



# Essential Kazakhstan 2020



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From the New Capital to the Old

### Flexible Essential Trip – Classic Private Journey – 7 Days

Your choice of dates, suggested start day: Saturday

*From Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan's purpose-built capital on the northern steppe, down to Almaty, the country's business center in the south, survey a hand-picked selection of highlights, from the natural, variegated Charyn Canyon to the manmade ghost town of Otrar, founded in the 1st century AD. Begin in Nur-Sultan, capital of Kazakhstan only since 1997, admiring its modern monuments, such as Baiterek Tower, commemorating a Kazakh folk tale. Fly to Chimkent before setting out through the desert toward the remains of Otrar's medieval fortress. In the historic city of Turkistan, visit the UNESCO-listed mausoleum of revered Sufi sheikh Khoja Akhmed Yasavi, the first Turkic Muslim holy man. Flying south, drive through spectacular Charyn Canyon, with its strange rock formations and colorful strata, before returning to Almaty to finish the program.*



## Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday  
Day 2, Sunday  
Day 3, Monday  
Day 4, Tuesday  
Day 5, Wednesday  
Day 6, Thursday  
Day 7, Friday

Arrive Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan  
Nur-Sultan • fly to Chimkent  
Chimkent • Turkistan  
Turkistan • Chimkent  
Chimkent • fly to Almaty  
Almaty • day trip to Charyn Canyon  
Depart Almaty



## Tour Highlights

Nur-Sultan	Capital of Kazakhstan, Khan Shatyr Complex, Baiterek Tower, Duman Aquarium, Pyramid of Peace, Khazret Sultan Mosque
Chimkent	Third largest town in Kazakhstan, Central Bazaar, Otar
Turkistan	Mausoleum of Khoja Akhmed Yasavi (UNESCO World Heritage Site), local bazaar
Almaty	Tien Shan Mountain Range, Panfilov Park and Zenkov Cathedral, Kazakh Museum of Musical Instruments, Green Bazaar, Charyn Canyon

## Daily Itinerary

### Day One, Saturday

#### Arrive Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Upon arrival in Nur-Sultan, you are met and transferred to the hotel. The afternoon and evening are free to rest, with an independent dinner at the hotel.

Meals: En route/independent – *King Hotel, Duman Hotel, or similar*

### Day Two, Sunday

#### Nur-Sultan • fly to Chimkent

**Nur-Sultan** has been the capital of Kazakhstan only since 1997, when President Nursultan Nazarbayev signed a decree moving the capital from Almaty. Located in remote north central Kazakhstan on the Ishim River and surrounded by sparsely populated steppe, Nur-Sultan seemed at first a strange place for a capital city. Today, its ultramodern buildings glow with technicolor lights, and its flourishing economy lures energetic young people from every corner of the vast country.

Originally founded by Cossacks from Omsk in 1824, the place was first named Akmola, probably meaning “holy place,” but literally translated as “white grave.” Nikita Khrushchev changed the name to Tselinograd, meaning “virgin city,” and made it the center of his Virgin Lands Campaign in the 1950s. Thousands of acres of virgin steppe were plowed up and planted with wheat and corn in this endeavor. In the first year of the campaign, the land produced incredible yields, but soon the fragile soil dried up and much of it blew away.

In 1991, the name reverted to the Kazakh spelling of Akmola – Aqmola – but in 1998, Nazarbayev changed the city’s name to Nur-Sultan, meaning “capital,” because of the unfortunate literal translation of Aqmola.

Begin touring with the Museum of the First President of Kazakhstan. Opened in 2005, the museum was conceived to present the history of the republic and the role that its first president, Nursultan Nazarbayev, has played in its formation. Exhibits also include decorative items presented to the president, along with stamps, weapons, and clothing.

Continue with the **Khan Shatyr Complex**, an entertainment and shopping center that lays claim to the title “World’s Biggest Tent.” Designed by Norman Foster, the 500-foot-high tensile structure is suspended on cables radiating from a central spire. With an interior as big as two football fields, the center has indoor gardens and plenty of natural daylight.



