

Welcome to Issyk-Kul

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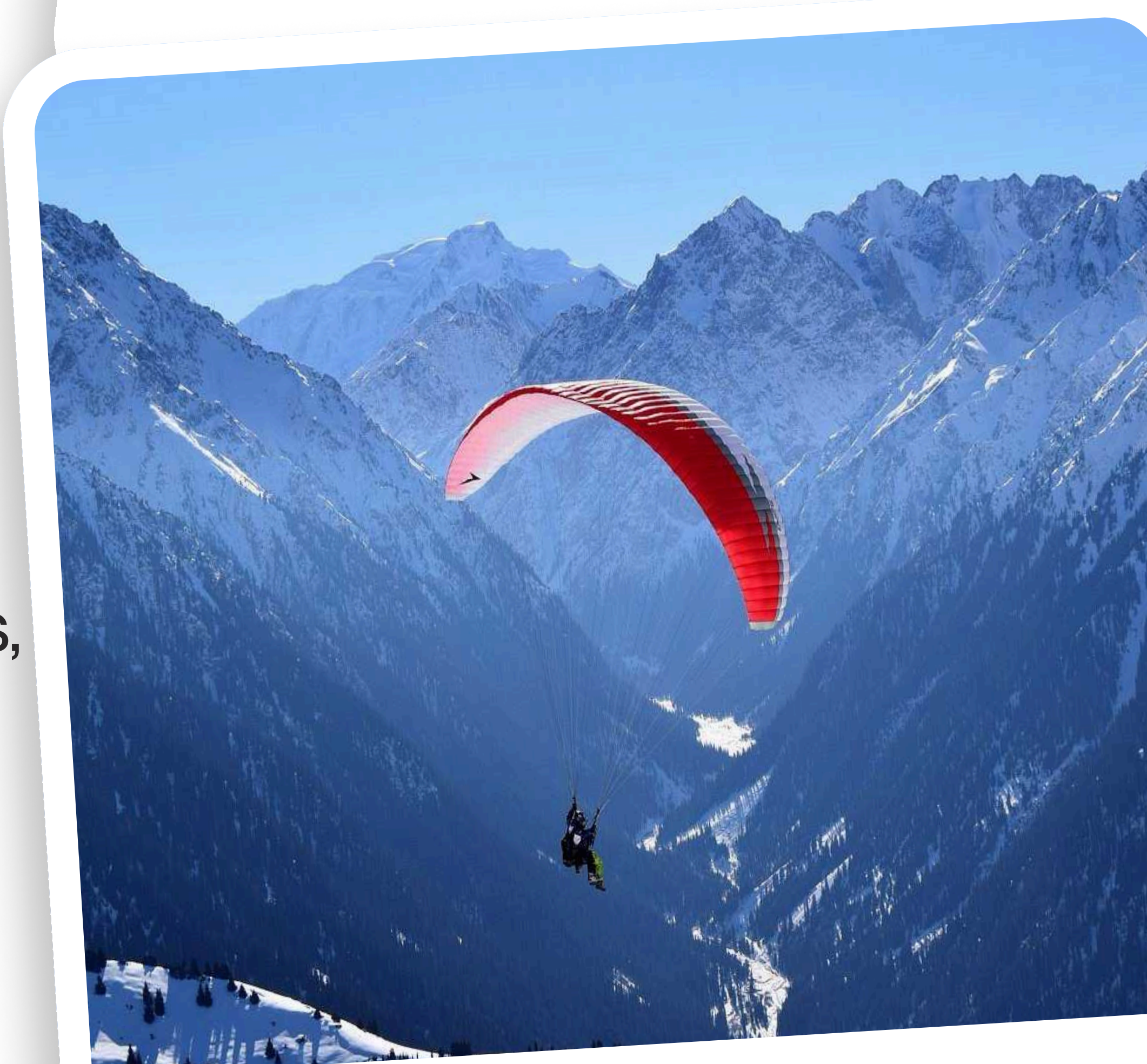
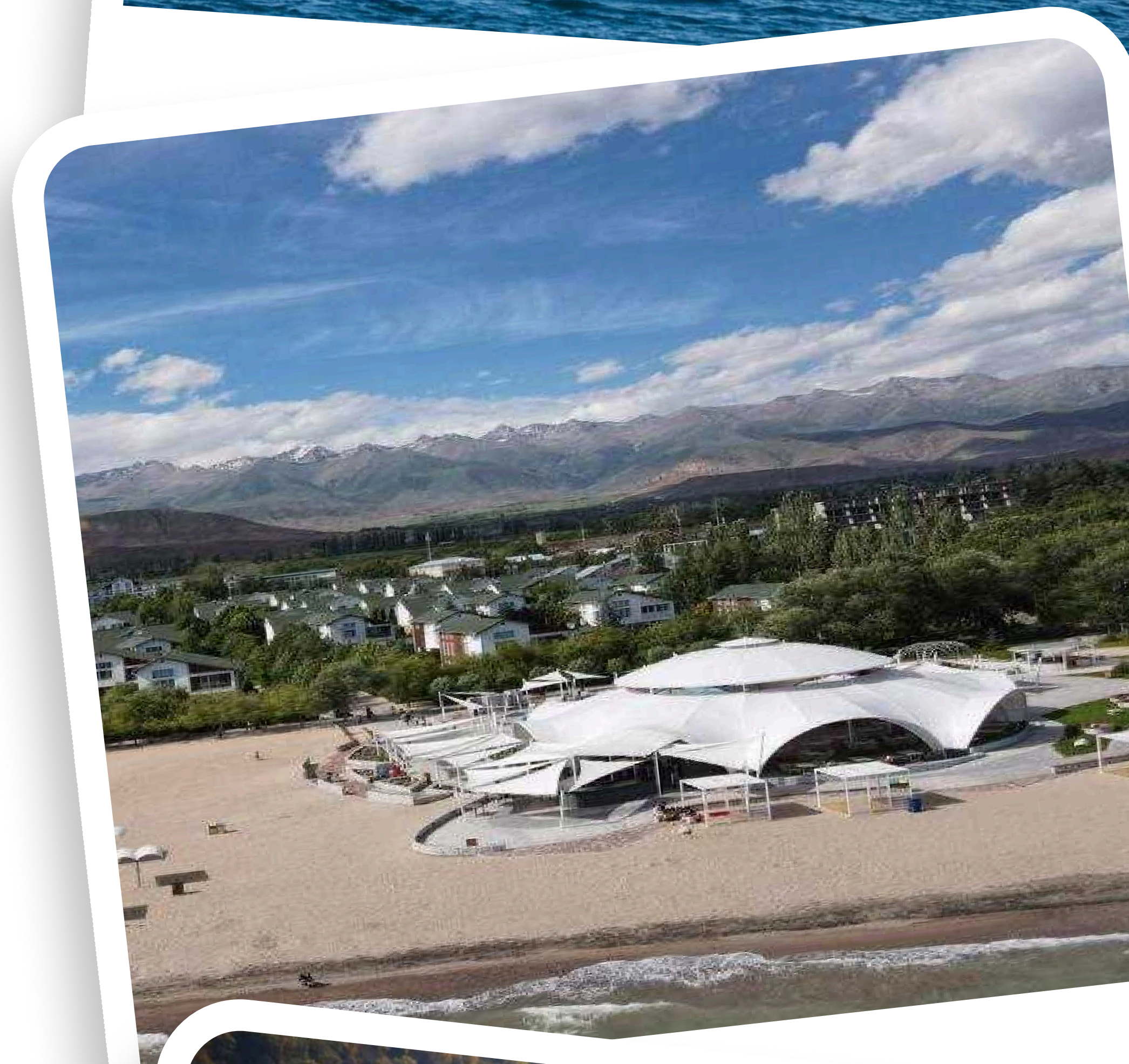
What to do?

