



# “Asia Mountains”

## Special Programmes

“Asia Mountains” offers a large variety of biological, geographical, archeological, ethnographical and geological “made-to-measure” excursions at any level of interest and in just about any part of our country. With the help of scientific experts, usually students or lecturers from local universities, we can organise almost any type of excursion for you. The below headings indicate just a few of the possibilities.

### **Fauna / Flora; Geology / Geography**

Kyrgyzstan is by far the most interesting country in central Asia but its hidden charms are little known as yet. More than 80 mammals, over 380 kinds of birds and numerous other animals plus a huge variety of plants are represented amongst the world’s largest relic nut forests and the unique Tien-Shan firs. Many of our plants are still used for medicinal purposes.

The republic’s geography is extremely varied: you can travel from semi-desert to lush Alpine meadows in less than one hour. Colourful, often Grand Canyon-like scenery with many minerals and stones - cyenite, marble, onyx and celenite to name but a few - reflect glacial, water and wind influence and a complex, “young” geology of outstanding interest.

### **Ethnology; Archeology**

Past and present inhabitants, many of them still following their nomadic habits in the mountainous areas, are well worth studying. Kyrgyz yurta live, clothing and utensils and especially the Shirak carpet production amaze the visitor with originality, colour and variety. The hunt with birds of prey is still popular in some areas.

More than 5000 historical and cultural finds reflect the colourful and long history of Kyrgyzia. There are caves where primitive man lived, there are ruins of cities at the bottom of Issyk Kul and countless mysterious rock drawings on the high plateau of Saymaly-Tash.



## **Ala-Archa; Bio-Tours**

Single or multi-day trips to the Ala-Archa National Park, 35 km south of Bishkek, can always be arranged and most of the above subjects can be studied at leisure in the beautiful valleys or on the higher peaks.

Our popular Bio-Tours under expert leadership are more scientifically oriented outings or expeditions customised to the clients' wishes. They often combine detailed fauna and flora observations with other subjects in any location of the republic.

## **Customised tailor-made Courses**

Asia Mountains" is also prepared to customise any type of course according to the client's special wishes, be it for individuals or groups and whatever the season. Any of the above special ventures and others like Hunting Trips, Butterfly Safaris, Fishing, River Rafting, Canoeing, Heli-Skiing, Photo/ Video Shoots, 4x4 trips etc. can also be arranged. Any other possibilities, not mentioned above, would be considered. Even combinations of two or more activities may be possible, for example cave exploration combined with botany. Your enquiries are always welcome.

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