After an independent lunch, walk from Khan Shatyr to Baiterek Tower, crossing fountain-studded Nurzhol Boulevard (formerly Water Green Boulevard). Visit **Baiterek Tower**, which has become the symbol of Nur-Sultan. Representing a tree with a golden egg laid by a magic bird from Kazakh folk tales, the 344-foot tower has a viewing platform with a plate imprinted with President Nazarbayev's hand. Touch the hand and a song written by Nazarbayev plays.



Next is the **Duman Aquarium**, located almost 1,900 miles from the ocean. In its various tanks are piranhas, coral reef inhabitants, and sharks. A 200-foot clear acrylic tunnel makes it seem as if one is walking on the bottom of the ocean. Twice a day, divers demonstrate how to feed sharks – very carefully, one assumes.

Next, visit the soaring **Pyramid of Peace**. Its transparent peak was designed as a meeting place for leading representatives of the world's religions and a global center of acceptance and understanding. Completed in 2006, the structure includes a circular chamber for periodic meetings of faith leaders, a 1,500-seat

Opera Hall, a library, and a museum. At night, the pyramid is bathed in the colors of the Kazakh flag.

The mammoth white **Khazret Sultan Mosque** was opened in 2012 on the right bank of the Yesil River near the Pyramid of Peace. With the largest central dome in Kazakhstan and eight smaller ones, the mosque is named for a 12th century Sufi sheikh, Khoja Akhmed Yasavi. The interior of each dome is fitted with Barrisol polymer sheets printed with Kazakh patterns.

After today's touring, transfer to the airport for the flight to Chimkent. You'll be met on arrival and transferred to the hotel for overnight.

Meals: B – *Hotel Chimkent or similar*

### *Day Three, Monday* **Chimkent • Turkistan**

The third-largest town in Kazakhstan, Chimkent was originally a small caravan stop on the Silk Road. Razed by Genghis Khan's armies in the 13th century, it was rebuilt in the 19th by the Kokand khanate, and then taken by the Russians later that century. A large lead mine, now defunct, was its main economic base, and the city is still an industrial center.

A morning city tour of Chimkent includes a stop at the booming **bazaar**, with its mounds of brilliant produce, fragrant spices, and local handicrafts.



After lunch at a local restaurant, set off overland to Turkistan, about a two-hour drive, stopping at the ruins of the hilltop fortress and Silk Road oasis of **Otrar**, first excavated in 1969. Dating back to the 1st century AD, the town was mentioned in medieval Persian, Arab, and Turkish documents. It was the home of an extensive library that rivaled Alexandria's. The name of Otrar is famous in Kazakhstan; the shah in Otrar murdered the first expedition sent by Genghis Khan to Central Asia, giving the conqueror a pretext to begin his invasions of the region. Today, only mounds of rubble stand where buildings, walls, and gates once stood.



Next is **Turkistan**, located on the steppe near the Syr Darya River 165km from Chimkent. One of the oldest cities in Kazakhstan, Turkistan celebrated its 1,500th anniversary in 2000. Turkistan reached its apex in the 12th century during the lifetime of Sufi mystic Khoja Akhmed Yasavi, who made the city a center of learning and pilgrimage.

Dinner tonight will be independent.  
Meals: B, L – *Edem Hotel, Turkistan Hotel, or similar*

### *Day Four, Tuesday* **Turkistan • Chimkent**

Touring in Turkistan starts today with the **Mausoleum of Khoja Akhmed Yasavi**, the first Turkic Muslim holy man and an important figure in the spread of Islam across the Kazakh steppe. Tamerlane commissioned the mausoleum, or *mazar*, in 1389. Persian architects arrived to build the mausoleum, and continued to work until the death of Tamerlane in 1405, when construction stopped. The unfinished *mazar* escaped damage in later warfare and became Kazakhstan's first **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 2003. The monument has the largest existing dome in Central Asia.

