



KYRGYZSTAN HORSE TREK

August 2-16, 2009 15 Days \$3400.00 per person

8/2 Arrive Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. City tour in afternoon. Guesthouse overnight.

8/3 All day for sightseeing & shopping for *shirdaks* and felt handicrafts in Bishkek. Visit Osh bazaar. Guesthouse overnight.

8/4 Drive to the small town of Barskoon, home of the Obolbekov family, Boojum friends and hosts for our horse trek. Barskoon sits on the southern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, where there are more horse carts than cars. (We may begin our drive to Barskoon on the afternoon of 8/3, TBD)

8/5 Morning introduction to Kyrgyz horses and wranglers. Begin horse trek. Camp out in tents.

8/6-8/9 Riding in the foothills of the Tien Shan, 'Celestial Mountains'. We will be horseback for 6 days with no daily vehicle support. Midway through the week a vehicle will arrive to re-supply us for the second half of the ride. Camp out in tents.

8/10 Final day of riding. Return to Barskoon. Guesthouse overnight.

8/11 Drive west along Lake Issyk-Kul to Bokombaevo. Meet Akylbek Serkebaev and family, members of the award-winning Kyrgyz band *Kut* who will be our hosts for the next two days. Overnight in local guesthouses.

8/12-8/13 Music, concerts, horsemanship displays, ranch visits in and around Bokombaevo. Overnight in local guesthouses.

8/14 Return drive to Bishkek. Guesthouse overnight.

8/15 Free day in Bishkek. Guesthouse overnight.

8/16 Transfers to airport, depart for home.

What's Included: All meals (beginning with lunch on 8/2, ending with breakfast 8/16), accommodations, ground transportation, horses & tack, wranglers, guides & interpreters, tents and group camping gear.

What's Not Included: Roundtrip international airfare to Bishkek, departure taxes, excess baggage fees, visa fees, medical expenses, meals not taken with the group, beverages not included in menus, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, souvenirs.

