



A DESTINATION WORTH EXPLORING

**KARAKOL - YOUR GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE,
CULTURE, AND CUISINE!**



WELCOME TO KARAKOL

A town that has long been considered the gateway to the natural wonders of the Tien Shan Mountains and Lake Issyk-Kul. Its unique location and stunning history have, over time, turned it into one of the most cultural and culinary destinations in Kyrgyzstan. Karakol is a town full of secrets, which it is ready to share with you and tell its wonderful story.

Content

Trekking and hiking

Jergalan- Jety-Oguz	6
The Pearl Ala-Kul lake	8
On-Tor's Loop	10
Challenging Conquest of Tian-Shan Mountains	12

Winter Tours & Activities

Kyrgyz Fairytale	16
Issyk-Kul Winter Kayaking	18
Ecotrek Winter Yurt Camp	20
Boz Uchuk Yurt Lodge	22
Cross-country Skiing	24
Winter Sports in Jyrgalan	26
"Karakol" ski base	28

Cultural tours and Entertainment events

Astro Tour Karakol	32
Karakol Sunset Cruise	34
Dungan Cultural Dinner	36
Dungan Village Visit & Family Dinner	38
Dungan Cooking Class	40
Karakol Walking Tour	42

Hiking and Trekking

Explore the mountains of Kyrgyzstan from the most scenic points

Kyrgyzstan's mountains are one of the largest in Central Asia, and your trip would be incomplete without a hike in the Tien Shan Mountains. We invite you to experience the beauty of hiking with one of our tours. Visiting places which are often accessible only on foot, you will learn about the flora and fauna while enjoying the fabulous nature, alpine lakes, colorful rocks, waterfalls, cold and fresh streams and mountain rivers.

Hikes range from 2-3 day easy hikes to multi-day more challenging ones. Every adventurer will find the best option for themselves, matching their preferences.

We know how to meet our guests! That is why, together with our partners we provide the best service to make your trip safe, memorable, stress-free and without stress and anxiety. If you want to change some itineraries in your chosen tour, you can contact our team online or visit our office in Karakol. We will do everything possible to develop the best itinerary for you according to your wishes.

In connection with COVID-19 to ensure the safety of its guests Karakol Destination and its members comply with all sanitary rules and regulations.

Note: By choosing us, you are helping to develop tourism in Karakol and the region. Our members and partners provide all tours. We do not add a commission to the tours. A significant part of the earnings from these tours goes to support Destination Karakol and its work as a social enterprise that participates in community activities and supports tourism development in the city. Thank you!





Tracks around Karakol

Immerse yourself in the Tien Shan Mountains

Karakol is surrounded by stunning natural scenery.

Turquoise waters of alpine lakes give way to shimmering glaciers and lush mountain pastures, passes and valleys. The snow-capped peaks of the Terskei - Ala-Too reach more than 5,000 meters, giving desperate hikers a glimpse of the skies. Hiking enthusiasts will learn that some of the best mountain trails in Kyrgyzstan originate in Karakol, and for everyone has something different - the trails are designed for every skill level, different lengths, and for every season. You can find a trek that meets your desires - from day hikes in coniferous forests close to town to seven-day hikes up to Karakol Peak (at 5,216 meters). Even better, if you're already planning a hike, it means you're already ahead of many others:

Nevertheless, Karakol is still an undiscovered market, and you will be one of the first hikers to hike hundreds of miles of marked trails in the region, some of which have only recently been developed and open to hikers.

You have the opportunity to hike unexplored trails region, as fewer and fewer hikers are choosing individual tour that you will remember for many, many years to come. Leaving the city of Karakol, you can enjoy the vast open landscape, where you will almost never see other people, except for a few shepherds and, their herds, of course. An unprecedented combination of unspoiled beauty and magnificent scenery and the huge range of trails makes this region simply unique.

