



## Kazakhstan-Kyrgyz Republic

### Central Asia Silk Road Study Tour Discoveries

under the Eternal Tien Shan – A Journey of Tourism, International Cooperation and Volunteer activities

**August 5- August 18, 2024**

<p><i>About Kyrgyz Republic- Japan Center for Human Development (KRJC)</i></p>	<p><i>Kyrgyz Republic- Japan Center for Human Development (KRJC) was founded in 1995 by the agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. KRJC's organizational purpose is to bridge various organizations and people of Japan and the Kyrgyz Republic. Its main activities include Business Courses, Japanese Language Courses and Mutual Exchange Promotion. JICA has been supporting KRJC since 2003 and Japan Foundation since 2013.</i></p>
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## 1. OUTLINE of the Study Tour

<p><b>Aim of the program</b></p>	<p>Central Asia, is the former Soviet Union region, with the authentic culture, including nomadism, old silk road sites, and unique history with the multinational cultures (Islamic culture, Christian culture, etc.). This study tour provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Kazakhstan: Knowledge enhancement and deepening about the Kazakhstan tourism (UNESCO world heritages), international migration and economics, culture and society</li> <li>2) Kyrgyz Republic: tourism (UNESCO world heritages), deepening understanding of international cooperation activities, and conducting international community contribution through international volunteer activities</li> </ol>
<p><b>Main targeted participants</b></p>	<p>Students of the Japanese Universities majoring in the departments related to the International Relation/Cooperation, Tourism and Central Asia/Regional studies; however, participation is not limited exclusively to students from these specializations.</p> <p>Japanese interpretation is provided throughout the course. English ability is desirable from the perspective of enhancing the learning experience, but not mandatory.</p>

<b>Program outline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stay in the Kazakhstan (Almaty)</li> <li>● Explanation about KJC's activities</li> <li>● Brief session of "Understanding Kazakhstan" at KJC; - (Government, Economy, Society, International migration) by guest lectures</li> </ul>	3 nights
	● Visit the National Museum of Kazakhstan,	
	● Visit the InDriver company, relocated to Almaty	
	● Visit the Yandex company, relocated to Almaty	
	● Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Tambaly	
	<b>Cross-border travel to Kyrgyzstan via Kordai</b>	10 nights
	● Stay in the Kyrgyzstan (including 1 night homestay in Karakol)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explanation about KRJC's activities,</li> <li>● Brief session of "Understanding Kyrgyz Republic" at KRJC (Government, Economy, Society, Culture, Tourism, etc.) by guest lectures</li> </ul>	
	● Visit the National Historical Museum of Kyrgyzstan and other sightseeing	
	● International volunteer activities with the student volunteers in KR and Red Crescent organization: visit the orphanage, elder Nursing house, introduce about the Japanese culture (team teaching)	
	● Visit to JICA KR office, UNICEF office, briefing and interaction sessions	
	● Visit Issyk-Kul lake, boat cruise, outside onsen	
	● The traditional nomad house- Boz Yui/Yurt installation, felt carpet making and traditional bread "boorsok" making experience, Yurt camping	
	● Visit the UNESCO World heritage (Burana, Ak-Beshim)	
● Farewell dinner, program sum-up, completion certificate on volunteer activities; preparation for departure		

## 2. Schedule of the Study Tour to the Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

(schedule is subject to possible slight modification)

Date From the second week of August appr. 05-18 <sup>th</sup> August	Content	Stay	Transport <i>x- not included into the price</i> ○-included into the price	Meals <i>x- not included into the price</i> ○-included into the price
Aug 05 (Mon)	<i>Arrival to Almaty</i> , Meeting with KRJC and KJC representatives at the airport, Money exchange and shopping in a walking distance from the hotel (if necessary)	Hotel, dormitory?	2 minibuses	DO

		Free time, PM: briefing session of the whole program, dinner			
Aug 06 (Tue)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Explanation about KJC, self-introduction of the students</li> <li>✚ Brief session of "Understanding Kazakhstan" at KJC (Government, Economy, Society, Culture, Tourism, etc.) by guest lectures</li> <li>✚ Lecture about the international migration situation in Central Asia, after the invasion of Russia to Ukraine (Gulzat)</li> <li>✚ Visit the National Museum of Kazakhstan.</li> </ul>	Hotel, dormitory?	2 minibuses	BO LO DO
Aug 07 (wed)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Visit the InDriver company, relocated to Almaty( TBD)</li> <li>✚ Visit the Yandex company office in Almaty (TBD)</li> <li>✚ Almaty city tour with the local student volunteers: visit of Ascension Cathedral, Park Panfilovtsev, National Instrumental museum</li> </ul>	Hotel, dormitory?	2 minibuses	BO LO DO
Aug 08 (Thu)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 8:00- Departure to the TANBALY (on the road to Bishkek) - the archaeological landscape, one of the most ancient and striking monuments of rock art in Semirechye, since 2004 it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site (170 km from Almaty)</li> <li>✚ Lunch with lunch boxes</li> <li>✚ PM: Departure to Bishkek</li> </ul> <p><b>✚ Cross-border travel to Kyrgyzstan via Kordai</b></p>	hotel	2 minibuses	BO LO D x
Aug 09	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 9:30- 10:30 Explanation about KRJC's activities (orientation+security)</li> <li>✚ 10:30-11:30 Brief session of "Understanding Kyrgyz Republic" at KRJC; Introduction of the Kyrgyz Republic (Government, Economy, Society, Culture, Tourism, etc.) by guest lectures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Almazbek san (10min)</li> <li>- Tanaka san (economics) (10min)</li> <li>- MED staff (culture) (10min)</li> </ul> </li> <li>✚ 11:30-12:30 Introduction of Kyrgyz Republic student</li> </ul>	hotel	2 minibuses	BO LO DO

