

Kok-Tobe Hill



Address: 104 B Dostyk Ave

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Hours: 10:00 – 01:00

Entrance Fee: a walk is free of charge, but you have to walk a significant distance before you reach a top of the hill. KZT1000 by cable car (one way, hop on at Abay and Lenin crossroad); KZT300 one-way bus ticket, and KZT500 a round trip ticket (a bus station is located at the foothill of Kok-Tobe)

Additional cost: cafés and entertainments (such as ferris wheel, roller coaster, etc.)

A hill on one of the Alatau ridges, with a TV tower. Kok-Tyube – “the green top” – is covered with motley grass and shrubs, and is 1,070 m high. On clear days, a great panorama of the city opens from the observation deck. You can get up here in different ways: use a daily cableway to Kok-Tyube from Abaya Square on Dostyk Prospect, or in a car going to the south along Dostyk Pr., and then turn east to the south of the Alatau Hotel. Or you can walk up along a path to the east of Luganskogo St.

There are a few cozy restaurants and cafes on top of Kok-Tyube.

The TV tower serves as a landmark for tourists as it can be seen from almost any place in the city. The tower stands at 1,000 m above sea level, although it is 327 m tall. An observation deck is at 146 meters .

Panfilov pedestrian street



Address: Panfilov st.

Hours: Open 24h

Entrance Fee: Free

Additional cost: only for cafés and restaurants

Panfilov pedestrian street is a walking zone area of the Almaty’s historical city center. Panfilov Street has an intimate scale that brings pedestrians into close contact with its many cafes and street musicians, giving it the air of the most bustling part of the city. People go there to relax, socialize, and enjoy good food and music.

Central State Museum



Address: 44 Samal-1

Hours: 09:30 – 17:30 (closed on Tuesdays)

Entrance Fee: KZT300 - KZT500

Additional cost: excursion service KZT1000 – KZT1500

The Museum of History and Culture of Kazakhstan was moved from Orenburg (former national capital) in the 1930s. The present-day building was built in 1985, and boasts an original architectural design. The main lobby features a decorated yurt. The very history of Kazakhstan becomes live with 120,000 exhibits shown in four halls.

Hall 1: paleontology and archeology.

Hall 2: history from the 15th century to the beginning of the 20th century. Household utensils and applied arts, a rich collection of historic materials of the pre-revolution period.

Hall 3: history of the 20th century. Ethnography of the peoples of Kazakhstan . An exhibition on the conflict between the Soviet power and the traditional Kazakh culture.

Homage to soldiers of World War II. The Ethnography Section includes information about the Russians, Koreans, Ukrainians, Uighurs, Jews, and other peoples.

Hall 4: modern history of the Republic of Kazakhstan (1991-1998).

An exhibition of jewelry on the lower floor. The exhibits date back to the 1st-4th centuries and the 19th-20th centuries. A copy of the famous Gold Warrior is exhibited. The museum also has a gallery for rotary exhibitions. The collection includes 200,000 items of the material culture. There are three shops in the lobby on the first floor, and two of them sell souvenirs.



A. Kasteev Museum of Arts

Address: 22/1 Koktem-3 microdistrict

Phone: +7 (727) 394 57 15

Hours: 11:00 – 19:00 (closed on Mondays)

Entrance Fee: KZT500

Additional cost: for visiting special exhibition halls from KZT1500

Currently, the A. Kasteev State Museum of Arts of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the largest art museum and the country's leading research, cultural and educational center in the field of fine arts.

Rich, diverse, precious collection gives a vivid picture of the artistic culture of Kazakhstan, Europe and Asia, the masters of past ages and the present time. Number of exhibits of the main fund of the museum is more than 25 000 units.

The museum has nine research centers: the fine arts of Kazakhstan, arts and crafts Kazakhstan, classic foreign art, foreign art new time, funds, restoration, exhibitions and expositions, tour services and advocacy, information and publishing activities.

Museum of musical instruments

Address: 24 Zenkov St.

Hours: 10:00 – 19:00 (closed on Mondays)

Entrance Fee: KZT250

Additional cost: excursion in English – KZT650



Visitors of the museum can get acquainted with a rich musical heritage that had been created by Kazakh people during a long historic development. A lot of national performers saved hundreds of remarkable samples of national music and the richest music folklore was passed on from one singer to another, from one generation to another.

