

**Tour Product #6: Horse trek adventure Arslanbob to Toktogul**





**Destination:** Jalal – Abad Oblast

**Tour Name:** Horse trek adventure Arslanbob to Toktogul

**Duration:** 4 days, 3 night

**Trekking distance:** 83 km

**Max Elevation:** 3,185 meters

**Min Elevation:** 1,129 meters

**Total Elevation Gain/Loss:** 3937 m+ / 3840 m-

**Months Possible:** early June – mid September

**Start:** Arslanbob village

**End Point:** Kara Suu lake, National Park Alatai

**Difficulty:**

Easy	Moderate	Demanding	Difficult	Very difficult

**Description:**

Immerse yourself into the local life and nomadic culture on this easy to moderate 4-day horse trek. With an expert wrangler leading the way, ride along a winding mountainous trail through inspiring red rock hills, green valleys, and canyons inhabited by shepherd families.

**Note:** Requires arranging a driver for pick up

Days	Activities
Day 1	<p><b>Arslanbob to Kyzyl Unkur gorge, 7-8 hours</b></p> <p>Breakfast. Meet crew, a horseman will demonstrate the Asian horse-riding techniques. We ride out Arslanbob village, passing traditional houses built out of clay, each with its own blooming garden full of apples, apricot, and walnut. The houses are surrounded by fences fashioned from dry tree branches. We leave behind the Arslanbob village and ride through the walnut forest towards Kyzyl Unkur village. Four hours' riding will bring us to the Kyzyl Unkur village. Stop for lunch on riverbank. After lunch, continue riding further to overnight spot. We ride through the Otuzart gorge, unique with its incredibly beautiful red rock formations. We cross the river several times to arrive at the first camp. Dinner and overnight in a tent.</p> <p><b>Riding time:</b> 7-8 hours  <b>Riding Distance:</b> 27 km  <b>Max Elevation:</b> 1800 m  <b>Min Elevation:</b> 1229 m  <b>Total Gain/Loss:</b> +829 m / - 1000  <b>Campsite:</b> N41° 24.306' E73° 09.357'</p>
Day 2	<p><b>Kyzyl Unkur – Otuz Art summer pasture</b></p> <p>This morning's trek follows the path of the Otuzart river. We cross the river and continue through the juniper and apple forest on steep trail. In the valley, we are likely to encounter cows and sheep, accompanied by shepherds on horseback. Continue riding in an impressive wild landscape with unusual rock formations. After lunch, ride to the campsite. Overnight in a tent.</p> <p><b>Riding Time:</b> 6-7 hours  <b>Riding Distance:</b> 21 km  <b>Max Elevation:</b> 2314 m  <b>Min Elevation:</b> 1440 m  <b>Total Gain/Loss:</b> +1465 m / - 590  <b>Campsite:</b> N41° 27.729' E73° 19.516'</p>
Day 3	<p><b>Otuz Art summer pasture to Kapka Tash lake over Belmonchok pass</b></p> <p>Today we will begin our ascent of Belmonchok Pass(3,185m). Follow the trail in a very narrow rocky gorge used by local shepherds to move their livestock up to alpine meadows. At some point, we get off our horse and walk the trail for our safety. Here on the top of the pass the mountain air is sweet, and the views are amazing. We continue our riding downhill along the gushing stream to our campsite at the bank of the alpine lake Kapka-Tash. We enjoy wonderful views of the lake with picturesque landscapes, flocks</p>

	<p>of sheep and cattle grazing on the shore. Overnight: Tented camp</p> <p><b>Riding Time:</b> 5-6 hours</p> <p><b>Riding Distance:</b> 12 km</p> <p><b>Max Elevation:</b> 3185 m</p> <p><b>Min Elevation:</b> 2304 m</p> <p><b>Total Gain/Loss:</b> +933 m / - 939</p> <p><b>Campsite:</b> N41° 31.040' E73° 20.813'</p>
Day 4	<p><b>Kapka Tash lake to Kara Suu lake</b></p> <p>Today we mostly ride along these turquoise alpine lakes of Alatai National Park. After short riding we leave behind the Kapka Tash lake and the trail then drops steeply down along the gushing river, passing a couple of shepherd's camps, we then reach the Kara-Suu lake. The Kara –Suu Lake is 6.5 km long, around 3 hours of riding from one end to another. During the ride we enjoy wonderful views of the lake beautified with juniper and spruce trees, flocks of sheep and cows grazing on the slopes. Lunch on the shore of the lake. After lunch, continue riding towards pick up point. Farewell with the crew. Transfer to Toktogul village. Night in a homestay.</p> <p><b>Riding Time:</b> 6-7 hours</p> <p><b>Riding Distance:</b> 21 km</p> <p><b>Max Elevation:</b> 2386 m</p> <p><b>Min Elevation:</b> 1688 m</p> <p><b>Total Gain/Loss:</b> +687 m / - 1305</p>