		<p>volunteer group's activity, explanation regarding the joint volunteer works with them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 12:30-14:00 lunch with the student volunteers</li> <li>✚ 14:30-15:30 JICA office visit</li> <li>✚ 16:00-17:00 OVOP</li> <li>✚ 18:00 Welcome dinner at Supara, visit the Supara's museum, Kyrgyz national music (Dastan folk group) (participants TBD: JICA, JOCV, Embassy of Japan)</li> </ul>			
Aug 10 Sat	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 9:30 Departure for Red Cross</li> <li>✚ 10:00- 11:00 Breafing session of Red Cross of KR (TBD)</li> <li>✚ Volunteer activity in orphanage "Aidanek" under umbrella of Red Cross and in collaboration with Red Cross volunteers.</li> </ul> <p>PM: the introduction of Japanese culture (origami, dance, yukata, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 18:00 Dinner (not inc.)</li> </ul>	hotel	2 minibuses	BO LO D x
Aug 11 Day 7 (Sun)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ City tour with Kyrgyz student volunteers, including visit to: Osh bazaar, Opera Theater, Panfilov Park, Ala-Too square etc.</li> </ul>	hotel	2 minibuses	BO L x D x
Aug 12 (Mon) Day 8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 9:30 Departure</li> <li>✚ 10:00-12:00 Briefing session at UNICEF</li> <li>✚ 12:00-13:00 Interactive session with UNICEF staff</li> <li>✚ 13:00-14:30 Lunch (not inc)</li> <li>✚ 15:00-16:00 Visiting of mosque</li> <li>✚ 16:30- 17:30 Visit of Church</li> <li>✚ 18:00- 19:30 Dinner (not inc)</li> </ul>	Hotel	2 minibuses	BO L x D x
Aug 13 (Tue) Day 9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 9:30 Departure</li> <li>✚ 10:30- 12:30 Participation in some activity of Red Cross in Kara-Balta (Nursing home for elder "Salamat")</li> <li>✚ 12:30-13:30 Lunch</li> <li>✚ 13:30-17:00 Participation in some activity of Red Cross (TBD) (Kara Balta, at the Children's Crisis Center of the Red Cross)</li> <li>✚ 18:00 Dinner (not inc)</li> </ul>	hotel	2 minibuses	BO L x D x
Aug 14 (Wed) Day 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 7:00 Departure to Issyk-Kul</li> <li>✚ 11:00-12:00 boat cruise (1hr)</li> <li>✚ 12:30-14:00 lunch in Cholpon-Ata (not inc)</li> <li>✚ 14:00-16:30 trip to Karakol,</li> <li>✚ 17:00-18:00 Ak-Suu outside onsen with swimming suits</li> </ul>	Karakol Homestay (TBC)	2 minibuses	BO L x DO

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 19:00-19:30 Meeting with host families in Youth Association (TBC)</li> <li>✚ 19:30 Departure to host families, dinner and overnight at host families (TBC)</li> </ul>			
Aug 15 (Thu) Day 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 9:00 Meeting in the office of Youth Association Leader</li> <li>✚ 9:30-11:30 Exchange &amp; Volunteer activity with the Youth Association in Karakol</li> <li>✚ 12:00-13:30 Lunch picnic with volunteers (inc., lunch box with ashlyam-fu&amp;pirojki)</li> <li>✚ 14:00-15:30 OVOP observation (max 30 min) and Felt making workshop (1hr)</li> <li>✚ 15:30 Trip to Bokonbaevo (2,5hrs)</li> <li>✚ 18:00-19:00 Dinner at Yurt camp</li> <li>✚ Overnight at yurt camp (appr.4 people in 1 yurt)</li> </ul>	Southshore of Issyk-Kul Yurt camp	2 minibuses	BO LO D x
Aug 16 (Fri) Day 12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ 9:30 Departure to Tokmok city</li> <li>✚ 13:00-14:00 Lunch at the local house near Burana (not inc)</li> <li>✚ 14:30-16:30 Visit the Burana Tower (UNESCO World Heritage) and JICA Tourism project site Ak-Beshim</li> <li>✚ 16:30-18:00 experience the Yurt installation</li> <li>✚ 19:00-21:00 Dinner at yurts or local houses (TBC)</li> </ul>	Yurt camp or local house (TBC)	2 minibuses	BO L x D x
Aug 17 (Sat) Day 13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30-11:30 Visit the elder house in Tokmok under umbrella of Red cross</li> <li>12:30-14:00 Lunch in local house</li> <li>14:30-16:00 Return to Bishkek (answering the questionnaire)</li> <li>16:00-17:30 Free time</li> <li>18:00- Farewell party (program sum-up, certificate ceremony (1 certificate: tour completion, 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate: international volunteer activity with signed by KRJC and Red Cross - TBC)</li> </ul>	hotel	2 minibuses	BO L x DO
Aug 18 (Sun) Day 14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AM: free time</li> <li>13:00 Departure for Almaty</li> <li>22:00 Flight Almaty- Inchon by OZ578 (tentative)</li> </ul>		2 minibuses	BO