



GPU PHOTO FESTIVAL 2023



15th July - 23rd July 2023

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Summer 2023
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Kyrgyzstan, country of Central Asia. It is bounded by Kazakhstan on the northwest and north, by China on the east and south, and by Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the south and west. Most of Kyrgyzstan's borders run along mountain crests. The capital is Bishkek (known from 1862 to 1926 as Pishpek and from 1926 to 1991 as Frunze).

The Kyrgyz, a Muslim Turkic people, constitute nearly three-fourths of the population. The history of the Kyrgyz in what is now Kyrgyzstan dates at least to the 17th century. Kyrgyzstan, known under Russian and Soviet rule as Kirgiziya, was conquered by tsarist Russian forces in the 19th century. Formerly a constituent (union) republic of the U.S.S.R., Kyrgyzstan declared its independence on August 31, 1991.

The name Kyrgyz derives from the Turkic kyrk plus yz, meaning `40 clans.

Capital: Bishkek **Population:** (2022 est.) 6,769,000

Official Languages: Kyrgyz; Russian

Currency 1 Euro = 82,21 som



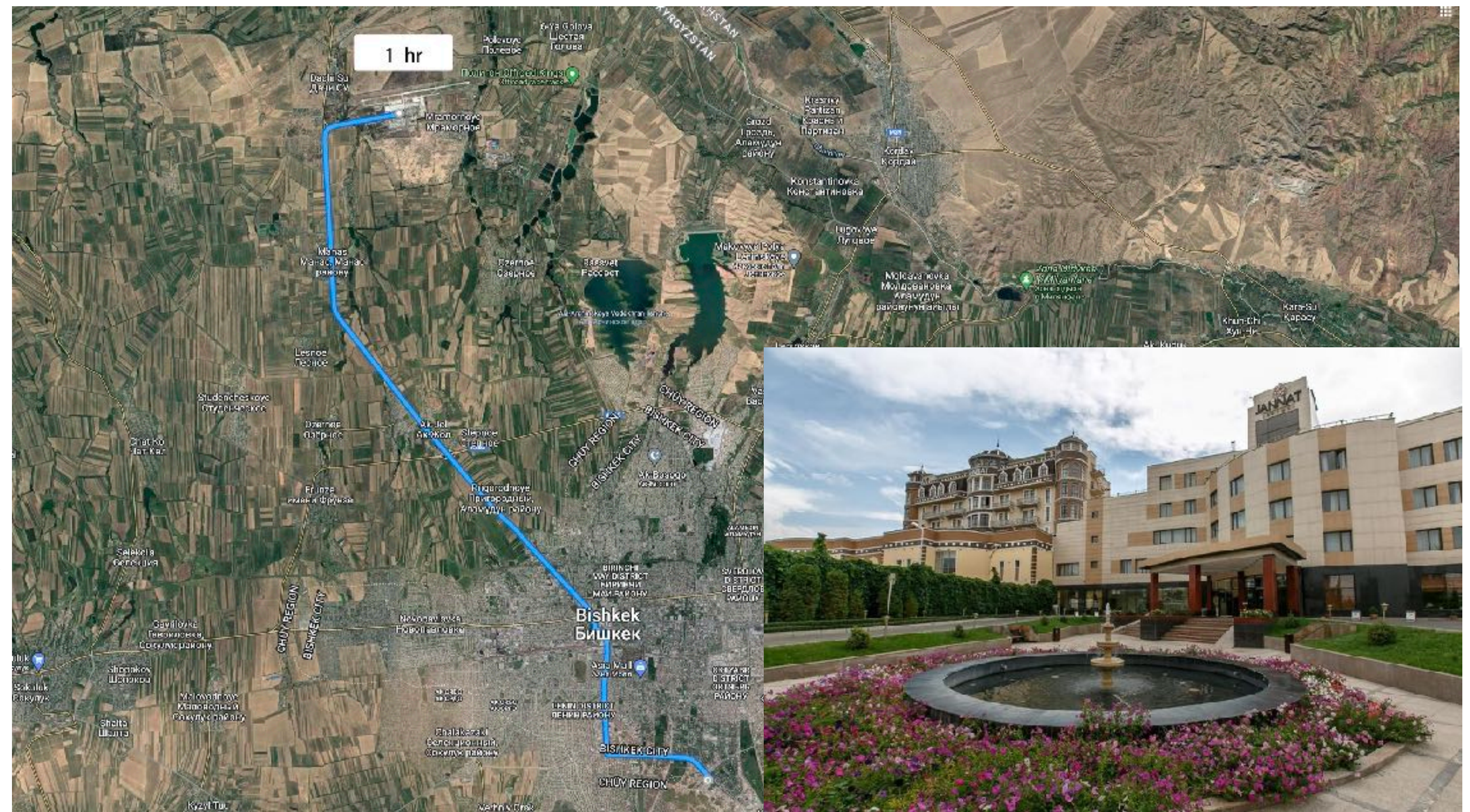


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Day one - 15th July 2023

- Arrival and registration - check in Jannat Regency Hotel - Bishkek
- Afternoon- visiting traditional local court and house



