



Here is your package for

Kazakhstan 8 Days

7 Nights/8 Days

Tour Code : ST/BI/1203

Overview



Travel Date:

2026: 18 Jun | 16 Jul | 13 Aug | 01 Oct |



Destinations

Almaty , Astana



Meals

Breakfast 7 , Dinner 6 , Lunch 2

Highlights



This tour is an amazing combination of ancient Great Silk Way, diverse landscapes with alpine lakes, sandy dunes, mystical canyons as well as unique Nomad culture and delicious Nomad cuisine

Tour Gallery



Itinerary

Day
1

Depart for Almaty, Kazakhstan

Fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan

This tour can be conducted on any day of the week. Please enquire office on your preferred dates

Day
2

Arrive Almaty, Kazakhstan - Medeo & Shymbulak Ski Resort

Arrive at Almaty International Airport & transfer to your hotel. Free time. After lunch we depart to see the beautiful mountain surroundings of Almaty city. The first stop of the tour awaits you in the Medeo Gorge, where in the wonderful mountains of Trans-Ili Alatau the largest high mountain skating rink in the world is located, view the huge dam, protecting the city from destructive mudflows formed on the tops of the western Tien Shan.

Next destination is Shymbulak ski resort. You will board the Cable Car (Fee Included till 3rd Level), to the ski resort with 3 Level, highest level located at an altitude of 2230 meters above sea level, also known as Talgar Pass. It is very popular for its mild climate, large quantity of sunny days and snow through the winter and remarkable scenery of mountain ranges. Dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Almaty.

Breakfast, Lunch, Indian Dinner

Day
3

Almaty - Charyn Canyon 220km

After breakfast we drive towards Charyn Canyon. Charyn Canyon is a natural complex of nature, unique in its kind not only in Kazakhstan, but throughout the world. It was formed in the era of the Paleogene and resembles the Grand Canyon of Colorado in North America, although it is inferior in size. The height of the steep slopes of the canyon reaches 150-300m. The extreme ruggedness of the relief strikes: numerous beams and ravines form a dense, disorderly network. You can admire the grand panorama and then have a walk through the maze of the "Castles Valley". Wind and water created here the most beautiful "Valley of Castles" where you are always surrounded by whimsical towers composed of sedimentary rocks. The length of the valley is more than 2 km, the width is 20-80m. You can either walk (flat trekking) or take a ride to the river. We later drive to local village, Saty Village or near by for an overnight stay in a local guesthouse where you will experience home-made dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day
4

Kolsai lake and Kaindy Lake

Today morning after breakfast, we proceed to see Kolsai Lake and Kaindy Lake.

Kolsay Lakes National Park is located on the north slope of the Tian Shan Mountains, southeast Kazakhstan. Often referred to as "Pearls of TienShan", the park's main feature are the Kolsay Lakes located between the Raiymbek District and Talgar District of Almaty Region. Enjoy the beauty of the lake and taking pictures.

Kaindy lake was formed due to an earthquake in 1911, which ripped through the Tian Shan Mountains causing a large landslide that blocked a gorge and formed a natural dam. Over the course of time, rainfall filled the area, submerging the forest of spruce trees and forming 1,300-foot (400-meter) long Kaindy Lake. You will experience and be transferred to Kaindy Lake by UAZ trucks.

We then head back to Almaty for dinner. Overnight in Almaty

Breakfast, Indian Dinner

Day
5

Almaty City Tour - Fly to Astana

After breakfast we embark on Almaty City tour. You will know more about history and development of the southern capital of Kazakhstan and see its major attractions: Palace of President, Republic Square and Monument of Independence, and Astana Square, Panfilov Park, Abai Square and Palace of Republic, Presidential Park. Visit Green Bazaar (closed on Monday) / Rakhat Chocolate factory shop for shopping. Later in the afternoon we take a flight to Astana, capital of Kazakhstan.

Breakfast, Indian Dinner

Day
6

Astana City Tour

Proceed for Astana City tour starting with a boat ride at Embankment of Ishim River. During the river trip, the boat offers excellent views of the capital's embankment. The cruise route is 18.8 kilometers long, which lasts about 45 minutes and passes through the most picturesque places of the city - Central Park, Chubary microdistrict, "Seasons" square, "Samal" microdistrict, Kenesary monument and

"Radisson" Hotel.

During the city tour on the modern part of Astana we visit:

Palace of Peace and Reconciliation (from outside) – The Palace of Peace and Reconciliation is a symbol of friendship, unity and peace in Kazakhstan. The Pyramid has a pure form, 62 meters high and 62 meters base. At the top there is a picture of 130 doves that symbolize 130 nationalities living in Kazakhstan.