• JYRGALAN- ALTYN-ARASHAN- JETI OGUZ •

Trekking



JETI OGUZ

JYRGALAN



Tour Highlights:

- Cross high pass around **4000 m**
- Take best landscape pictures of Ala-Kul lake at altitude of **3533 m**
- Overnight in traditional yurt
- Get relaxation in hot springs of Altyn-Arashan valley
- Visit the rugged valley Jeti-Oguz
- Stay in a famous camp Sirota

TOUR DETAILS

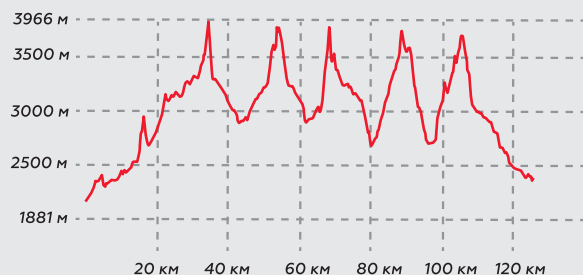
Difficulty: 

Frequency: End of June - October

Duration: 9 days

Distance: 126 km

EVEVATION CHART



Graph: Min, Avg, Max; **Elevation:** 1881, 2939, 3966 m;
Distance: 126 km; **Elev.Gain/Loss:** 8592 m, - 8337 m;
Max Slope: 47.6%, -59.2%; Avg Slope 12.0% -11.5%

This tour is offered by Visit Karakol Tour Company. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

От: * 1565€

*цены могут меняться в зависимости от курса и количества людей



• THE PEARL ALA-KUL LAKE •

Trekking



Tour Highlights:

- Cross high pass around **4000 m**
- Visit Ala-Kul Lake
- The easiest tour to Ala-kul lake
- Enjoy the scenic views
- Get relaxation in hot springs of Altyn-Arashan valley

TOUR DETAILS

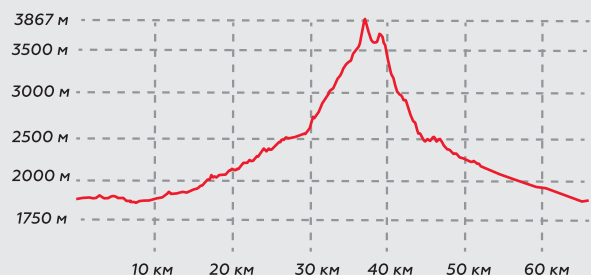
Difficulty: 

Frequency: June-September

Duration: 4 days

Distance: Total 65.8 km
(Walking part 39km)

EVEEATION CHART



Graph: Min, Avg, Max; **Elevation:** 1750, 2305, 3867 m;
Distance: 65.8 km; **Elev.Gain/Loss:** 2749 m, - 2751 m;
Max Slope: 47.3%, -48.4%; Avg Slope 7.6% -7.3%

This tour is offered by Visit Karakol Tour Company. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

От: * 797\$ USD

*Цены могут меняться в зависимости от курса и количества людей



• ON-TOR'S LOOP •

Trekking



Tour Highlights:

- View of Karakol Peak (**5216 m**) and glaciers
- Camping at Ala-Kol lake at altitude (**3532 m**)
- Enjoy resting in wild Arashan hot-springs
- Opportunity to stay in a traditional Kyrgyz yurt
- Extremely picturesque views of Altyn Arashan
- Take a city-tour upon arrival to Karakol

TOUR DETAILS

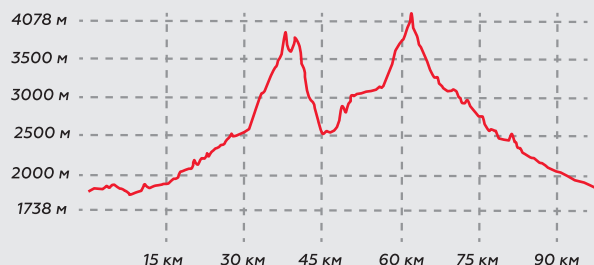
Difficulty: 

Frequency: July - September

Duration: 6 days

Distance: Total 95 km
(Walking part 70 km)

EVEVATION CHART



Graph: Min, Avg, Max; **Elevation:** 1738, 2591, 4078 m;
Distance: 98.0 km; **Elev.Gain/Loss:** 4662 m, - 4663 m;
Max Slope: 38.8%, -47.8%; Avg Slope 8.2% -8.6%

This tour is offered by Visit Karakol Tour Company. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

