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HIGHLIGHTS

Shymbulak with cable car/ Kok Tobe with cable car/ City tour / Shopping tour / Borovoye national Park/ Astana City Tour/ Expo Museum/ Private transportation / English speaking guides / daily meals / Visa

Day 01 WELCOME TO ALMATY

- 15:50 Hrs** Welcome to Almaty!! After clearing custom & immigration procedures followed by baggage collection, you will be met by our English speaking office staff in the arrivals hall.
- 16:50 Hrs** Our team will escort the group to their vehicle. Proceed to your hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel group will check-in to their respective rooms.
- 20:00 Hrs** Enjoy dinner at Indian restaurant.

Day 02 FUN IN SHMBULAK | SHOPPING TOUR

- 07:00 – 10:00 Hrs** Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 Hrs**

VISIT TO SHYMBULAK SKI RESORT
Proceed on an excursion to the beautiful mountain resort of Shymbulak Ski resort including Gondola tickets to level 3 and services of our English speaking guide.

“Shymbulak Ski Resort” is located in the beautiful Zailiyskiy Alatau mountain at 2260 m above sea level. It is 25 Km from the city centre of Almaty city and has an average temperature of +25C in the summer & -7C in the winter months. The average snowfall is around 1.5M. It is usually very sunny as the average number of sunny days a year can reach 90%. Ski season is

normally begins in December and can run into April.

The ski slopes are served by Gondola cars from “Medeu” to the base of Shymbulak, 2260 m above sea level. This Gondola is the world’s third-longest Gondola with a length of 4.5 KM. The Gondola has 114 comfortable cabins for all guests of the resort and has the capacity of 2,000 people per hour. The Ski resort has six lifts that service the mountains. Two combination lifts (Combi1 & Combi2) that have both quad-chairs and 8 passenger cabins, two quad-chair lifts. The lift system will take you to Talgar pass where you are 3180 m above sea level. A vertical rise of 920 m. The majestic mountain view with snowy slopes and evergreen Tien Shan are spectacular and must be seen.

Located in the resort is a hotel, restaurants, café and coffee shop with a variety of cuisine to suit all taste.

Time at leisure.

14:00 Hrs

Lunch at Indian restaurant.

15:00 Hrs

Shopping Tour

Almaty is great for shopping. Your tour guide will take you to visit various modern shopping malls around the city. Some of the well known malls are Mega Mall, Dostyk Plaza, Villa boutiques.

20:00 Hrs

Dinner at Indian restaurant.

Day 03

BIG ALMATY LAKE | CITY TOUR | KOK TOBE TOUR

07:00 – 10:00 Hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

10:00 Hrs

VISIT TO BIG ALMATY LAKE

Lake located at an altitude of 2500 meters above sea level. The inhabitants call it Zhasylyk which means "Green Lake" in Kazakh language. You will spend a few hours enjoying the pristine natural beauty of the glaciers, the harsh peaks and pine forests. On the return back to the city, the group will make a quick halt to visit The First President Park. The total area of the park is 73 hectares. The main idea of the creation the park is a combination of the unique natural landscape of Almaty and scientific achievements of the twentieth century.

14:00 Hrs

Lunch at Indian restaurant.

15:00 Hrs

PANFILOV PARK & ZENKOV CATHEDRAL

Its Almaty’s most popular strolling and picnic places for people of all ages. The Park is named and dedicated to the Panfilov Heroes who were 28 soliders of an Almaty Infantry. Their memories are etched at the fearsome war memorial east of the Zenkov Cathedral which depict soliders from all 15 soviet republics on the map of USSR. The Park is lush green area and it’s a good place to sit, rest, relax and see the bustling sights of the city.

‘**ZenkovCathedral**’, is one of the most beautiful, magnificent and architectural monument of the city of Almaty with the height of 56 meters and is located in the green Panfilov Park of Almaty. A. Zenkov had supervised the construction of this cathedral in the early 19th century and legend goes that it was built without a single nail. But unfortunately, it’s not true. Although the design is remarkably unique but it’s because of the advanced technological expertise of that time. They used the construction concept of Semi ruche which meant using of reinforced concrete, timber preservation and ventilation.

