



Kyrgyz Republic KATO

# FESTIVAL CATALOGUE

Kyrgyz Republic

Folklore & Cultural events

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# FESTIVAL CATALOG

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## Event seasonality markings



## Kyrgyzstan regions

Chui Region

Naryn Region

Osh Region

Issyk-Kul Region

Jalal-Abad Region

Talas Region

Batken Region

## Additional information about the event



Event date



Event venue



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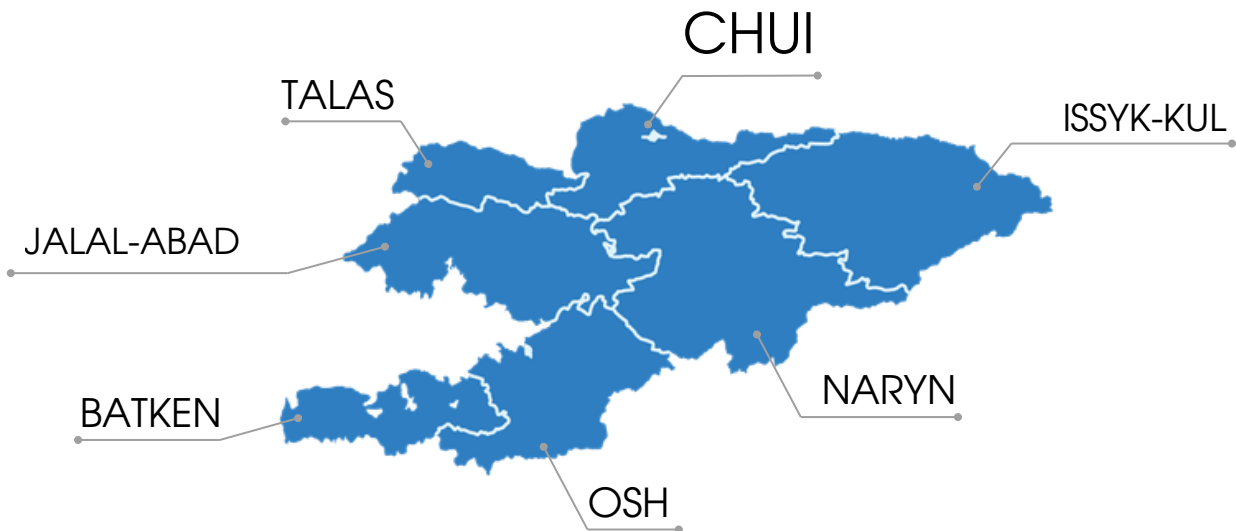


Cost of attendance in KGS

# About Kyrgyz Republic

Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country in Central Asia, known for its stunning landscapes, including the Tien Shan mountains and the beautiful Issyk-Kul Lake. The country has a rich nomadic heritage, reflected in its traditions, felt crafts, and the famous epic of Manas. Tourism is growing rapidly, attracting visitors with opportunities for trekking, mountaineering, and cultural experiences.

## Regions of Kyrgyzstan



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🕒 Timezone..... GMT +6



# VI WORLD NOMAD GAMES 2026

## OPENING CEREMONY BISHKEK

**CHUI**  
Region



August 31, 2026



Azattyk Arena, Bishkek



Free





# VI WORLD NOMAD GAMES 2026

## CHOLPON-ATA CITY

### HORSE COMPETITION



Kok Boru, Kokpar, Tyiyn Enmei, Er Enish

**Horse racing:** Flat racing, Kunan Chabysh, Byshty Zhorgo, Zhorgo Salysh, Alaman Chabysh

 September 2-6, 2026  
 Cholpon-Ata city Hippodrome



### NATIONAL WRESTLING


Alysh, Ashyrtmaly Aba Gureshi, Goresh, Gushtini Milli Kamarbandi, Gyulesh, Kazakh Kuresi, Koresh, Kurash, Kyrgyz Kurosh, Mongol Bokh, Pahlavani, Sambo, Khapsagai, Great Nomad Wrestling

 September 2-6, 2026  
 Sports and recreational Centre

### TRADITIONAL INTELLECTUAL GAMES

Toguz Korgool, Mangala, Oware

 September 2-6, 2026  
 Hotel of Cholpon-Ata

 The exact dates of the competitions and the finals can be confirmed with the tour operators.