TOP activities in Cholpon-Ata (the main Issyk-Kul resort) and surroundings

- Relax at one of the many sanatoriums or guesthouses.
- Enjoy the beaches and crystal-clear lake water – “Golden Sands” beach is among the best
- Take a yacht or motorboat, SUP, or kayak ride on the lake
- Go fishing and try to catch the big one
- Have family fun in Bosteri: the country’s tallest Ferris wheel (76 m), roller coasters, and a small water park
- Visit the Chingiz Aitmatov–named cultural center “Rukh Ordo” – 10 mini open-air museums in one
- Snap photos on the pier shaped like a komuz (the national musical instrument)
- See ancient petroglyphs at the Rock Art Museum (Stone Garden)
- Take a night tour through Cholpon-Ata’s narrow streets under a sky full of stars
- Attend a horse race at the hippodrome built for the World Nomad Games
- Swim in the healing thermal waters of the Tash-Suu or Ak-Bermet springs
- Enjoy nature in Grigorievskoe, Semenovskoe, or Chong-Ak-Suu gorges
- Ride horses in the mountains of Grigoriev Gorge
- Relax at Upper Lake (Verkhnee) surrounded by forests and alpine meadows
- Buy local treats at the Bosteri bazaar
- Tour the entire Issyk-Kul in one day – book a guided excursion with transport

TOP Activities in Karakol (~200km from the airport)

- Wander among “martian landscapes” of stone dragons and castles in the “Fairy Tale” canyon
- See Issyk-Kul from above by paragliding
- Marvel at the beauty of Jeti-Oguz Gorge with its red cliffs, “Broken Heart” rock, and 50m “Maiden’s Tears” waterfall
- For peace and pure nature, visit Altyn-Arashan Gorge with yurts, hot springs, and alpine meadows



What to bring back?

- Sea buckthorn products: teas, berries with honey
- Blackcurrant jam
- Honey
- Dried herbs
- Felt items – traditional shoes



What to try?

- Beshbarmak
- Pilaf
- Issyk-Kul trout
- Kattama (Kyrgyz layered flatbread)
- “Sunset of Issyk-Kul” tea drink

