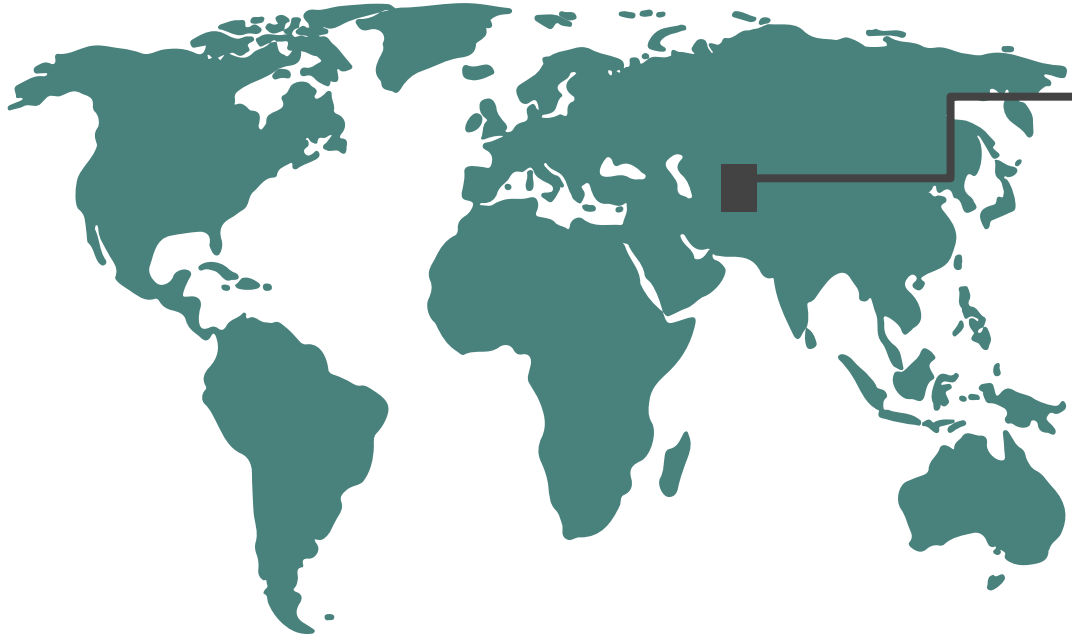


An aerial photograph of a mountain valley. A dirt road winds through a lush green forest. In the background, there are more mountains under a clear sky. The text 'Kyrgyz Holidays' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller white font, is 'Made by Khalmatova Sarah'. The text is enclosed in a white rectangular frame.

# Kyrgyz Holidays

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# Kyrgyzstan



Kyrgyzstan is located in the south of the Eurasia continent. Formerly part of the USSR.

Neighbors –  
Uzbekistan,  
Tajikistan,  
Kazakhstan



## Small country with great traditions

Like any people, the Kyrgyz have their own holidays. Some holidays are related to religion, some are related to history, while others are related to ancient traditions and customs. The Kyrgyz are very loyal and strong-willed people. They know the history of their ancestors and respect the traditions

# AK KALPAK DAY

## WHITE CAP



it is an unofficial holiday that has been celebrated annually on **March 5th**, starting in 2011

Since ancient times, Ak kalpak has been considered a traditional male headdress of the Kyrgyz people, a heritage of ancestors and contains a deep national philosophy. Its shape and patterns have not changed over the years and have been passed down from generation to generation. From them, the Kyrgyz learned about the age and status of the owner of the headdress. And to this day, this ancient Kyrgyz headdress is very popular in the Republic. |

# Why is it so matter?



Ak kalpak, as one of the national symbols, should not be forgotten by the next generations, therefore it should be awarded its own special holiday date. And the fifth of March, one of the first days of spring, when snowdrops bloom and spring comes, was chosen as the most suitable day.



–SOMEONE FAMOUS

# NOORUZ MAIRAM

Nooruz is celebrated on March 21st and marks the beginning of the new year. The day of Nooruz begins with the sounds of a karnay - a wind instrument, which is a long pipe. National dishes are displayed on the table, covered with an elegant white tablecloth, and symolok is a main attribute of the festive meal. Symolok is prepared for 20-24 hours, therefore people dance and sing songs to pass the time



# NOORUZ CELEBRATING CUSTOMS



01

stones are put in symolok and if you get one of the stones, then you can make a wish and it will definitely come true



02

Boys born on March 21 are usually called Nooruzbek or Nooruzbay, and girls - Nooruzgul



03

Horse races and the game of Kok-Boru are held in nooruz

04

On the night before Nooruz, various containers are filled with water, milk, so that next year there will be a lot of rain and a good harvest

# INDEPENDENCE DAY



Independence Day is the country's main public holiday and an official day off. The independence of the Kyrgyz Republic, which was previously part of the USSR, was declared on August 31, 1991







The main venue for the holiday usually becomes the central square of Bishkek Ala-Too, where festive parades and events are held, concerts and performances of local stars are organized. In different parts of the city, in honor of the holiday, special exhibitions are opened dedicated to the history and culture of the country, and equestrian games are held at the hippodrome. And the day ends with a festive fireworks

# DAY OF MEMORY OF ANCESTORS

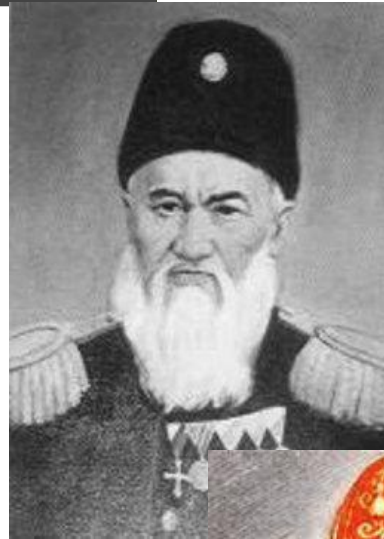
November 7th and 8th are declared in Kyrgyzstan as official Days of History and Memory of Ancestors. November 7 - Day of the Great October Socialist Revolution - was the main holiday of the Soviet Union. It was celebrated with a military parade and a demonstration of workers.



Since 2002, traditionally on this day, rallies organized by the Communist Party of Kyrgyzstan have been held on this day in the old square of Bishkek, with the laying of flowers at the monuments to the leader of the world proletariat, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

# ANCESTORS

Also on this day people remember all their noble and brave ancestors. For example, the greatest woman in the history of Kyrgyzstan is **Kurmanzhan Datka**. The main hero of the entire Kyrgyz people is **Manas**. All Kyrgyz Khan - **Ormon Khan**. **Shaabdan baatyr** is a person who joined northern Kyrgyzstan to Russia. And many other baatyr



An aerial photograph of a rugged mountain peak. The mountain is covered in dense green forest, with rocky outcrops visible. A narrow, winding dirt path leads up the slope towards the summit. At the very top of the peak, there is a small, rectangular concrete structure, possibly a water reservoir or a small building. The overall scene is a mix of natural beauty and human-made infrastructure.

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