От: * 1342\$ USD

*Цены могут меняться в зависимости от курса и количества людей



• CHALLENGING CONQUEST OF TIAN-SHAN MOUNTAINS •

Trekking



KARAKOL



Tour Highlights:

- Cross high pass around **4000 m**
- Visit Ala-Kul Lake
- The easiest tour to Ala-kul lake
- Enjoy the scenic views
- Get relaxation in hot springs of Altyn-Arashan valley

TOUR DETAILS

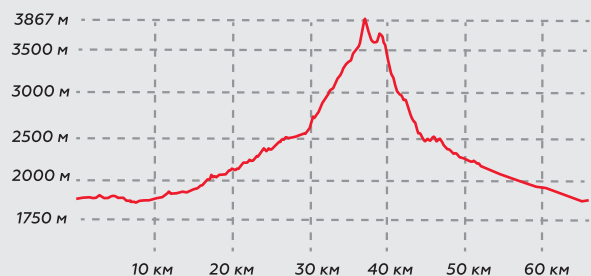
Difficulty: 

Frequency: June-September

Duration: 4 days

Distance: Total 65.8 km
(Walking part 39km)

EVEVATION CHART



Graph: Min, Avg, Max; **Elevation:** 1750, 2305, 3867 m;
Distance: 65.8 km; **Elev.Gain/Loss:** 2749 m, - 2751 m;
Max Slope: 47.3%, -48.4%; Avg Slope 7.6% -7.3%

This tour is offered by Visit Karakol Tour Company. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.



Winter Tours & Activities

Pure Kyrgyzstan Winter at its Best

Our winter activities and tours are a great opportunity to spend your vacation in the mountains and ski-resorts of Kyrgyzstan. There is so much to do in Karakol and surroundings during the winter season. Starting from the most popular winter activities, such as skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing to incredible journeys to the closest hot springs and yurt camps.

We have tours that are perfectly balanced with outdoor activities and cultural elements. During our tours, travelers will get an unforgettable experience, enjoy the best ski slopes with fresh and fluffy snow, soak in mineral hot springs, and discover the culture during family dinners and food activities. These tours are perfectly designed for people of any experience. If you have any questions regarding the itinerary, please do not hesitate to contact our team via e-mail or pay a visit Visitor Center (22 Gagarin Street, Karakol, next to Fat Cat Coffee Shop)

Note: By choosing us you help to develop tourism in Karakol and in the region. Our trusted members and partners offer all the tours. We do not add any commission to the tours. A significant part earned on these tours goes to supporting Destination Karakol and its work as a social enterprise that engages in community activities and in supporting tourism development in the city. Thank you!





• KYRGYZ FAIRYTALE •

Outdoor Tours & Activities

Explore the winter beauty of Kyrgyzstan's Terskey Ala-Too mountains on this loop tour around Issyk-Kol lake. Enjoy short hikes through red-rock canyons above the deep shimmering blue waters of Issyk Kol, explore idyllic wintry villages surrounded by forested slopes (with options to extend the tour for snowshoe hikes or ski days), sleep in a heated yurt tent high in the mountains underneath an unimaginably starry sky, and paddle a kayak across the still waters of Karakol Bay towards a horizon of snow-capped peaks. For keen photographers and travellers who want to see Kyrgyzstan in a new light, this tour is the perfect option to experience it all in short order.



Tour Highlights:

Unforgettable adventure!

- Combine unique cultural experiences and beautiful mountain landscapes with trips to local hot springs and rarely-visited viewpoints.
- Experience the diversity of the Issyk-Kol region's landscapes, from snowy pine forests to ruddy deserts and everything in between.
- Pack in the highlights of Issyk-Kol in the off-season, visiting all the most famous sites and scenery of the area with hardly another visitor in sight.

*Vegetarian menus are available upon request. Please inform of food allergies at the time of booking.

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Upon request
(year-round)

Duration 5 days



This tour is offered by Visit Karakol Tour Company As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

From: *27000 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• ISSYK-KUL WINTER KAYAKING •

Outdoor Tours & Activities

Paddle into adventure on Issyk Kul with our expert kayaking guides. Glide across the calm waters of Przhhevalsk Bay near Karakol and explore the varied landscapes along the lake shore with towering snow-capped peaks on every horizon. En route, learn about historical places critical to the history of the city and, with luck, spot migratory swans that spend much of the winter in these waters.