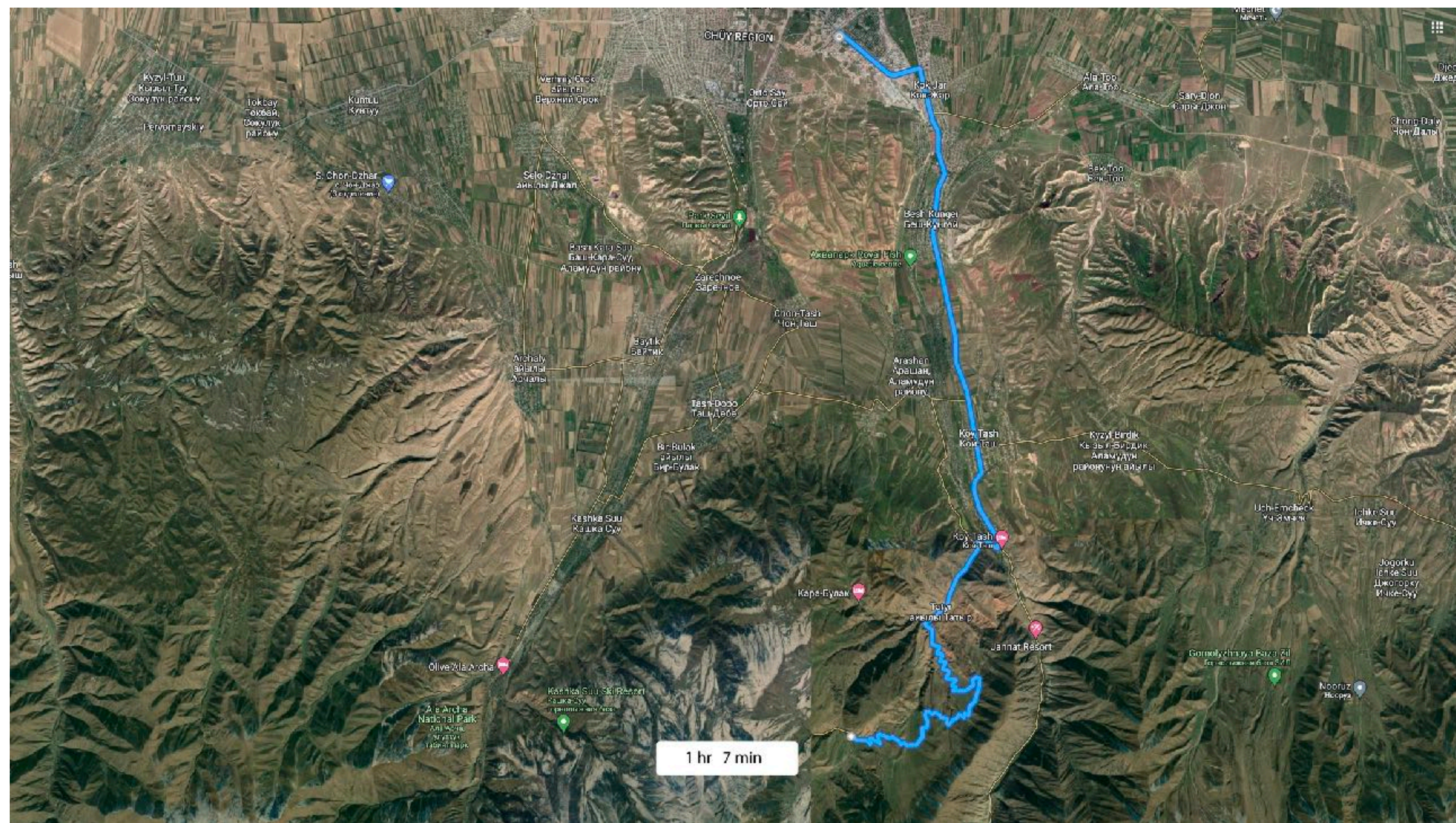


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Day Two - 16th July 2023

- Lunch in the hotel (12:00 - 13:00)
- 14:00 leave for Chunkurchak Valley (Landscape - Yurt - People with local costumes)
- By Van takes 1 hr 7 min (without stop)
- Return back (17:00 - 17:30)
- Dinner at the hotel (20:30)



