

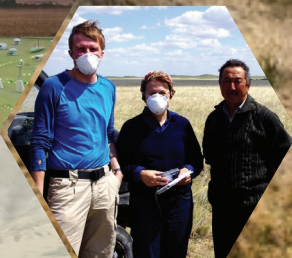
Semipalatinsk Test Polygon

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-  **price:** **999€** (min 2 people)
-  **duration:** 4 days (2 travelling, 2 exploring the site)
-  **transport:** Minibus
-  **food:** 3 meals per day are included
-  **safety:** Protective gear is included (respirators, shoe covers, overalls)

Semipalatinsk or “The Polygon” was the primary testing venue for the Soviet Union’s nuclear weapons. It’s located on the steppe in northeast Kazakhstan near the city Semey (former Semipalatinsk). This site is famous for having the most nuclear tests made by USSR, specifically **456 nuclear tests** from 1949 to 1989. The full impact of radiation exposure was hidden for many years by Soviet authorities and has only come to light since the test site has been closed in 1991. From 1996 to 2012 a secret joint operation of Kazakh, Russian and U.S. nuclear scientists and engineers secured the waste plutonium in the tunnels of the mountains. Since then, Semipalatinsk test site has become the **best-researched atomic testing site in the world**, and the **most famous in the world**.

Join us on a 4-day tour starting and ending in Astana (Nur-Sultan) on which you’ll travel to the **Kurchatov city** (named after Igor Kurchatov, former head of nuclear programme in USSR), the former center of Semipalatinsk test site with excursion to the test site museum, general directorate of the National Nuclear Center, National Security committee building, **house of Lavrentiy Beria** (former chief of KGB), deserted part of the town and much more. During the tour you’ll also visit the **Atomic Lake** with excursion to the site which was situated at Balapan test site and appeared as a result of the first Soviet industrial thermonuclear burst back in 1965.



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