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AIWC Membership

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75 USD

Renewal

100 USD

New members

The AIWC is an English language social organization supporting the expat community living in Almaty and giving back to the local community through Charities.

Founded originally in 1994 by four members, the AIWC has grown to over 180 members from 50 countries including our host country of Kazakhstan.

It is a wonderful asset to expatriates living in Almaty. Members are able to share their experiences and help other members with the difficulties facing them when arriving and living in a foreign country. There are many activity groups and social events organized for members to help make new friends, from bridge to golf and hiking to Russian Conversation.

The other aim of Club is to raise money for Charities and to help people in need in Kazakhstan. We have recently clarified the rules concerning membership: all foreign passport holders females & males and all Kazakh passport holders married to expatriates are accepted. Moreover Kazakh Passport holders having lived abroad more than one year, (which means they know what it means to be expatriate) can also ask for membership. In order to be fair, all old members that are not meeting these requirements would be accepted if they register in September, the first month of the new season.

As most of other Women's Clubs around the world, our common language is English and a minimum level of English is asked in order to better exchange and act together.

The Board would like to thank all members for your continued support to the club and hope that you will continue to support us while the club grows and changes, while remaining a focal point for our international community to get information, have fun and give back to the community.

AIWC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCALS / KAZAKHS

Local/Kazakh people can only become a member, if:

- 1) You are Married to an Expat
- 2) You have lived, or studied in another country (countries) for at least one year.
- 3) You have been recommended by two Expat members of the Club.
- 4) You can speak and understand English well.

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It is mandatory to obtain a prior approval of the AIWC Trustee Board Members for use of the Club's name and/or logo"

"During AIWC activities and public events, pictures of you and your guests may be taken and published to promote the club and its projects in publications, press articles and websites. In case you do not accept this waiver form, we kindly ask you to inform the photographer on site of the event. The AIWC will be not held responsible for any inconvenience."

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Dear Members,

I hope that you have all had a fantastic, relaxing and happy summer break.

School has started already, and for most of us, it's back to our "free" life without the children, or the husband, who wants as much attention, if not more, than the kids.

I have to say that I missed my morning coffee full of peace, or having lunch with my friends!

But it's funny! Also we just came back a few weeks ago from our summer vacation and I'm happy to have my routine back, I'm already looking forward and planing our fall break! 😊

The AIWC official meetings started at the beginning of September and I was very happy to see so many familiar faces again and happier to see how many newcomers we have this year already. Welcome back to Almaty everyone!

Our activity leaders have worked very hard to offer you exiting activities every week and I hope you take the opportunity to participate in as many as possible. It is a very good opportunity to learn something new and make friends.

Thank you to all our leaders for putting so much time and passion to our activities!!

If you wish to be more active in our Club, please let me know. We are looking for members that would like to help in so many different ways!

I want to say a big thank you to our Hospitality Team and especially to Rubina for organizing the great "White Party" in her beautiful garden some days ago. It was a very nice event and we all had a great time enjoying the music of the DJ, the atmosphere, decoration, drinks, food and especially the company!

The AIWC has so many important events coming up before winter break. We will have the Babushka Baskets in October (hopefully), a Family Bingo Night, a Halloween party for the kids, the Winter Bazar in December and some hospitality events in between. We will also be working on the Burns Supper, that will take place on the 27th of January 2018, but everything has to be ready before we leave for the holidays. If you would like to be part of these events or would like to volunteer, you are more than welcome.

We have some positions open in our board and we are looking for members that would like to help with our charities and fundraising. We are also looking for a new Vice President who helps also with the activities and a new secretary. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our team.

I'm really looking forward to a wonderful year with lots of interesting activities, events and the opportunity to make new friends.

I hope you enjoy our Apple Bits, with lots of articles written by our members. Thank you to all who contributed to this October edition, specially to our Apple Bits Editor Aurelie Arnaudon and our Communication Leader Natalie Mahon.

Enjoy the warm weather while it lasts, as the temperature here in Almaty changes very quickly!

Lots of love
Bettina



A white rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bettina F.R.".