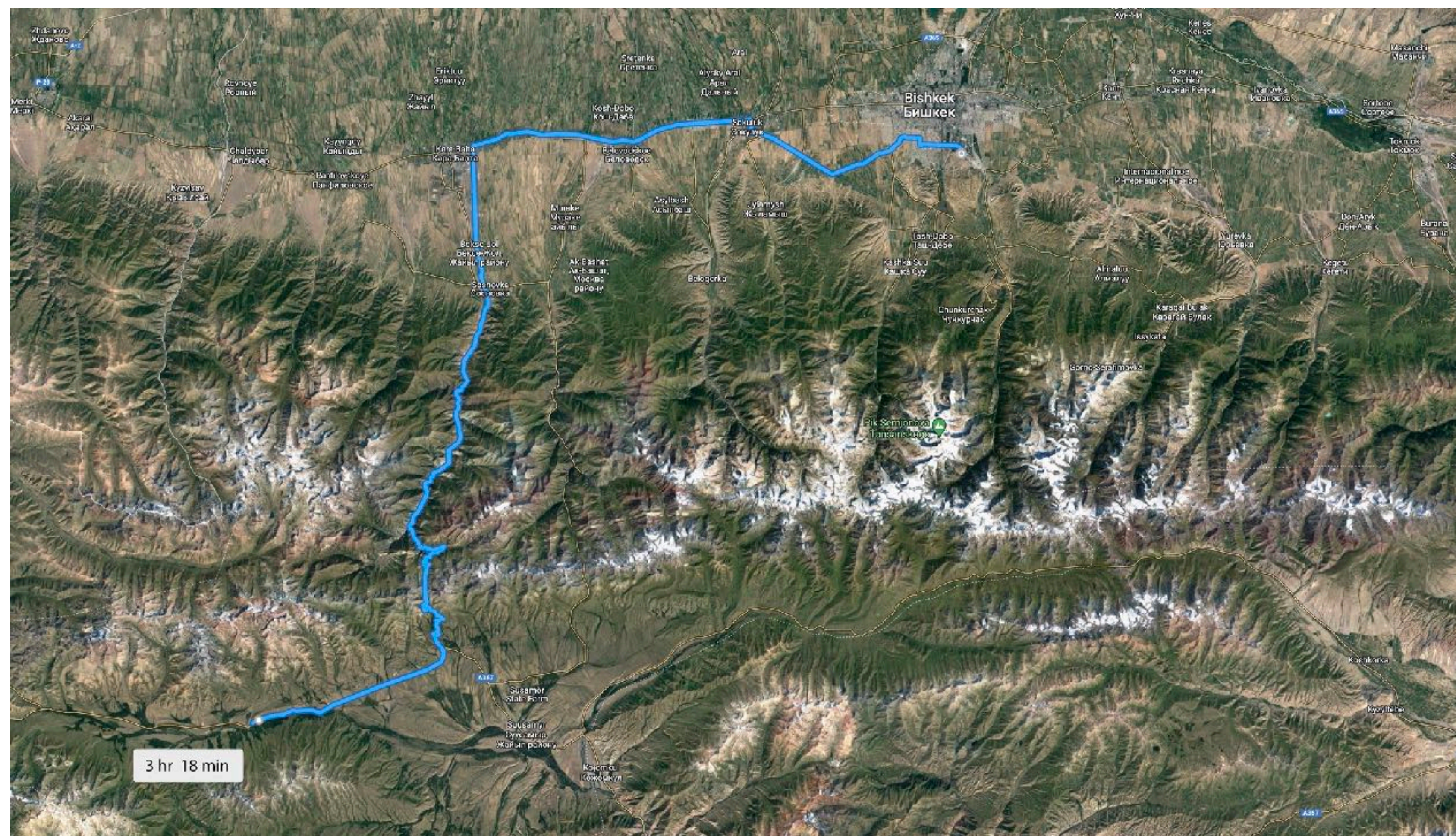


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Day Three - 17th July 2023

- Breakfast in the hotel at 07:00
- 08:00 leave for Suusamyr Valley (Landscape - Goat game)
- By Van takes 3 hr 18 min (without stop)
- Check in Buytur Resort (Suusamyr Yurt village)
- Lunch B&Q 14:00 - 14:30
- Rest - free - Photographing
- Lighting - workshop (indoor-outdoor)
- Goat game 17:00 - 17:30
- Dinner 20:00 - 21:00
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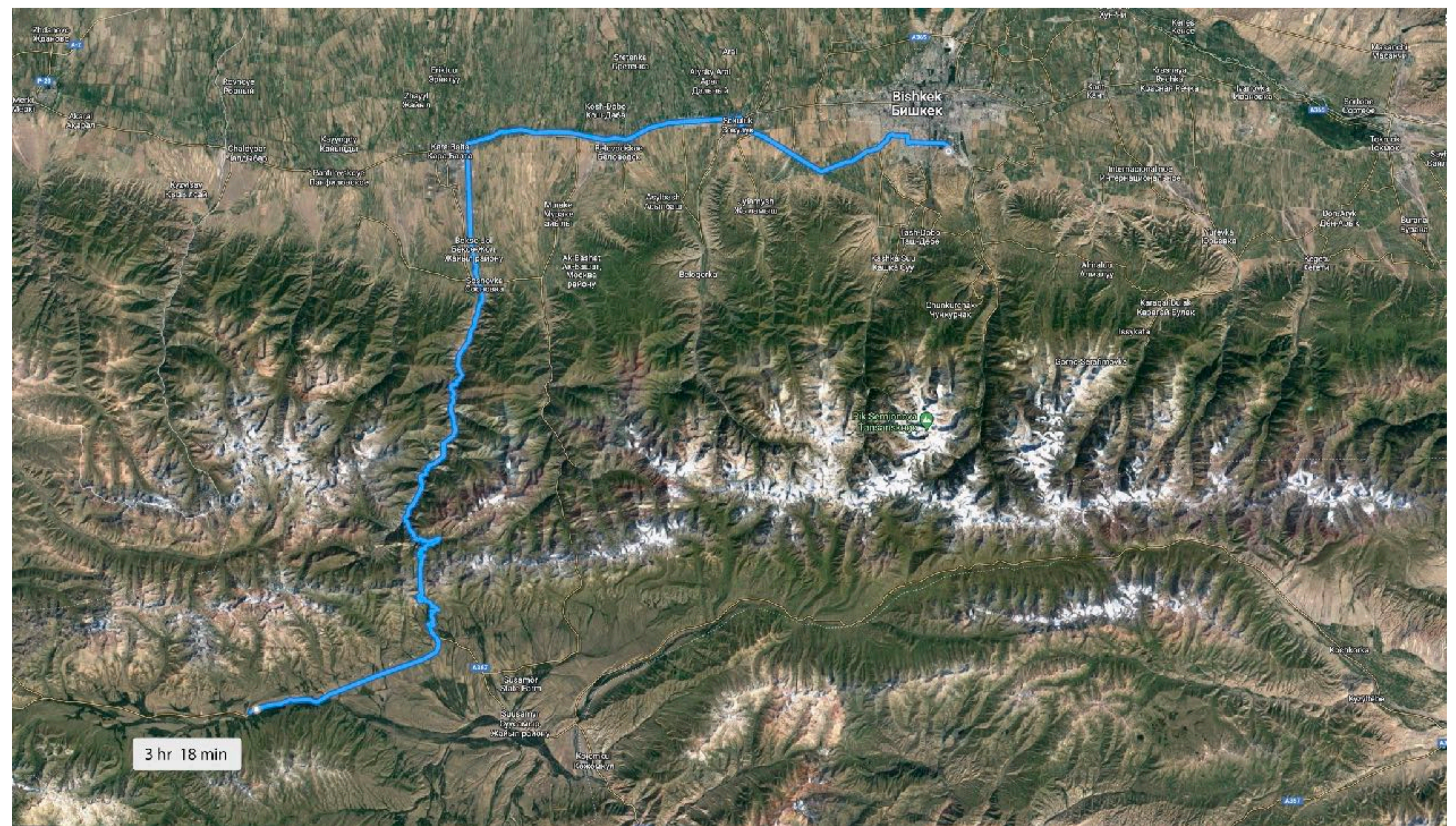


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Day Four - 18th July 2023

- Early morning - Milking a horse
- Breakfast 08:00 - 8:30
- 10:00 visiting local yurt - Shepherd - landscape - photography
- Lunch B&Q 13:00 - 14:30
- Dinner 20:00 - 21:00