Tour Highlights:

Explore Winter Issyk-Kul!

- Half- or full-day adventures can be tailored to guests' preferences and fitness levels, to ensure the best experience for all participants.
- Special kayak skirts keep guests warm and dry, no matter the temperature outside.
- Even long-time fans of the Karakol region can see the area in a new light by experiencing it from water level for the first time.

*This tour can be offered at any time of the year. Prices will depend on the season. Please inquire for more details.

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Tour can be organized upon request (Please book at least 2 days in advance)

Duration 5 hours (including transportation)

Minimum Group Size 4 people (or upon special request)

This tour is offered by Karakol Tour Company. As a partner of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

From: *1500 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• ECOTREK WINTER YURT CAMP •

Outdoor Tours & Activities

Feel the beauty of winter in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan with a visit to the Jeti Oguz Valley. Popular year-round for the red cliffs and 'Broken Heart' formation, pushing further up the canyon to the pine-forested slopes of Kok Jaiyk opens up a world of winter wonder. Snowshoe up a 400m slope to panoramic views over Issyk-Kol lake and the surrounding peaks, cross-country ski up the gentle valley track to unrivalled views of 5020m Oguz Bashi Peak, or sit back and relax in our cozy yurt camp to feel the peaceful ambience and quiet of nature.



Yurt camp highlights:

- A variety of outdoor activities, self-guided or accompanied by our local experts, provide multiple ways to interact with and enjoy the beauty of winter in the mountains.
- Accessible by 4x4 vehicles year-round, EcoTrek's winter yurt camp is a perfect base for visitors of all fitness and skill levels.
- Bookings are inclusive of room and board, so all you need to focus on is how to best enjoy the mountains once you arrive.
- Great for weekend trips from Bishkek and Karakol, our team can also arrange transfers, so all you have to do is come and enjoy.

*Vegetarian menus are available upon request.
Please inform of food allergies at the time of booking.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Season Open year-round

Location Kok-Jayik valley (40 km from Karakol - 1.5 hour drive)

Capacity 1 yurt - 4 people



This yurt camp is owned by Ecotrek Travel Company. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

From: *1500 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• **BOZ UCHUK YURT LODGE** •

Outdoor Tours & Activities

Head far into the Kyrgyz backcountry for deep powder and untouched lines far away from the resort crowds – CBT Karakol's Winter Yurt Camp at Boz Uchuk is perfectly situated for carving fresh tracks down epic slopes by day and overnighting high in the mountains under the sparkling dome of the endless skies, fast asleep in a Kyrgyz yurt heated to stave off winter's chill.



About Yurt Camp:

Breathtaking Boz Uchuk!

- Skin up directly from camp to the nearest ridge for a quick run or push deeper up the Boz Uchuk Valley for longer routes that drop 800 meters or more of vert.
- Accessible only on foot or by horseback in winter, get off the grid and into the remote mountains of the Terskey Ala-Too range.
- Booking are inclusive of room and board, so all you need to focus on is where to ski and how many runs to make.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Frequency Open year-round*

Location Boz Uchuk valley
(40 km from Karakol - 1.5 hour drive)

Capacity 1 yurt - 8 people

This tour is offered by CBT Karakol. As a partner of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

From: *35\$USD

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING •

Outdoor Tours & Activities

Learn a life-long skill on your holiday – come with us for cross-country skiing lessons at a beautiful location just outside of Karakol city. Join our team of local trainers and enthusiastic students for a series of group lessons designed to introduce you to the sport of cross-country in the shortest amount of time, from the very basic fundamentals up to more advanced techniques that will empower you to explore new routes independently after the course is completed.



Tour Highlights:

Ski for a season, ski for a lifetime!

- Ease into the season with essential techniques that open up a new world of adventure on cross-country trails and simplifies the transition into downhill skiing for participants completely new to winter sports.
- Our beautiful mountain training ground just outside of Karakol combines the beauty of wintry mountains with easy access from the city.
- Equipment and transfers are all included in the course price, so you only need to focus on improving your technique based on our instructors' feedback.

