

Special offer for Khan Tengri Peak expedition 2018!

**Guaranteed departure date for an expedition with an experienced mountaineering guide:
4-24 August**

The beautiful pyramid of Khan Tengri is without doubt the Jewel of the Tien Shan. It is the second highest mountain in this most northerly and remote of the great Asian mountain ranges. Among the local people, the white peaks are known as 'The Mountains of Heaven'.

Khan Tengri was first climbed by a Soviet expedition in 1931, via the West Col and West Ridge. Since then, most of its ridges and faces have been climbed - all by Soviet teams.

We offer a classical route - from the south, gaining the Western Col from the Southern Inylchek glacier. This approach is most popular among climbers. Depending upon the conditions prevailing at the time, it is likely that 3 or 4 camps will be used to climb Khan Tengri.

Route Description

The West Ridge of Khan Tengri is a classic route that presents a reasonable objective for competent mountaineers. The ridge rises from the West Col, which is very enjoyable, straightforward 'scrambling' for the most part, with steep rocky steps linked with snow patches.

There are only a couple of sections which require more care; such as the vertical rock step of about 50ft at 6,800m and the knife above. In terms of equipment needed once on the route, a single ice axe is sufficient, although the addition of a ski pole might be useful.

From the snow caves (near the West Col) a short snow/ice slope of 40o, which is fixed with rope, leads up to the West Col (6000m). The Col is narrow and heavily corniced and the top of the fixed ropes should be carefully noted. A traverse along the Col leads to the mixed ground of the West Ridge where the angle steepness. The route then follows the West Ridge via a number of small bivouac sites at 6200m, 6400m and 6700m.

Almost the entire ridge is fixed with rope, but these need to be used with caution as their condition and the anchors are variable (the ropes are renewed at the beginning of every summer season by local guides). The route follows the crest of the ridge with snow and scrambling interspersed with steeper rock sections until 6,700m. Here a traverse rightwards across snow slopes reaches a steep rock step of some 20m which is severe in standard.

Above this the route climbs into a snow basin and then traverses out rightwards again to exit onto a short steep knife edged snow ridge of some 50m which is very exposed. This is followed leftwards to a steeper section of mixed ground.

Above this, the fixed rope ends and there remains around 300m of easy snow climbing for half an hour to reach the summit. The true summit is rather difficult to find, being a large flat snow dome, so the summit point is marked by a metal tripod.

The descent from the summit is very quick using the fixed ropes. The snow caves can be reached in about 3 hours.

Basic program Bishkek-Bishkek:

04.08.2018	Arrival to Bishkek. Transfer and accommodation in the hotel.
05.08.2018	Transfer Bishkek – Karkara BC. Accommodation in double tents.
06.08.2018	Helicopter flight Karkara BC – South Inylchek BC (4000 m asl)
07.08-21.08.2018	Acclimatization and ascending program

22.08.2018	Helicopter flight South Inylchek BC – Karkara BC. Transfer to Bishkek. Accommodation in the hotel.
23.08.2018	Free day in Bishkek.
24.08.2018	Transfer to the airport. Departure from Bishkek.

Cost of special program in 2018: **3000 USD/person.**

Cost includes services of full package with additional services:

- *Professional mountaineering guide:*
 - group of 1-3 pax – 1 guide
 - group of 4-6 pax - 1 guide and 1 guide's assistant
 - group of 7-10 pax - 1 guide and 2 guide's assistants
- *high-altitude tents* (3 pax in 1 tent!)
- *Group mountaineering equipment: ropes (if needed), gas cartridges and gas stoves, cooking set*
- *High-altitude food*

Full package includes:

- meeting/seeing-off at the airport in Bishkek or at railway station in Bishkek;
- transfer airport in Bishkek– hotel - airport in Bishkek;
- transfer Bishkek to helicopter landing spot in Karkara and back;
- helicopter flight to BC and back;
- unlimited luggage weight on the helicopter flight to BC and back;
- accommodation in the hotel in Bishkek with breakfast and in Karkara base camp with full board (**no more than 4 nights only in total!**);
- accommodation in double tents with full board at BC “South Inylchek“;
- free usage of hot shower and sauna, toilet and cloak-room at BC “South Inylchek“;
- consultancy service of local guide;
- consultancy of doctor;
- registration with local Rescue Party;
- ecology fee payable for usage of territory at BC;
- usage of long-distance radio telecommunication service;
- rent of ultra-short wave radios during ascents;
- usage of fixed ropes on the route;
- change of air-flight and railway tickets;
- frontier zone permit;
- official registration with authorities of Kyrgyzstan (if needed);

The cost for package not include:

- The cost of Kyrgyz visa;International flight;
- All optional deviations from the main itinerary;
- Beverages and meals not included in main menu;

- All personal expenses (extra luggage fee, room service, medical expenses/insurance, etc.);
- The rent of individual equipment