earned us a dedicated clientele who have undertaken multiple journeys with us, and keep coming back for more.

Our customized and truly bespoke itineraries speak for themselves, as we firmly believe in the idea of countryside sightseeing, and discovering off-beat paths. The aim is to not only visit popular tourist places, but explore and absorb the very essence of a destination.

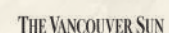
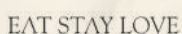
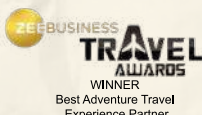
Adventures Overland prides itself on having set the benchmark for excellence in the field of Around the World Drives, not once but numerous times. AO holds Tri-Nation Expertise (India, Nepal & Bhutan), and along with 15 Limca Book of Records under our belt, we also enjoy the distinction of being a Guinness Record Holder in Travel.

We have been felicitated with numerous awards and distinctions which include - India's Leading Tour Operator at World Travel Awards 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, Best Niche Tour Operator at Satte Awards (2020), Honoured by the Government of UAE at the Dubai Travellers Festival for special contribution towards adventure travel globally, Represented India at the 2nd ASEAN-India Car Rally, Zee Business Travel Award for Best Adventure Travel Experience Partner, and the Times Power Icons Award in Adventure and Expedition Category.

Awards & Media



Adventure and Expedition



Our Ratings



Route Map Kyrgyzstan



- Bishkek
170 Km
- Chon Kemin
160 Km
- Cholpon-Ata
150 Km
- Karakol
270 Km
- Kochkor
420 Km
- Bishkek



Major Highlights

- 1 Self Drive Mitsubishi Pajero Sport in remote Kyrgyz terrains
- 2 Off Road driving on high altitude mountain passes
- 3 Soak in the pristine beauty of gorges, lakes and snowy mountains
- 4 Enjoy a sunset cruise on Issyk Kul Lake
- 5 Eagle Hunting experience with Birds of Prey
- 6 Experience the unique Horse Game known as Kok-Boru
- 7 Witness Kyrgyz traditional art of making Felt





01

Day Arrival in Bishkek

Kickstart your Kyrgyzstan road trip in the capital, Bishkek. Our representative awaits at the airport to escort you to the hotel, where you'll meet the Adventures Overland family.

From a visit to the heart of the city Ala-Too Square, a stroll through Oak Park, and a shopping spree in the local Osh Bazaar, we will spend our day exploring Bishkek. In the evening, we will relish our welcome dinner and retire for the night.



02 Day Bishkek – Burana - Chon Kemin (170Km)

Today we will rev our engines to embark on an exhilarating journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Kyrgyzstan. Our first stop will be the earliest architectural wonder of Central Asia - The Burana Tower which dates back to the 11th century. After having lunch hosted by a local Dungan family, we will get back on the road. Traversing rugged mountain gorges and serpentine routes with the convoy on this Kyrgyzstan road trip, we will reach Tar Suu. A ride in the horse-drawn carriage, pebblestone streets, and starry skies, all come together to make this village as enchanting as the fairytales we grew up reading about.



03

Day

Chon Kemin – Cholpon Ata (160 Km)

After a hearty breakfast, we brace ourselves for the most exciting adventure - conquering the Boom Gorge. The narrow routes passing through high mountains, the Chu River's rapid flow, and the Gorge's vast expanse make this stretch equally challenging and thrilling. As we head towards the magnificent Issyk-Kul region, the shore of Kyrgyzstan's largest lake, Lake Issyk-Kul will slowly start to come into focus. We will stop for lunch at a panoramic point near Ornok village, where the blue waters of the lake and the azure skies seemingly blend into each other, making it a breathtaking sight to witness. Afterward, we will head towards a small resort town on the lake shore - Cholpon Ata where we will retire for the night.



04 Day Cholpon Ata

In Cholpon Ata, we start our day with a heartfelt breakfast and then head towards the fascinating Petroglyph Museum, delivering into the rich history depicted in ancient rock carvings. Some of these are considered to be 4 thousand years old. After such an insightful morning, we head to a local restaurant for a delicious lunch, savoring Kyrgyzstan's authentic flavors.

