

# Yurt Making Workshop Kyrgyzstan - 2007



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Silk Road, working alongside  
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An exciting 2 week trip working alongside master yurt makers you will learn this ancient art and discover the way to make a traditional yurt using the same techniques that have been used for centuries.

Your location will be close by the Issy-kul lake a mysterious and enigmatic natural lake, bordered by to one of the most beautiful mountain ranges in Asia, the Tien Shien.



This trip to Kyrgyzstan is for those who either want to acquire yurt making skills or simply want to witness the unspoilt beauty of a region still existing in a similar fashion to 100's of years ago.

*If you plant young trees on  
Your sacred ground  
You will enjoy their blossoming in the spring,  
Shadow in the summer,  
Fruit in Autumn,  
Warmth in winter*

*Folk wisdom from Kyrgyzstan*



### A Special Trip:

A once in a lifetime chance to experience a whole new culture. Renown for their hospitality and warm welcome; the Kyrgyz people, their country and their craft awaits you.

More than a workshop, more than site seeing tour—this is your chance to live and breath with the Kyrgyz people.



But fortunately I had my yurta,  
The blue one as a northern day.  
The glare of fire jumped with jot in it  
Protecting me from the wind.  
As fish that is swimming in waves of the river,  
As hare in a far burrow,  
I lived a secured me dots of light,  
In cold endless night.

Bo-Tsyui-I

**Kyrgyzstan** is filled with fascinating and beautiful artefacts, places and people. You will drink deeply from the cup of Kyrgyz culture and get to know these very special people as we work and live alongside them.

The itinerary will be packed full of opportunities for creative learning, sightseeing, cultural highlight, camaraderie, and entertainment.

You will spend some time in the Tien Shen Mountains staying in a yurt in the traditional manner. We will ride by horseback\* and sample the life of the Kyrgyz yurt dwellers.

\* optional and will incur extra cost.

CACSA will drive you via coach from the ever beautiful capital city of Bishkek into the magnificent Tien Shan Mountains and the marvellous Issyk-Kul Lake.

You will enjoy famous Kyrgyz hospitality by living and working with local artisans who inhabit these picturesque villages.

They will teach you their ancient yurt making techniques and reveal the methods that most in the west are simply unaware of.

At the end of the Symposium with its fascinating events you will have a return trip to Bishkek, where you will have a final shopping tour in Bishkek to purchase any remaining souvenirs.

*Don't take jewellery, take the  
blessing of an old man*

*Folk saying*

## Workshop Details:

This workshop is organized by CACSA the Central Asian Crafts Support Association. They have a deep understanding and experience in providing visitors to Kyrgyzstan with well organized workshops. CACSA will be your hosts and responsible for all the preparation and the organization of the trip.

The Yurt Workshop asked CACSA to provide this opportunity for the many people who have contacted us asking for a chance to learn more about the yurt.

The yurt masters are selected for their experience and skill in the art of yurt making. You will learn how to make yurts as they have been made in Kyrgyzstan for centuries.

Participants will need a VISA and are advised to apply for it in their own country as soon as possible.

Participants will need to check with their medical advisors on what inoculations are required.

**Dates:** June 27th - July 11th

**Price :** 998€\*

Flights to Bishkek must be booked by the participants and are available from British Airways and Aeroflot. Prices start from £520 (750€) London-Bishkek return.

\*nights in Bishkek are based on 2 people sharing a room— a single supplement will be charged if you prefer a single room.

Price includes:

- Registration fees
- Transportation to and from Manas International Airport
- Transportation by coach bus for the entire symposium
- Three meals a day
- All accommodation
- All day-trips and excursions
- Cultural program
- All workshop and artisan fees
- All workshop raw materials
- English language interpreter

# Itinerary :

Day	Place	Activities
1	Bishkek	Bishkek, getting to know the city, visiting the museum and handicrafts experts
2	Kyzyl-Tuu,	Transfer Bishkek - Kyzyl-Tuu, South Coast of Issyk-Kul lake, the village of yurt experts. Accommodation near the village.
3-7	Kyzyl-Tuu,	Yurt making workshop & Cultural program.
8	Jetty-Oguz	Excursion to Jetty-Oguz, staying in yurts on the mountains
9-10	Jety Oguz (Seven bulls)	Return to Kyzyl-Tuu, felt workshop (yurt cover, rope making and etc.)
11	Issyk-Kul,	Travel to the northern coast of Issyk-Kul; visiting the hieroglyphic museum in Cholpon Ata , stay in resort centre.
12	Issyk-Kul	Relaxing on the coast of Issyk-Kul, transfer Cholpon-Ata Bishkek.
13	Bishkek	Last minute shopping, farewell, and closing ceremony. Night in Bishkek
14	Bishkek	Departure

Please note the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

## Booking:

CACSA look forward to welcoming you to Kyrgyzstan and are now taking reservations.

To make a booking please visit the Yurt Workshop web site to make a reservation: [Reservation Form](#)

Enquires and questions: [info@YurtWorkshop.com](mailto:info@YurtWorkshop.com)