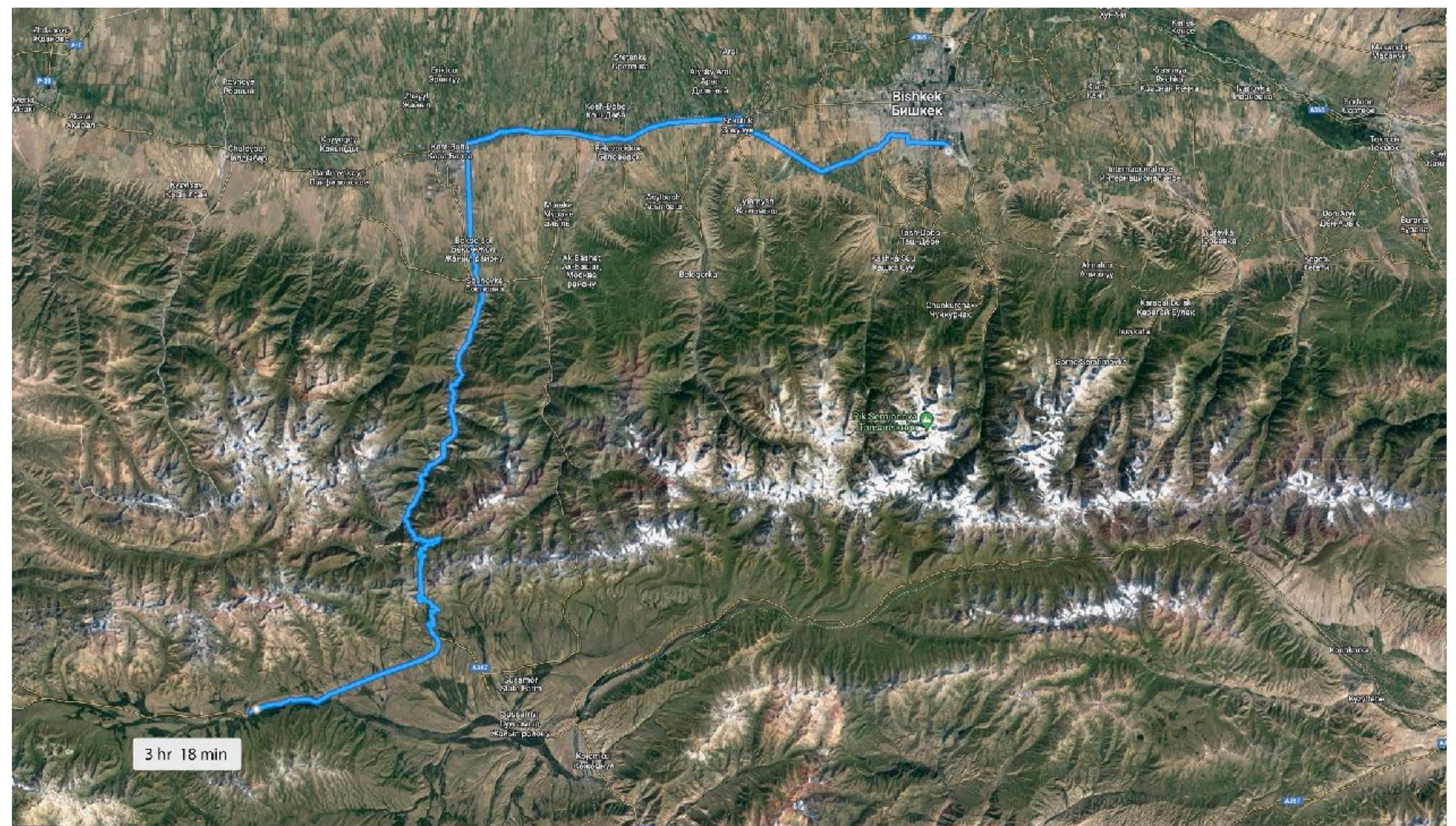


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Day Five - 19th July 2023

- Breakfast 08:00 - 8:30
- 9:30 back to Bishkek
- Lunch 14:00 - 14:30 at the Hotel
- After lunch (15:30) -Visiting main Bishkek Square & Museum
- Dinner 20:00 - 21:00 at the Hotel



