

# Heavenly Nomadic

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“ A family of nomads dwelling high in the mountains of Kyrgyzstan doesn't need any of the conveniences of modern civilization in order to be happy. But progress is creeping into their lives regardless, destroying legends and traditions as it comes. ”



## Synopsis

A family of nomads live in the high, remote mountains of Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia; elderly herdsman Tabyldy, his wife Karachach, their daughter-in-law Shaiyr and their 7 year old granddaughter Umsunai. Shaiyr's son studies in the city and visits them only during the summer holidays. Her husband died many years ago when he was drowned in a mountain river, trying to save a foal. Shaiyr decided to stay with the family due to her strong attachment to the wonderful land and its people. The family breed horses and life goes on as normal amidst the beautiful scenery of the mountain gorge. But another resident of the area appears in Shaiyr's life, meteorologist Ermek, whose weather station is located near to the family's home.

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## Credits

**Director:** Mirlan Abdykalykov / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Sutak / **English title:** Heavenly Nomadic / **Country of production:** Kyrgyzstan / **Year of production:** 2015 / **Length:** 81 min / **Color:** colour / **Screening format:** DCP / **Original language:** Kyrgyz / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Tabyldy Aktanov, Jibek Baktybekova, Taalaikan Abazova, Anar Nazarkulova, Jenish Kangelдиеv / **Scriptwriter:** Mirlan Abdykalykov / **Director of photography:** Talant Akynbekov / **Editor:** Murat Ajiev, Eldiar Madakim / **Producers:** Sadyk Sher-Niyaz / **Co-producers:** Altynai Koichumanova / **Production company:** Aitysh Film / **Co-production company:** Oy Art Film Producing Company

## Festivals / Awards

Karlovy Vary IFF 2015, Czech Republic - East of West Competition; Jasmine IFF 2015, Iran; Haifa IFF 2015, Israel; Kinoshock FF 2015, Russia - **Grand-Prix**; Eurasia Int'l Film Festival 2015, Kazakhstan - **Grand-Prix, Special Diploma of the Jury** (Zhibek Baktybekovoy awarded for "a brilliant and sincere performance as granddaughter"); Sao Paulo IFF, Brazil; Jio Mami Mumbai FF 2015, India; Asian World Film Festival 2015, USA - Main Competition; Mumbai IFF, India; Cottbus IFF, Germany; Brisbane Asia Pacific FF, Australia - **APSA Academy NETPAC Development Prize for emerging talent**; Festival des 3 continents Nantes, France; Cairo IFF, Egypt; Dhaka IFF, India; Bosphorus Film Festival, Turkey; Palm Springs IFF, USA; International Film Festival Portland, USA; Green Mountain Film Festival, Montpelier, USA; St. Paul International Film Festival, Minneapolis, USA; RiverRun International Film Festival, USA; Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival, USA; Istanbul Film Festival, Turkey; Russian Film Academy - **NIKA-Award - Best Film from CIS and Baltic countries**; Beijing International Film Festival, China; Istanbul Film Festival, Turkey; Duhok Film Festival, Iraq; Skandinavian IFF Helsinki, Finland; Silk Road International Film Festival, China; Quebec City Film Festival, Canada; Xinjiang Asia Europe Film Festival, China; Pyongyang International Film Festival, North Korea; Visionär Film Festival, Germany; WOW Wales One World Film Festival, UK; Litomerice FF, Czech Republic

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