



GEISEV COMMUNITY BASED ECOTOURISM PROJECT

Hike amongst some of the loveliest scenery in the Pamirs!

90 km only from **Khorog**, in the Bartang valley, **23 km** from the turn off to the **Bartang** valley.
The best option is to hire a driver from Khorog to take you there.

Short trek (2 days, one day up and one day down, no tent and food necessary)

The trek starts at the second suspension bridge of the Bartang valley: walk across the bridge, follow the path (you will pass by a small summer lake on the way) and you will get to the first Geisev settlement in two and a half hour. The first settlement is by another summer lake. It will take you another half hour to get to the second settlement, and another half hour to get to the third settlement. It will then take you another hour to get to the third lake. Spend the night in one of the settlements (home stays are available) and go back the following days or the day after.

Longer treks (3 days and more, we recommend you hire a guide in Geisev, tent and food necessary)

First option: Continue the short trek to the **summer pastures, the fourth and fifth lake**, and to the glacier. Then come back. It will take you 5 days in total. Do not walk on the glacier unless accompanied by a qualified guide (not available locally).

Second option: After the third lake, it is possible to hike **over the ridge to Ravmed** in the Khidjef valley in two days (and then back to Khidjef in 4 days in total), with the option of continuing to the head of the Ravmed valley for a view of Patkhor peak. (one home stay and two guides are available in Ravmed). There are also in Ravmed some wonderful musicians and dancers. It is possible to have a concert organized.

Prices

Home stays
6 USD for the night
2 USD for breakfast
3 USD for lunch
2 USD for dinner

Guides/ Animals
15 USD per day for guides
5 USD per day for a donkey

Music
15 USD per hour for a traditional Pamiri music concert

Note: In Geisev, a rotation system between home stay providers and guides has been established to make sure they receive approximately the same number of clients. Juma, at the welcome desk, in the first Geisev settlement, is responsible for the rotation system.

This is a pilot project that started in 2007. Your feedbacks will help us improve the project. (Feedback forms available with home stay providers and porters).