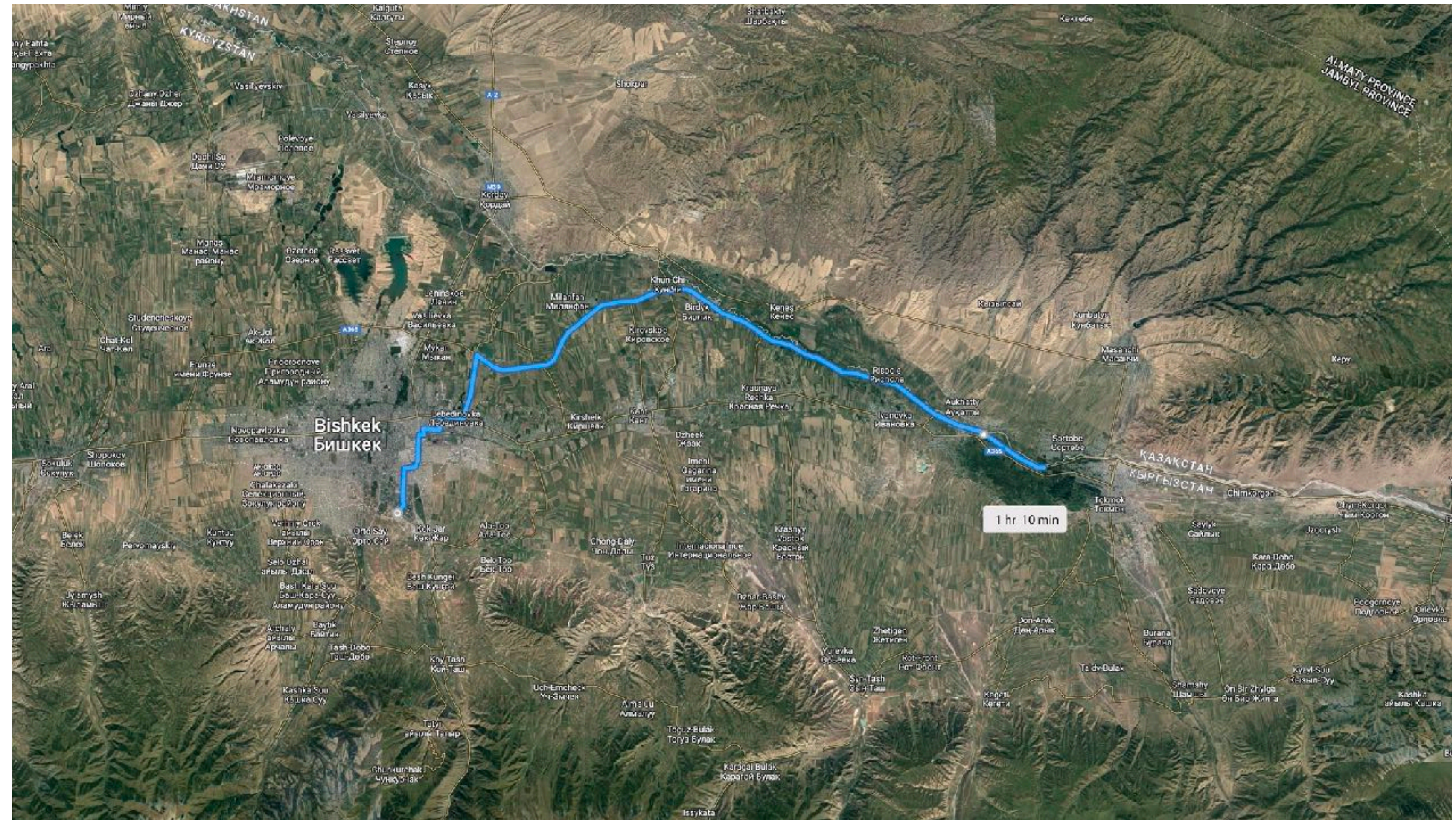


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Day Five (A) - 20th July 2023

- Breakfast 08:00
- Check out
- 09:00 Leave for Burana - 1hr 10 min (non stop)
- Check in - Burana Hotel
- Lunch B&Q 13:00



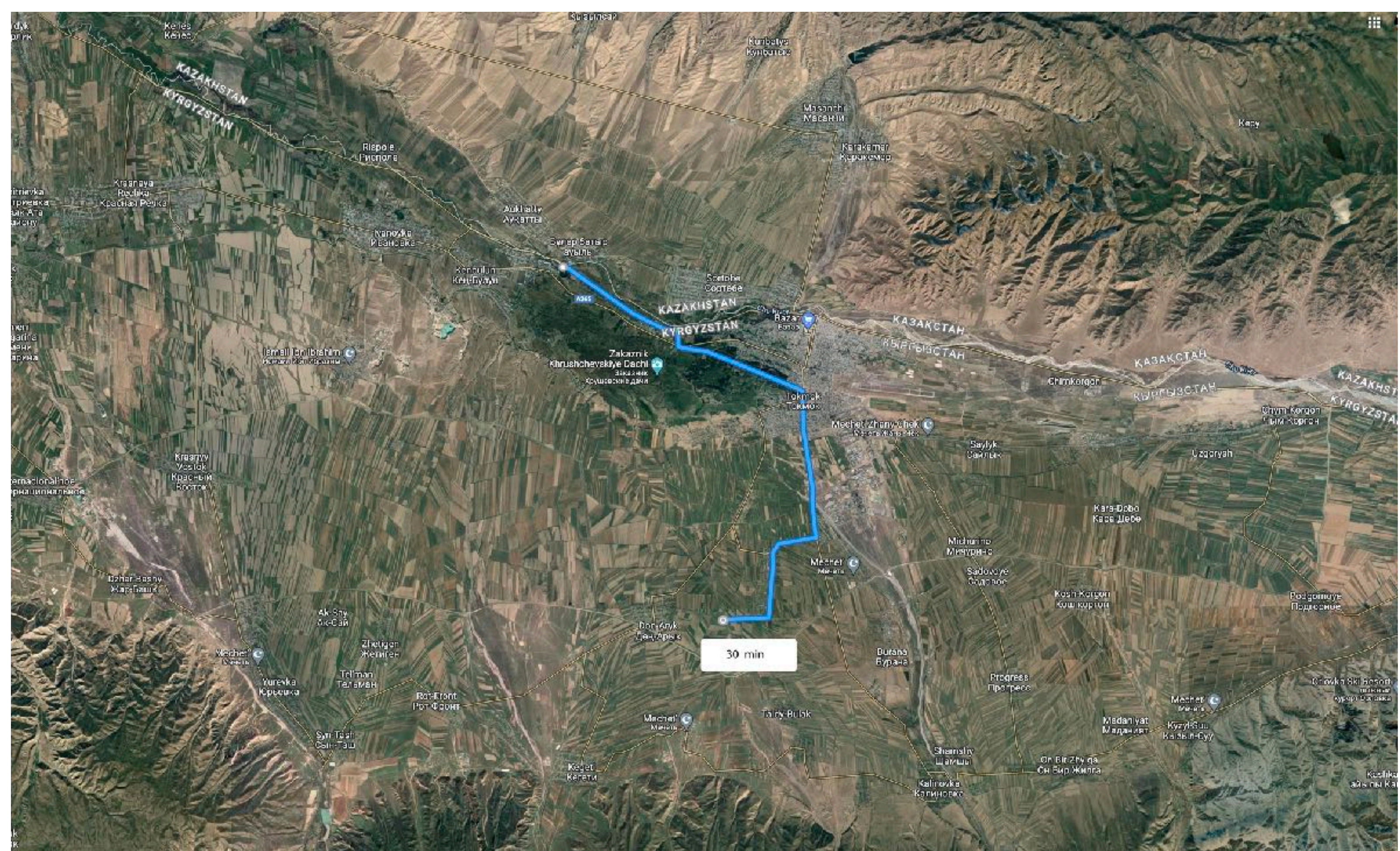


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Day Five (B) - 20th July 2023

- Leave Hotel at 14:00 to Burana Tower (30 min)
- Photos - Burana historical Tower - historical stone curving - small museum
- 16:00 Leave Burana



