

Excursions Programme

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th March

1. Swissôtel Wellness & Nature Morning

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March (full day)
- **Cost:** Free (*Optional spa treatments / meals payable on the day*)
- **Excursion Leader:** Karlygash

Why choose this trip?

Unwind in a luxury mountain setting combining fresh air, gentle walking and optional spa relaxation.

- 09:00 departure from Haileybury
- Scenic walk in Swissôtel Park (40 mins)
- Café / restaurant stop (1 hour)
- Optional spa treatments (approx. 3 hours)
- Option to stay longer
- Corporate discounts available on accommodation



2. Khachapuri Making Class

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March 11:00am - 12:00pm (followed by optional lunch)
- **Cost:** 15000 KZT
- **Excursion Leader:** Sophi

Why choose this trip?

A hands-on culinary experience, learning to make traditional Georgian khachapuri – a delicious, warm, cheesy bread. You will not be disappointed!



3. Almaty City Walking Tour

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March (half day)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Excursion Leaders:** Bob / Nurlan

Why choose this trip?

Discover Almaty's cultural heart through its parks, architecture and local markets.

Programme highlights

- 10:00 meeting point – Museum of Folk Musical Instruments (Ykhlalas)
- Zenkov Cathedral & Panfilov Park
- Military Museum / Green Bazaar
- Optional coffee or lunch



4. Abay Opera & Ballet Theatre Evening

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March (evening showing)
- **Cost:** *Programme subject to theatre schedule – details will be shared in due course*
- **Excursion Leaders:** Kuralay / Nurzhigit

Why choose this trip?

Experience Kazakhstan's cultural scene with a live opera or ballet performance.



5. Golf Experience

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March (half day)
- **Cost:** Approximately 100,000 KZT (*payment on the day*)
- **Excursion Leaders:** Eric

Why choose this trip?

Enjoy a premium golfing experience at Zhailjau Golf Club or an indoor screen-golf alternative (weather dependent).



6. Kolsay, Kaindy Lakes & Charyn Canyon

- **Date:** Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th March (Weekend Tour – overnight stay)
- **Cost:** Price is subject to the number of participants and is estimated at \$300 per person
- **Excursion Leaders:** Aidyam

Why choose this trip?

Discover the natural beauty of southeastern Kazakhstan on this unforgettable 2-day adventure. On the first day, explore the stunning Kolsay and Kaindy Lakes, surrounded by mountains and pine forests, and spend the night in the cozy village of Saty. You can choose to stay in a traditional yurt or a local guest house.

On the second day, visit the breathtaking Charyn Canyon, including the Black Canyon and the famous Valley of Castles, known for its striking rock formations.

Tour includes:

- Transport and professional tour guide
- All national park entrance fees
- Accommodation (yurt or guest house options available)
- Meals: Day 1 (lunch & dinner); Day 2 (breakfast & lunch at a local café)

Enjoy a perfect combination of adventure, culture, and nature in this compact two-day escape.



7. Coffee & Terrenkur River Walk & Green Bazaar

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March 10:00am - 12:00pm
- **Cost:** Free
- **Excursion Leader:** Sarah

Why choose this trip?

A relaxed social walk along the beautiful riverpath, with a warm drink, and the option to visit to the Green Bazaar afterwards.



8. Charyn Canyon – Day Trip

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March 9:00am
- **Cost:** Cash is required for lunch and entrance fees
- **Excursion Leader:** Ainagul

Why choose this trip?

A full-day visit to the dramatic landscapes of Charyn Canyon, known as the Grand Canyon of Central Asia. Available for a small group – dress warmly!

Please note: this excursion is limited to **3 participants only**. The excursion itself is **free of charge**; however, **cash is required for lunch and entrance fees**.



9. Lake Issyk & Golden Man Museum

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March 9:00am - 3:00pm
- **Cost:** Admission & Guide (1000 tg) & Lunch
- **Excursion Leaders:** Al / Sue / Nurzhigit

Why choose this trip?

Combine alpine scenery with Kazakhstan's ancient history and heritage

- 09:00 departure from Haileybury, return by 16:00
- We travel to Lake Issyk (or Isik – another name for the lake, translated as “a door” from Kazakh) which is a picturesque, alpine lake surrounded by unusually beautiful nature of thick forests and spacious flower fields.

After a walk down to the lake and a short explore, we make our way to Issyk Museum for a guided tour of the Golden Man exhibition. (A skeleton found here may have been an 18-year-old Saka Scythian prince (or princess, the sex is uncertain). The richness of the burial items led the skeleton to be dubbed the "golden man" subsequently being adopted as one of the symbols of modern Kazakhstan.

- Lunch in a local restaurant



10. Shymbulak Ski Resort

- **Date:** - Saturday 14th March – **Excursion Leader:** Alex / Ian
- Sunday 15th March – **Excursion Leader:** Akerke / Simon / Mukhit
- **Cost:** Approximately 30,000 KZT, ski gear can be hired at an additional cost

Why choose this trip?

Visit Central Asia's premier mountain resort – ideal for skiers, non-skiers and sightseers.



11. Museum of Almaty

- **Date:** Saturday 14th March
- **Cost:** 5000 KZT
- **Excursion Leader:** Aigerim

Why choose this trip?

Explore the rich historical and cultural heritage of Almaty and Kazakhstan at the Museum of Almaty. Discover ancient artefacts, modern exhibits, and the story of the city across 9 unique rooms.

