



IRDYK YURT CAMP

<i>Location</i>	<i>Kyrgyzstan, Tien-Shan, Terskei Ala-Too Range</i>
<i>Starting and ending points</i>	<i>Bishkek city</i>
<i>Duration</i>	<i>8 days, 7 nights</i>
<i>Season</i>	<i>January - March</i>
<i>Altitude</i>	<i>2300-3600 meters</i>
<i>Walking</i>	<i>about 70 km</i>
<i>Automobile</i>	<i>about 800 km</i>

A cozy yurt camp spreads in a quiet and remote corner of Kyrgyzstan at 2,300 meters above sea level. Only a snowmobile or skis can take you to the camp.

Yurta is a conventional Kyrgyz felt house inherited from the nomadic tribes and included into UNESCO heritage list. All yurtas are fabricated manually. Several white yurtas of the Irdyk camp are installed in a beautiful clearing of the fir forest in a close proximity to a crystal stream. These premises, which also include dining yurt, sauna and toilet facilities, ideally harmonize with the Kyrgyz mountains.

One-day backcountry tours start right at the yurt threshold. Two professional guides escort the traveler in the tour and ensure his safety en route. Two valleys stretching in the same direction offer a variety of ski and split board tracks. It is very important to use a split board, because snowshoes do not perform well on the Issyk-Kul snow. These valleys have both gentle hills for the free-ride beginners and steep slopes for the advanced skiers. It is also possible to ski through a vast forest zone. On top, the natural relief offers to the amateurs of extreme practices downhill skiing between the rocks.

In the evening, the traveler returns to the comfortable yurt heated from inside by a wood driven stove. All yurts are equipped with 4 beds, electrical lighting and receptacles for charging your electronic devices. Before you take-off your boots, a friendly team of the camp personnel offers you barbecue and beer, and later a professional cook prepare you a tasty dinner. After an exhausting frosty day, it is pleasant to warm yourself in a well-arranged sauna or simply wash out the sweat under warm water.

PROGRAM

Day 1. Airport "Manas" (Bishkek) - Karakol city - Irdyk yurt camp

Automobile 430 km, 7-8 hours

Altitude 600-2300 m

Meeting at the airport "Manas" in Bishkek. Transfer to Karakol on a comfortable car - about 6-7 hours (450km). Upon arrival, a lunch is served in one of the national restaurants followed by a transfer to the forester's house in the Irdyk gorge. This place stays only 5 km away from our camp. We pass this way on the skins. At this time, your luggage will be delivered to the camp by snowmobile.

Day 2-6. Ski tour activities

Walking 10-20 km

Altitude 2300-3600 m

After breakfast, experienced guides will accompany you to one of the skiing zones. The guides provide an avalanche safety and narrate succinct stories about the traveling places. The group advances to the top destination of the day. Lunch on the slopes (fruit, sandwiches, hot tea) taken from the dining yurt. There, the group makes one or more descents above the forest zone and then moves down the mountain. At the lower level, the group also makes one or more descents in the forest zone, and in the evening returns to the camp. Here is with barbecue, beer, sauna and dinner.

Day 7. Irdyk camp - Bishkek city

Skiing 5 km, 30 min

Automobile 430 km, 7-8 hours

Altitude 2300-800 m

After breakfast, luggage is to be packed and ready for shipment down the hill on the snowmobile. The group descends on the skies and gets to the forester's house in 30 minutes. From the forester's house, a car takes us to Bishkek, where we spend the night in the hotel.

Day 8. Departure from Bishkek city

Automobile 30 km, 1hour

Transfer to the Airport.

Important:

You should have insurance coverage for 30,000 US Dollars. The insurance should cover injured transportation.

Guides decide on the Avalanche risk levels and choose the route of ascent and descent.

Necessary equipment:

- Skis with ski tour bindings and skins / Splitboard;
- avalanche equipment - transceiver, probe, shovel;
- backpack 20-30 liters;
- Warm skiing suit;
- warm gloves and a hat;
- sunglasses;
- ski mask;
- sunscreen SPF 25-50;
- thermos.

Some ski-touring and avalanche equipment is available for rent.

Current price please find on website: <http://mountainskytravel.com>

Included:

- Pick-up at the airport;
- Hotel accommodation in Bishkek 1 night;
- Accommodation in the Yurt camp (4-person yurt) 6 nights;
- Full board;
- Mountain guide during the whole program;
- All transfers according to the program;
- All permits and entrance fees according to the program.

Excluded:

- International flights;
- Rental ski and avalanche equipment;
- Personal expenses;
- Change program;
- Insurance.