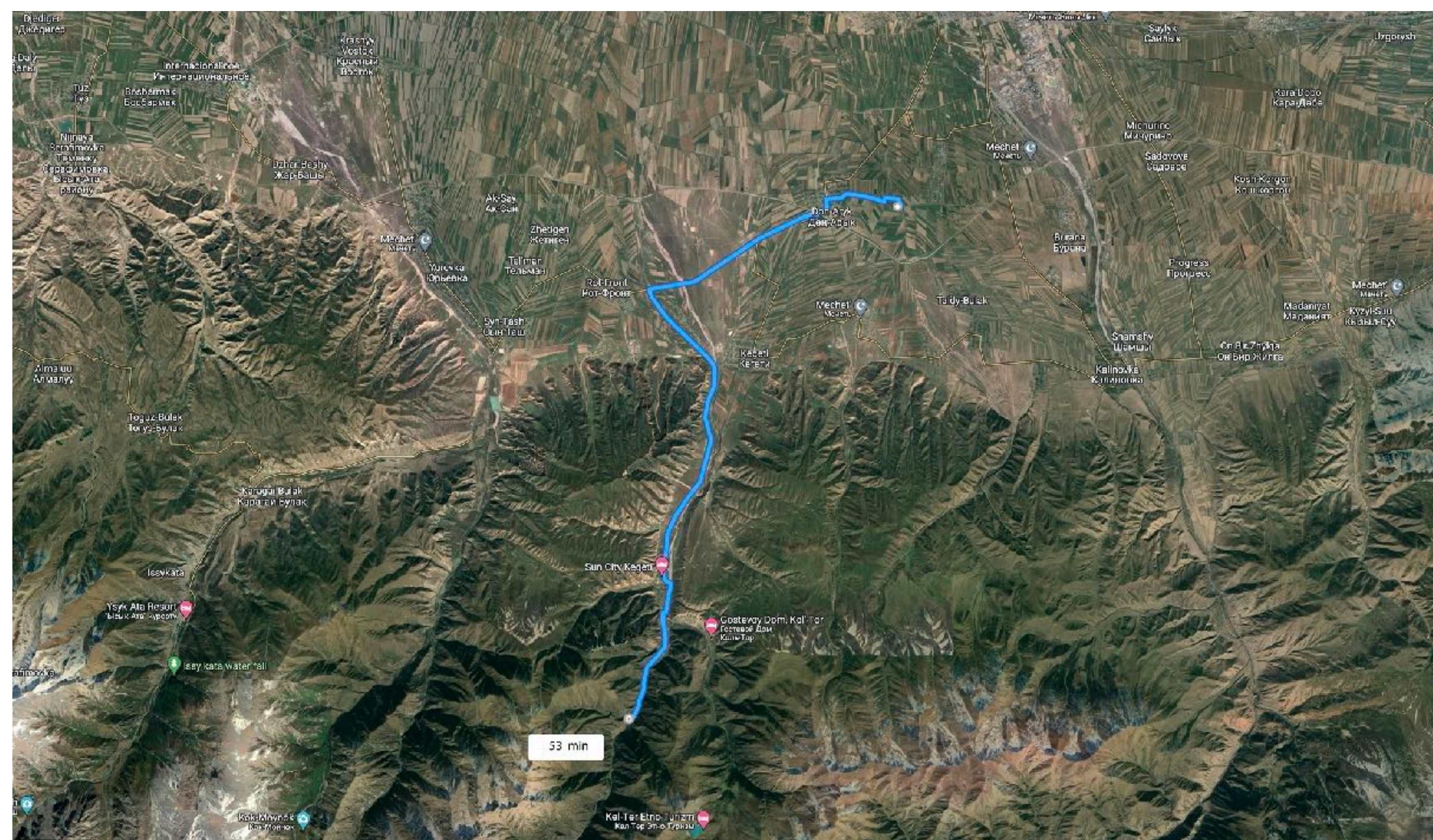


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Day Five (C) - 20th July 2023

- Leave Burana Tower at 16:00 to Vodopad “Kegetl” water falls (53 min) non stop
- Photos - Water falls - landscape
- 18:00 back to the hotel
- Dinner 20:30