Bettina FALKENBERG-ROBIOU
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MONTHLY EVENTS

Wednesday Meetings



Meetings are normally held every Wednesday from 10:30am until 12:00pm

at the Bosphorus Restaurant on the Mezzanine Level in the InterContinental Hotel, Almaty

Meeting, companies or associations presentations or event



Please join us on the 27th of October from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm At 278 Zhamakaeva st Gornigigant For further information or to RSVP Rubina +7 777 21 57 509 rubinainkz@gmail.com

Vendors days

First wednesday of the month at the Intercontinental AIWC's meeting



October 2017

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GROUP ACTIVITIES

FREE OF CHARGE ACTIVITIES



Hiking Group
Monday 9:45am
Olga SALIMOVA
Anna Pastukh
Aurelie ARNAUDON
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AIWC Hiking Group



AIWC Playgroup
Tuesday 10am-12pm
Natalie MAHON & Tina FIELDER
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English Conversation
New leader wanted



German Conversation
Thursday 2:00 pm
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French Conversation
Thursday 12:30
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Russian Conversation
Wednesday 12:30 pm
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Spanish group 2 sessions
Spanish Conversation
Every second Tuesday and
Spanish grammar for beginners
Thursday 2:00 pm
Judith CARDENAS
jucara@hotmail.fr



AIWC Movie Group
Last Friday of the month 11am - 1:30pm
Nadia YEREMINA
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Italian Conversation
Tuesday 9:30 am
Elisabetta VENERI
Carmela CARISTIA



Bridge
Tuesday 10 am
Anna PASTUKH
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NEW !
AIWC Professional Networking Group
Every second and fourth Tuesday 7:00 pm
Karlygash MAKATOVA
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Knitting & Crocheting Group
Wednesday 9am- 10:30 am
Chenaa OSAKI
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GROUP ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES WITH FEES / PARTICIPATIONS

AIWC doesn't charge any money for these activities.

The purpose of the Fees is to directly cover teachers, materials, court rental...



Tennis
New leader wanted
Baganashil, 14 Sanatornaya Str.
Baganashil Village



AIWC Cultural Club
First Friday of the month 10:00 am
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Tickets to buy depend on the activity



Golf
Thursday 10am-11am
Nurtau Golf Club
Dennis GUILLIES
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5000 KZT/class



Art floral masterclass
Every month
Svetlana Benes
sbenes@altynor.com
All material included 10 000 kzt



Cooking class
Once a month, day and time
depending on the host each time
Elena Vlasova
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Price of ingredients to share



Yoga
To be announced very soon !



Lunch bunch
Third Wednesday of the month
12:30 am
Rubina Majidulla
+7 777 215 7509
Price of the menu you choose



Batik decorative Art class
Friday 10pm
Anna Pastukh
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AIWC ACTIVITIES

Italian conversation

By Carmela and Elisabetta

Buongiorno, my name is Carmela. Elisabetta and myself are responsible for the Italian conversation group. We are both Italians living here in Almaty. I moved here last summer while Elisabetta has lived here for several years.

We have been meeting on Tuesdays at 9.00/9.30 at the Bowler café (Kabanbai Batyr and Dostyk) or at someone house, depending on the number of people coming to the meeting. If you want to join and you are not yet in the WhatsApp group, please asking before arriving at one of our meetings, as stated the location can change.

So far, we have been working on different parts of the Italian language, trying to adapt to members needs and requests. The group is open to any level of knowledge of the Italian language without any restriction, we are open to any new suggestion or change in accordance with all the members needs to requests.

Wishing you all well after summer holiday, and hoping to see more of you joining the group.



Movie Group

By Nadezhda Yeremina

The movie group meets once a month on the last Friday of the month from 11am till 1:30 pm in # 65 Radlova street inside the function room of Montessori school office.

In case of change of locations of the meeting we send a message by Whatsapp and via email. There is no fee for participation. We just bring some snacks for tea and chat before watching the film. This season we'll continue the film review of musical genre but we are open to any suggestion and can make changes to the program.

We're planning the first meeting on September 29th. There is public transportation to the Radlova street: buses # 21(the bus stop on Kaldayakova & Kobanbay Batyra), # 38 running Alfarabi avenue. The building belongs to Nur-Otan political party in Radlova street.

