

## Koburgon Seki – Jarty Gumbez trekking

This four-day trek starts in Alichur, a remote village beneath the Pamir mountains, and brings the participants to some of the most remote places in Central Asia, at the crossway between China, Pakistan and Tajikistan. It is perfect to integrate the more standard itineraries along the Pamir highway.

### Day 1 – from **Alichuri** to **Aksoo lake**

From Alichur, we will drive 40 km on the Pamir highway. We will stop to visit the small village of Bash-Gumbos, located at an altitude of more than 4000m. From Bash-Gumbos, we will drive south for other 10 km to reach the starting point of our trek. We will meet our driver again at the end of the trek. We will trek for around 8 km to the Koburgon Seki pasture. On our way we will cross the Koburgon Seki pass, at 4200 m. We will reach the pasture in the afternoon. The yurt camp is located on the shore of the Aksoo lake. In the evening, we can have an easy walk around the lake.

### Day 2 – from **Akzoo lake** to **Belairyk yurt camp**

From the Akzoo lake we will trek to the Belairyk yurt camp. The trek runs through a very wild area embedded in the southern part of the Pamir mountains. We will cross a 4300m high pass and enter the remote Orto Uch Kol valley. The view from the valley is astonishing, sweeping over the countless snowy peaks in the south-eastern part of Tajikistan. From the valley, the trek to the yurt camp takes around 2 hours.

### Day 3 – from **Belairyk yurt camp** to **Kara Julga yurt camp**

From our yurt camp, we will walk for around 2.5 hours to reach the Belairyk pass. The pass is right above the Zorkol lake, located in a vast plain beneath the Hindu-Kush mountains. With good weather conditions, the view from the pass reaches Pakistan and its peaks, among the highest in the world. From the pass, we will descent to the other side, passing near to many small lakes. Reaching the Kara Julga yurt camp will take 3 hours, but the long trek is repaid by the wonderful landscape.

### Day 4 – from **Kara Julga yurt camp** to **Jarty Gumbez**

We will trek to the east, passing through the Zorkol valley. We will stop at the Alap Ashoo pass for a break. In this area it is not unusual to spot groups of Marco Polo sheep, a rare species of wild sheep typic of Tajikistan and distinguishable mostly by their large size and spiraling horns. We will continue our trek along the Alap Ashoo gorge. After around 3 hours we will reach the Jarty Gumbez hot springs. These are among the most ancient hot springs in Tajikistan. Together with a new, modern Spa facility, tourists can visit the old buildings. There is the possibility to spend some hours in the Spa, so it is worth to have a swimming suit aside. In Jarty Gumbez we will meet our driver again, who will take us to a beautiful summer pasture where we will spend our last night in yurts.