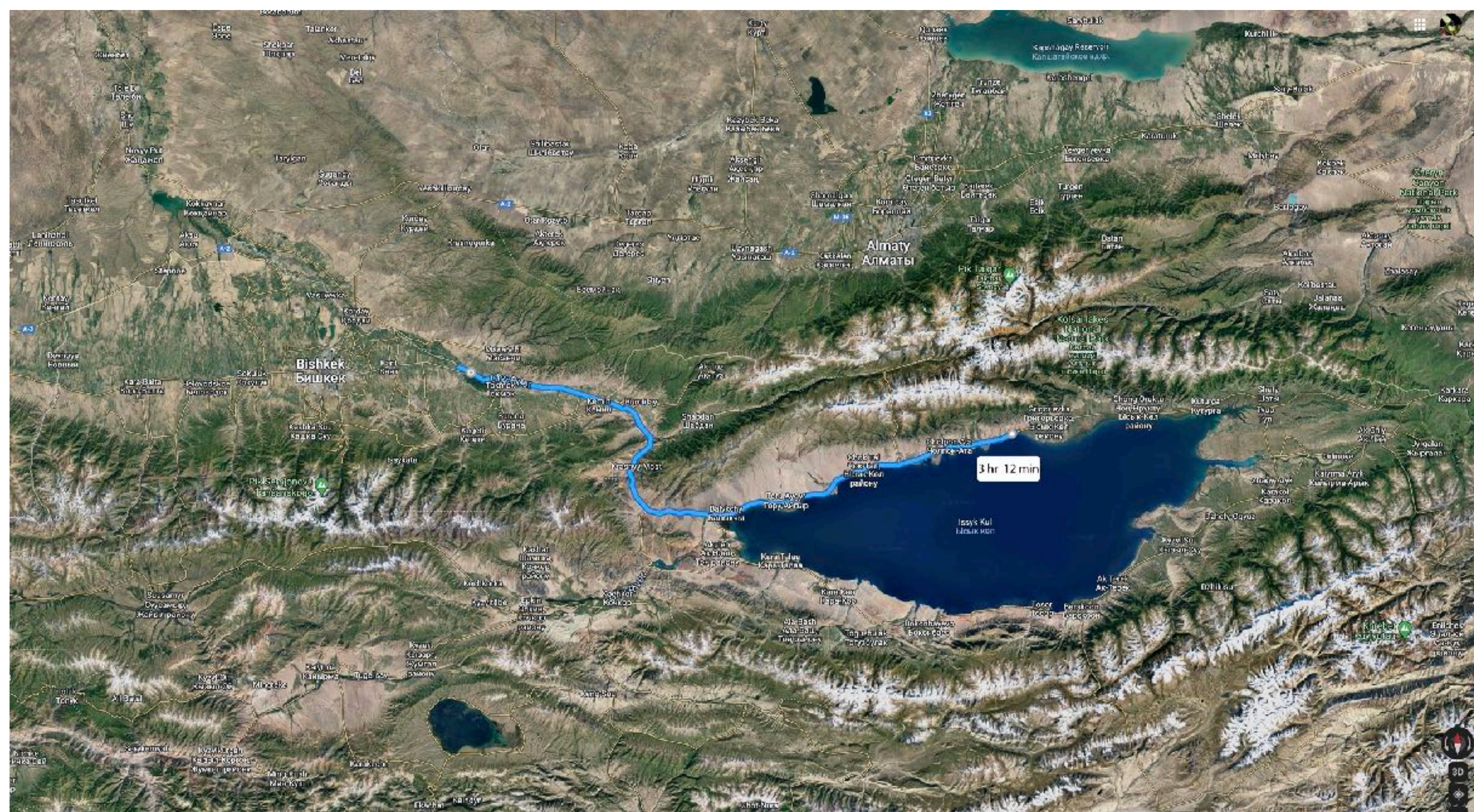


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Day Six (A) - 21st July 2023

- Breakfast 07:00
 - Check out
 - 08:00 leave the hotel to Simiram Hotel & Resort (3 hr 12 min)
 - Check in
 - *** Lunch at the hotel 13:00
 - *** Leave at 14:00 to mountain village and Kyrchyn lake
- Photos - landscape village people , Eagle hunter





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Day Six (B) - 21st July 2023

- *** Lunch at the hotel 13:00 or Lunch at the mountain village
 - *** Lunch at 14:00 at the mountain village
 - *** Leave the hotel 13:00 (1hr 30 min)
- Photos people - Eagle birds - landscape
- 16:00 Leave the mountain village to the Kyrchyn lake
- Photos - lake - models with costumes - eagle hunter - horses - landscape





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Day Six (C) - 21st July 2023

- 16:00 Leave the mountain village to the Kyrchyn lake
Photos - lake - models with costumes - eagle hunter - horses - landscape
- 18:30 Leave to the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel 20:30



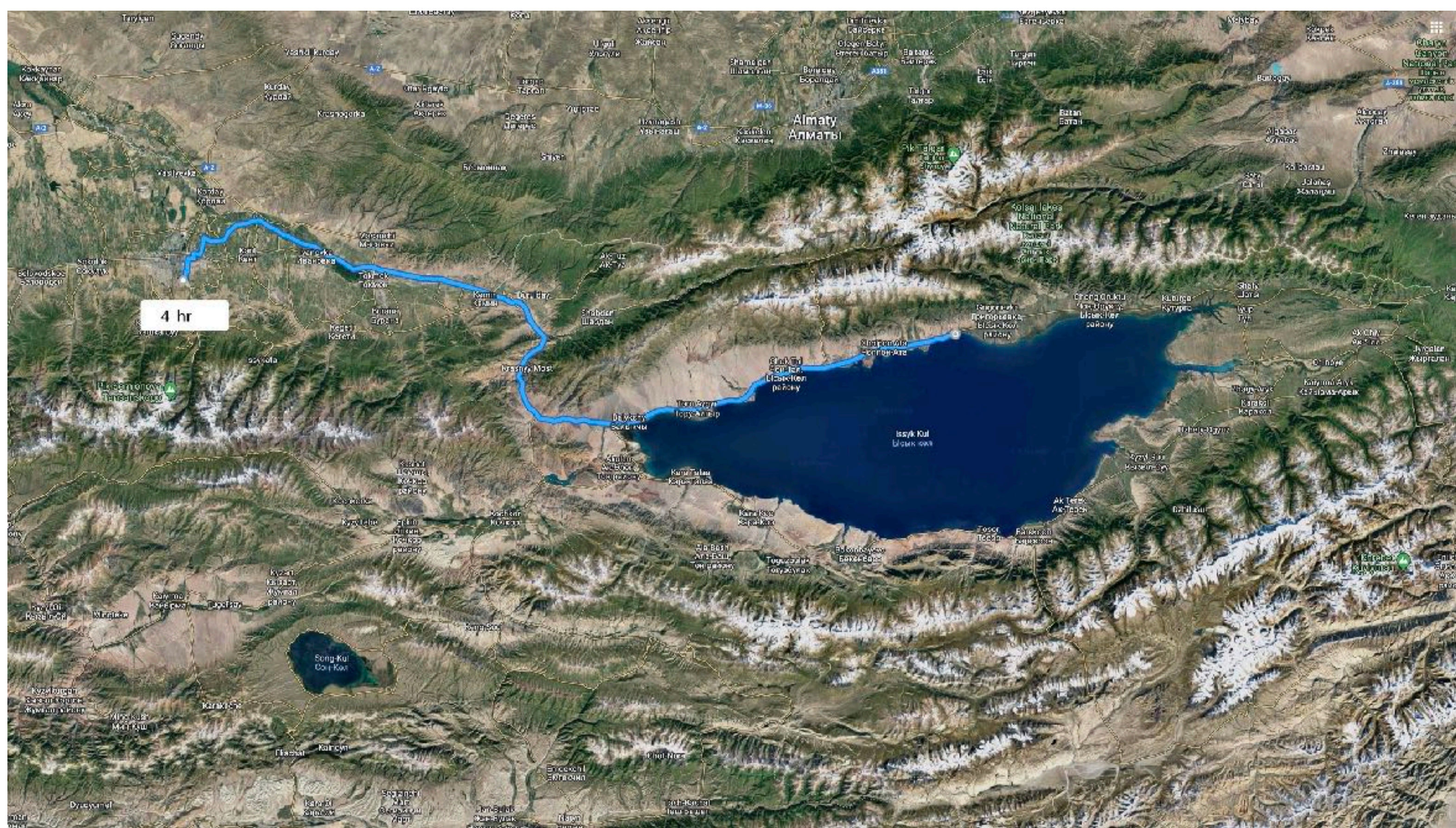


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Day Seven (A) - 22nd July 2023

