



KYRGYZSTAN

SNOW DRIVE

20th to 29th DECEMBER 2026

FOUNDER LED | SIGNATURE EXPEDITION

Venture deep into the heart of Central Asia on a once-in-a-lifetime winter expedition through Kyrgyzstan. Drive across frozen landscapes, snow-covered mountain passes, and remote valleys where time stands still.



ABOUT THE SNOW DRIVE

Vast. Remote. Untamed.

The Kyrgyzstan Snow Drive is far more than a road trip. It is a carefully curated winter expedition through the raw and beautiful landscapes of Central Asia.

Over the course of nine unforgettable days, we journey across snow-covered mountain passes, frozen alpine lakes, high-altitude plateaus, and remote villages hidden deep within the dramatic Tien Shan mountains. Behind the wheel of capable 4x4 vehicles, you will experience the joy of driving through pristine winter terrain while being guided by an experienced expedition team.

Yet this journey is not only about the drive. It is about discovery and shared experiences.

Participants will witness landscapes that feel almost otherworldly, meet local nomadic families, and experience the simple joy of playing in deep powder snow. Parents will rediscover the excitement of exploration while sharing meaningful moments with their families in a setting far removed from the routines of everyday life.



WHY THIS EXPEDITION IS PERFECT FOR FAMILIES

Unlike conventional holidays where children are confined to resorts or structured activities, this expedition invites families into the heart of nature. Every day becomes an experience of discovery, curiosity, and shared adventure.

A True Family Adventure

Children experience the thrill of travelling across frozen landscapes, watching snow drift across vast valleys and mountains. From building snowmen beside alpine lakes to spotting golden eagles in the sky, the journey turns the wilderness into their playground.

Safe, Comfortable, and Well Supported

While the landscapes are wild and remote, the expedition is professionally organised with an experienced expedition leader, support vehicles, and carefully selected accommodations. Families can focus on enjoying the journey while our team manages logistics, safety, and navigation.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

This expedition offers children a rare opportunity to witness cultures and landscapes very different from their everyday world. They meet local nomadic families, see traditional ways of life, and experience geography, history, and culture firsthand.

Shared Experiences That Bring Families Closer

In the absence of everyday distractions, families reconnect through shared experiences. Long scenic drives, playful moments in deep snow, and evenings spent together over warm meals naturally create conversations, laughter, and memories that stay long after the journey ends.

A Journey Kids Will Never Forget

For many children, this will be their first true expedition. Driving through snow-covered valleys, walking across frozen lakes, and waking up to breathtaking mountain landscapes turns the trip into a story they will carry with them for years.

The Kyrgyzstan Snow Drive is not simply a holiday.
It is an adventure your family will talk about for decades.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive through the surreal white landscapes of **Ala Archa National Park**
- Stay in the charming mountain retreat of **Ala Kush**
- Cruise along the southern shore of **Issyk-Kul Lake**
- Witness a **traditional Shyrdak felt carpet show** in Bokonbaevo
- Soak in natural **hot springs** under a starlit sky in the remote village of Inylchek
- Meet **eagle hunters** and experience ancient falconry traditions up close
- Enjoy a **Dungan family dinner** in Karakol filled with local flavours and stories
- Feel the rush on a **snowmobile** ride across the white wilderness of Jergalan Valley
- Discover ancient **petroglyphs** in Cholpon Ata
- Sail on a **boat ride** across the beauty of Issyk-Kul Lake
- Watch breathtaking **horse riding games** and a live **Kyrgyz folklore performance**
- Visit the historic **Burana Tower**, a Silk Road relic
- Stay in **handpicked boutique lodges and yurts** along the way
- Travel with a convoy of explorers on **one of the most exclusive snow drives on Earth**



EXPEDITION ITINERARY



DAY 01

Arrival in Bishkek

TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL

If you're coming from India, arrive in Bishkek by 19:00 via Air Astana. After completing immigration and baggage formalities, transfer to your hotel and settle in.

Later in the evening, receive your expedition jeeps and meet the rest of the crew over a welcome dinner at a traditional Kyrgyz café. The adventure officially begins!