Touring today also includes sightseeing at the **Khazret-Sultan Historical and Architectural Complex**, the **Hilvet semi-underground mosque**, and nearby *hamam*.

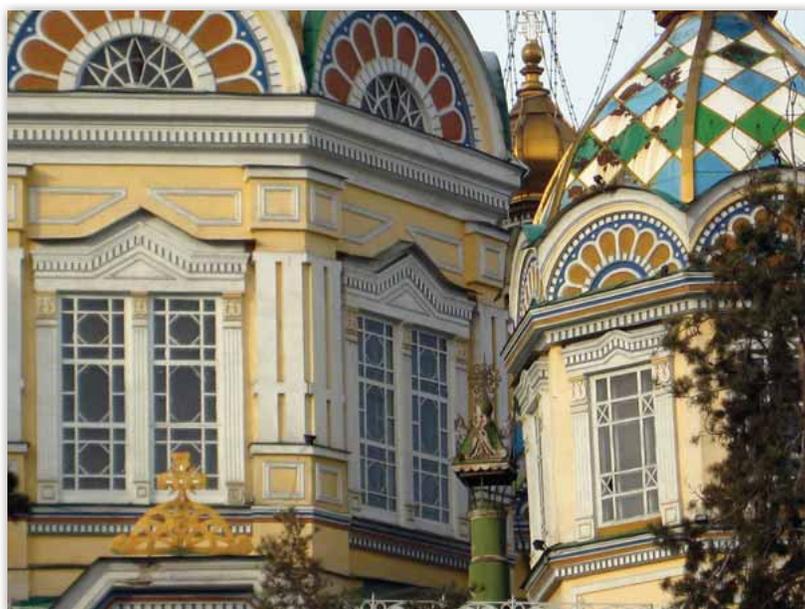
After lunch at a local café or restaurant, drive back to Chimkent for overnight and an independent dinner.  
Meals: B, L – *Hotel Chimkent or similar*



*Day Five, Wednesday*  
**Chimkent • fly to Almaty**

After breakfast this morning, fly to Almaty. Spread out at the foothills of the Zaili Alatau Mountains in the Tien Shan range, **Almaty** is the largest city in Central Asia's richest country, Kazakhstan. Present-day Almaty sits on the site of an old Silk Road oasis town called Almatu. Laid waste by the Mongols in 1211, the city left no ancient remains. Almaty's name means "the place with apples," and the many varieties of wild apple in the vicinity give scientists reason to believe that this is where apples were first domesticated. Today, the city is thriving on the considerable foreign investment it has attracted, primarily in the oil and gas industries.

Spend the day exploring this city. Visit **Panfilov Park**, a green oasis in Almaty's central area renamed by the Soviets in honor of the 28 Kazakh soldiers led by General Panfilov who died on the outskirts of Moscow during WWII. A monument in the park honors the soldiers, and an eternal flame memorializes all the people who died during the war. Also in the park is Zenkov Cathedral, a wooden Orthodox church built at the turn of the century. A widespread myth says that the cathedral was built without the use of nails, due to the precision of its building.



The **Kazakh Museum of Musical Instruments** is located in a 1907 Russian-style wooden building formerly called the House of Officers. Created in 1980, the museum exhibits a collection of traditional Kazakh instruments, including the *dombra*, a two-stringed, lute-like instrument ubiquitous in Central Asia. Recordings of the instruments are played as a guide demonstrates and explains each one.

Experience local Kazakh culture as you shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, including the delicious apples that Almaty is famous for. Meat, eggs, flowers, plants, spices, dried fruit, cheese, and mare's milk, or *koumiss*, can all be purchased at the **Green (Zelyony) Bazaar**. Jewelry, clothing, toys, hardware, and other household goods are also on sale here.

After time for an independent lunch, observe **traditional Kazakh falconry** at a falcon farm outside of Almaty. Hunters on horseback wearing traditional costumes give an exclusive demonstration of how the beautiful birds are used for hunting in Kazakhstan.

Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant; afterwards return to the hotel for overnight.  
Meals: B, D – *Kazzhol Hotel or similar*



## Day Six, Thursday

### Almaty • day trip to Charyn Canyon

Set off outside the city today for a full-day trip in the less developed countryside. Drive to spectacular **Charyn Canyon**, known locally as Dolina Zamkov, or “Valley of Castles.” The Charyn River, flowing rapidly down from the Tien Shan Mountains, has carved a deep and beautiful canyon into Kazakhstan’s “hungry steppe.” The 50-mile canyon is a place of strange rock formations, colorful strata, and the swift Charyn River, a favorite with expert rafters.

Lunch today will be outside of town, then return to the city for a final overnight.

Meals: B, L – *Kazzhol Hotel or similar*

## Day Seven, Friday

### Depart Almaty

The trip concludes with transfers to the airport.

Meals: B

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Private departures of this land itinerary can begin on the Saturday of your choice in 2020. Please note you will need to depart the U.S. one or two days prior to your tour start date due to airline flight schedules.

### Private Journey Prices

Three star hotels as listed in the itinerary:

2 traveler minimum, from \$3,095 per person, twin share

Plus \$260 per person internal air (economy class, subject to change)

Single supplement, from \$295

Solo traveler rate, inclusive of single supplement: \$5,895 plus \$260 internal air (economy class, subject to change)

### Hotel Upgrade Prices

Hotel upgrade in to the Rixos Nur-Sultan, Rixos Khadishah Chimkent, Rixos Almaty, or similar. Turkistan hotel remains as listed in the itinerary:

2 traveler minimum, from \$3,595 per person, twin share

Plus \$260 per person internal air (economy class, subject to change)

Single supplement, from \$495

Solo traveler rate, inclusive of single supplement: \$6,495 plus \$260 internal air (economy class, subject to change)

*Flexible Essential trip prices may vary by season and by start day, and are subject to hotel availability for your travel dates. Hotel room category upgrades and additional nights are available on request. Contact us at 1-800-424-7289 for more information.*



## Your Private Journey Includes

- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary. **See *Hotel Upgrade Prices* above for upgrade rates.** All room types, even in upgraded properties, are standard entry-level doubles or twins. Please call for room category upgrade pricing and information.
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner per the itinerary. A few lunches and most dinners are left free to allow for independent exploration.
- One arrival and one departure airport transfer. (Additional arrival and departure transfers available at additional cost.) MIR will arrange for travelers to be met upon arrival and seen off on departure, whether we make your air arrangements or not.
- Ground transportation throughout itinerary by private vehicle (size of vehicle depends on number of travelers in your group).
- Guided sightseeing tours and entrance fees as outlined in itinerary.
- Services of experienced, English-speaking local guides, drivers, and other staff.
- Complete pre-departure information including detailed packing list, reading list, *Touring with MIR* handbook with country-specific information, maps, and travel tips.
- Assistance booking your custom flight arrangements (on request; please note that international airfare is not included in the land tour cost).
- Final document packet including a travel journal, luggage tags, final updates, and more.

## Not Included

- Internal airfare (internal airfare is quoted separately and is subject to change by airlines).
- International airfare or taxes/fuel surcharges.
- Meals not specified as included in the itinerary.
- Single supplement charge, if requested or required.
- Baggage handling.
- Items of a personal nature (phone calls, email, laundry, alcohol, excess baggage, etc).
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Visa/passport fees, airport departure fees.
- Expenses incurred as a result of delay, modification, or extension of a tour due to causes beyond MIR's control.
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance.

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### 2021 Flexible Essential Trip – Classic Private Journey – 7 Days

At the time of writing, the land itinerary for this program next year is projected to be generally as depicted for this year. Please call if you're ready to book now.

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### Private Journey Prices – 2021

Three star hotels as listed in the itinerary:

2 traveler minimum, from \$3,195 per person, twin share

Plus \$275 per person internal air (economy class, subject to change)

Single supplement, from \$325

Solo traveler rate, inclusive of single supplement: \$5,995 plus \$275 internal air (economy class, subject to change)

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Single supplement, from \$525

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## Flexible Essential Trips – Classic Private Journeys

Flexible Essential Private Trips are compact, well-designed private tour itineraries – researched and ready to book on the dates you choose. They work perfectly as brief overviews of a country or as effortless extensions to group tours – great for solo travelers, couples, or private parties who prefer to travel independently but appreciate a savvy, pre-designed program.

### Important Notes: Is This Trip Right For You?

The accommodations vary from superior tourist class to more basic hotels. It is important to keep in mind that the country of Kazakhstan may not be up to the standards North American travelers expect. Services are improving; however, you may encounter problems with bureaucratic service, road conditions,



plumbing, unpaved sidewalks, uneven surfaces and steps, variety of locally available foods, and availability and quality of public restrooms. You are traveling in some areas that see few travelers, and the infrastructure is not yet fully developed.

While this program is designed to be the most comfortable possible for travel in this region, it is rated as **rigorous touring** due to the daily walking involved, the length of some overland rides, and the overall shortcomings of the tourism infrastructure. This itinerary features a significant amount of touring on foot. Many streets are of packed dirt, and some attractions are only accessible via steep staircases with tall, uneven steps.

Every effort has been made to make the information in this schedule accurate. However, trip itineraries are always subject to change. We do our best to inform you in advance of any changes, but due to the nature of travel in Central Asia, this may not always be possible. Only those willing to accept these conditions should consider joining this program.

To reap the full rewards of this adventure, travelers must be able to walk at least a mile a day. Flexibility, a sense of humor and a willingness to accept local standards of amenities and services are essential components to the enjoyment of this trip.

## Are You Prepared?

A Travel Guard travel insurance plan can help cover your vacation investment, offset expenses from travel mishaps and provide you with emergency travel assistance. To learn more about all of the benefits of purchasing a Travel Guard travel insurance plan, please visit [www.travelguard.com/mircorp](http://www.travelguard.com/mircorp)

Please read the U.S. Department of State's Travel Advisory regarding Kazakhstan here:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/kazakhstan-travel-advisory.html>

If you are not already enrolled in STEP, Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, a free service to enroll your trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, please consider enrolling. For more information:

<https://step.state.gov/step/>

## Weather

Taking into account the range of terrains, from mountain to desert, from steppe to canyon, the variation in Kazakhstan's weather, from hot desert summers to frigid steppe winters, is not at all surprising. A landlocked country, Kazakhstan has a continental climate. Weather patterns move in from Siberia, chilling the winters, and move up from southern Central Asia, warming the summers. MIR recommends travel to Kazakhstan in the spring months of April and May or the fall months of September and October, when the average daytime temperatures in Almaty range from the low 60s to the 70s. Temperatures do fall at nighttime and the average ranges from the low 40s to the 50s during the spring and fall. The summer months of June, July, and August are warmer on average and can range from the 60s at night to the upper 80s during the day. Rain in Almaty is more common in the late spring and early summer, but rarely accounts for more than about four inches a month.

Please remember, weather at all times of year has an element of the unpredictable. This information comes from weatherbase.com and is based on data from previous temperatures on record. It is always advisable to check with weatherbase.com closer to your departure date for current conditions and forecasts for the specific region of Kazakhstan you will be visiting.



## International Airfare

MIR's in-house, full-service air department is available to assist with your air travel needs. Check with MIR before booking air on your own, as we are happy to research and compare the best fares available through multiple channels. Airfare varies depending on a wide variety of factors, such as dates of travel and seasonality, seat availability, special airline promotions, how restrictive ticket changes are, how long the fares can be held without purchase, routing considerations such as stopovers and more. Tour dates are based on the land tour only. Our preferred carriers for this tour are Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines, as they offer convenient itineraries and competitive rates from multiple cities across the U.S. to Kazakhstan.