The adventure continues as we make our way to the enchanting Lake Issyk Kul. The tangerine glow of the sunset along with the Tien Shan mountains will make the perfect backdrop for a boat ride across the serene waters of the lake as we conclude our day on a serene note.



05

Day

**Cholpon-Ata – Grigoriev and Semienov Gorges
– Karakol (150 Km)**

Today we will embark on yet another adventurous day on this Kyrgyzstan road trip as we prepare ourselves to conquer the Grigoriev and Semienov gorges. The untamed beauty and ceaselessly flowing mountain rivers of these gorges are enough to make you fall head over heels in love with Kyrgyz. Imagine driving through mountain trails, past a herd of horses with nothing but eden-like valleys spanning as far as your eyes can see. And, in the middle of it all, two snowy peaks, Kum-bel (4200m) and Eshenbulak Peak (4647m) shine like crowning jewels making the scene look straight out of a storybook. As we reach Karakol, a hot steaming lunch awaits us followed by a sightseeing walk through the lively city. After relishing our meal, we will visit the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, which was the first-ever church built in Karakol. We will also visit the famous Dungan Mosque before calling it a day.



06

Day Karakol – Ski Base – Karakol (25 Km)

Every day is a new adventure on this Kyrgyzstan road trip and today we take it up a notch, quite literally as we hike towards the highest ski resort in Kyrgyzstan, the Karakol Ski base (3020m). From the base, we take a ski lift toward Panorama Point which is arguably the best viewpoint in Kyrgyzstan, and enjoy a delicious lunch. Afterward, we will watch the Kyrgyz traditional horse game Kok-Boru, played by two teams on horseback. To witness this game itself is a thrill unlike any other. After a long day of activity, we will return to Karakol.



07

Day

Karakol – Jety Oguz – Barskoon – Bokonbaevo – Kochkor (270 Km)

Today we drive towards Jety Oguz which literally translates to “Seven Bulls” where dense vegetation covers the red rocks of the gorge making it a beautiful sight to behold. Our next stop on the Kyrgyzstan road trip itinerary is in Barskoon Gorge where the cascading waterfall creates soothing melodies. After lunch at Tamga Village, we will drive to Skazka Canyon. Because of their dramatic carvings and sandscapes that look straight out of a storybook, it is also known as ‘Fairytale canyons’. En route to Bokonbaevo, we will witness eagle hunters with their birds of prey, which is one of the oldest traditions of Kyrgyz nomads. You get to observe the birds in their element with a wingspan of 6 feet fly with great speed and hunt with precision.



08 Day Kochkor – Kyzyl Oi – Suusamyr – Bishkek (420 Km)

Today we will dive deeper into the culture of the land as we attend a traditional felt show that showcases the craft behind Shyrdaks, the UNESCO-listed Kyrgyz felt carpets. We will then start our return journey towards Bishkek. We will conquer the Kyzart pass which is nestled at an altitude of 2664 meters followed by a scrumptious lunch in the charming village of Kyzyl Tuu. Traversing through the enchanting Suusamyr valley and the majestic Too Ashuu mountain pass, we will reach Bikshek.



09

Day Departure

After conquering Kyrgyzstan's rugged terrain and making memories of a lifetime, it'd be time to bid farewell to the land of nomads. We will leave for the airport where we will part ways with the fellow road-trippers who became family in a matter of a few days.