NADia Yeremina is the group leader. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Cultural Group

By Farida Jubayeva-Allen

The purpose of our Cultural Group is to visit points of interest to get to know the cultural aspects of Almaty. We are going to visit museums, galleries, artist's studios, etc. Our first tour was to the wine factory Bacchus, the oldest in Kazakhstan. They produce red and white wine, champagne and brandy. They are proud that they use an old technology to produce champagne, which they brought from France. We could watch the whole process from fermenting grape juice in a big barrels to the bottling end-product. We tasted different types of wine, champagne and brandy; all at 10am After the excursion we went to their shop to buy some of the tasty, local produce.





Almaty International Women's Club

Adopt a Babushka

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."
Sir Winston Churchill



We plan to collect 45000 Tenge/year for a Babuschka.
You can invite friends to contribute and jointly to support a grandmother
who you can get to know and choose!

For more information, please contact charity.aiwc@gmail.com.

Donations for adopting a Babushka goes towards helping them with food,
medicines and other general needs as well as towards the staff costs of
Hands of Mercy.

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AIWC EVENTS

Charity Glitter Gala

By Bettina FALKENBERG-ROBIOU

On the 3rd of June we celebrated with a big success our CHARITY GLITTER GALA at the Ritz-Carlton, Almaty. All guests were invited to enjoy the warm weather at the beautiful terrace of the Ritz, which offers a breathtaking view of the Almaty Mountains, sipping on delicious cocktails and tasting the delicious canapés from our sponsors.

Later that night, as it started to get dark outside, our guests were invited to move into the Ball Room, where they were invited to sit on beautiful tables, decorated in a very elegant and glittery way. An exquisite gourmet four-course dinner was served, while they could enjoy the beautiful voice of Margarita Bella and the great performance of the Ballet LYRA. Our MC's Irina and Saad also did a fantastic job throughout the night.

We had magnificent prizes that night and we were able to sell hundreds of raffle tickets, which made it possible for us to collect some of the money we will need during the year, to be able to support our charities.

A big thank you to all our sponsors, which made this event possible. Thank you also to Rubina, Yasaman, Elena V., Farida, Natalie, Svetlana B. and Stephanie, who worked very hard for a month, so that we could have an unforgettable night. Dear Ladies, you made it actually possible for us to just get away for one night from the busy life we live here as expats. It was an enjoyable event where we could all unwind, socialize, drink, dance and have fun.

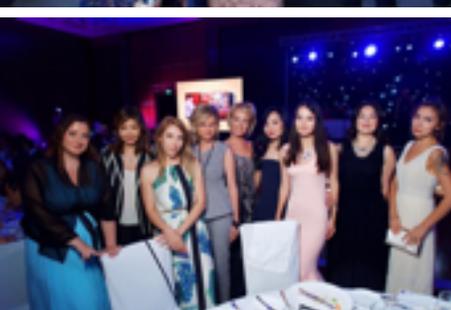
Thank you to all of you for supporting our events and our charities!

Lots of love
Bettina



AIWC EVENTS

Charity Glitter Gala



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Almaty International Women's Club Charity Glitter Gala



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AIWC EVENTS

White Party Hospitality

By Natalie Mahon

On Saturday 16th September, the AIWC Hospitality team hosted a "Welcome Back" to Almaty party. It is always an important event for the AIWC as we like to welcome new members to the city, and also reconnect with old friends after the summer break.

The hospitality team, lead by Rubina, aim to always offer a light supper and nice drinks, as well as music and fun - at a special rate for members - with events throughout the year, not just always for adults, but also for families as well.

The beautiful garden, and the sounds of DJ Sergey made for a great evening - with over 70 guests, new and old attending. It was great to see many faces, and talk about our summer adventures, as well as welcoming new families and making new connections.

Again our thanks to the hospitality team, and we look forward to the next event coming soon - a Family Bingo Event. More news to follow soon.



