

Tour: Pearls of the Fan Mountains

Features:

Category of difficulty: Easy walking up to 3 km a day combined with challenged hiking over the passes (Laudan pass, 3400 m). You need to be reasonable fit to attempt this tour

Season: May – October **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights

Distance: of the tour: 600 km **Altitude :** 2780km.

Services included in the tour: Local Guide, Transport, 3 overnights at homestays, 2 overnights in tents, full pansion, english speaking guide during exkursions



Interesting !!

“Zerafshan” from Tajik language means “the golden river”. The local people are strongly dependent on agricultural benefits and that’s why the river - main stream of the valley provides its inhabitant with the most precious resource – water.



Itinerary

- 1- Day** Departure in Dushanbe at 8 am. Driving to Sarvode and further to Narvad. (160km- 6h) Lunch at traditional homestay in Narvad. After lunch driving to the lake of Alexander, the biggest lake of the fan mountains. According to one legend, Alexander created the lake by damming the river in order to annihilate a village which has opposed him. In the surroundings of Iskanderkul lake, we will walk to 5 springs, to Zmeinoe lake and to 38 m high waterfall which is known as „Fan Niagara”. Further driving to Marguzor village (40 km, 1h). Dinner and overnight at the homestay in Marguzor.
- 2- Day** After breakfast driving up to guesthouse „Alauddin” located closed to three gorges. From here we will start our hiking to Alauddin lakes (2700 m, 10 km, approx. 5 hours). Picnic on the shore of the fourth lake. Coming back to the guesthouse. Today you will be introduced to tajik tradition music and dancing by local musicians. Dinner and overnight.
- 3- Day** After breakfast hiking over Laudan pass (3400m) to Kuli Kalon Lakes. Picnic on the pass and descend to the Kuli Kalon lakes. Dinner and overnight in tents on the shore of one of Kuli Kalon lakes. ;
- 4- Day** After breakfast we will undertake the descend through the beautiful sceneries to the tourist camp „Artuch”. (4-5 hours). Lunch and free time at the afternoon. Optional: you would have time to hike to the small lake Chukurak (3 km, approx. 40 min). Dinner and overnight at the tourist camp.
- 5 - Day** After breakfast towards Istarafshan over Shahrstan pass (3370m). On the way we will visit the mausoleum of famous tajik-persian poet A. Rudaki passing Panjrud village. Our lunch we will have in Ainy. Dinner and overnight at the homestay in Istarafshan.
- 6- Day** After breakfast we will explore the ancient city Istarafshan. We will visit the remains of Istarafshan’s hill fortress, the mausoleums of Bobo Tago and Ghor-Humbaz and the complex of Sari Mazor and Hazrati Shoh. In Istarafshan we will have a chance to visit one of the biggest bazars of Central Asia. Today afternoon we will leave through Isfara for Botkent located in neighbouring Kyrgyzstan.

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