HOTEL: NOVOTEL BISHKEK



DAY 02

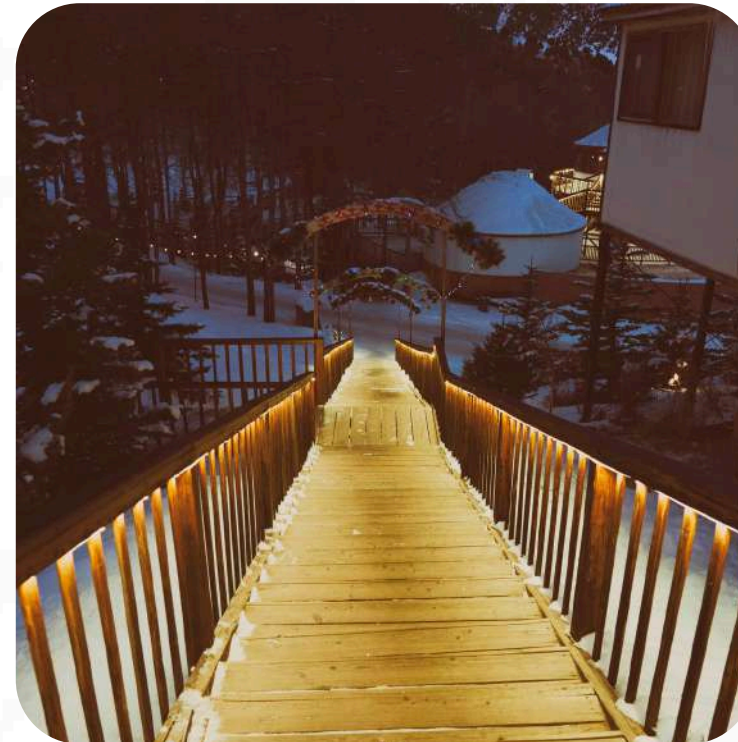
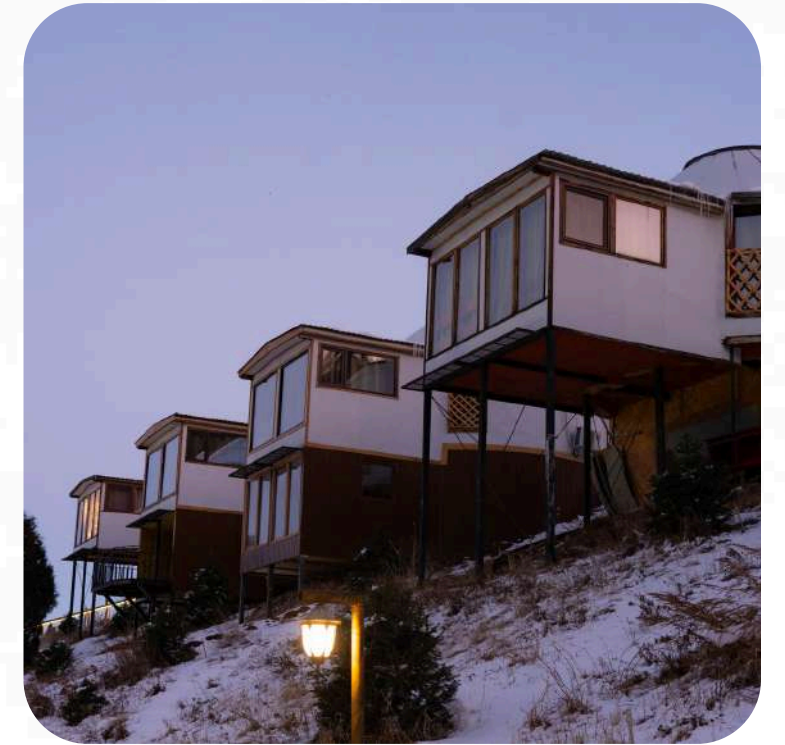
Into the Mountains

ALA ARCHA GORGE & CHON KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before heading out to the breathtaking Ala Archa Gorge. Soak in the crisp mountain air and stunning alpine views.

Post lunch, drive to Ala Kush, a scenic high-altitude retreat surrounded by snow-capped peaks inside the Chon Kemin National Park. The evening is yours to relax and acclimatize.

HOTEL: ALA KUSH



DAY 03

Horse Riding

CHON KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

After two days of driving through Kyrgyzstan's dramatic winter landscapes, the expedition slows down for a truly special experience in the beautiful Chon Kemin Valley. Post lunch, drive to Ala Kush, a scenic high-altitude retreat surrounded by snow-capped peaks inside the Chon Kemin National Park.