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Lessons are provided upon request

Minimum Group Size 4 people (or upon special request*)

Location: Old Ski-base/ Karakol Gorge - Dendropark

This tour is offered by Youth Volunteer Organisation. As a partner of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

A portion of income from our tour goes to the organisation. By booking our tour you support social projects and the promotion of volunteerism among Karakol youth!

From: *450 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people and location



• WINTER SPORTS IN JYRGALAN •

Outdoor Tours & Activities

Explore Kyrgyzstan's premiere destination for freeride skiing and snowboarding.

Located just 60 km from Karakol, Jyrgalan's slopes and guesthouses are just far enough off-the-path from the main tourist circuit through the Issyk-Kul region that you're virtually guaranteed a relaxing and adventure-filled winter vacation.



Skiing and Snowboarding (Freeride and Backcountry)

“Backcountry, freeride, or off-piste — no matter what you call it, we have it. Just steps away from your guesthouse in Jyrgalan village is a snowy paradise for adventurous skiers and snowboarders. Awake to blue skies, bright sunshine, and seven mountain peaks offering challenges for any level of skier or snowboarder: beginner, moderate, experienced, advanced, and extreme.

Jyrgalan’s perfect combination of raw, natural beauty and countless miles of snowy terrain put this village on the map as Kyrgyzstan’s best destination for adventurous winter sports. Discover the backcountry routes preferred by locals, or rely on your own experience and instincts to find your own powder. Every guesthouse in the village can support your days on the slopes by offering hearty meals, advice, and technical support. Simply book a place to stay, contact the DMO for tour/gear support, and let us help you ski the best powder in Kyrgyzstan.”

Snowshoeing and Snowmobiling

While freeride skiing and snowboarding are arguably the most popular winter sports in Jyrgalan, there are a surprising number of other winter activities available. Locals and travelers alike love the fun of snowshoe and snowmobile adventures. That same powder that you enjoy on skis is also fun when you snowshoe to nearby local attractions such as Tulpar Tash, the Chunkur Tor Mountains, and the Eki Chat Valley.

Learn more at www.jyrgalan.com



• MOUNTAIN SKIING KARAKOL BASE •

Over 20 km of slopes can satisfy both the experienced skier, and a person who is conquering the slopes for the first time. There are a lot of things to do both for freeride lovers and for those who prefer to ski on Those who prefer to ski on well-groomed slopes.

The area is notable for wide spacious descents on There are a lot of spacious descents both in virgin terrain and on specially prepared slopes. Length of Each slope has different length: from 400 meters to 3.5 km. Most of the slopes Most of the trails go through pine forests.

Outdoor Tours & Activities



«The Karakol ski resort is located 400 km from the capital of Kyrgyzstan and is located at 3040 meters above sea level on the slopes of the Tien Shan Mountains. It is the most high-mountain skiing resort in Central Asia. It located about 30 minutes and 7 km from the city of Karakol».

There is also a heliport. There are all chairlifts and rope tow elevators, which will take you to some of the best slopes. The base is located in a picturesque place, surrounded by pine forest. Climate of this region in the climate in winter is mild due to favorable influence of the lake Issyk-Kul not freezing. You can ski at any altitude. The highest. point of skiing 3040m. The altitude difference is 740m, the minimum slope is 7%, and the maximum slope is 53%. With a panoramic peak views of the The panoramic peak offers views of the nearest 5000 meters high mountains and high-mountainous Lake Issyk-Kul.

«There are different types of ski slopes here, both for professionals, as well as for beginners. You can also hire instructors and rent You can also hire instructors and all kinds of equipment.»



Cultural tours and Entertainment events

The best way to explore Karakol.

« From the moment you arrive in Karakol, you'll find a range of sights, activities, and culinary experiences at your fingertips. Start your day visiting a local bakery on our Bread Making Tour, discover the city's secrets with our Free Karakol Walking Tour or uncover its fascinating multicultural culinary history on the Karakol Food Crawl, visit a nearby village to taste traditional Dungan cuisine or enjoy making your own HoGo during a cultural dinner, spend an evening to share a meal as a friend during Kyrgyz or Uyghur Dinner Experiences or end your evening with a relaxing sunset cruise on Lake Issyk-Kul.