Khazret Sultan Mosque (visit inside) – Hazret Sultan Mosque is the second largest mosque in Central Asia. The building is constructed in the classic Islamic style using traditional Kazakh ornaments. The Mosque is named after Sufi sheikh Khoja Ahmed Yassawi and is large enough to house over 10,000 people.

National Museum (visit inside) – the youngest and largest museum in Central Asia. Guests will have a chance to explore the Golden Hall, which is considered as treasury and repository of unique valuable artifacts of Scythian – Saka culture found in Kazakhstan. The main exposition of the museum is “The Golden Man”, dated back to V-IV century BC. The artifact was found during excavation of the Issyk mound and includes more than 4 thousand gold items made in a variety of techniques - forging, stamping, engraving and granulation. Independence square – monument” Kazakh Eli”

We have a walking tour at Water-Green Boulevard also known as Millenium axis which was designed by the renowned Japanese architect Kisho Kurokawa. On that Millenium axis we see the following:

Ak-Orda presidential palace (from outside) erected in 2003. Ak Orda means “the white headquarters”. This is created in the neoclassical style where important decisions in the life of the country are made.

The Library of the First President (visit inside) Astana National Library location was planned to be across the Presidential Place. With 30 500 square meters of closed building area, it is situated on 4.47 hectares of land. Designed by the famous architect, Norman Foster, the building contains a digital library, a museum, and a movie theater; it also has winter gardens and National Leader Nazarbayev Library Foundation.

Overnight in Astana.

Breakfast , Indian Dinner

Day
7

Fly To Almaty

Depending on your flight return, will be transferred to the airport and continue with your tour around Almaty. Take a walk around Arbat Street to enjoy urban spots by visiting market streets, shopping center, outdoor gallery, local cafes & pubs, park and listen to street musicians. Or take an option to enjoy a Turkish Bath.

Breakfast , Indian Dinner

Day
8

Almaty - Home

Depending on your flight timings we get transferred to airport for your return flight back home.

Breakfast

Trip Cost

Net & non-commissionable rates per person

Departures: 18/06/2026, 18/06/2026, 18/06/2026, 16/07/2026, 16/07/2026, 16/07/2026, 13/08/2026, 13/08/2026, 13/08/2026, 01/10/2026, 01/10/2026, 01/10/2026

From Almaty (kazakhstan)

Guest Range	Currency	Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room	Triple Room	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying	2nd Child(without Bed) when 2 adults paying
1 - 2 Pax	GBP	2465.00	1760.00	1760.00	1760.00	1235.00	500.00
3 - 4 Pax	GBP	1725.00	1230.00	1230.00	1230.00	865.00	500.00
5 - 8 Pax	GBP	1680.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	840.00	500.00

Payment Schedule & Policy

Payment Schedule

- 50% of Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours at the time of Booking 84 days / 12 weeks prior to departure
- 56 days / 8 weeks prior to departure 100% of the Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Cancellation Policy

- More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- 41 - 0 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Inclusions / Exclusions

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- Accommodation in 3* / 4* star hotels with breakfast [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Entrances to sightseeing's and excursions as per the itinerary [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- All transportation in executive coaches, cruise liners, trains and some places in A/C Cars [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Premium service of Bi-lingual Sona Tour Executive OR a Driver/Guide for smaller groups [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Services of local tour guides [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]

Exclusions

- Travel insurance [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Visa charges [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, potter service, other personal expenses, etc.. [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Tips (for tour managers, guides and driver) [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]
- Both International and Domestic Flights [For City Of Origin [From Almaty \(kazakhstan\)](#)]

FAQ

Can I join the tour from any part of the world?

A: Yes, you can fly to Almaty (Kazakhstan), our first point in the tour preferably a day earlier. Please do inquire in the office to arrange your logistics for both arrival and departure.

Weather & Essential to carry

A:

Q. How can I check the local weather?

A: You can check the local weather to your destinations here: www.accuweather.com

Q. What is the best time to travel?

A: Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of these countries. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

A: During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

A: We suggest waterproof jacket and pair of sunglasses.

A: During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

A: We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

Passport; Immigration & Visa

A:

Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

A: Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in. We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Resident: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For USA Resident: travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

Q. How long should the passport be valid?

A: Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of completing your tour.

Q. What are the Visa Requirements?

A: You are responsible to ensure that you have correct documentation.

British passport holders: Do **Not** require a visa to travel to Kazakhstan.

Non-British passport holders: Please do check with the relevant Embassy of these countries.

Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation.

Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?

A: Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

Money Matters

A:

Q. What is the currency used?

A: On this tour you will be travelling to Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan: Tenge (KZT)

American Dollars (USD) or Euro is widely used through out these countries.

Q. Can I use my Credit/Debit cards there?

A: We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels. Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used, please be cautious when handing your debit/credit card.

Q. Are ATM machines available?

A: Major cities will have cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you do not run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

Q. Where can I exchange my money?

A: Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for

identification, please be aware that locally exchange rate may vary.

Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance

A:

Q. Do I need any vaccinations?

A: For further information on vaccinations please check with your medical doctor for recent updates or go on the following website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?

A: Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription/doctors report confirming the medication.

Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the tour?

A: Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

Q. What happens if I am unwell during the tour?

A: Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager/Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the tour?

A: Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager / Local Guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

Q. What should I do if there is an incident?

A: Sonatours makes every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your tour manager/ local guide/hotel reception for immediate assistance.

Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?

A: Sonatours does not provide special tours for the disabled. Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess. It is possible to bring along a folding type of wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel?

A: Kindly note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

A: You are advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant, as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft, you will need to advise your Tour Director immediately and report the theft to the police. This should provide you with a police report or crime reference number.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A: We strongly recommend you travel with Travel/Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the tour.

Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?

A: There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

Accommodation & Transport

A:

Q. How are rooms allocated?

A: Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?

A: Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

Q. What facilities are there in the room?

A: Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

Q. Will the room have walk in shower?

A: Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?

A: Please note that not all hotels provide tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

Q. Is smoking allowed in the hotels/rooms?

A: Hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided.

Q. Is WIFI freely available?

A: Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with hotel reception for WIFI information in the rooms.

Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?

A: Most hotels rooms in these countries offer air-conditioners or fans.

Q. Will all hotels have lifts?

A: Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or Resorts are used In such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What time do I need to be at the airport?

A: All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sonatours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

If you have booked the tour without flights, please meet the group at the hotel. Details will be sent to you at a later date. Please do check with the office as you might need to book a hotel before the tour starts and after it finishes.

Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the flight or coach.

Q. Are flights upgrades available?

A: On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

Q. Can I select my seats on the airplane?

A: International flight booking are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What are the luggage requirements on the airplane?

A: International Flights: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 20-30kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

Internal Flights: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 15-20kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets have been issued.

Q. What other transport is there in this tour?

A: In this tour we have the following:

Internal Flights: Almaty to Astana (return).

Q. What type of coach will I be travelling in?

A: We use the finest fleet of fuel-efficient coaches. Most coaches will have armrests & are fully air-conditioned or air-cooled – all with reclining seats.

Coaches in these countries do not have emergency WC facilities. Frequent comfort stops are been made for your convenience. The high vantage point from your coach's windows means you can take in all the glorious scenery, whether it's a vast-rural landscape or an urban city centre. On a touring holiday there are some long journeys which are unavoidable especially what travelling from city to city.

Q. Can I select my seats on the coach?

A: We have a strict seat rotation policy when travelling by coaches on all our international tours.

Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling by coach?

A: There is a strict policy of “no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food” on all our coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

Food Matters

A:

Q. Can I request my flight meal and is it guaranteed?

A: Meal request should be advised at the time of your booking; Sonatours will request on your behalf, but we cannot guarantee the request. Sonatours are not liable in case the requested flight meal cannot be fulfilled. Please be advised that complimentary meals are not available on the internal flights.

Q. What meal options are available to me while on tour?

A: Sonatours can cater for a range of Asian Vegetarian (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Asian Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking. In areas where Indian is not available local cuisine will be provided.

Q. Where will I have my daily meals?

A: On all tours breakfast is at the hotel and dinners is at various restaurants or hotels.

Q. Should I carry dry snacks?

A: Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

Q. What is the cost of a local meal?

A: On an average local meal costs about £15-£20 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

Miscellaneous

A:

Q. Will I travel with people from other countries?

A: Sonatours have offices in Kenya, India, USA and UK. The beauty of taking a guided holiday with us is you'll have the opportunity to meet and travel with people from all over the globe.

Q. Is there a tour director on the tour?

A: Escorted tours are accompanied by professional tour director/local guides throughout the tour. It may be necessary that your Tour Director may change whilst on tour; this is usually due to operational reasons or utilizing local guides for their wealth of experience.

Please ensure you provide your mobile number that you will be carrying with you while on the tour when making the booking. This facilitates the tour director to contact you should the needs arise while on the tour.

If minimum number of passengers has not been achieved, we will have a local guide. Sonatours provides services of local tour guides to make sure you will get an unforgettable experience.

Q. How many people will be on my trip?

A: Average group size are between 15 to 50 passengers but it may vary from departures to departures.

Q. Are tips included?

A: On all our group tours, only tips for the driver are included. However, should you wish to tip separately to driver and tour

manager, you are welcome to do so at your discretion.

Q. When does my day start?

A: The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day or when having an early flight.

Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the tour?

A: This tour involves a substantial amount of walking (normally 6 to 8 hours a day, not all at one stretch).

Q. Will I have free time?

A: Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?

A: Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour manager/Local guide for assistance.

Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?

A: Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

Electricity supply is 230 volts; uses C-2 round pins, European Style



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