AIWC EVENTS

White Party Hospitality

By Natalie Mahon



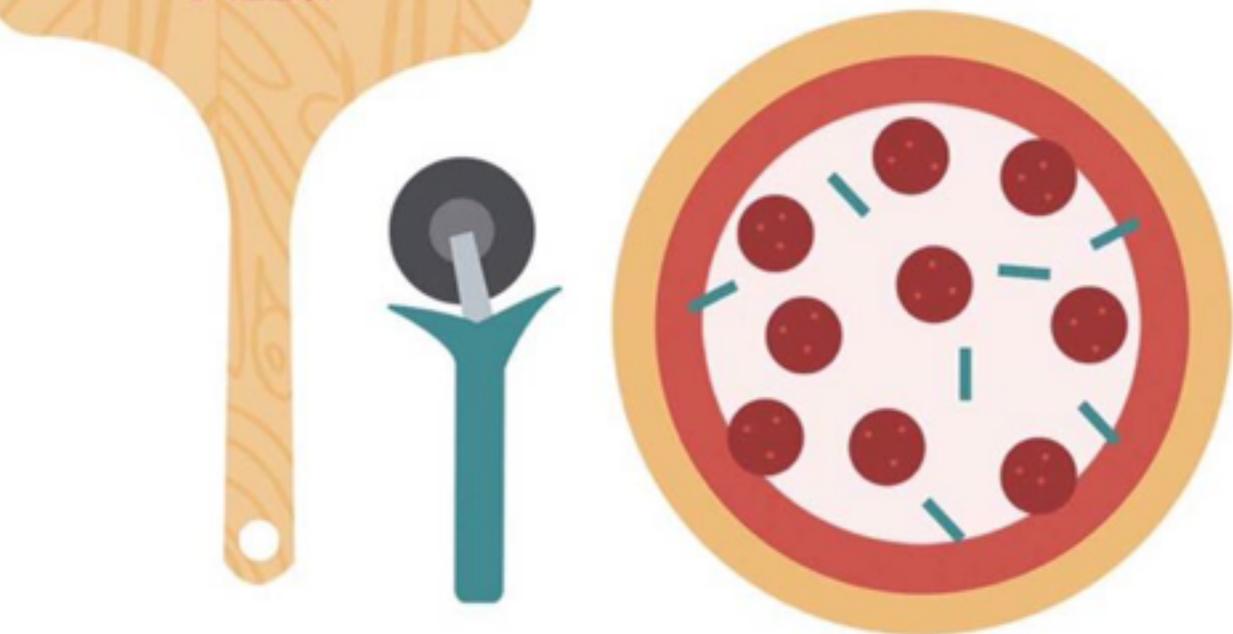
AIWC`S Pizza Party

Fun BY THE Slice!

*Saturday October 14th
12.00 to 15.00*

*Ticket includes
Wine, beer, soft drinks
&
All you can eat
Pizza*

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Kids 2000
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Kids 4000**



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KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY



Get the costumes ready !!
More information will be
sent out soon

MOIRA MORRISON

By Natalie Mahon

Born 11th July 1954

Died 6th June 2017

Our beloved, dedicated and forever giving club member, just a few short weeks after returning to her native Scotland. We will forever remember her as the face of the Burns Supper and for all her hard work with the membership team and the animal shelters she raised funds and donated time, to here in Almaty. Her beautiful dog Robbie that she took back to Scotland with her, even though he struggled to walk and was very old.

You could not meet a kinder, more generous or giving person.

In honor of Moira, the club will announce an annual award - dedicated to one club member voted by the members - in Moira's name. To a person who gives their time, sweat and hard work, but does not always come on people "radar" - just someone who wants to give back, help and be involved. Just like Moira did. This will happen each June, in memory of Moira.

As an ex-pat who lived here 7 years, Moira touched the heart and hand of many. She never said no, she always had a smile and would love a cup of tea or a little glass of wine with any one. Forever in our hearts, and never forgotten. The footprint your left was small in size but large in memory.

RIP Moira



HALLOWEEN

Tradition and recipes

By Tisa Penny

BOO! TRICK or TREAT! These are just a couple of the words and phrases you're likely to hear over and over again on the holiday that children and adults look forward to every October 31...Halloween! And while the actual holiday falls on the 31st, it's not uncommon for celebrations and parties to last the entire month of October!

FUN FACTS: One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the US is for Halloween night and the SNICKERS BAR has been the #1 Halloween candy for many years.

One of the most well-known traditions of Halloween, or "All Hallow's Eve" is TRICK or TREATING. Most kids will spend the evening outside, collecting candy from house to house. Even though candy is popular on this holiday, here are some easy treats and décor you can do at home with the kiddos to make your Halloween celebrations fun and yummy!

