



Social Programme and Technical Visit

7th October 2013

Delegates arrive

19.00 – Welcome Drinks hosted by the Head of Tourism Department of Almaty City Municipality Mr. Bakhytzhan Zhulamanov at the InterContinental Hotel Almaty.

8th October 2013

First Day of the Conference according to the programme

19.30 Gala Dinner at “Esik” Restaurant

9th October 2013

Second Day of the Conference according to the programme

18.00 – Dinner (Venue to be confirmed, most likely at the InterContinental)

19.00 – Dinner at "Yurta" restaurant at Koktobe Mountain Viewing Platform (if the weather allows) or Visit to Central Museum of Almaty

10th October 2013

10:00-19:00 – City Tour, Chimbulak Ski Resort, Museum of Nature at Almaty Nature Reserve, Akbulak Ski Resort

Booking

You can participate in all activities of the social programme free of charge. Booking for the different activities will be available at the registration desk 7 and 8 October at the conference venue, the InterContinental Hotel Almaty.

Sights to visit on Tour 2 of the Technical Visit

Chimbulak ski resort

Chimbulak ski resort is situated in an attractive gorge of the Zaili Alatau at a height of 2,260 m above sea level and 25 km from the city center. The average air temperature is +20C in summer and -7C in winter. The snow is on average 150 cm thick in winter, with consistent snow cover from November to May. 90% of the days in the year are sunny. The slopes are served by three chairlifts and two tow ropes. The quad chairlift began operation in 2003, and opened a new region for extreme skiing, and for snowboarders there is a new Park. The chairlifts can take you from a height of 2260 m above sea level to the Talgar pass (3,163 m), for a vertical drop of 903 meters. The routes are continuously maintained by professional groomers.



The Medeo



The Medeo is an outdoor speed skating and bandy rink. It is located in a mountain valley (Medeu Valley, or the valley of Malaya Alma-Atinka River) on the south-eastern outskirts of Almaty, Kazakhstan. Medeu sits 1,691 metres above sea level, making it the highest skating rink in the world. It has 10.5 thousand square meters of ice and utilizes a sophisticated freezing and watering system to ensure the quality of the ice. The mountain valley was named in honor of Medeo, a wanderer who lived in the last century and established own village.

Almaty Nature Reserve

The Almaty reserve has been created on May, 15th, 1931, as Malo-Almaty with the area of 15 thousand hectare. In 1964 basins of the rivers Esik and Talgar have been attached to reserve territory. Currently reserve occupies 71,7 thousand hectare. A reserve main objective is preservation of natural complexes of the central part of Iliysky Alatau.



The big variety of an environment of territory of reserve is caused first of all by clearly defined high-rise zonation. The ridge of Zailiysky Alatau is located in the north of Tien Shan range. Its central parts it forms Talgarsky mountain junction where reaches the maximum height (peak of Talgar – 4979 m above sea level). The most abounding in water rivers of reserve: Southeast, Left, Middle and Right Talgars, and also Esik and Southern Esik.

Akbulak Ski Resort



The Akbulak Mountain Resort in the foothills of the Zailiysky Alatau Mountains is a picturesque place for family holidays, corporate events, business meetings, parties and training camps for athletes. Located about 40 kilometres east of Almaty at a height of 1,600 metres above sea level, the Akbulak resort has established itself as a prime location for summer and winter vacations and a favourite holiday destination for both domestic and foreign tourists due to its location, mild climate and natural landscape.

In spring, autumn and summer, visitors can swim in the waters of the river and walk in the coniferous forests that surround the tourist complex. Fans of extreme sports can go mountain biking on trails around the green slopes of the ski stadium.

In winter, sledding and skiing trails and an ice rink are available for visitors. A unique ropeway 3,700 metres long helps visitors climb to ski and snowboard trails. Trails are 5,000 metres long with a maximum slope angle of 55 degrees. The highest point in the ski area is 2,700 metres above sea level.