A recommended list of tour operators:



**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region



# VI WORLD NOMAD GAMES 2026

## OPENING CEREMONY

Kyrchyn Gorge



September 2, 2026



Kyrchyn Gorge, Issyk-Kul



Free

**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region



# VI WORLD NOMAD GAMES 2026

## KYRCHYN GORGE

### NATIONAL GAMES

Ordo (Asyk Atu), Breaking of the Spinal Bone

**Horse racing:** Distant Horse Marathon

### 'SALBUURUN' NATIONAL HUNTING

Burkut Saluu, Dalba, Kush Saluu, Taigan Zharysh

### TRADITIONAL ARCHERY

Traditional archery: Kyrgyzstan, Türkiye  
Horseback archery: Kyrgyzstan, Hungary

### TRADITIONAL STRENGTH SPORTS

Tayak Tartysh, Armwrestling, Tug of War, Strongman

### NATIONAL WRESTLING

Ssireum, Sumo

### DEMONSTRATION GAMES



September 2-5, 2026



Kyrchyn Gorge, Issyk-Kul



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**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region



# VI WORLD NOMAD GAMES 2026

## 'RUKH ORDO' CULTURAL CENTER

### CULTURAL PROGRAM

International Festival of Ethnic Culture

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### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

International Scientific and Practical Conference



September 2-5, 2026



Cholpon-Ata, Rukh Ordo Center



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A recommended list of tour operators:



**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region



# VI WORLD NOMAD GAMES 2026

## CLOSING CEREMONY

CHOLPON-ATA



September 6, 2026



Hippodrome, Cholpon-Ata, Issyk-Kul



Free


**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region

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# SILK ROAD FREERIDE 26


The event brings together top riders from Kyrgyzstan and around the world to showcase their incredible skills on the steep mountain slopes. Join in, challenge yourself on the mountain descents, and experience the true atmosphere of freeride.

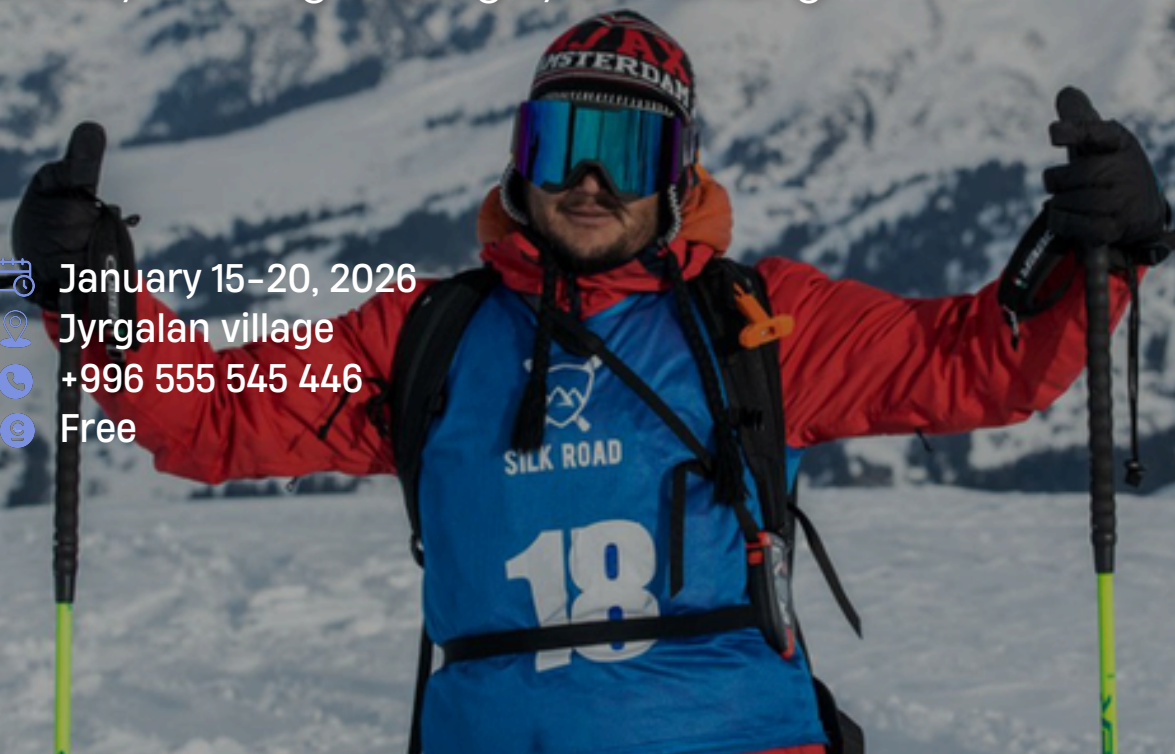
Freeride is a discipline of skiing and snowboarding performed off-piste, on wild, ungroomed routes shaped by nature itself. Fresh powder, rocky sections, and forest passages, make this sport both visually stunning and highly demanding.