17:00 Hrs

VISIT TO KOK TOBE HILL

Kok Tobe is the highest point in the city of Almaty standing on a 1100 m hill at the south-east edge of the city. It is worth a visit to KokTobe because of its panoramic view of the city from all directions. To reach the KokTobe hill, one should take a cable car ride which starts near Hotel Kazakhstan and goes over some of the oldest parts of Almaty and the magnificent fruit growing gardens. Once you reach the KokTobe hill, you would see the famous 372 m high TV Tower which is visible from far and offers great views of the mountains and the city plus many attractions at the top including many restaurants serving cuisines from across the globe.

20:00 Hrs Dinner at Indian restaurant.

Day 04 | WELCOME TO ASTANA | BOROVOYE NATIONAL PARK

12:00 Hrs **Welcome to Astana !!**
After clearing custom & immigration procedures followed by baggage collection, you will be met by our English-speaking office staff in the arrivals hall.

15:00 Hrs Departure from Astana to Borovoye Lake district (**275 Kms / 3 hours**)
On a way to the resort area which is in 270 km from Astana, your professional guide will give you an introduction to history of this region.

15.30 Hrs **ARRIVAL AT THE BEAUTIFUL "RIXOS BORVOYE"**
Welcome to Borovoye.experience, the fairy-tale world of Rixos Borovoe surrounded by a magnificent landscape of forests and mountains reflecting in Lake Shchuchye.

17:00 Hrs **GUIDED TOUR OF BOROVOYE NATIONAL PARK**
Borovoe occupies 85000 hectares of north-eastern part of Kokshetau elevation. There are 14 lakes in the park, each having surface area of more than 1 sq.km, and a large number of small lakes. There are no monuments of material heritage in Borovoe. But the nature itself has created the unique natural landscapes of extraordinary beauty with combination of majestic mountain scenery, blue mirror lakes, coniferous and deciduous groves.

On Abylaykhan Valley you will feast your eyes upon "Ush-kyz", "Ok-Zhetpes", "Zhumbaktas" rocks and "Kokshetau" mountain, each having the surprising legends reflecting history and identity of the Kazakh people. Further you will have an easy hiking on "Bolektau" mountain, on the top of which the tremendous view of the "Borovoe" lake and its surroundings opens.

Excursion to Borovoe allows to remove not only physical, but also psychological fatigue, and also to enjoy marvellous views of an unusual oasis on the middle of the Kazakhstan steppe. The century pine woods hide a set of secrets and riddles, attracting by beauty and greatness.

20:00 Hrs Dinner at Local restaurant.

Day 5 | EXPO MUSEUM | ASTANA CITY TOUR

07:00 Hrs Breakfast at your hotel.

13:00 Hrs **VISIT TO EXPO MUSEUM**
Expo 2017 Astana was an International Exposition which took place from June 10 to September 10, 2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan. The expo's theme was "Future Energy", and aimed to create a global debate between countries, nongovernmental organizations, companies and the general public on the crucial question.
The theme chosen for the Expo 2017 was "Future Energy". The theme was aimed to concentrate on the future of energy, and on innovative and practical energy solutions and their

impacts.

The Expo 2017's subtitle was "Solutions for Tackling Humankind's Greatest Challenge." Therefore, the Expo showcased future energy solutions tackling social, economic and environmental challenges.

14:00 Hrs

Lunch at any restaurant.

15:00 Hrs

ASTANA CITY TOUR

Your guide and driver will meet you at hotel lobby in Astana. Start touring Astana on Independence Square with gorgeous fountains, 91 meter high snow-white stele Kazakh Eli, Khazret Sultan Mosque, and Palace of Peace and Reconciliation. Cross Ishim River and continue sightseeing on the left bank of the river. Visit Astana-Bayterek* monument to enjoy breath-taking panoramic view on the city on the top of the monument. Take a walk on Green Water Boulevard and visit the Round Square. At the end of the tour, visit shopping and entertainment center Khan Shatyr.

NOTE: Entry to monuments on direct payment.

20:00 Hrs

Dinner at any restaurant.

Day 06

RETURN HOME

04:30 – 05:00 Hrs

Packed breakfast to go.

05:00 Hrs

It's time to say good-bye to this beautiful city. Our driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer you to the airport for your flight home or to an onward destination