Gentle and well-trained horses make this activity suitable even for beginners and children, while experienced local guides accompany us throughout the ride. The pace is relaxed, allowing everyone to enjoy the serenity of the landscape and the quiet rhythm of riding through open meadows and along frozen streams.

HOTEL: ALA KUSH



DAY 04

Canyon Drive

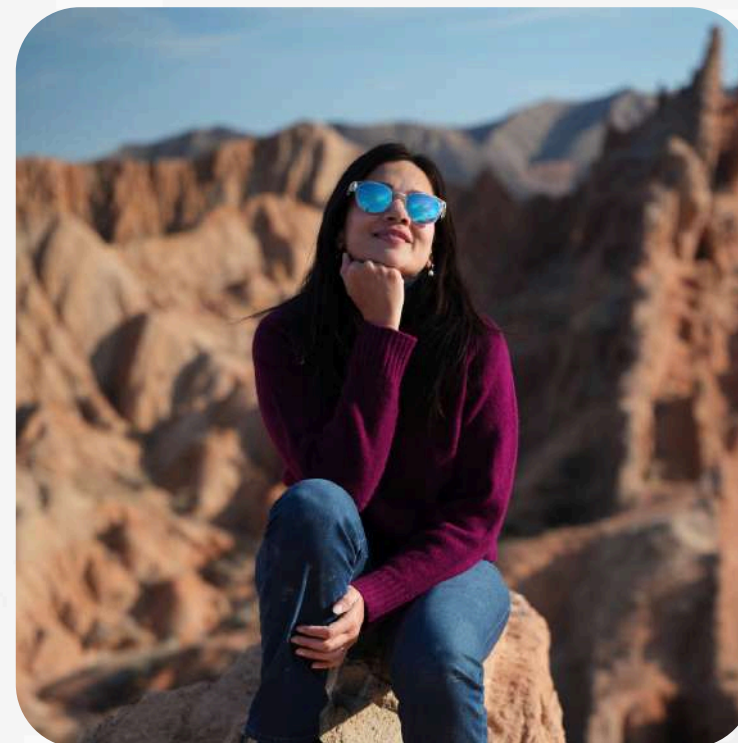
ALA KUSH TO KADJI-SAY VIA SOUTH SHORE OF ISSYK-KUL

After breakfast, hit the road for a full day's drive along the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake.

En route, explore the vibrant hues of Skazka (Fairy Tale) Canyon and the dramatic Barskoon Waterfalls.

Arrive in Kadji-Say by evening and check into your hotel.

HOTEL: NOMADIC CAMP



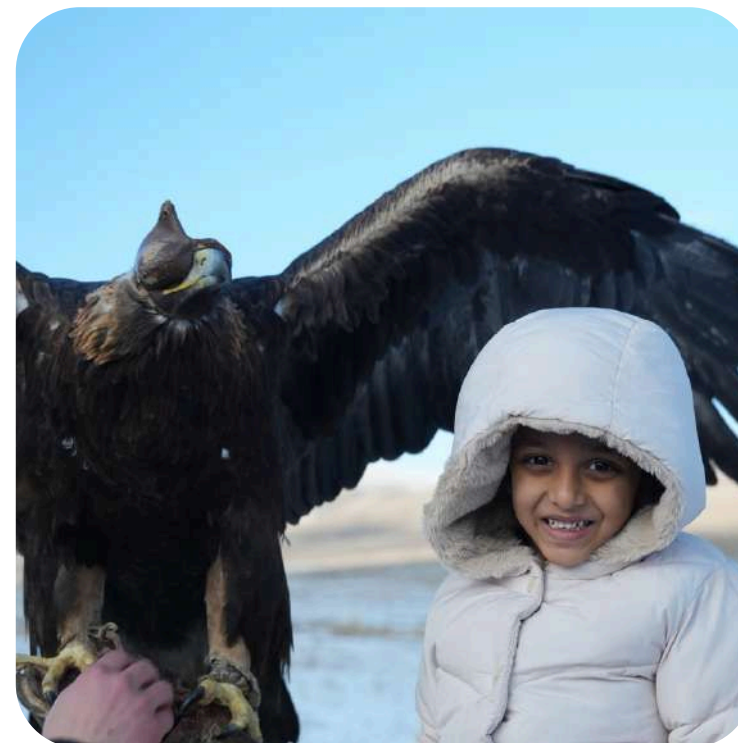
DAY 05

Day at Southern Shore

MOUNTAINS & HOT SPRINGS

Today we witness one of Central Asia's most fascinating traditions. A local eagle hunter demonstrates the ancient art of hunting with majestic golden eagles, a practice passed down through generations of nomadic families.