The collection includes personal dombras of poets, zhyrau and composers, such as: Abai, Zhambyl, Makhambet, Dina, Shashu bai, Kazangap, Nartai, Kenen, Seitek, Muryn zhyrau, Kyzyl zhyrau, Boltirik zhyrau, A. Zhubanov, A. Kashaubaev, A. Khasenov, D. Myktybaev and other figures of the musical arts.

Museum of history of Almaty city



Address: 132 Kabanbai Batyr st.

Hours: 10:00 – 19:00 (closed on Mondays)

Entrance Fee: around KZT500

Additional cost: ask at the reception desk

The Museum of Almaty history was opened in 2002. It is the leading scientific research and cultural-educational institution of Almaty. The museum exposition presents the history of Almaty from the period of the first settlements on the territory of the city and its neighborhoods until today. Separate sections are devoted to the formation of the Kazakh statehood, the Verny period, the history of modern Almaty.

Central market (Zelyony bazar)



Address: Zenkov st.

Hours: 09:00 – 19:00 (closed on Mondays)

Entrance Fee: Free of charge

Additional cost: shopping (fresh fruits, vegetables, dried fruits, souvenirs)

The central market, or the Green Bazaar, is the embodiment of great traditions of an Asian bazaar where you breathe in the oriental flavor of the city. It is the crossroads of many Asian cultures rather than just a bazaar. Here you can find anything grown in Central Asia. Farmers from neighboring countries bring their own goods, too. The open space of the bazaar is scattered with numerous *shashlyk* grills, a clothing market, flower rows, and restaurants with the oriental cuisine.

Park named after Panfilov's 28 Guardsmen & Ascension Cathedral



Address: 40 Gogol st.

Hours: Open 24h

Entrance Fee: Free of charge

Additional cost: in case of visiting museum of musical instruments

This architectural monument is one of 8 unique wooden structures in the world. Ascension Cathedral is amazing in its beauty



and magnificence. It was built in 1904-1907 according to a design by architect A.P. Zenkov. Its walls were painted by artist Khludov. The Cathedral is about 50 meters tall. Notably, it withstood a powerful earthquake in 1910r. Church services were resumed in the Cathedral in 1997.

Gorky Park (Central park of culture & recreation)

Address: 1 Gogol st.

Hours: Open 24h

Entrance Fee: Free of charge

Additional cost: cafés and restaurants



Gorky Park is one of the most popular parks in Almaty and a good recreational space for both walking and, entertaining the children.

The Park is now known by the name of Central Park and covers an area of 100 Hectares. The location of the park, as it suggests, is in central Almaty and is close to the Green Bazaar and also Panfilov Park. Gorky Park was named after the Russian author Maxim Gorky and the locals sometimes refer to the park as Park Gorkogo.

Almaty Zoo

Address: 166 Yesenberlin st.

Hours: 09:00 – 20:00

Entrance Fee: KZT 700

Additional cost: cafés and restaurants



The collection of the Almaty Zoo has more than 400 species, representing about 5,000 animals. Of these 28 species are listed in the Red Book of Kazakhstan, and 71 species in the IUCN Red Data Book. The pride of the section of ungulates are the South African giraffes, zebras, Asian elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses. No less interest are the antelopes (wildebeest, nyala, oryx). And also the largest among the deer - Bukhara deer and red deer (maral). There is a sika deer, fallow deer, roe deer, argali, Siberian ibex, screw-horned goats, moufflons,

fine goat, sheep, and of course the horse of Przewalski.

First President's Park



Address: 1 Dulaty st. (intersection of Navoi st. and Al-Farabi Avenue)

Hours: 08:00 – 00:00

Entrance Fee: Free of charge

Additional cost: no cafes inside, take snacks if needed

The Park is located in the southern part of Almaty and has a spectacular mountain backdrop. At the southern end of the park there is a viewing and seating area, with small shelters on raised mounds. There are no shops in the park, so you should take drinks etc. with you, particularly on hot days. Most of the tree planting is quite new, so little shelter against the sun when walking around the long curved pathways.