

Tour Product #1: Into the lap of nature on horseback



Destination: Sary Chelek Nature Reserve, Jalal – Abad Oblast

Tour Name: Into the lap of nature on horseback

Duration: 4 days 3 nights

Trekking distance: 59 km

Max Elevation: 2.659 meters

Min Elevation: 1,140 meters

Total Elevation Gain/Loss: 2941m+ / 3618m-

Months Possible: June – early September

Start / End Point: Kyzyl Kol village

Physical rating:

Easy	Moderate	Demanding	Difficult	Very difficult

Description:

Explore the hidden beauties of Sary Chelek Nature Reserve on these four days horse trek. Hike along the green meadows and in the raspberry valleys. Enjoy the mountain views with numerous alpine lakes laying beneath the hills.

Days	Activities
Day 1	Kyzylkol village to Kara Kamysh Lake Breakfast, followed by a briefing and choosing horses. Setting off northwards to Kara-Suu Gorge, crossing

	<p>the river by wooden bridges. The gorge becomes rather narrow and the slopes are covered with a beautiful silver fir forest. Further on the track passes below a waterfall and then climbs over a pass to Kara-Suu Lake (1,800 m). Lunch on the shore of the lake. After lunch, our riding continues along the river with evergreen trees towering on both mountain hills of the valley. The view of amazing Muztour peaks are welcoming you into its lap. While riding, you can spot raspberry fruits surrounding evergreen trees. The locals spend their summer here caring their beehives and making honey for income. We camp near the shepherd's</p> <p>Riding time: 6-7 hours Riding Distance: 23 km Max Elevation: 1965 m Min Elevation: 1790 m Total Gain/Loss: +1397 m / - 570 m Campsite (1944 m): N41° 57.468' E71° 58.745'</p>
Day 2	<p>To the northern head of the Sary Chelek Lake over Makmal Pass</p> <p>Breakfast. We cross the river and head towards the Makmal Pass standing at 2651 m. Our trail passes by shepherd's pastures. Experience the local life while riding through their camps. Do not refuse if you are invited for a tea. Right at the foot of the pass begins the grassland producing fragrant scents. Grazing livestock around these lands. Arrival at the Makmal Pass and be rewarded with fascinating views of towering peaks of Muztor Mountains. Desend the pass through the grasslands growing to human height towards the valley. Ride in this valley beautified with Tian Shan evergreen trees and a crystal-clear river running into Sary Chelek Lake. Arrival at the lake shore and set your camps here. Spend the rest of the evening enjoying the stunning view of the lake.</p> <p>Riding time: 5-6 hours Riding Distance: 12 km Max Elevation: 2658 m Min Elevation: 1874 m Total Gain/Loss: +762 m / - 831 m Campsite (1882 m): N41° 55.019' E71° 55.985'</p>
Day 3	<p>To Iri Kol lake over Ashuu Pass</p> <p>After breakfast, we ascend the pass on a steep trail. Nice riding through the twenty-meter-high evergreen trees shadowing the trail to cool you. Observe the different type of flowers decorating the hills. At some point, we get off our horse and walk the trail for our safety. Two hours ascending will bring us to the top. Get the bird's eye view of Sary Chelek Nature Reserve. A look of awe gets you by the scenic views of embracing mountains, towering peaks, and lush valleys. Descend the pass to the valley full of raspberry bushes. The valley leads us to the walnut forest. We arrive at our campsite at Irikol lake. Overnight.</p> <p>Riding time: 7-8 hours Riding Distance: 22 km</p>

	Max Elevation: 2611 m Min Elevation: 1494 m Total Gain/Loss: +1427 m / - 1374 m Campsite (1942 m): N41° 51.198' E72° 00.371'
Day 4	To Kyzylkol village through a walnut forest After breakfast, we head on to Kyzylkol village where we started our horse trek. Ride along the wall-nut forests and lush valleys. Riding under a shadow of towering walnut trees feels as if you are in a jungle of Amazon. You can also spot local people making hay in the open fields. Overnight and dinner in a homestay. Riding time: 4-5 hours Riding Distance: 16 km Max Elevation: 1,949 m Min Elevation: 1,151 m Total Gain/Loss: +395 m / - 1172 m