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Travelling with
Kim Veltman

KHAN TENGRI

THE HOLY MOUNTAIN

Master of Tien Shan spirits



Bishkek – Lake Issyk-Kul – foothill of Khan Tengri – Charyn Canyon – Almaty

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Dear friends

In the summer I go on a trip to the legendary Khan Tengri mountain and invite you to join me.

Religions are typically linked with holy mountains: e.g. Mount Olympus in Greece as the home of the Greek Gods or Mount Kailash in Tibet as sacred to Hinduism, Buddhism and the Bon religion. Khan Tengri in Kyrgistan is especially fascinating because it is associated with Tengrism, described as the oldest religion of the world.

Tengri was the presiding deity of this religion. The one God, beneficent and all-knowing, the all-father of our world. The ancient Turks believed that their supreme deity is able to live only on the top of the world. And for them, this peak of Khan Tengri was exactly such a place. Kazakhs and Kyrgyzs call this mountain Kan-Too (in the Turkic languages "Kan" means blood and "Too" - mountain): under the reddish sunset rays, the upper part of the mountain peak of pink granite becomes almost red, and the shadows of clouds passing by create a semblance of red streams flowing down. I can't wait to enjoy this incredible view to open before us in one of the base camps, where we will stay for the night.

You will never forget this 7,000-metre giant if you saw how at dusk and dawn Khan engri flames with imperial red color - the only mountain seen among other peaks immersed in the darkness of the Central Tien Shan.

The sun is the first to greet the peak and the last one to bid farewell to it - one more stroke to the mystical aura of the sacred peak of the Turks.

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“Lord of the sky” - this is how the ancient Turks called one of the highest peaks of the Tien Shan massif - the 7,000-metre peak of Khan Tengri, located at the junction of three states: Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and China.



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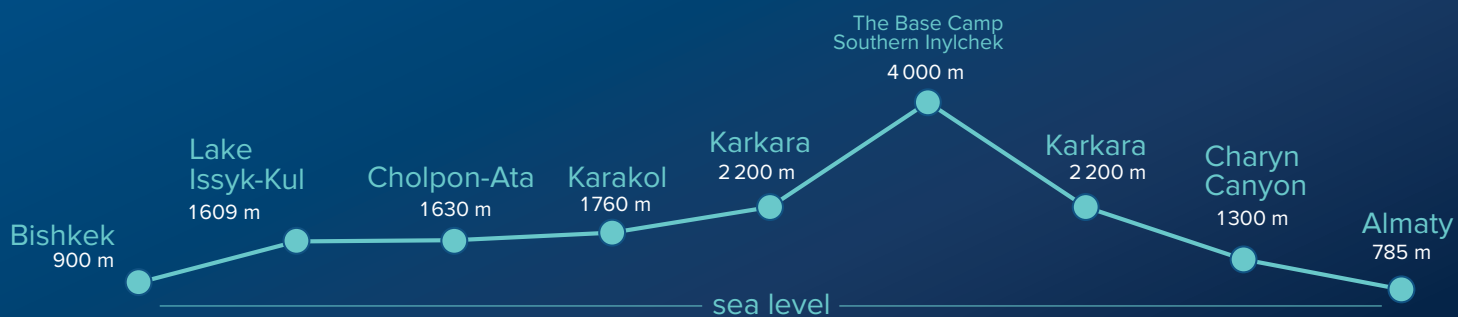
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KAZAKHSTAN



KYRGYSTAN

CHINA



ROUTE MILESTONES:

TRAVEL PROGRAM

Bishkek → Cholpon-Ata (Lake Issyk-Kul) →
→ Karakol → Karkara base camp →
→ Engilchek Glacier base camp (foothill of Khan Tengri) →
→ Karkara base camp → Charyn Canyon → Almaty

DAY 1 August 6

Departure from Moscow:

August 6, 7:40, Sheremetyevo International Airport

Arrival to Bishkek: August 6, 14:50,

Manas International Airport. Transfer to the hotel.