Our friendly, knowledgeable guides will connect you to the local pace of life while enthusiastically sharing with you the best parts of their city. With their expertise, you will leave Karakol with a deeper appreciation for the city's mosques and museums, markets and bazaars, and unique multicultural heritage and cuisines. No matter why you're visiting Karakol, you won't want to leave without seeing why travelers and locals alike now name Karakol as Kyrgyzstan's best tourist destination.»

Note: By choosing us you help to develop tourism in Karakol and the region in general. A significant part earned on these tours goes to supporting Destination Karakol and its work as a social enterprise that engages in community activities and in supporting tourism development in the city. Thank you!





• ASTRO TOUR KARAKOL •

Explore the wonders of the galaxy on an evening tour out of the city, where your guide will introduce you to the most important celestial bodies and constellations and explain the formative legends that have carried these stories across human history. Enjoy the clear skies of a cold winter night, kept warm by a hot cup of coffee or tea, while you use our telescope to get a close-up view of the heavens with us.

**Cultural tours and
Entertainment events**



Tour Highlights:

Explore the Galaxy!

- «Explore the night sky during telescope viewing sessions from an ideal viewpoint on the shore of Lake Issyk-Kul.
- Learn more about your own zodiac sign and, if the stars align, see it shining high in the sky above.
- Hear stories and legends from an array of global cultures, and imagine how those interpretations of the stars above have shaped their beliefs here on Earth.»

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Upon request (Except Mondays) (book at least 1 day in advance)

Duration 2.5 hours (including 20-minute drive)

Minimum Group Size 3 (or upon special request)

This tour is offered by Youth Volunteer Organisation. As a partner of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region. A portion of income from our tour goes to the organisation. By booking our tour you support social projects and the promotion of volunteerism among Karakol youth!

From: *700 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• KARAKOL SUNSET CRUISE •

Take in the beauty of Lake Issyk-Kul, the second largest alpine lake in the world, and the snow-covered Tian Shan mountains that surround it. The Karakol Sunset Cruise experience offers a great way to relax and unwind after a trek, and an opportunity to immerse yourself in a unique, tranquil lakeside landscape. Enjoy the moment with your friends, your family, or while meeting other travelers.

**Cultural tours and
Entertainment events**



Tour Highlights:

Simply sit back, relax, and enjoy the sunset from Lake Issyk-Kul!

- «Cruise Lake Issyk-Kul's Przhivalsk Bay on this 1.5 hour tour and enjoy the best sunset views over the water.
- Enjoy a complimentary drink, mingle with other travelers, and relax on deck with your friends.
- Admire the stunning Terskey Ala-Too and Kungei Ala-Too mountains that ring the lake, in the early evening light.»

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Upon request

Duration 2 hours, including transport



From: *1300 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• DUNGAN CULTURAL DINNER •

Step into an evening of Dungan culture and food. Join your local Dungan host to experience the modern Dungan meal of HoGo, a communal meal your group can enjoy together as you learn about the history of the Dungan ethnic group and how this Muslim Chinese people immigrated to Central Asia over 140 years ago. Afterwards, try on traditional Dungan costumes (great for a photo shoot) and take home a small souvenir of the experience to help it live on in your heart long after you've left for home.

Cultural tours and
Entertainment events



Tour Highlights:

Oasis of Dungan Culture

- Join your friends and family in selecting your favourite ingredients from the wide variety laid out across the table, and plunging them into a delicious broth that cooks them while you wait.
- Engage with your welcoming hostess to learn about local aspects of modern and traditional Dungan culture and lifestyles, which vary from country to country in Central Asia and even region to region within Kyrgyzstan.
- Taste a range of traditional Dungan sweets, pastries, and tea to finish off your meal.

*This tour offers mostly vegetarian food. Vegetarian-only meals can be provided upon request. Please inform of food allergies at the time of booking.

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Upon request
(Except Mondays)

Duration 2.5 hours

Minimum Group Size 5 (or upon special request)

This tour is offered by Dungan House Karakol. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.

