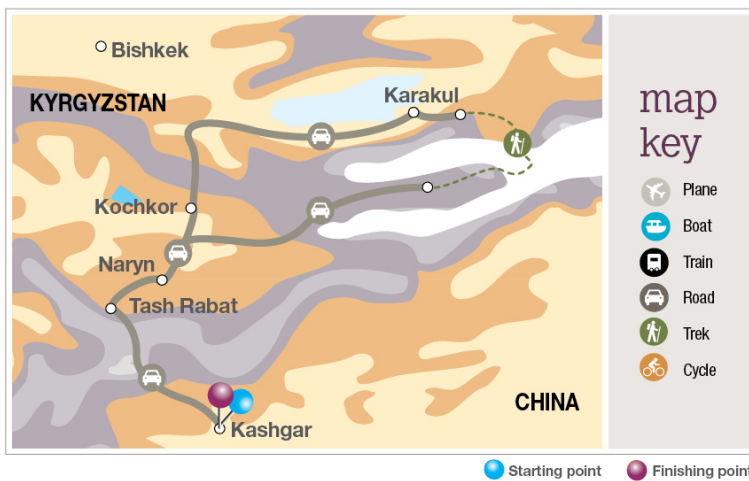


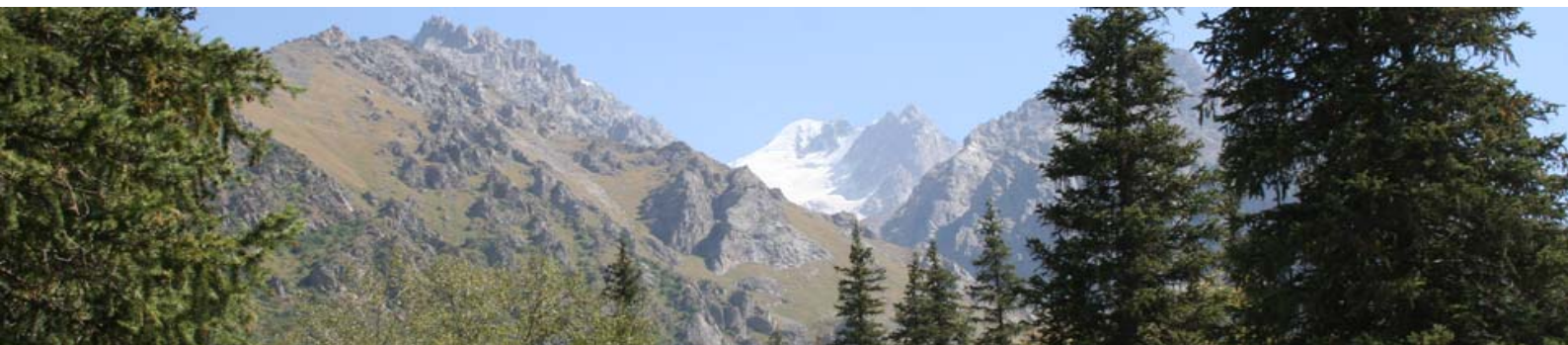
Kyrgyzstan Tianshan

This is a ***strenuous*** multi day, multi pass approach to the ice giants of the Tianshan. The trail climbs and descends forested valleys to cross five sub 4000m passes before reaching Lake Merzbacher at the confluence of the Inylchek Glaciers. At the head of the valley a citadel of mighty peaks are crowned by Khan Tengri, Peak Pobeda and host of lesser peaks. The trip involves some long days, river crossings and sustained ascents but there are also rewarding forested glades and stunning views.

Visit Kashgar, Naryn, Karakol.



Length of trip	16 days 8 trekking days.
Accommodation	Yurt camps, Guest houses, tents
Meals included	Yes
Travel Style	Porter supported trek.
Escort	Local English Speaking Guide
Maximum group	12
Sightseeing and entry fees	Included
Commences	Kashgar 06th July 2012
Concludes	Kashgar 21st July 2012
COST	NZ\$4,900 based on twin share. <i>(prices subject to change)</i>



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Itinerary at a Glance :

Day 1 Arrive Kashgar

Met by our representative and transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 Kashgar

Our full day programme in Kashgar includes a wander in the old city lanes and several cultural sites. Afternoon at leisure in this historic Silk Road city.

Day 3 Kashgar

Today we are off to the renowned Sunday market. We start first at the colourful livestock market and progress to the main bazaar after lunch. PM there is time to prepare for the trek and sort out gear.

Day 4 To Tash Rabat (3500m)

Depart early this morning for the drive to the China-Kyrgyz border at Torugart Pass. Complete formalities and transfer to our Ger camp at the historic Tash Rabat caravanseri.

Day 5 To Issyk Kul

Today transfer 350km to our yurt camp sites on the southern shore of Lake Issyk Kul. Along the way stop for lunch with a Kyrgyz family.

Day 6 To Turgen Aksu trail head.

Today transfer to the trek start point in the picturesque Turgen Aksu valley. Camp overnight near the junction of the Cakyr Korum river.

Day 7 Trek to Top valley camp

Get away early today for the 6hr trek up river and over the Cakyr Korum pass (3710m) to reach the camp site in the Top valley.

Day 8 Trek to Chon Djanalach valley camp

Set out today for the Ashutor Pass (3649m) by the abandoned mining road. Follow the road down into the Chon Djanalach valley and reach the camp site after about 6hrs on the trail.

Day 9 Trek to Sary Djaz valley camp

There are two passes to cross today. First up is the Janalach Pass (3510m) from which there are views of Khan Tengri Peak. Descend into the Turuk valley and follow it upstream to reach the Echkilitash Pas (3560m). Today's campsite is on a meadow upstream of the narrow Echkilitash gorge. 5-6hrs trek today

Day 10 Trek to upper Tuz valley camp

Just a short 3 hr trek stage today up the Tuz valley to the camp site .

Day 11 Trek to Chon Tash Camp

We are climbing further into the head of the valley today, following the river and alpine meadows to cross the Tuz Pass(4001m) the camp site at Chon Tash.

Day 12 Trek to Nansen Pk base camp

Today cross the Inylchek Glacier and continue to reach the base camp of Nansen peak.

Day 13 Trek to At Djailoo camp

We are off down valley today along the Inylchek river bed towards the jeep road at At Djailoo. On arrival there will be time to put your feet up at the camp.

Day 14 Transfer to Naryn

Transfer by road to the guest house at Naryn today. Arrive Pm in time for showers and refreshments

Day 15 To Kashgar .

Get away very early today for the return drive to the Torugart border. Complete immigration formalities and head for Kashgar.

Day 16 Kashgar and Conclude

Our arrangements conclude with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight.