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Echkilitash-Merzbacher	
Highest Point:	4001m
Lowest Point:	2630m
Total Elevation Gain:	1471m
Total Elevation Loss:	2021m
Level of Difficulty:	Medium / Difficult
Total Hours Hiking:	~39Avg
Total Amount of trekking days:	8
Approximate Trekking Distance:	~92km
Total hours of driving:	~10hours
Total kilometers of driving:	~330km

Day	Description
Day1	Travel from Karakol to Echkilitash valley ~5-6 hours (150km). You will hike to Tyuz valley ~2-3 hours (8km). Overnight in the tent (Elevation: 3180m).
Day2	Leaving the guest house you will hike to the baseline of Tyuz pass ~5-6 hours (14 km). On the way you will make a river crossing across the Tyuz River. Overnight in the tent (Elevation: 3285m).
Day3	Leaving the campsite you will summit Tyuz pass (4001m) and descend to the campsite Chon-Tash ~7-8 hours (16km). Overnight in the tent (Elevation: 2900m).
Day4	Leaving the campsite you will hike on Enilchek glacier (3900m) to the campsite in Glinaya Polyana ~5-6 hours (10km). Overnight in the tent (Elevation: 3380m).
Day5	Leaving the campsite you will hike to the campsite in Polyana Merzbacher ~4-5 hours (8km). Overnight in the tent (Elevation: 3550m).
Day6	Free day. After breakfast you can hike around the Merzbacher Lake ~5-6 hours (8km). Overnight in the tents (Elevation: 3550m).
Day7	Leaving the campsite you will hike down on Enilchek glacier to the campsite in Iva ~6-7 hours (10km). Overnight in the tent (Elevation: 3000m).
Day8	Leaving the campsite you will hike ~5-6 hours (18km) along the river Enilchek to the campsite in At-Djailoo, on the way you will make several river crossings. There is a tourist camp where you can order Russian Bath (additional cost) and relax. Overnight in the tents (Elevation: 2630m).
Day9	Leaving the campsite At-Djailoo you will travel by military truck to Karakol ~5-6 hours (180km).

Echkilitash-Merzbacher: Tour price

Group Size	Per person €	Total €
2	1835	3670
3	1459	4377
4	1265	5063
5	1225	6126
6	1138	6833
7	1239	8677
8	1173	9384
9	1121	10091
10	1079	10799
11	1074	11818
12	1044	12537
13	1018	13245
14	1033	14471
15	1011	15178
16	992	15885
17	976	16592
18	978	17612
19	964	18319
20	951	19026

Included

- Transportation to and from planned trek
- 3 fresh meals per day throughout the trek
- Guide + English translator
- Mountain cook
- Porter
- Mountain cook assistant (if more than 7 clients)
- Mountain kitchen gear
- Mountain toilet
- Permit

Not included

- Single room in the guest houses
- Transportation to attractions not included in tour
- Alcoholic drinks
- Bottled water during trek
- Overnight in mountain huts (tents provided)
- Flights to and from country
- Visa cost (for countries not offered free visas)

Additional information

Personnel

The price listed above includes food, rental equipment and transportation for the personnel.

EcoTrek will provide an experienced **mountain guide**. The guides are all well educated in trekking and mountain safety.

EcoTrek will provide one **porter** for each client. The porters can carry up to 17 kilos. The porters will carry all food and camping equipment for the entire trek. Typically our clients carry a small backpack which contains water, snacks, and 1 or 2 items of clothing during the trek. An additional porter can be provided for €23 per day.

EcoTrek will provide a professional **mountain cook**. The cook will prepare fresh and nutritious food for the trek. Please inform your cook if you are a vegetarian or have any allergies. If there are more than 7 clients, a mountain cook assistant is provided.

Climate

Kyrgyzstan has a continental climate. The sun shines over 200 days a year. The temperature during the summer months can range from 20°C to 40°C between 900-2000m elevation; between 3000-4000 m the temperature ranges from 0°C to 20°C. In Kyrgyzstan the weather can change 3-4 times a day. Be aware sometimes you may experience rainy, snowy and sunny weather in the same day.

You need to bring:

Winter jacket, sleeping bag rated for -26°C to 0°C, rain gear, 2-3 pairs of wool socks, waterproof trekking boots, gloves, sunglasses, sunscreen with high UV-protection, lip balm with UV-protection.

EcoTrek will provide the necessary trekking equipment:

A 2 person 3 season tent and a sleeping mat. EcoTrek will also provide a kitchen for the cook and dining area for the clients to eat their meals. If client wants to stay in single tent there is a cost of €4 per day.

Food during the trek

Breakfast: hot cereal or fried eggs, cheese, honey, bread, butter, coffee and tea.

Lunch: salads, sandwiches, fruit, coffee and tea.

Snack: cookies, coffee and tea.

Dinner: soup, second course, cheese, honey, dried fruit, bread, coffee and tea.

Insurance

It is strongly recommended that all clients have proper insurance to cover any illnesses, helicopter evacuation and transportation to their country of origin. In the event of an emergency EcoTrek will do everything in its power to assist clients. Please contact your Embassy to find the best travelers insurance policy for your stay in Kyrgyzstan.

Visa

Kyrgyz Republic gives free visa to citizens of 44 countries including; EU, USA, Japan, UK, Norway, Switzerland and Brazil.

Terms & Conditions

EcoTrek needs to be paid in full before the trek starts. If the client cancels the trek before the agreed upon start date, EcoTrek will keep a 15 % cancellation fee. Clients who return early from a trek are not eligible for a refund for the personnel/food unless injury, illness or natural events forces the trek to end early.

All prices are listed in EUROS and these prices are valid throughout 2015. EcoTrek will prepare a receipt for the payment. Please note that bank transfers will cost an additional 7 % for the transaction fee. We request that a 15% deposit is paid 15 days before the start of the trek.

Bank data	
Beneficiary	Agida Iskakovna Dosumbaeva
Beneficiary account EURO	1180000056420258
Beneficiary bank	Demir Kyrgyz International Bank (Karakol, Kyrgyzstan)
Beneficiary SWIFT	DEMIKG22

Note:

EcoTrek provides a basic first aid kit. It is recommended to bring your own altitude sickness tablets, digestive tablets, and any other additional medication needed during your trek.

Description of transportation provided during the tour

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EcoTrek will provide clean and comfortable transportation from airport and around city. The driver has good work experience in the sphere of tourism and service.



Minibus

EcoTrek will provide a military truck during the trekking part of the tour. This is a perfect transportation for the mountain roads of Kyrgyzstan. The driver has more than 10 years of driving experience with this special form of transportation.



Military Truck

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