Watching the powerful bird soar across the snowy landscape before returning to its handler is an unforgettable sight for both adults and children. It is a rare glimpse into Kyrgyzstan's deep cultural heritage.



HOTEL: NOMADIC CAMP

DAY 06

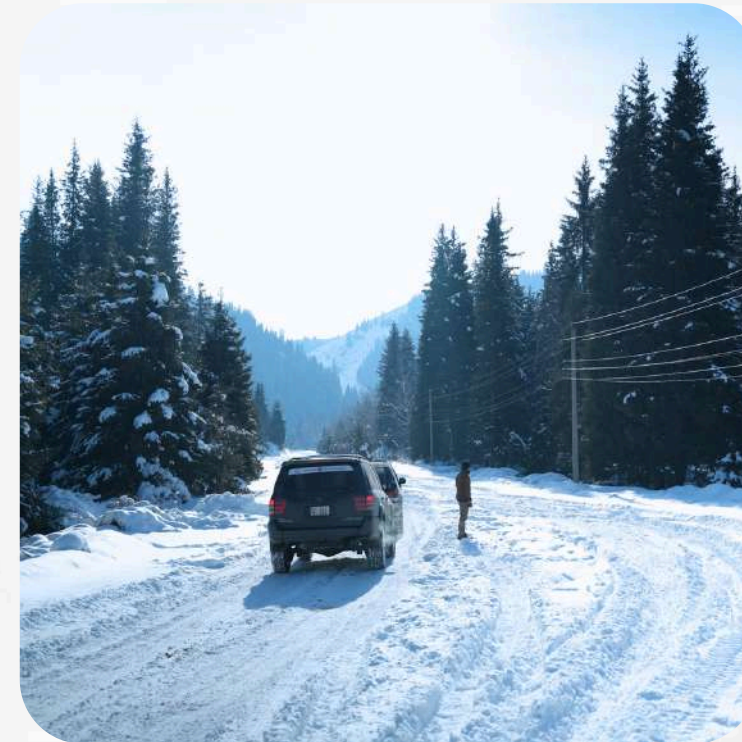
Road to Karakol

CLIFFS & CULTURE

Today we drive east along the shores of Lake Issyk Kul towards the charming town of Karakol. Surrounded by the dramatic peaks of the Tien Shan mountains, Karakol is known for its rich history and unique cultural influences.

In the evening, we explore the town on a relaxed city walk, visiting landmarks such as the beautiful wooden Dungan Mosque and the historic Russian Orthodox Church. A wonderful opportunity to experience the local character of this mountain town.

