

Welcome to Almaty

- Take the cable car up to Kok-Tobe Mountain
- Enjoy the rides at the Central Park of Culture and Recreation
- Stroll along the local Arbat – Zhibek Zholy Street
- See mammoth remains, a replica of the “Golden Man” (Kazakhstan’s national symbol), and two entire halls of gold at the National Museum
- Admire the beauty of the Ascension Cathedral
- Shop for souvenirs at the Green Bazaar
- Feed squirrels, photograph carp – or yourself – at the Botanical Garden
- Discover the country’s traditions at the Museum of Folk Musical Instruments
- Count the city’s fountains – and see one of the most beautiful: the “Eastern Calendar”
- Snap a photo of the “crown” on Hotel Kazakhstan – Almaty’s first skyscraper
- Explore the mountain resort of Shymbulak
- Skate at Medeu – the world’s highest-altitude ice rink
- Hike into the mountains: to Gorelnik Gorge, Tourist Peak, or the Bogdanovich Glacier
- Soak in the atmosphere of the Old Japanese Road
- Witness how the Almaty Lake changes color – from emerald to turquoise
- Swing on the “Sky Swings” at 2,500 meters above sea level
- Relax in the thermal springs of Alma-Arasan
- Steam in a traditional Saka sauna
- Explore every corner of Charyn Canyon
- Embark on a nature trip: to the Kolsai Lakes, Lake Kaindy, Lake Tuzkol, or the Assy Plateau



Did you know that...

...Almaty is a capital of Soviet modernism – with a glass library, mosaics, and one of the most unique circus buildings in the world?

...Almaty is home to the second tallest wooden church in the world – the Ascension Cathedral

What to try?

- “Aport” apples – the iconic symbol of Almaty
- Beshbarmak
- Palau (Kazakh-style pilaf) and manty
- Kazy (horsemeat sausage) and kumys (fermented mare’s milk)
- Korean cuisine



What to bring back?

- Sweets from the “LOTTE Rakhat” factory
- Handicrafts made of felt and stone
- Kese-shki – ceramic tea bowls
- Honey made from camelthorn
- Local Arba Wine