Please call us at 1-800-424-7289 to discuss air options and routings for this program, and to request a quote for your specific plans and dates of travel. We will be happy to put together a no-obligation suggested air itinerary and estimate for you at your request.

## Visas

No Kazakh visa is required for U.S. passport holders visiting Kazakhstan. However, you may need a visa for any country you fly through prior to joining the tour, such as Turkey. Non-U.S. passport holders may require a Kazakh visa. Please contact MIR for further information.

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For more tours to Central Asia you may want to check out:

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**Essential Central Asia**, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, 13 days. Explore the markets, mosques and minarets of oasis towns on the fringes of the Kyzyl Kum and Kara Kum deserts. Here, spiritual beliefs were the greatest commodities to flow along trade routes, and civilizations blossomed amidst austere natural beauty.

**Essential Kyrgyzstan**, 8 days. On this comprehensive journey among the soaring peaks, glacial lakes and steep valleys of the Kyrgyz outback, spend a night with a village family, learning the traditional way to make felt, bake flatbread in a clay oven, and milk a mare. Visit with a seasoned eagle hunter and admire dramatic landscapes of ochre and umber sandstone formations.

**Essential Tajikistan**, 8 days. Rarely-visited Tajikistan is wreathed in spectacular mountains and colored with the influence of Persia, the Islamic world and Russia. Meet local people at Fergana Valley markets, explore the ruins of ancient Penjikent and share a meal in a warm Tajik home. Visit the country's capital, Dushanbe, where an airy, light-filled space is home to the modern National Museum of Tajikistan.

**Essential Turkmenistan**, 12 days. From the golden monuments of Ashgabat and the ruins of Parthian Nisa, head into the mountains to visit a silk weaver in a tribal village home. Visit the Caspian seaport, Turkmenbashi, explore UNESCO-listed Merv, and learn about traditional crafts. Camp at the "Door to Hell" and survey Kunya-Urgench, ancient capital of Khorezm.

**Essential Uzbekistan**, 10 days. Beginning in the modern capital, Tashkent, roam the great Silk Road oases of Bukhara, Samarkand and Khiva, all of them UNESCO Sites. Admire their mosques, *madrasahs* and minarets clad in ceramic tiles the color of the desert sky.



## Small Group Tours

**The Pamir Highway: From the Tien Shan to the High Pamirs**, 18 days. The Pamir Mountains of Tajikistan are some of the most rugged and beautiful on Earth, soaring upward where the Himalayas, the Tien Shan and the Hindu Kush meet. This adventurous journey over the Pamir Highway is a breathtaking route, in use since the time of the Silk Road.

**Silk Route Odyssey: Caravan Across Uzbekistan**, 15 days. The center of Central Asia, Uzbekistan is home to three of the most renowned of the Silk Road oases – Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. Journey through these UNESCO Sites, the incredible Savitsky Museum in Nukus, and the lush Fergana Valley, where Central Asia's silk production began with two cocoons hidden in the headdress of a royal Chinese bride.

## Conditions of Participation

Your participation on a MIR Corporation trip is subject to the conditions contained in the 2020 Tour Reservation Form and Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. Please read this document carefully and contact us with any questions.

## Cancellation and Refund Policy

Payment Terms: Non-refundable deposits are accepted by check, Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final land payments may be made by check or credit card for reservations made directly with MIR. If booking through a travel agent, please contact your agent to find out what form of payment they accept. (MIR can accept final payment from travel agents by agency check only.) Airfares are subject to change until ticketed; payment policies vary by carrier.

If you cancel your trip please notify MIR in writing. Upon MIR's receipt of notice, the following charges apply to land tours (policies for air tickets, custom group trips vary).

### *Flexible Essential Trips*

Cost of cancellation, if received:

61 or more days prior to departure, deposit due or paid in full of \$750;

31-60 days prior to departure, 50% of land tour cost;

30 days prior to or after trip departure, no refund.

## References

We encourage you to speak directly with satisfied past travelers. Please request a list of references.

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### More Questions?

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