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INTO THE WILDERNESS

THE INAUGURAL WINTER EXPEDITION
KYRGYZSTAN | 23RD - 31ST JANUARY 2027

ALEXANDRA TOLSTOY TRAVEL

Discover the extraordinary winter landscapes of Kyrgyzstan on a ski touring journey led by Alexandra Tolstoy. These carefully curated expeditions explore the high, silent reaches of the Tien Shan Mountains, where vast snow-covered valleys, frozen rivers and remote passes create some of the most spectacular ski terrain in Central Asia.

Adventurous, immersive and deeply rewarding, Alexandra's journeys are designed for those who seek more than just skiing. Travelling through regions still shaped by semi-nomadic life, guests experience Kyrgyzstan as it is lived today: remote, elemental and profoundly beautiful. Each itinerary balances challenging ski touring with time to absorb the landscape, local culture and the rhythm of mountain life.

Alexandra Tolstoy's relationship with Kyrgyzstan began in 1999, when she spent nine months travelling the Silk Road by horse and camel. A fluent Russian speaker with decades of experience across Central Asia, Siberia and Mongolia, she brings rare insight, long-standing local relationships and a deep understanding of travel in remote environments. Her ski touring journeys reflect this knowledge - thoughtfully planned, expertly led, and rooted in a genuine connection to place.





TRAVEL. REIMAGINED.

"ALS Private is a visionary in Travel. They design the most wild, off-the-scale experiences imaginable for high net worth individuals and those in the public eye."

As a brand, our greatest curiosity lies in exploring the world further to uncover the newest, most exclusive and undiscovered properties on Earth.

Our clients are remarkable individuals who seek experiences beyond the ordinary, and our portfolio mirrors this. We are constantly searching for those rare moments that will fulfil our clients' wildest travel dreams.

Building lasting client relationships is at the heart of what we do, and we endeavour to provide an unwavering commitment to excellence.



OVERVIEW

An invitation only preliminary trip with Alexandra Tolstoy to the Tien Shan Mountains in partnership with ALS Private.

The snow-draped peaks of Kyrgyzstan's Tien Shan mountains are a wilderness that few have ever experienced.

This eight-day **private ski expedition with Alexandra Tolstoy offers a rare opportunity** to experience complete remoteness and untouched snowfields.

From your secluded yurt camp in the Jyrgalan Valley specially built for this expedition, you'll ski untracked lines across four dramatic massifs, witness the thundering spectacle of Kok Boru on horseback, and find yourself wrapped in the silence of Central Asia's most spectacular winter landscape.

This is skiing like no other, a totally unique snowpack of endless deep powder snow, and the privilege of having it entirely to yourself.



KYRGYZSTAN

“The Switzerland of Asia.”

The **colossal Tian Shan mountain range covers nearly 95% of Kyrgyzstan**, connecting the entire country East to West.

There are over 88 major mountain ranges in Kyrgyzstan, most of them forming the Tian Shan [65%] - the **Mountains of Heaven**. 40% of these mountains are above 3,000 metres high, rising up to well over **7,000 metres in places**.

Approximately 30% of the country is covered by permanent snow and ice, with 158 mountain ranges, including the **7,439 metre Peak Jengish Chokusu**.

This land is for the **intrepid explorer** curious to experience something totally different from a conventional ski trip. Outside of the capital Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan remains hugely underdeveloped, which is one of the things which makes it so magical. You can experience a country largely untouched by western culture and the modernised world. In addition, it is home to some of the most impressive mountains in the world, with a unique and **consistently dry, cold snowfall**, making it an absolute bucket list destination to ski .

As a result of being located far from the ocean, high altitudes, and consistently cold, dry temperatures [which prevents the snow from thawing and freezing] the **snowpack is incomparable**, made up entirely of the highly sought after sugar-like snowflakes. This sugary snow rarely binds together, creating **ultra-dry, light and powdery snow, even weeks after the last snowfall**.

The snow is best described as similar to bottomless sinking sand, with the feeling of **flying and floating on skis**.

There are endless untracked snowfields to choose from. **This is ‘powder on demand’ in a remote and uncrowded destination**.



YOUR HOSTS



ALEXANDRA TOLSTOY | **ALEXANDRA TOLSTOY TRAVEL**

Alexandra's love of Kyrgyzstan began when she spent nine months in 1999 travelling along the Silk Road by horse and camel. A fluent Russian speaker, she has since explored Mongolia, Siberia, Russia and Central Asia, writing a book and presenting a BBC documentary series, and now shares her passion and knowledge of the region on curated horse riding holidays.

ANNABEL SYME | **ALS PRIVATE**

Bella, a former professional skier who called the Swiss Alps home for over a decade, brings over 30 years of alpine experience. Her insider knowledge, extensive expertise, and distinctive skill set are unparalleled in the ski industry. Over the years, Bella has continually discovered corners of the world that absolutely fascinate her. Bella's greatest curiosity lies in the search for remote, hidden and untouched destinations.



