

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet

Country:

Kyrgyzstan (KG)

Sex & Dating

- Dating culture is very traditional and typically initiated by men
- Casual sex and dating is not common

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
 - Traditionally, families serve alcohol with meals.
- One of the traditional drinks in Kyrgyzstan is kumis, fermented horse milk.
- All possession and usage of drugs is prohibited

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- Same sex relationships is legal, but LGBTQ communities face cultural prejudice.
- While LGBTQ establishments are not technically illegal, their operations have faced immense scrutiny and harassment
 - The only gay bar forced to close in 2017
- LGBTQ individuals reported increased harassment

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 6.692 million
- Currency: Kyrgystani Som
- Official Language: Kyrgyz, Russian
- Cultural influence from China, Iran and Russia
- Folk culture and customs are still influenced by Kyrgyzstan's nomadic history.

Resources

112 General Emergency / **101** Fire / **103** Medical

+996 country code

- International SOS
 - DU Membership Number: 11BSGC000067
 - Phone: 215.942.8478 / Website: [internationalsos.com](https://www.internationalsos.com)
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): travel.state.gov



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