

IT WAS SUCH A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE IN BOYSUN!

Boysun Bahori was held on top of the mountain. Boysun itself is calm and cozy village, but as soon as you get on top of the mountain, you can notice that it is different and special. There were local food stands, special stages where performers sing and dance, art installations and people wearing traditional clothes. There were even match of Clash, Uzbekistan national sport, going on. It was amazing to see all those things at the same place and people being genuinely happy. It was very hot there, and its festive atmosphere even added heats to it.

I was tired from overnight train to Boysun, but became suddenly energized by its festivities. What I loved the most about Boysun Bahori was this happy and welcoming atmosphere. Many local people don't speak English but smile to you. Many asked us to take pictures with and they would happily offer a model in my picture. Also dancing with them was so much fun.



We didn't need words to get along each other. In the afternoon, we visited one of the Yults, traditional houses for the desert area in Uzbekistan, to take a break from strong sunlight. It was surprisingly cool inside. There, people offered yogurt drink, talked to us and showed us Suzanis hanging inside the yult. I enjoyed

conversations with them very much and felt like home there. It was so comfortable that when the guy offered us cushion and said it’s okay to take a nap, I actually slept for half an hour. This guy in the Yult was very kind and even took us to show how palov is cooked in a big pan. Of course, their palov was delicious especially its meat was tender. When it got chilly in the evening, we went to see performances on the big stage. It was very nice to see people from all over Uzbekistan, dressed in each regional clothes and dancing with each moves.



I could see that they were all proud of their villages and enjoyed introducing their culture. In the end, people started to dance on the floor in front of the stage and we were also invited to dance. It was nice to share the moment with them. I'm thankful that I could experience this festival especially with my beautiful Uzbek friend, who has the coolest aunt that let us stay at her place and took care of us as her family. It was the most memorable time of my trip for sure. Through this experience, I felt like I got to know more about Uzbek culture and people because we were all sharing that happy moment together. Next day, I left Boysun with pleasant feelings and precious memories.

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