YOUR ITINERARY

23RD JAN

Depart the UK.

24TH JAN

Arrival in Bishkek. Arrive in the capital and transfer to the Hyatt Hotel. Spend the day resting or wandering the tree-lined streets before dinner at Navat restaurant.

25TH JAN

Bishkek to Jyrgalan. Drive east through the Chüy Valley past frozen Issyk-Kul Lake. Stop in Tong village for a private demonstration of Kok Boru, the traditional horseback game.

Continue to your private yurt camp in Jyrgalan Valley, where you'll meet your guides over cocktails and enjoy dinner prepared by your private chef.

26TH JAN

First Ski Day (MChS West Ridges). Begin with avalanche safety training, then head out in the snowcat for your first ski day on the west ridges of the MChS massif.

Enjoy a picnic lunch on the slopes before returning to camp for a sauna session and dinner.

27TH JAN

Heli Peak. Set out via the snowcat through deep snow and forest to reach Heli Peak.

Above the treeline, long runs await beneath open skies. Return for sauna, cocktails, and an elegant fireside dinner.

28TH JAN

Kok-Bel Massif on Horseback. Ski and ride the ridgelines and panoramic descents of Kok-Bel, covering ground that few ever reach.

After lunch on the mountain, relax with drinks by the fire and a dinner at camp.

29TH JAN

Final Ski Day (MChS & Shakhty) Your last day on skis and in the saddle crosses the MChS east ridge and Shakhty massif, the most dramatic terrain of the trip.

The evening closes with cocktails, dinner, and live music around a bonfire.

30TH JAN

Return to Bishkek. Depart Jyrgalan and visit the historic Dungan Mosque and Russian Orthodox Church in Karakol.

Enjoy lunch along Issyk-Kul's north shore before returning to Bishkek for a farewell dinner at Zaanduki.

31ST JAN

Departure. Early morning transfer to the Manas International Airport (Bishkek) for your flight home.

ACCOMODATION

PARK HYATT HOTEL BISHKEK

The first 5-star hotel in the Kyrgyz Republic, Hyatt Regency Bishkek, is a historical property with incomparable comfort and warm hospitality, creating the stay.

The rooms are spacious, fully equipped for the utmost comfort and featuring inspiring views of Tien-Shan Mountain. For one night, the hotel will be your base to explore the tree lined streets and cafes of Bishkek dramatically framed by the mountains you will go onto explore.



JYRGALAN PRIVATE YURT CAMP JYRGALAN VALLEY

Nestled in the heart of untouched wilderness, this Private Camp is your exclusive mountain sanctuary for the week. Steeped in centuries of nomadic heritage, each private yurt has been meticulously appointed with sumptuous bedding, a wood-burning stove, and handcrafted artisan details.

As evening descends, unwind in the private sauna to restore the body after the days activities, before retiring to the dining yurt where a distinguished chef curates multi-course meals paired with cocktails crafted by a resident mixologist.



THE DETAILS

Pricing | £17,500 per person

A fully immersive, all-inclusive experience covering accommodations, curated dining, experiences, and equipment throughout. All inclusions listed as below. 8 places available.

Accommodation

- 2 nights at the Park Hyatt, Bishkek. Your base before venturing into the wild.
- 5 nights at a private, bespoke built yurt camp set up for our trip only in the heart of Jyrgalan Valley.
- 8 places based on 4 Twin Yurts. Each yurt is shared between two guests, with shared bathroom facilities [A total of 2 showers & 2 loos on the camp].
- A Bespoke Sauna.
- A rare blend of authentic Central Asian living and considered comfort, set against some of the most dramatic mountain scenery on earth.

Transport

- Private airport transfers.
- 4x4 Toyota Sequoia SUVs for all overland travel.
- Support vehicle.
- Horses and handlers.
- Snowcat. (20-person capacity)

Team & Support

- 3 x IFMBA mountain guides.
- 1 English-speaking tour leader.
- Camp crew including world-class chef, manager and mixologist.
- Folk musicians and a Manaschi storyteller.

Activities

- 4 full skiing days, 2 with snowcat and 2 on horseback. [MChS, Heli Peak, Kok-Bel, Shakhty]
- Avalanche and safety training. [Day 3 Morning]
- Kok Boru horseback game in Tong.
- Folk concert and Storytelling Evening.
- Cultural visits in Karakol.

Food & Drinks

- All meals from Day 2 lunch to Day 7 lunch.
- Multi-course dinners by our private chef.
- Hot drinks, mulled wine, cocktails by the mixologist.

Safety & Equipment

- Avalanche safety kit. [transceiver, probe, shovel, backpack]
- Radios, Starlink Internet, Satellite Phones.
- CO detectors and Full heating in the Yurts.

Skiing and Riding Levels

- **Skiing** Be able to ski all pistes with ease and have previous experience of backcountry skiing.
- **Riding** Be comfortable hacking out on a horse and are an intermediate rider. The riding will only involve walking.



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