Total Costing

INR 2,95,000/-Per Person

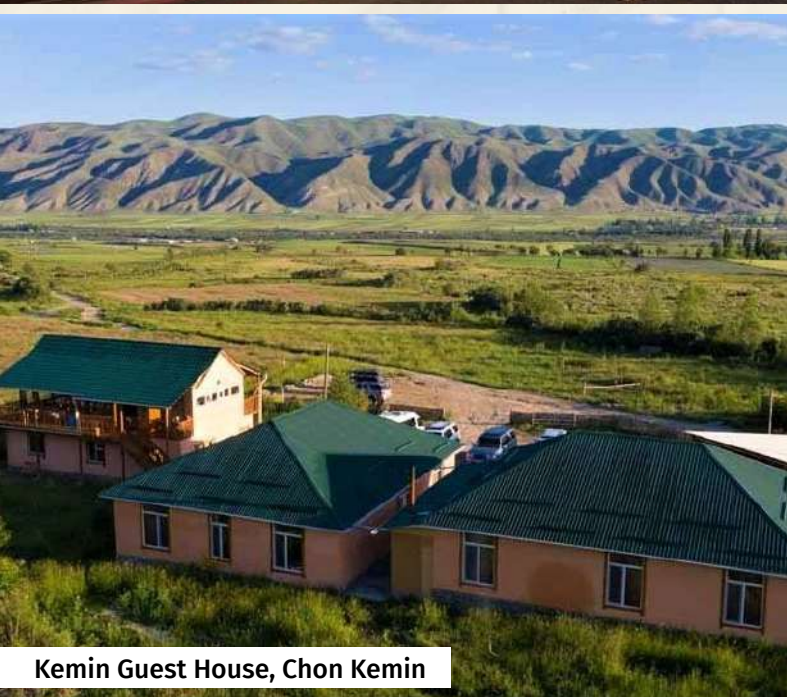
Trip Inclusions:

- Self-drive Mitsubishi Pajero Sport or similar (4 people sharing 1 vehicle)
- Accommodation (07 Nights on twin sharing basis)
- All meals- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Private Airport transfers
- Horseback riding in Chon Kemin
- Sunset Cruise on Lake Issyk Kul
- Ski lift to panoramic point in Karakol
- Watch Kok-Boru (Ulak Tartys) horse game in Karakol
- Witness Eagle Hunting
- Fuel, toll fee and maintenance charges of the vehicle
- Support car with all the necessary equipment
- Adventures Overland crew and support team
- Certified English speaking guide
- Adventures Overland Merchandise
- Visa Assistance

Trip Exclusions

- International Air Tickets
- Kyrgyzstan Visa fee
- Medical & travel insurance
- Lunch on Day 1
- Refundable security deposit of vehicle
- Any cost arising out of unforeseen conditions like ill health, land blocks, bad weather etc.
- Any charges for carrying Video Camera or Still Camera
- Any activity not mentioned in inclusions
- Any expense of personal nature
- 5% GST
- 5% TCS (Until 30th September) / 20% TCS (From 1st October)

