

OPERATIONAL RESOURCES

Sample Itinerary Structures

How we build programs, with four ready-to-adapt examples from a short Almaty break to a multi-country Central Asia journey.

01 How we structure a program

Built around the flights

Day 1 and the last day follow the actual arrival and departure times. If flights are not known yet, we plan for the most likely routing from your market and ask you to confirm.

Standard hotel times

Check-in from 14:00, check-out by 12:00. Early check-in and late check-out are not included and are available on request.

Transport sized to people and luggage

The vehicle is chosen by group size and number of suitcases (business class usually means two per person). Extra luggage may need an extra vehicle.

Realistic days

We check distances, road conditions, opening days and seasonal closures, and keep driving times reasonable for the age and pace of the group.

Arrival and departure days

Arrival time	Day 1 plan
Night or early morning	Meet & greet, luggage stored at the hotel, program during the day, check-in at standard time
12:00 – 17:00	Transfer, check-in, short orientation walk
After 18:00	Transfer and dinner
Departure time	Last day plan
Before 08:00	Transfer 3–3.5 hours before the flight, breakfast box, no program
08:00 – 14:00	Breakfast and transfer only
After 14:00	Check-out at 12:00, luggage stored, program, transfer
Late night (22:00 – 03:00)	Check-out at 12:00, day program, dinner, transfer (day-use room on request)

Sample A · Almaty, Charyn & Kolsai Lakes

5 days / 4 nights

Kazakhstan

April – October

FIT & groups

Our best-selling short program: a modern city, a canyon and alpine lakes in one easy loop from Almaty.

DAY 1 Arrival in Almaty

Meet & greet at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 2 Charyn Canyon – Kaindy Lake – Saty

Early departure to Charyn Canyon and a walk through the Valley of Castles. Continue to Kaindy Lake with its sunken forest. Overnight in a family guest house in Saty village or a lakeside resort.

DAY 3 Kolsai Lake – Almaty

Morning walk along the first Kolsai lake. Return to Almaty in the afternoon.

DAY 4 Shymbulak, Medeu & Almaty city

Cable car to Shymbulak with Tian Shan views, stop at Medeu. Afternoon city tour: Panfilov Park, Zenkov Cathedral, Green Bazaar. Evening on Kok-Tobe hill.

DAY 5 Departure

Free time and transfer to the airport according to the flight.

Sample B · Classic Silk Road of Uzbekistan

7 days / 6 nights

Uzbekistan

March – June, September – November

Culture & heritage

Three great Silk Road cities connected by high-speed train, with an optional extension to Khiva.

DAY 1 Arrival in Tashkent

Meet & greet, transfer and check-in. Depending on arrival time, an introductory walk.

DAY 2 Tashkent – Samarkand

Morning tour of Tashkent: old town, Chorsu Bazaar, metro stations. Afternoon high-speed train to Samarkand.

DAY 3 Samarkand

Full day: the Registan, Gur-e-Amir, Bibi-Khanym Mosque and Shah-i-Zinda.

DAY 4 Samarkand – Bukhara

Morning free or paper-mill visit, then train to Bukhara. Evening walk around Lyabi-Hauz.

DAY 5 Bukhara

Full day in the historic centre: the Ark, Poi-Kalyan, trading domes and madrasahs.

DAY 6 Bukhara – Tashkent

Free morning, train back to Tashkent. Farewell dinner.

DAY 7 Departure

Transfer to the airport according to the flight.

Extension: flight or train to Urgench for 1–2 nights in Khiva, or overland continuation to Turkmenistan.

Sample C · Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan: Mountains and Lakes

8 days / 7 nights

Kazakhstan · Kyrgyzstan

May – September

Nature & culture

Two countries in one open-jaw route: arrive in Almaty, depart from Bishkek.

DAY 1 Arrival in Almaty

Meet & greet and transfer to the hotel.

- DAY 2 Almaty & Shymbulak**
City tour and cable car to Shymbulak; evening at Kok-Tobe.
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- DAY 3 Charyn Canyon – Kaindy – Saty**
Canyon walk and the sunken forest of Kaindy; overnight in Saty.
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- DAY 4 Kolsai Lake – Almaty**
Morning at Kolsai Lake, return to Almaty.
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- DAY 5 Almaty – Korday – Bishkek**
Drive to the Korday border (hand-over to our Kyrgyz team on the other side) and on to Bishkek.
Afternoon city tour.
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- DAY 6 Bishkek – Burana – Issyk-Kul**
Burana Tower on the way to the northern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul. Overnight in Cholpon-Ata.
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- DAY 7 Issyk-Kul – Bishkek**
Cholpon-Ata petroglyphs and an eagle hunting demonstration, return to Bishkek.
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- DAY 8 Departure**
Transfer to Manas airport.

Summer variant: from Kolsai cross at Karkara (seasonal) directly to Karakol and the eastern shore of Issyk-Kul.

Sample D · Grand Central Asia

12 days / 11 nights

Kazakhstan · Kyrgyzstan · Uzbekistan · Tajikistan (optional)

May – June, September – October

Multi-country

The region in one journey: mountains of the Tian Shan and the cities of the Silk Road.

- DAY 1 Arrival in Almaty**
Meet & greet and transfer.
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- DAY 2 Almaty & Shymbulak**
City tour, cable car, Kok-Tobe.
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- DAY 3 Charyn – Kaindy – Saty**
Canyon and sunken forest; overnight in Saty.
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- DAY 4 Kolsai – Almaty**
Morning at the lake, return to Almaty.
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- DAY 5 Almaty – Bishkek**
Overland via Korday; afternoon in Bishkek.
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- DAY 6 Ala-Archa & Bishkek**
Morning walk in Ala-Archa gorge, afternoon at the Osh Bazaar.
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- DAY 7 Bishkek – Tashkent**
Flight to Tashkent; city tour.
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- DAY 8 Tashkent – Samarkand**
High-speed train; first walk to the Registan.
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DAY 9 Seven Lakes (Tajikistan) or Samarkand

Optional day trip via Penjikent to the Seven Lakes (subject to nationality and season), or a full day in Samarkand.

DAY 10 Samarkand – Bukhara

Train to Bukhara; evening walk.

DAY 11 Bukhara – Tashkent

Morning in Bukhara, train to Tashkent, farewell dinner.

DAY 12 Departure

Transfer to the airport.

These are indicative structures, not fixed products. Every program is tailor-made for your market, dates, flights and group profile and is quoted as a confidential net package. Send us your idea or your own program and we will check it day by day and adapt it.

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