HOTEL: HOTEL GREEN YARD



DAY 07

Into the Wild

SNOW DRIVE TO KARKARA VALLEY

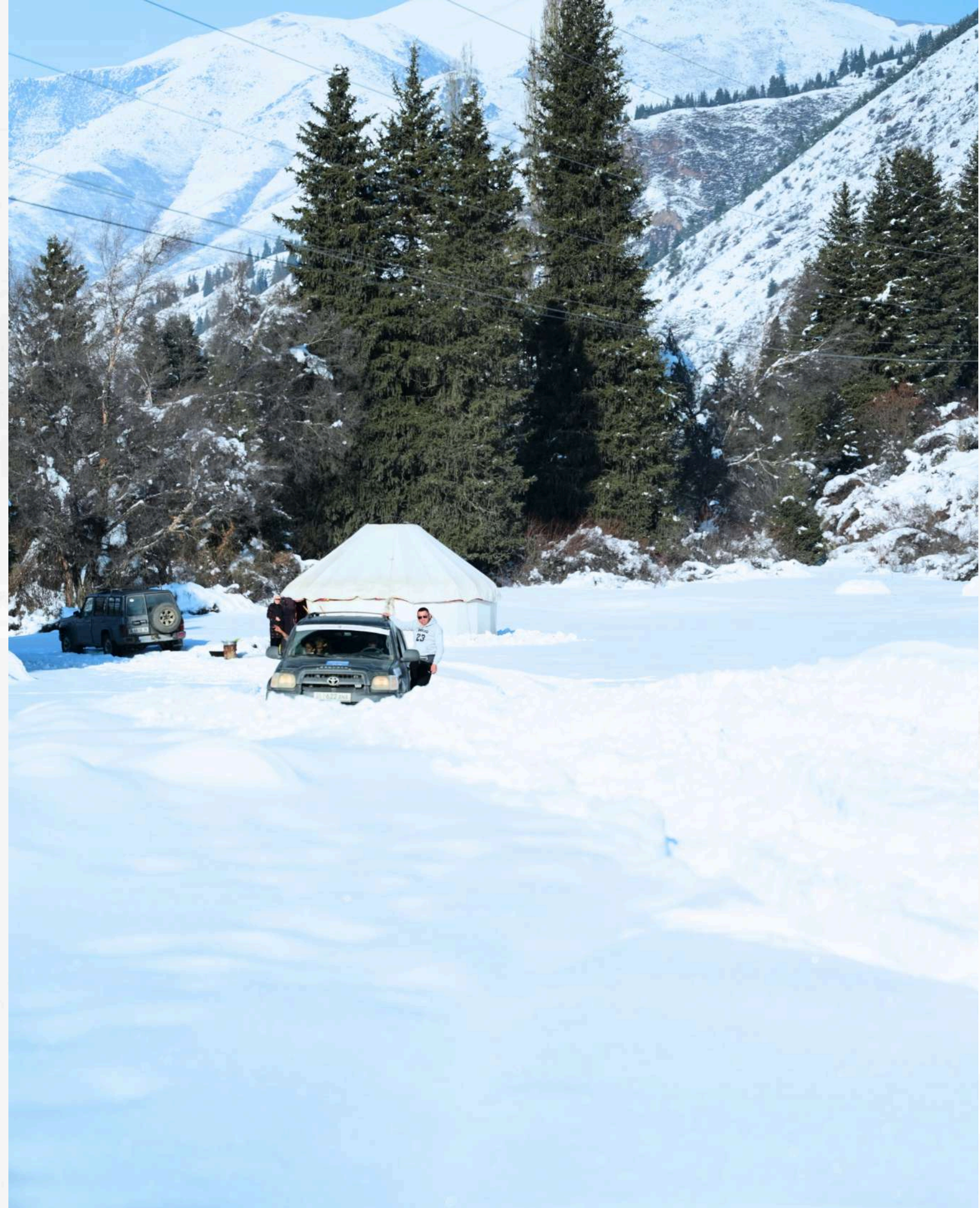
Fuel up with breakfast and prepare for a thrilling snow drive into the remote Karkara Valley.

This highland region is blanketed in snow and offers picture-perfect winter landscapes.

Enjoy a hearty lunch and gear up for an afternoon of snowmobiling through pristine powder trails.

Spend the night at a charming yurt camp.

HOTEL: KARKARA YURT CAMP



DAY 08

Gorge to Lake

SCENIC DRIVE TO CHOLPON ATA

Leave Karkara and traverse two majestic gorges — Semenovskoe and Grigorevskoe — as you descend toward the northern shores of Issyk-Kul Lake.

Arrive in Cholpon Ata and take time to visit the ancient Petroglyphs site.

If weather permits, enjoy a peaceful boat ride on the lake. Settle into your lakeside stay for the night.



HOTEL: KARVEN FOUR SEASONS

DAY 09

Return to Bishkek

CULTURE & CELEBRATION

Begin your return journey to Bishkek. En route, stop at the historic Burana Tower and enjoy traditional Kyrgyz horse riding games.

Back in the capital, wrap up the journey with a folklore show and a celebratory dinner with the crew, a fitting end to this unforgettable expedition.