Accommodation



Experiences



Horse Riding Experience



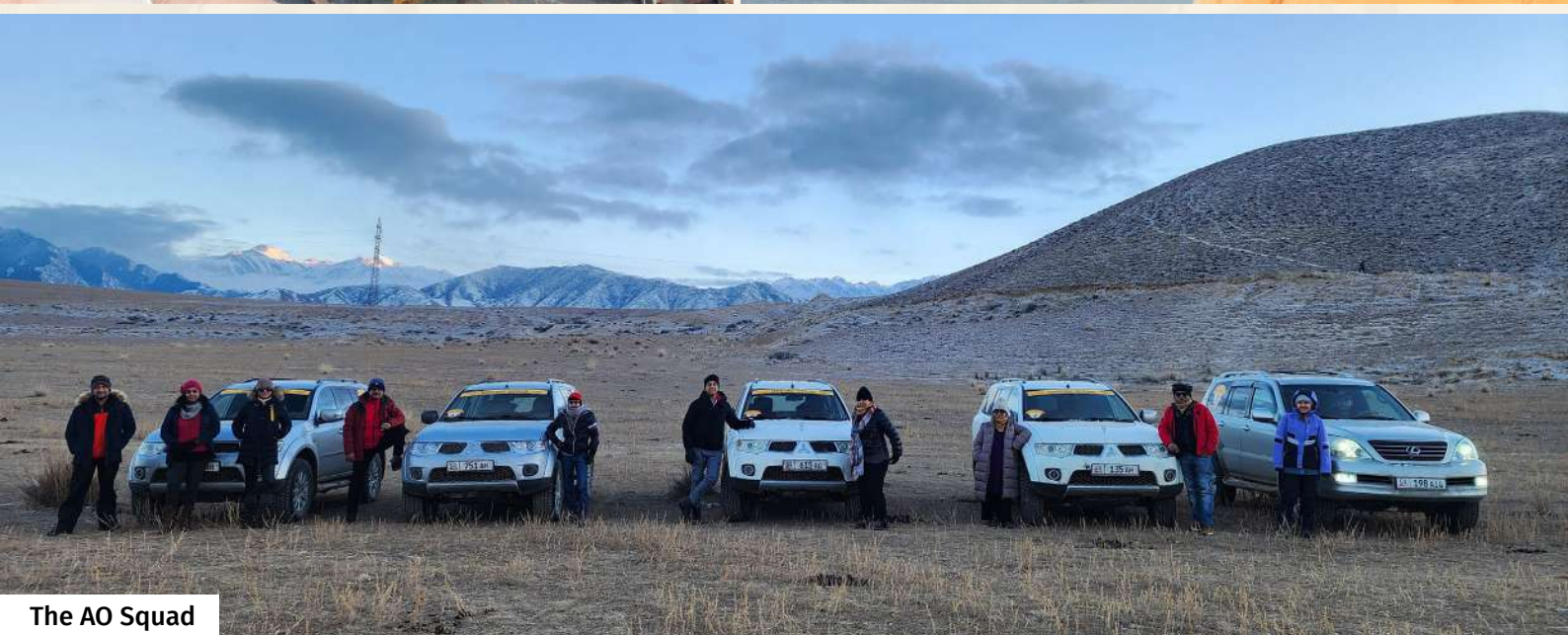
Local Drink



A Plate of Happiness



Birds of Prey- Eagle Hunter



The AO Squad

Experiences



Archery Activity



Sunset Cruise on Issyk kul



Burana Tower



Ski Lift to Panorama Point



Felt Show

Our Reviews



RINA BHANSALI

They have an amazing knack to pick the right locations, the right routes and vehicles. Every expedition is loaded with the most memorable sensory experiences. During my five trips with them, I have formed strong bonds with many of my fellow travellers.



DR ABHIJIT DEO

My experience with Adventures Overland has been phenomenal. I was apprehensive before coming, but the positivity of the team has made this an association for life and as someone in convoy rightly said that the road to heaven is bound to be tough.



YOGESH MAGANLAL KANJI MANEK

Road to London 2017 is an arduous journey one can never forget. It is a unique and life-altering experience through unconventional landscapes that one should do once-in-a-lifetime and I would encourage everyone to go on this road trip if there's a possibility to do such a thing.



TULASI KOLLA

It was an awesome and memorable experience for me and my family. The dinner in the dunes in Jaisalmer and the stepwell dinner in Rawla Nalrai where we celebrated my hubby's 50th birthday, were two experiences that will be etched in my mind for ever. Thanks Adventures overland and looking forward for many more



ZAKKIR AHMED KALARIKKAL

Road to London 2017 still plays on my mind everyday. This epic journey has changed my life completely. Sanjay & Tushar are extremely passionate about what they do, that is why on our whole trip to London we did not face any problems. The trip was executed flawlessly, starting from the route planning, to the documentation and finally



DILPREET SINGH BINDRA

My journey continues with AO to fulfil my quest for overland drive and to explore the world. The east coast drive from Kenya to South Africa experiencing the best of mother nature should be on every travellers must do list. Go explore Africa, you will not regret it.



NISHITA SHALIN SARVAIYA

Fantastic experience and Adventures Overland team made sure everyone had a great time. Professional is not the right word for them, because it was more like a personal touch in everything and that too with everyone. Thank you, team, for taking such good care.



MAYUR BIPINCHANDRA GAUDANA

It feels like your dream is a reality when you witness Northern Lights. I cannot explain in words when I was on the dream road, The Dalton Highway in Alaska. The best you can get only when you are with these two guys Sanjay and Tushar. Thank you AO for this epic ride, meet you guys soon for the next ride.....!!





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