TRASH BAG SPIDER WEB

What you'll need:

1 to 2 trash bags (you'll get 2 spider webs out of a single bag)

Scissors

Step 1: Cut the edges off all four sides of the trash bag.

Step 2: Fold one corner of the bag over to the corner on the other side so it forms a big triangle. Cut off the extra portion that is not part of your triangle. You should have a perfect triangle.

Step 3: Fold your triangle in half, and then in half again.

Step 4: Take the middle piece with the folded edge and fold it towards the center of the long straight edge. Now you are ready to cut!

Step 5: Beginning at the tip of the folded section, you will cut up and out towards the sides. Think of cutting a spine like shape. The bag will begin to look like a rib cage after a few cuts. Move up about an inch and cut a rectangle out to continue the pattern.

Step 6: Unfold your shape, and your web is ready for hanging!



HALLOWEEN

Tradition and recipes

CARROT PUMPKINS

What you'll need:
A few fat carrots
Sharp knife



With a sharp knife, cut slits lengthwise down the carrot. NOTE: The distance between your cuts will determine the width of your pumpkin stem. The depth of your cut will determine the height of your steam. OPTIONAL: For rounded pumpkins, carve the angles at the top of the pumpkin with a paring knife or peel them with a vegetable peeler.

Slice the carrot into rounds.

Look how cute! Then you can make a fun dip of your choice! My kids love a yogurt or hummus dip 😊.



CREEPLY CRAWLY BROWNIES

What you'll need:
1 cup chocolate chips (or other meltable chocolate)
½ cup of heavy cream, divided
1 brownie recipe, baked in 9-inch round cake pan (boxed brownie mix or your favorite recipe)
1 cup powdered sugar

Combine the chocolate and ¼ cup of the heavy cream in a microwave safe bowl. Cook on high power for 45 seconds. Whisk until it's almost smooth, then continue to microwave in 15 second bursts until there are no lumps (you want a smooth and glossy glaze). Pour evenly over the brownie, smoothing with spatula. It's okay if some drip down the sides. NOTE: Place the brownie top-down on a wire rack before pouring the glaze over. This helps you get a smooth surface.

Whisk 1 cup of the powdered sugar and ¼ cup of the heavy cream in a small bowl. Transfer a plastic ziptop bag and twist the bag to snugly pack the frosting into one corner. Snip a very small hold in the corner of the bag, and then make a spiral pattern by starting in the center of the brownie and working towards the edge.

Then, take a toothpick and drag it through the frosting from the center out to the edges to create a spider web effect.

This spider web glaze decoration can be used on cupcakes and cookies too! And don't forget a spooky spider on top (can be a plastic toy or even an Oreo cookie and pretzel legs)!

EXPLORE KAZAKHSTAN

Universal exposition in Astana

By Elena Vlasova

This summer in Astana hosted EXPO 2017 from June 10th till September 10th. This worldwide event involved the representatives from 115 countries and 22 international businesses. The topic of the EXPO was “Future Energy” and the countries should have demonstrated how they see the solution of the most vital problem on Earth, that is where to take the energy if not from oil and gas.

Together with my husband we went there by plane taking advantage from the state holidays at the end of August (August 30, Day of Constitution) and spent unforgettable four days wandering from one pavilion of the Expo to another. As I had read the recommendations before on the web site of the Expo, comfortable shoes and clothes were the right thing to wear for the Expo, as it took us about 4-5 hours per day on foot.

We started our journey to the fascinating “Future” world from the Russian pavilion as we are from Russia and it was first on our way to go. We couldn’t even imagine that they would have brought a real iceberg demonstrating that Arctica has enormous possibilities for obtaining the energy resources.

Then we dropped in the Pakistani pavilion and that huge one of Africa which overwhelmed us by their ethnic peculiarity of the national craftsmen. In front of the spectaculars, the Pakistani guys were molding clay vessels, meanwhile the Africans were selling the national wooden toys.

We went into every national pavilion and that was not easy, I must say, as we had to wait our turn for entrance; in some of them for 30 minutes. But for us it was not tiresome but intriguing, as we didn’t know what to expect as we moved to the next country.