- Break fast at 7:00
- Check out
- 08:00 Leave the Hotel to Bishkek (4 hr)
- Check in
- 13:00 at the restaurant in Bishkek
- 17:00 leave to Ash Bazar (2 hrs)
- 20:00 Gala dinner at the hotel





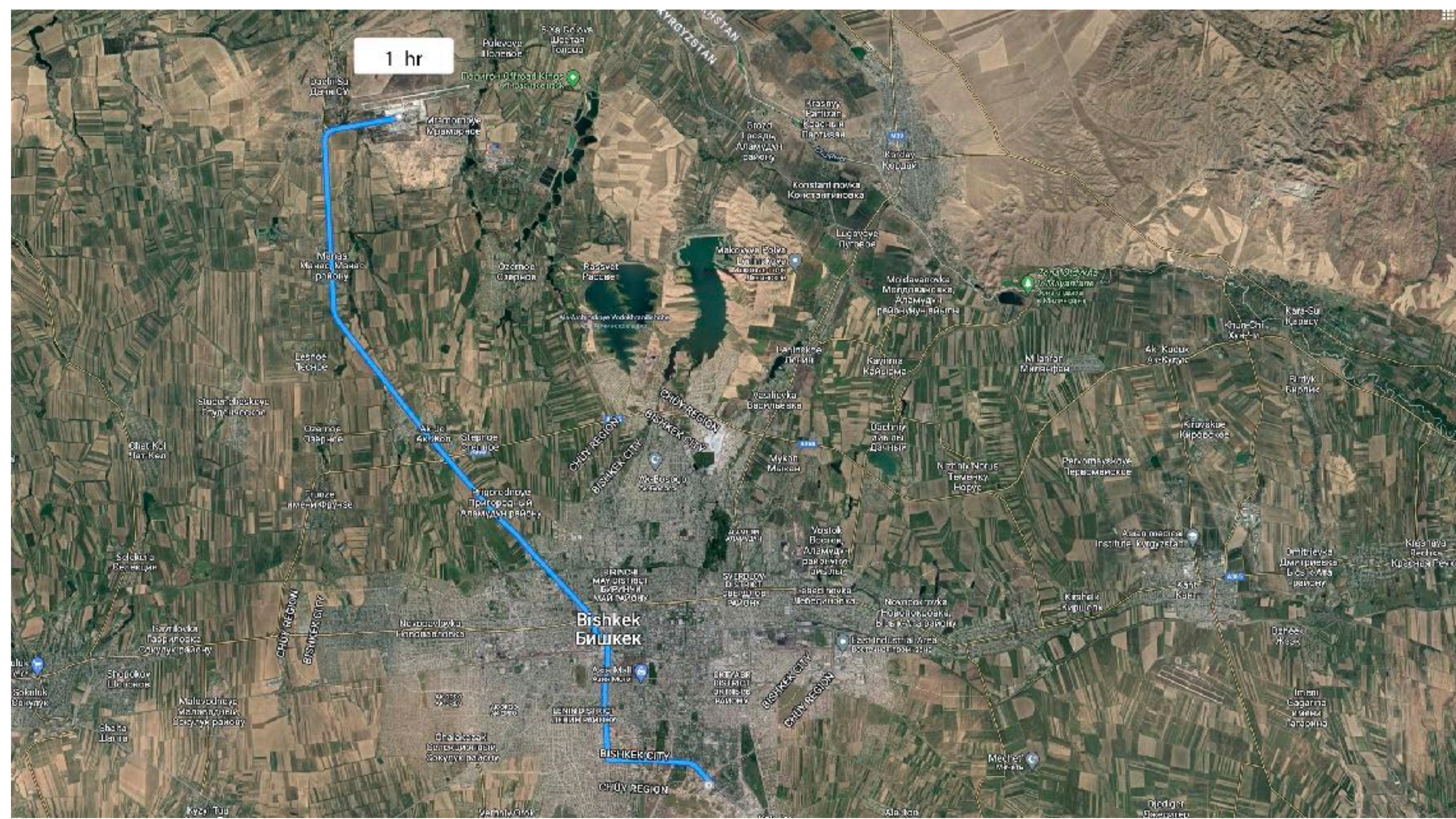
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Day Eight, departure - 23rd July 2023

- Breakfast starts at 6:00 if members will leave earlier hotel provides parcel box breakfast.
- Check out
- Leave the Hotel to the airport as per individual departure time, from the hotel to the airport around 1 hr.
- Note need at least 2 hr 30 min at the Terminal before flight departure time.
- Transport facilities depend on how many person will leave at the same time, either Van (SUV) or 4 wheel car for small group.





PAYMENT INSTRUCTIOS:

The total cost will be **950 Euros per person** in a double room and **1150 Euros** for a single room, including everything from the moment the participant arrives at the Bishkek airport till his/her arrival back to the airport on the departure day.

All the hotels will be 3*, 4* or 5*.

In the photo festival anyone can participate even if he/she is not a member of our association.

If you decided to participate, please fill out the participation form and send it to gpuphotofestival@gmail.com till 15th of November 2022.

Some areas of Kyrgyzstan are a very important areas with high photographic interest, we definitely must visit.

However, the hotels are limited and the number of beds is very small. Regarding these circumstances, we need to know **soon enough** who wishes to participate.

We absolutely need to avoid the problem we faced in Greece some years ago and in Romania in 2019, when a lot of members wished to participate but they were very late and all the hotels were fully booked.

The total amount of euros must be paid till the end of January 2023.

Send the money to:

- by wire transfer:

Global Photographic Union

Bank name: KBC

Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein 15, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

IBAN: BE 92 7340 2604 5923

BIC code: KREDBEBB

Koetsiersweg 65, 3210 Linden, Belgium

By PayPal (add 50 euros for PayPal expenses)

finance@gpuphoto.com

Every participant must write his/her name and the names for the participants he/she pays for and send a copy to the email: gpuphotofestival@gmail.com

If someone else is paying for you, he/she should state your name in the payment, so we can avoid any possible confusion.

The deadline for the payment is 31. January 2023.

In case of cancelation:

Up to 15 days before the trip: 70% will be refunded.

14 days or less: No refund.

VERY IMPORTANT - VISA

Please contact your countries embassies of Kyrgyzstan asking for visas details.