DAY 2 August 7

Transfer (~ 5 hours) from the hotel to Cholpon-Ata - a resort town located on the shore of Lake Issyk-Kul which is called the “second Baikal”.

The mountain air, pristine nature and thermal springs give a healing effect and in summer you can swim in crystal clear water. Hotel check-in.

DAY 3 August 8

Transfer (~ 6 hours) to Karkara base camp in Kargaly ravine. Lunch underway. Stop on the way in the conservation park with a grave and a memorial of the great Russian traveler N. M. Przhevalsky. Stay in two-man tents.





TRAVEL PROGRAM

DAY 4

August 9

MI-8 helicopter flight from the Karkara base camp to the Engilchek Glacier base camp (elevation 4 000 m). We will fly over the dazzling landscapes of Tien Shan. Green fields with low hills will smoothly change into the snow-covered peaks of high mountains of the Engilchek Glacier. From the height you will see a view of the “mystical” Merzbacher mountain lake. At the end of summer, the surface of the lake is a watery surface, above which masses of icebergs rise. Ice blocks sometimes lazily turn over, thawing under the scorching rays of the sun, sometimes crumbling into the water with a loud splash. And some time later, the picture changes: from the coastal edge of the lake one can see a mud bottom littered with blocks of ice. Stay in two-man tents. From here, from the Engilchek Glacier base camp, we will see the highest peaks: Jengish Chokusu and Khan Tengri.

DAY 5

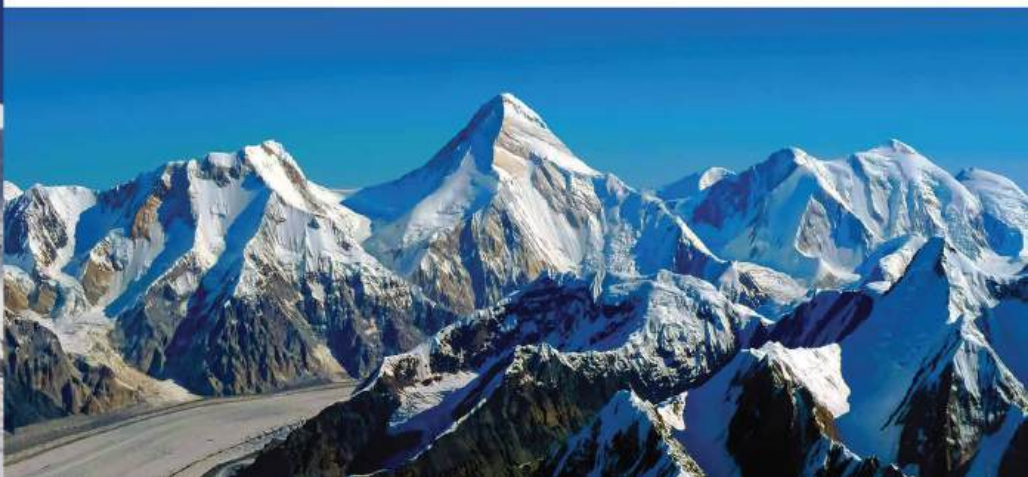
August 10

A walk from the base camp to the foot of Khan Tengri peak.

DAY 6

August 11

Return by helicopter to Karkara base camp. Stay in two-man tents.



DAY 7

August 12

Transfer to Almaty early in the morning (500 km, ~13-14 hours) On the way we will visit the Charyn Canyon - a unique monument of nature, where, under the influence of thousands of years of weathering of sedimentary rocks, peculiar relief forms have formed - remnants in the form of isolated mountains, pillars, giant columns, towers, chapels. The canyon length is 150 km. Hotel check-in in Almaty.



DAY 8

August 13

Auto-walking tour of Almaty. We will visit the main attractions of the largest metropolis of Kazakhstan, climb the cable car to the Medeu high-altitude sports complex, will see the central mosque.

DAY 9

August 14

Departure from Almaty: August 14, 16:20. Arrival to Moscow: August 14, 18:20, Sheremetyevo International Airport.

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