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And we did see interesting solutions presented by different countries. For example, Israel pavilion was full of lights changing their colors in one room, and in the second room there was a cube with a real girl who danced manipulating a ball which presented our Planet. In the pavilion of France, we saw a car of the future working only with the electricity presented by Peugeot. And the designer from Great Britain constructed the yurt (national Kazakh dwelling) which consisted of many glass pipes lightened by the energy of the human's touch.

Definitely we couldn't leave Expo 2017 without seeing the main exhibition placed in exciting eight-story ball presented by Kazakhstan. The speed elevator took us to the top, where we could start our viewing. The top floor was devoted to Astana and its future and the plans for its development. The other seven floors demonstrated new world achievements in taking Energy into the Future, that is the nuclear of the Earth, the sun, water, space, wind, plants and bacteria. We couldn't help admiring all those pavilions as everything was really worth seeing.

To crown it all, was the visit to the show Reflect by the famous Cirque de Soleil. The uniqueness of the show is that it was especially created for Kazakhstan and Expo 2017. The authors of Reflect used the historical facts and national Kazakh legends accompanying by the ethnic Kazakh music done in modern arrangement and performed by the singers of the world popularity. We saw the show of Cirque de Soleil for the first time in our lives, postponing our first time until seeing famous show in Las Vegas, but we had never regretted that it happened here, in Kazakhstan.

The entertainment program in the frames of Expo 2017 was full of surprises. Such well-known musicians and celebrities as David Guetta, Limp Bizkit, 30 Seconds to Mars, Eros Ramazzotti and Teatro al la Scala performed on the best stages of Astana. We were lucky to see and to listen to the last opera by Verdi - Falstaff, performed in Astana Opera.

To sum it up, I would like to express huge gratefulness to the Kazakh government and people who took enormous responsibility in hosting such a great event!

EXPLORE ALMATY

Sightseeing Around Almaty

By Karlygash Makatova (The Guide)

Almaty is a beautiful city along the Silk Road and the jewel of the Seven Rivers region (Zhetysu). Almaty as a touristic destination offers the following routes that visitors and expats living here should follow. The following destinations are must see.

- 1) **Kok-Jailau Plateau** - starts from one bus stop before Medeo, the road goes up and leads to the trail. The trail is quite obvious and it takes about 2,5-3 hours to go to the top of the plateau. The hike takes about 5-6 hours total and ends at Alma-Arasan Valley (Dulati street), right before the ecological check point. There is an Eagle/Falcon farm right next to ecological point where you can see Eagle/falcon/owl show every day at 5pm except Mondays. The fee is 1900 tenge per person as of Sep 17, 2017. A guide is recommended but for experienced hikers not necessary if you know how to orient in mountains. The best season May - February. Dangerous month is March but it's always depending on level of snow.
- 2) **Charyn Canyon** - 200 km toward east, good road, except for the last 12 km but it's possible with a regular vehicle or without 4WD. The road is pretty obvious, after Kokpek and Nura village pay attention to road signs and it will lead you to turn left and drive directly to the park. No guide needed unless you want to learn about history and check cafes with local food. To go down to the river please follow the general rules of presence in national park (no barbeque is allowed), but you can use local cafeteria for dining (however it's not always available, especially after November). Car ride takes 3 hours one way, walking 1 hour down to the river. It's forbidden to swim in the river (it's too fast). The park fee nowadays is 800 tenge per person.



- 3) **Petroglyphs Tanbaly** (UNESCO Heritage site) - 200 km from Almaty towards Bishkek, the last 70 km is very bad road. Better to use 4wd car. The park fee is 1500 tenge per person. It's better to go with a guide as the park rangers do not speak English, however they can escort to all 5 main sites.
- 4) **Turgen Qaterfalls, Assy plateau** - the road takes about 1,5 hours, it's about 80 km and its about 3 hours to the Assy Plateau from Almaty towards Issyk Valley where you can see Saki tribe burial mounts. There is a great Museum of Golden Man at the beginning of the village. Turgen small waterfall is the first one on the road and there is a clear sign leading you to the trail. You won't miss it. It's about 45 minutes hike uphill towards the waterfall. It's not big but it is beautiful. After a few kilometers on the main road there will be a clear turn to the right and there will be about 8 km hike to the second Kayrak waterfall. You may see 4wd old cars there offering a ride but you may want to hike as it's a beautiful area. You should proceed along the main road and it will lead you to Assy Plateau that has a lot of yurta and shepherds in summer. All of them are further than the old observatory. The road is finally leads toward Bortogay Lake but the road sometimes is not drivable because of the rain and floods.

