

PROGRAMMA for 2 night /3 days

Day 1 .10.00AM Kazakh-kirgiz border /name -Chaldovar /meet and transfer to Taraz/200 km/

Taraz is one of the oldest cities in Kazakhstan, the remains of which are hidden under the buildings of the modern city. Taraz, the ancient and the largest commercial and administrative center on the Silk Way in VII - VIII centuries, is dating back more than 2,000 years. There are more than 70 monuments of archaeology, history, architecture and monumental art in Taraz and surrounding area .

Sightseeing at:

-at **History Museum** with collection of Balbals, Karakhan and Dautbek Mausoleum, Tekturmas Historical Complex.

-**Aisha Bibi Mausoleum** - a unique monument of medieval architecture of XI-XII centuries the only monument not only in Kazakhstan, but in the Central Asia, which is entirely decorated by terracotta and included in the UNESCO list of the most valuable historical and architectural monuments of mankind. Lunch at local café.

Transfer to **Aksu-Zhabagly Reserve /100km/**.Accommodation 1 night in guesthouse 1DBL/FB/ Dinner .Overnight.



Day 2 . Aksu-Zhabagly Reserve - Shymkent

Breakfast . Aksu-Zhabagly is the oldest natural reserve in Kazakhstan, located at the spurs of the Western Tien-Shan Mountains at an altitude from 1000 to 4280 meters above sea level The reserve is a rich treasury of rare, endangered and endemic species of animals and plants. It is home for argali and ibex, deer and roe deer, lynx and snow leopards, wolves, foxes, bears, porcupines and ermines. Bearded vultures, griffons and golden eagles are flying high in **the sky**...

Visit: canyon Aksu . /Lunchbox/. Transfer to Shymkent/100 km/to 4* Hotel Grand Shymkent .

Day 3 . Shymkent - Otrar Settlement - Turkestan - Shymkent

8:00AM Departure to Otrar Settlement (220 km).).Otrar is the city where medieval philosopher and scientist Al-Farabi was born and lived. Otrar settlement was founded in IV century BC. This center of trade and craftsmanship was the main point of the caravan routes between Eastern Europe and China. The remains of the citadel and other large buildings, as well as the main gate and rabad, covering an area of about 10 square kilometers, have survived to the present days. Visit:

-**archaeological site of the ancient settlement of Otrar.**

-**Arystan-Bab Mausoleum (teacher and spiritual mentor of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi.**

Transfer to Turkestan (70 km).Turkestan was founded around 500 AD at the crossroads of caravan routes from Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva in northern Kazakhstan.

The city was known as the spiritual and political center of the Turkic-speaking people in the XVI-XVIII centuries, and was the capital of the Kazakh Khanate. **Visit:**

- "**Azret-Sultan**" **historical and architectural complex, Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi** (Necropolis, a fragment of the fortress wall, citadel with gates, Hammam, Hilvet underground mosque).

Transfer to Shymkent (170 km). Overnight in Shymkent . 4* Hotel Grand Shymkent

Or transfer to railway station . **Departure to Almaty. Night in train.**

**Tour Price :(per pax): - on request,
depends on the number of people in the group and the kinds of transport**

Include:

1 transfer: to the border to Taraz

Transport – **2days**

Transport inside at the territory of Reserve-**1 day**

Accommodation : in Shymkent -1night 1sing/BB/+ 1night in guesthouse 1DBL/FB/

All excursions ;

-The English speaking guide - **3days**

-Entrance fee to the museums and Reserve

- Mineral Water per liter per person per day

Not include:

-Medical personal insurance;

-train ticket: Shymkent-Almaty

-Any personal expenses not included in the above itinerary