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3 nights – Best of Almaty

HIGHLIGHTS

Shymbulak with cable car / City tour / Shopping tour / Private transportation / English speaking guides / daily meals / Visa

Day 01 WELCOME TO ALMATY

- 15:40 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.
- 16:40 Hrs** Our team will escort the group to their vehicle. Proceed to **Hotel**. Upon arrival at the hotel group will check-in to their respective rooms. Remainder of the evening at your disposal for self-exploration.
- 20:00 Hrs** Enjoy dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Day 02 CITY TOUR | SHOPPING

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

'**Zenkov Cathedral**', 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.

14:00 Hrs Lunch at an 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 Enjoy dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Day 03 FUN IN SHYMBULAK | GREEN BAZAAR

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 an Indian restaurant.

15:00 Hrs **GREEN BAZAAR + RAKHAT CHOCOLATE SHOP**
If you are among these, who don't like to go to a mall and prefer the outdoor market among fresh air and belong to the old-school shopping type, then without wasting any time, head straight towards the Zelyony Bazaar located close to the Paniflov Park in Almaty. Also, known as the Green Market, this market is your typical local market where you can purchase everything starting from meat to spices to fruits to even clothes and furniture. The key to shopping here is that you should have a flair for bargaining, and you can get everything at a very reasonable rate.

Right next door is the famous Rakhat Chocolate shop. **Rakhat** which means pleasure in Kazakh is the oldest manufactures of chocolates dating back to almost 70 years. Around 3500 workers work in basically 2 factories, one located in Almaty and one in Shymkent city. They also make chocolates for people suffering from diabetes and their low-calorie products like candies, cookies and waffles are a range among the people and tourists.

Later Return to the hotel for relaxation & free time.

20:00 Hrs Dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Day 04 **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