EXPLORE ALMATY

Sightseeing Around Almaty

By Karlygash Makatova (The Guide)

- 5) **Hiking around Medeo skating rink:** Butakovka waterfall could be started from Medeo or Butakovka Valley (the end of 29 bus). Easy hike is from the Butakovka Valley and it takes 1 hour to the waterfall. From Medeo you go into Kim-Asar Valley and where the road splits you turn left, the trail will take you to Kim-Asar pass and there will be a trail into the Butakovka Valley. It takes 2,5 hours from Medeo to the waterfall. For the trail from Medeo the guide is recommended. From Butakovka you can do on your own. You may return from the waterfall to Medeo or proceed into Butakovka Valley if the driver will meet you from a different point. Alternatively you can walk to bus 29 at Butakovka but it takes 2 hours, 12 km.
- 6) **Mynzhilki, Tuyuk-Su Valley** - about 10 km from Chimbulak there will be a Tuyuk-Sul glacier but to get there you will pass Tuyuk-Su Gate, Memorial to Climbers who dies in mountains and Mynzhylki dam. You don't need a guide to this route. Just be equipped according to the weather. It's a moderate hike. Total hours of round trip 8-9. To Chimbulak you can get by gondola (about 2,500 tenge, or 300 tenge bus ride from the skating rink). Mynzhylki is a start point for many climbing routes.
- 7) **Big Almaty Lake** - You can easily drive to the lake to the view point (please take your passport with the migration airport card). Ecological fee at the check point is 400 tenge per person. There is no so much hiking involved if you drive to the lake but you can start hiking from the bottom of the water pipe and it takes 2 hours to the lake. There is an eagle/falcon farm next to the ecological post. See info above at Kok-Jailau section.



ALMATY EVENTS

Exhibitions around the city

Organ music @ Conservatory-

What: Grand opening of the festival of organ music

Soloists: Gabit Nesipbekov, Adil Nesipbekov, Maria Omirbekova

Where: 90 Ablai hana, Big Conservatory hall

When: September 28, 19:00 Ticket cost: 2,000 KZT.

ABBA Platinum concert

What: ABBA Platinum (UK) - is one of the most popular tributes of the famous quartet for today. They were able to completely recreate the real atmosphere of the show, which reigned during ABBA con-certs, accurately reflecting the sound of songs, images and costumes

When: September 30, 19:00

Where: Almaty Arena (mcd. Algabas-1)

Gala concert of Organ Festival

What: On the program: J.Bach, F.Mendelson, , Z.Alen, Z.Langle

Where: 90 Ablai hana, Big Conservatory hall

When: October 1, 19:00

Ticket cost: 2,000 KZT.

Vivaltalia @ Villa Boutiques

What: Italian goods , promotion of trips to Italy, chance to practice Italian with native speakers, lotter-ies and master classes... Where: 140A Al Farabi

When: September 30

Free entrance

New season at Zhambyl Philharmonic

Dear theater goers, season Passes now available for '17-'18

Zhambyl State Philharmonic offers you a great opportunity to regularly attend concerts and hear great performers from Kazakhstan and other countries. The new season starts on the 10th of November. A

Yearly pass will entitle you to twelve concerts from November to June. Given the cost of a year pass is 14 000 Tg (7 000 Tg for half a year) it's also a money-saving deal. It's cheaper to have a pass rather than to buy a ticket for each performance you'd like to attend. Stop by CLO for the full schedule and information on purchasing the pass.

Concert Music, Opera, and Ballet

Starting in the fall, Almaty offers concert music, ballet, and opera and the following venues.

Concert Music

The concert hall of the Zhambyl Kazakh State Philharmonic Society—just two blocks from Park Palace on the corner of Kaldaikov Street and Bogenbai Batyr Street. The 2017-2018 Friday evening subscription concert series starts on November 10th, 2017 with Bartok's violin concerto and Musorgski/Ravel's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Over the course of the season, the Zhambyl Philharmonic Orchestra will play mostly traditional works by Russian composers (Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Rimski-Korsakov, Shostakovich), German stal-warts (Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, and Schumann), with several concerts beginning with works by Kazakh composers.