HOTEL: NOVOTEL BISHKEK



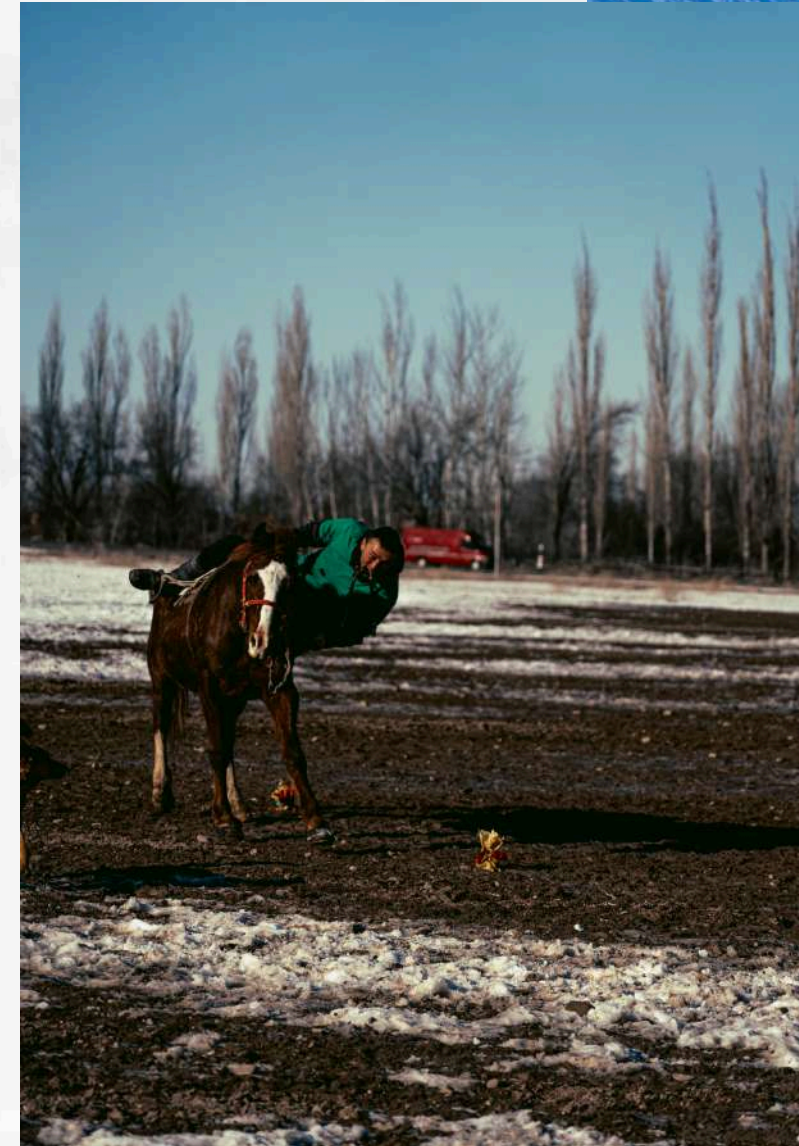
DAY 10

Departure Day

BISHKEK CITY TOUR

After breakfast, check out from the hotel. Depending on your flight schedule, opt for a short city tour of Bishkek to soak in the last glimpses of Kyrgyz culture before heading to the airport.

Depart with memories etched in snow and spirit.



EXPERIENCE COST

INR 3,00,000/- PER PERSON ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

INR 3,75,000/- PER PERSON ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY

INCLUSIONS

- Luxury SUV with fuel (Toyota 4Runner / Prado / Land Cruiser - LC200)
- Service Backup
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner (Veg/Non-Veg) on all days
- All Luxury Accommodations
- Airport pickup and drop-off in a Mercedes Sprinter
- All sightseeing & activities as per the itinerary
- All entry fees as per the itinerary
- All permits as per the itinerary
- Tea / Coffee on all days
- Beyond Xpeditions team and local guides
- Professional Photographs
- Radio communication devices in each car
- Mineral water in vehicles
- Kyrgyz Visa Assistance

EXCLUSIONS

- Air fare and Visa
- Refundable Damage Deposit (USD 500 Cash per car)
- Personal expenses like - Tips, alcohol, phone calls, beverages, in-room dining or dining separately from the arranged meals for the group.
- Any additional accommodation cost that may arise due to unforeseen circumstances - weather, civil unrest etc.
- Anything specifically not mentioned in the inclusions.
- 5% GST

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility & Participation

- The person driving must be at least 18 years old and have a valid passport.
- This expedition is designed for individuals in good physical and mental health. Participants must disclose any medical conditions beforehand.
- Beyond Xpeditions reserves the right to accept or reject any participant in the interest of group safety and cohesion.

2. Booking & Payment

- A non-refundable booking amount of ₹ 50,000 per person is required to confirm your spot.
- The balance payment must be completed no later than 45 days before departure.
- Payment schedules and deadlines will be strictly adhered to. Failure to comply may result in cancellation of participation.

3. Passport, Visa & Documentation

- Participants are responsible for securing a valid Kyrgyzstan visa, passport (valid for 6 months), and IDP (if applicable).
- Beyond Xpeditions can provide visa guidance but is not liable for visa rejections or delays.

