



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 4- August 17, 2025

<i>About Kyrgyz Republic- Japan Center for Human Development (KRJC)</i>	<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>
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1. OUTLINE of the Study Tour

Aim of the program	Central Asia, is the former Soviet Union region, with authentic culture, including nomadism, old silk road sites, and unique history with the multinational cultures (Islamic culture, Christian culture, etc.). This study tour provides: 1) Kazakhstan: Knowledge enhancement and deepening about the Kazakhstan tourism (Ascension Cathedral, Park Panfilovtsev, green bazaar, Kok-Tobe, National Museum of Kazakhstan), International migration, culture and society 2) Kyrgyz Republic: tourism (UNESCO world heritages), deepening understanding of international cooperation activities, and conducting international community contribution through international volunteer activities
Main targeted participants	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. Japanese interpretation is provided throughout the course. English ability is desirable from the perspective of enhancing the learning experience, but not mandatory.

Program outline	● Stay in the Kazakhstan (Almaty) ● Explanation about KJC's activities ● Self-introduction of the students, explanation of the Kazakhstan part (by KJC)	3 nights in Almaty & 10 nights in Kyrgyzstan
	● Visit relocated company from Russia (after 2022)	
	● Almaty city tour accompanied by the local students: visit of Ascension Cathedral, Park Panfilovtsev, green bazaar (if time allows)	
	● Lecture about IR by A. Kulubaeva	
	● Visit the National Museum of Kazakhstan	
	● Excursions to the Kok-Tobe in Almaty	
	Cross-border travel to Kyrgyzstan via Kordai	
	● Explanation about KRJC's activities, ● Brief session of "Understanding Kyrgyz Republic" at KRJC (Government, Economy, Society, Culture, Tourism, etc.) by guest lectures	
	● 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 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	Time	Content	Stay	Transport	Meals
				<i>x- not included into the price</i>	<i>x- not included into the price</i>
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Aug 3 (sun)	12:00	Kazakhstan Japanese Centre staff conducts arrival meeting, visit spots, Drive to the airport of Almaty (KJC staff) Transfer to the hotel by minibus (TBD) Support to exchange money on the way show nearest café for dinner	Hotel Otrar (twin room)	Transport o	D o
Aug 4 (Mon)	8:30-8:30	Breakfast in the hotel		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Do
	9:00-9:30	Self-introduction of the students, explanation of the Kazakhstan part (by KJC)			
	10:00-12:00	Visit the relocated company from Russia (after 2022)			
	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch			
	14:30-17:30	Almaty city tour accompanied by the local students : visit of Ascension Cathedral, Park Panfilovtsev, green bazaar (if time allows) Free time till dinner			
	18:30	Dinner			
		Hotel accomodation	Hotel Otrar		
Aug 05 (Tue)	7:30-8:30	Breakfast in the hotel		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Do
	9:00-10:00	Lecture about IR by A. Kulubaeva			
	11:00-12:30	Visit the National Museum of Kazakhstan			
	13:00-14:00	Lunch			
	14:30	Excursions to the Kok-Tobe in Almaty			
	18:00	Dinner			

		Hotel accomodation			
Aug 06 (Wed)	7:00	Breakfast in the hotel		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Do
	7:30	Check out			
	8:00	Departure to Bishkek			
	12:30	Cross-border travel to Kyrgyzstan via Kordai (KRJC staff meets the group at the border)			
	14:00	Lunch in Bishkek (on the way)			
	15:30	Arrival and hotel accommodation	Grand hotel		
	16:30	Support to exchange money on the way, show nearest café for dinner			
	18:00	Dinner			
Aug 07 (Thu)	8:00-8:30	Breakfast in the hotel		walk	Bo Lo Do
	8:45	Leave for KRJC			
	9:00-10:00	9:00-9:30 Meeting with KRJC Directorate: introduce staffs, self introduction, program explanation (if time permits) Security briefing by EOJ representative			
	10:10-12:30	Session of "Understanding Kyrgyzstan" at KRJC Guest lectures on various topics: - free format group discussions			
	12:30-14:00	Lunch			
	14:30-16:30	Briefing session of Red Crescent of KR Excursion of the Red Crescent office			
	17:40	Departure to the café			
	18:00	Welcome dinner with JICA volunteers, KRJC directorate, JP interns			
		Hotel			
Aug 8 (Fri)	7:30	Meeting at KRJC		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Dx
	8:00-8:30	Breakfast in the hotel			
	9:00-12:30	Introduction of Kyrgyz Republic student volunteer group's activity, explanation regarding the joint volunteer works with them, Volunteer activity in orphanage			
	13:00-14:00	Lunch with Kyrgyz students volunteers			