From: *1000 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• DUNGAN VILLAGE VISIT & FAMILY DINNER •

Go on a cultural and culinary journey to an ethnic Dungan village outside of Karakol. A local Dungan family will welcome you to their home to celebrate the diversity of Dungan cuisine over an elaborate home-cooked meal. Learn the fascinating story of why this Muslim Chinese group immigrated to the region 140 years ago, how they made the area their home, and how families today keep their traditional culture and cuisine alive.

Cultural tours and
Entertainment events



Tour Highlights:

- Taste at least 8 kinds of home-cooked Dungan dishes in a family home.*
- Make your own ashlan-fu, the most famous (and delicious!) Dungan dish.
- Deepen your understanding of Dungan culture and history on a 30-minute village walking tour. Take in local stories and legends on a visit to the museum and mosque.

* Vegetarian food is available upon request. Inform us in advance (upon booking request) if you or anyone in your group has any food allergies.

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Daily, upon request.
Please book
minimum 1 day in
advance.

Duration 3 hours

**Minimum
Group Size** 4 (or upon special
request)

From: *1500 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



• DUNGAN COOKING CLASS •

Tie on an apron and step up to the fire – this is your chance to cook a few of your favourite Dungan dishes. Start from scratch to prepare laghman sauce and handmade noodles, learn the secrets of the popular spicy condiment laza, and bring it all together on a wood-fired stove known locally as a kazan. Gather afterwards around a table together with your friends to taste these delicious dishes you've made yourselves – and don't forget to shop for spices from the bazaar so you can make it again after you've returned home!

Cultural tours and
Entertainment events



Tour Highlights:

- Learn to cook laghman*, one of Central Asia's most iconic dishes and a cornerstone of Dungan cuisine, directly from a Dungan cooking instructor.
- Start from scratch to make the hand-pulled noodles that define the dish – it's a little more involved than you might expect!
- Enjoy the results of your efforts topped with special Dungan vinegar and served alongside a homemade Madanur tea blend, some of the ingredients for which are grown on-site in an herb garden.

*Vegetarian menus are available upon request. Please inform of food allergies at the time of booking.

TOUR DETAILS

Frequency Tour can be organized upon request (Please book at least 1 day in advance)

Duration 3 hours

Minimum Group Size 3 people (or upon special request)

This tour is offered by Madanur Hotel team. As a member of Destination Karakol, this business is actively invested in promoting tourism and community development in Karakol and the surrounding region.»

From: *1300 som

*Prices may vary depending on the course and the number of people



•KARAKOL WALKING TOUR •

«Experience the best of Karakol. Explore its colorful streets, vibrant markets, and favorite local spots. Understand the town's diverse history, and learn about how it developed from an outpost of the Russian Empire into Central Asia's leading crossroads of cultures and cuisines. Hear the stories and legends of Karakol, and enjoy a personal look into daily life from your English-speaking guide. Your local guide will share with you the fascinating nuances of Karakol that you'll never discover in any guidebook.

Our tour is a great orientation to Karakol and all it has to offer!»

Cultural tours and
Entertainment events



Tour Highlights:

On this 2.5 hour* donation-based walking tour, you will see:

- Dungan Mosque
- Tatar Mosque
- Russian Quarter
- Russian Orthodox Church
- Bugu Bazaar
- Ashlan-fu Alley

...and much more!


*Average tour length. The Karakol Walking Tour usually ends in Bugu Bazaar. Participants then have the option to stay and enjoy a bowl of ashlan-fu, a favorite local specialty.


TOUR DETAILS


Frequency	Upon request
Duration	2.5 hours
Minimum Group Size	4 (or upon special request)




For more information and reservations:

 Destination Karakol Tourist Information Center
Karakol, Gagarin str., 22


 info@destinationkarakol.com

 www.destinationkarakol.com

 +996 700 931 664, +996 509 996 885

 @destinationkarakol

 @destination_karakol

 Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra
Swiss Confederation



This catalogue was developed with the financial support of the Swiss Government through the Sustainable Winter Tourism Development Project, implemented by Helvetas Kyrgyzstan.