4. Vehicle Responsibility

- Participants will be allocated self-drive vehicles based on draw of lots.
- Any damage to the vehicle due to negligence, off-road misuse, or violation of local laws must be borne by the participant.
- Fuel costs, tolls, and parking charges (if not included) will be specified in the inclusions section.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6. Itinerary & Weather Flexibility

- The itinerary is subject to change based on weather conditions, local regulations, or safety concerns.
- Any major route changes will be communicated by the Expedition Leader, whose decision will be final.

7. Risk Acknowledgement

- Participants acknowledge that this is a high-altitude winter expedition involving potential risks such as slippery roads, extreme weather, and limited medical access.
- A mandatory indemnity form will be signed before departure.
- Beyond Xpeditions and its partners are not liable for any injuries, losses, or damages sustained during the trip.

8. Conduct & Cooperation

- All participants are expected to respect local cultures, laws, and group dynamics.
- Any behavior that endangers the group or disrupts the experience may result in removal from the expedition without refund.

9. Photography & Media

- By participating, you grant Beyond Xpeditions the right to use trip photos and videos (that may include your image) for marketing and social media purposes unless explicitly informed otherwise.

10. Insurance

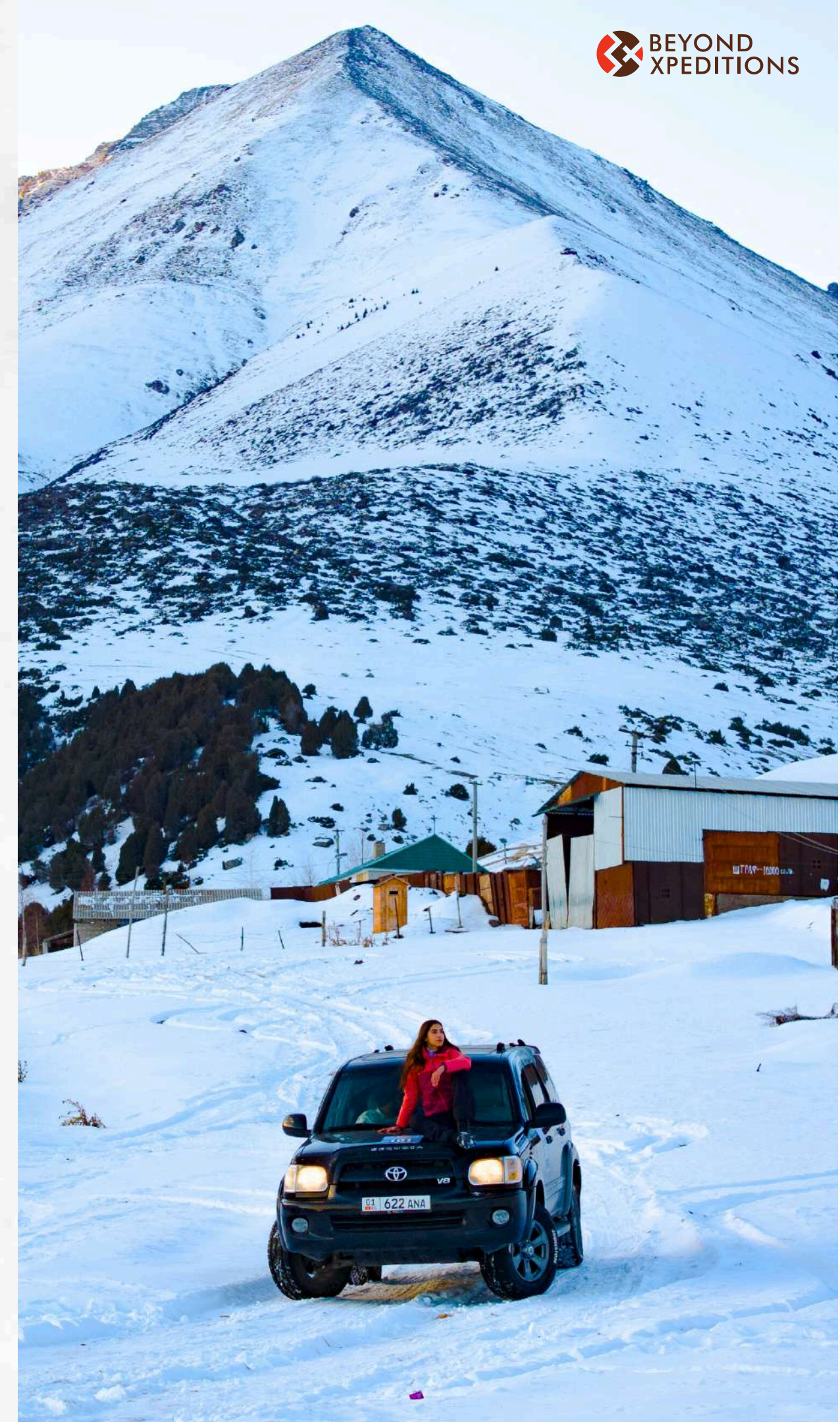
- All participants must have travel insurance that covers international travel, emergency evacuation, and high-altitude adventure activities.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 15 to 30 days before departure – 35% refund
- 7 to 14 days before departure – 20% refund
- Less than 7 days before departure – No refund
- In the unlikely event Beyond Xpeditions cancels the trip (excluding force majeure), participants will receive a full refund.

