



South Shore of Issyk-Kul

Inspiring Traditions...

Build a Nomad Yurt with Local Master Builders!

Time and schedule:
Upon request

Duration: 1 hour
Minimum group: 5 people

Location: Felt Museum, Kyzyl-Tuu

Build your own yurt with local artisans

Discover the symbolism of an authentic Kyrgyz yurt

Connect to the spirit and traditions of nomads

PARTNER





Price to include:

Round-trip transport
from Bokonbaevo to
Kyzyl-Tuu Village

English speaking guide

Tea/coffee/other
refreshments



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The Significance of a Kyrgyz Yurt

Yurts, or typical Central Asian nomadic dwellings, serve as a strong and lasting connection between past, present and future generations in the Kyrgyz Republic. A typical yurt is composed of individual parts, which can be produced by master yurt-makers over the course of a month but used for decades. A yurt is assembled without the use of a single nail!

Nomads used natural materials to build their dwellings - felt made of wool, natural woods and red minerals to paint the yurt's frame. The wooden circular skeleton of the yurt consists of a door-frame, or **bosogo**, and several expanding lattice wall sections, **kerege**. Anyone visiting a yurt easily can identify the **tunduk**, the crowning circle at the top of the yurt used to admit sunlight into the yurt's interior.



There is deep symbolism in the shape, design, fabrics and colors that comprise a yurt. Even today, yurts not only serve as the common and recognizable dwelling of Central Asia's nomadic peoples, but also as testaments to the commitment to preserving Kyrgyzstan's nomadic traditions. The people of Kyzyl-Tuu, the village that is home to the masters of this ancient tradition and art form, look forward to welcoming you to share in their rich heritage.