In addition to the orchestral performances, last year there was a series of monthly concerts by a string quartet that presented a variety of works by European and Latin American composers. In Zhambyl's "small hall," there are occasional solo and small group performances.

Website: www.philharmonic.kz

The Kurmangazy Kazakh National Conservatory has a more intimate concert hall where younger musicians perform throughout the fall, winter and spring. The address is Abylai Khan Avenue, 86 about half way between Bogenbai Batyr and Kabanbai Batyr Streets. Capacity is limited therefore it is wise to purchase tickets well in advance.

Website: <http://www.conservatoire.kz>

The Kasteev State Museum of the Arts on Satpaev Street, near the Auezov Theater Metro station, is the largest art museum in Kazakhstan. It holds occasional musical concerts, often on a Thursday evening as vernissages (the "varnishings" that painters exhibiting works once did in order to protect their recently-painted works). The musical performers are soloists or small groups and play in a wide range of styles offering traditional and twentieth century concert music, extracts from Kazakh operas, and Kazakh folk music.

Dance and Opera

The Abay Kazakh State Academic Opera and Ballet Theater offers ballets alternating with operas, most of them from the traditional international and Kazakh repertory. The resident ballet and opera companies offer these "standards" and provide strong support for visiting guest dancers and singers. The 2017-2018 season opens with the opera "Abai" by Khamidi and Zhubanov.

Websites: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abai_\(opera\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abai_(opera)) and <http://gatob.kz/anonsy/otkrytie-84-teatralnogo-sezona-opera-lhamidi-azhubanova---abay>

CULTURAL

ZHAMBYL STATE PHILHARMONIC

September 26, Tuesday

State quintet of wooden instruments 18:30

September 27, Wednesday

Opening of the season: State Wind orchestra

“Winds Of Kazakhstan” 19:00

September 29, Friday

Small hall

Night of chamber music 18:30

September 30, Saturday

Small hall

Night of instrumental music 18:30

October 3, Tuesday Night of organ music “ Music of Parisian cathedrals”

Daniel Zaretsky (Russia, Petersburg) will perform

J. Bach, T.Dubua, S.Vidor

Zhambyl State Philharmonic: 35 Kaldayakova st./Tole bi

For more information please call: +7 (701) 130-9189

OPERA and BALLET at ABAY THEATER

September 30, Saturday “Abay” by A.Zhebanov and L. Hkamidi Opera in 3 acts 17:00 2 .15

October 1, Sunday “Swan Lake” by P. Tchaikovsky Ballet in 2 acts 18:30 2.20

October 5, Thursday Concert “ Poetry and Music” (Abay’s lyrics) 17:00 1.30

October 6, Friday Concert “Poetry and Music” (opera scenes and romances composed with A.S.Pushkin’s lyrics) 17:00 1.30

October 7, Saturday “ Bakhchisaraiskiy Fountain” by B.Asafiev Ballet in 3 acts 17:00 2.00

October 8, Sunday “ Bakhchisaraiskiy Fountain” by B.Asafie Ballet in 3 acts 17:00 2.00

October 12, Thursday “Madama Butterfly” by G Puccini Opera in 3 acts 18:30 2.50

October 13, Friday Concert 17:30 1.30

October 14, Saturday “ Bakhchisaraiskiy Fountain” by B.Asafiev Ballet in 3 acts 17:00 2.00

October 15, Sunday “ Bakhchisaraiskiy Fountain” by B.Asafiev Ballet in 3 acts 18:30 2.00

October 19, Thursday “Rigoletto” by G.Verdi Opera in 3 acts 18:30 2.30

October 20, Friday “Coppelia” by L.Delib Ballet in 2 acts 18:30 1.40

October 21, Saturday “Coppelia” by L.Delib Ballet in 2 acts 17:00 1.40

October 22, Sunday “Carmen” by J.Bize Opera in 4 acts 17:00 3.30

Opera Prices: 600 Tg—1,700 Tg / Ballet Prices: 600 Tg—4,000 Tg

Abai Opera and Ballet Theatre: 110 Kabanbai Batyr Street, corner of Panfilov Street

For more information please call: +7 (727) 272-7963 <http://www.gatob.kz/>

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