	14:00-15:00	free time			
	15:30-17:30	Visit JICA office			
	18:00	Free dinner		Transport x	
Aug 09 (Sat)	8:30-9:00	Breakfast in the hotel		2 minibuses	Bo Lx Dx
	9:00	Meeting with KR student volunteers in the hotel lobby			
	9:10-12:00	City tour with Kyrgyz student volunteers, including visits to: Opera Theater, Panfilov Park, Ala-Too square etc.			
	12:30-14:00	Free lunch			
	14:30	Osh bazar visit			
	15:00-16:00	Visiting of mosque			
	16:30-17:30	Visit of Orthodox Church			
	18:00-19:30	Free dinner		Transport x	
Aug 10 (Sun)	8:00-8:40	Breakfast in the hotel		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Dx
	9:00	Departure to Kara-Balta			
	10:30-12:30	Participation in some activity of Red Crescent in Kara-Balta (Nursing home for elder "Salamat")			
	12:30-13:30	Lunch			
	13:30-17:00	Participation in some activity of Red Crescent (TBD) (Kara Balta, at the Children's Crisis Center of the Red Crescent)			
		Arrival back to Bishkek			
	18:00	Free dinner		Transport X	
Aug 11 (Mon)	7:40-8:20	Breakfast in the hotel		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Do
	8:30	Departure to Issyk-Kul			
	12:30	Arrival to Cholpon Ata			
	13:00-14:30	Lunch in Cholpon Ata			
	15:30-16:30	Boat cruise and swimming at the lake			

	17:00	Free Time			
	18:00	Dinner and free time			
Aug 12 (Tue)	7:00-7:30	Breakfast		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Do
	8:00-11:00	Departure to Karakol			
	11:00-12:30	OVOP observation (max 30 min) and Felt making workshop (1hr)			
	12:50-14:00	Lunch			
	14:20	Meeting in the office of Youth Association Leader			
	14:30-16:30	Exchange&Volunteer activity with the Youth Association in Karakol			
	17:00	Meeting with host families in Youth Association (TBC)	Homestay (TBC)		
		Dinner in the families			
Aug 13 (Wed)		Breakfast in the families		2 minibuses	Bo Lo Do
	8:50	Families bring students to NPO venue			
	9:00	Departure from Karakol			
	9:30-11:30	Ak-Suu outside onsen with swimming suits (south shore of Issyk-Kul lake)			
	12:00–13:00	Lunch			
	13:00	Trip to Bokonbaevo (appr. 3hrs)			
	16:30	Yurt installation			
	18:00	Dinner at Yurt camp and free time			
		Overnight at yurt camp (appr. 6 people in 1 yurt)	Yurt camp		
Aug 14 (Thu)	7:40-8:20	Breakfast in yurt camp		2 minibuses	Bo Lo D x
	8:30	Departure to Tokmok city			
	12:00	Boorsok making experience at the local house near Burana (not inc)			
	13:00-14:00	Lunch in the local family			
	14:30-16:30	Visit the Burana Tower (UNESCO World Heritage) and JICA Tourism project site Ak-Beshim			

	16:30-18:00	Departure to Bishkek			
		Hotel accommodation and free dinner	Grand hotel		
Aug 15 (Fri)	8:30-9:00	Breakfast in the hotel		Transport X	Bo Lx D o
	9:10	Departure to KRJC			
	9:30-12:00	Free time for individual presentation preparation			
	12:30-13:20	Free lunch			
	13:30-16:00	Presentation by the students, answering the questionnaire			
	16:00-17:00	Program sum-up, opinion sharing, filling in questionnaires			
	18:00	Farewell dinner in Pishpek restaurant (program sum-up, certificate ceremony (tour completion certificate by KRJC, including the international volunteer activity)			
Aug 17	12:30	Check out from the hotel		2 minibuses	
	13:00	Departure to the Manas International Airport			
	17:00	Arrival to the airport			