 January 15-20, 2026

 Jyrgalan village

 +996 555 545 446





 Free



**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region

# WINTER Gastro Week


The festival features master classes on Kyrgyz, Uyghur, Dungan, and Kazakh national cuisines. Participants will not only observe the preparation of traditional dishes, but also learn about their history and discover the culture, customs, and rich heritage of these peoples.

-  January 27-31, 2026
-  Karakol city
-  +996 550 246 025
-  KGS 1 200 - 2 000 per person

# 'SHYRDAK' FESTIVAL


The event aims to preserve and promote the richness of Kyrgyz culture, especially one of its oldest and most significant crafts — the art of making shyrdak, the traditional Kyrgyz felt carpet.

The 'Shyrdak' Festival is held to safeguard this unique national art, pass it on to future generations, and showcase the depth, beauty, and cultural wealth of the Kyrgyz people to the world.

 May 29, 2026

 Ala-Buka District, Ala-Buka village

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 Free

**JALAL-ABAD**  
Region



# 'MURAS' FESTIVAL

The 'Muras' Festival is a vibrant cultural event dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the heritage of nomadic peoples. The festival brings together artisans, performers, researchers, and all lovers of traditions to showcase the richness and diversity of national culture.

The festival allows every guest to immerse themselves in the atmosphere of nomadic life, learn about customs and rituals, appreciate the craftsmanship of national artisans, and experience the unique spirit of the people. This event not only unites generations but also helps preserve cultural heritage for the future.

**NARYN**  
Region



June 24, 2026



Chaek Village, S. Isabekova Recreation Park



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Free



# JAICHY

## AGRO-FEST 2026

The festival aims to promote rural tourism, preserve cultural heritage, traditional crafts, and national values of the Kyrgyz people. The event brings together representatives of the tourism industry, artisans, farmers, and guests interested in sustainable regional development.

### The festival program includes:


- Tasting of national Kyrgyz cuisine (master classes)
- Folklore concert performances
- Master classes on wool processing and handicrafts
- Exhibition and sale of folk crafts
- Demonstration of elements of the traditional rural lifestyle (sheep shearing, wool processing by hand, making wool products, milking cows)


The JAICHY AGRO-FEST festival is a platform for cultural exchange, promotion of national traditions, and development of rural tourism.

**ISSYK-KUL**  
Region

 **July 6, 2026**

 **Jaichy yurt camp, Kok-Sai village, Ton district, Issyk-Kul region**

 **+996 557 556 455, yurtcampjaichy@mail.ru**

 **KGS 2,500 per person (participation and lunch)**









# SNOW LEOPARD ECOFEST KEMIN 2026

The Snow Leopard Ecofest is a social and environmental event aimed at raising awareness of the need to protect snow leopards and promote environmental protection and conservation, including ecotourism, glacier conservation, environmental education, and other issues.

The main goal is to draw the attention of the public, businesses, and authorities to the need to protect this rare predator, develop sustainable nature tourism, and educate the population about ecology and environmental protection. This festival will be held annually in different locations in Kyrgyzstan.

**CHUI**  
Region

-  July 11, 2026
-  Kemin district
-  +996 553 501 331, +996 705 501 331
-  Free







# SHYRDAK MASTER OF THE YEAR 2026


The 5th Annual Shyrdak Master of the Year is Kyrgyzstan's premier national competition celebrating the highest level of traditional felt craftsmanship. Leading artisans from across the country present newly created works before a professional jury, showcasing exceptional mastery, authentic techniques, and contemporary interpretations of the iconic shyrdak.

The event offers a rare opportunity for international guests to witness the artistry behind Kyrgyz heritage and acquire outstanding handcrafted pieces. The competition opens the two-week exhibition "Heritage Reborn" at the Gapar Aitiev National Museum of Fine Arts.

 September 5, 2026

 National Museum of Fine Arts named after Gapar Aitiev, Bishkek


 +996 505 060 090, @handmade.kyrgyz

 Free

**CHUI**  
Region



# BISHKEK TRAVEL FEST



The program features vibrant fairs, live concerts, ethnic exhibitions, and exciting sports competitions. The festival offers visitors the opportunity to experience the region's rich cultural heritage, enjoy traditional and modern entertainment, and witness thrilling athletic performances, all in one dynamic event.

It is a celebration that brings together communities, showcases local talent, and creates unforgettable experiences for participants and spectators alike.



September 26, 2026



Bishkek city, Ata-Turk Park



+996 507 591 022



Free

**CHUI**  
Region