PAYMENT TERMS

- INR 1,00,000 per person to be paid at the time of booking
- Balance amount to be cleared 45 days before the travel date





PARTICIPANT REVIEWS



An Unforgettable Kyrgyzstan Snow Expedition! The itinerary was curated perfectly. We were taken to some of the most stunning winter landscapes I've ever seen. The team at Beyond Xpeditions goes above and beyond to ensure everyone is safe, comfortable, and having the time of their lives. You can tell they truly care about the guest experience. An absolute 10/10 experience.

- ***Mahesh Babu (Bengaluru)***

We can't thank Beyond Xpeditions and Kaniyshk Malick enough for making our Kyrgyzstan Snow Drive a truly unforgettable experience! Their expertise and attention to detail ensured a seamless journey, leaving us free to soak in the breathtaking landscapes and create lifelong memories with our family. We were traveling with our **8 year old daughter** and she was beyond thrilled to be part of the snow drive experience. Highly recommend them for anyone looking for an adventure of a lifetime!

- ***Jigar Satra (Mumbai)***

Traveling with Beyond Xpeditions to Kyrgyzstan was truly an amazing experience. From visas to stays, food, and logistics, everything was thoughtfully taken care of, which allowed me to fully relax and simply be present. We had unique, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, like sharing lunch in a yurt in the middle of the snow, something I could never have managed on my own. It reminded me how powerful travel can be when you don't have to overthink anything—just show up and experience.

- ***Megha Gupta (Goa)***

Embarking on a self-drive adventure along a portion of the historic Silk Road in Kyrgyzstan had long been a dream on our bucket list. Opting for Beyond Xpeditions turned out to be the best choice that we made. Kanishk and his team orchestrated an unparalleled and deeply personalized experience throughout the entire journey. Accommodations were nothing short of luxurious, with the team ensuring our stay in top-notch hotels. Dining experiences were elevated with visits to exotic restaurants and the unique inclusion of meals at local homes in small towns/villages, offering an authentic taste of Kyrgyz culture. They guarantee a surreal experience that still resonates like a dream in a fairyland, a reverie we are reluctant to awaken from.

- ***Javed & Hifazath (Bengaluru)***



WHY TRAVEL WITH

Beyond Expeditions

At Beyond Expeditions, our commitment to excellence is reflected in our meticulous attention to detail. Every aspect of your journey is thoughtfully curated, from selecting the most captivating routes to choosing accommodations that blend luxury with local charm. We take pride in partnering with the right vendors, ensuring that every experience aligns with our ethos of quality and authenticity.

Safety is our foremost priority. Led by industry experts and 4x4 professionals, our team undergoes rigorous training to guarantee that your expedition is not only thrilling but also secure. We adhere to the highest safety standards, providing you with the confidence to explore diverse landscapes with ease.

Our expeditions are not just about the destination; they're about the journey. With Beyond Expeditions, you're not merely a participant; you're part of an adventure meticulously crafted to exceed expectations and create memories that linger long after the expedition concludes.

EVENT PARTNERS



MENTIONS IN THE MEDIA





EVENT REGISTRATION DETAILS

INR 1,00,000/- PER PERSON to be deposited to book the expedition.

BANK DETAILS:

BEYOND XPEDITIONS
State Bank of India
Current A/c No. 38107038013
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