

# A Dash of the mongolian highlights



Days:	12
Price:	1290 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★☆☆☆
Difficult:	★★★★☆
🔖 Must see 🔖 Adventure 🔖 Culture 🔖 Nomadic lifestyle 🔖 Budget tour 🔖 Hiking	

In 12 days, discover Mongolia in all its diversity: **steppe, forests and lake**, and the well known **Gobi Desert** with its singing sand dunes.

An economic trip to discover the best highlights of the country!

## Day 1. Ulan Bator - Khogno Khan National Park



Ulan Bator 📍  
🚗 280km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
Khogno Khan 📍

- We arrive at the splendid rocky formations of Khogno Khan. Discovery of the park : semidesert steppes, taiga, stunning rocky formations, 80-kilometre (49,71 miles) long sand dunes, are characteristic of this arid area nicknamed "*Mini-Gobi*".
- Walk until Erdene Khambiin Monastery. "Monk Erdene's Monastery" dates from 17th century and was built in the mountain. **Zanabazar** built it in honour of his teacher, monk Erdene.
- Visit of the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai.

🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 2. The former capital and lands of nomadism



Khogno Khan 📍  
🚗 110km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
Kharkhorin 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m  
Orkhon valley 📍

- Journey to Kharkhorin, the **former capital of Mongolia**. The legendary city of Genghis Khan was founded in 1220 and was one of the stages of the silk road. The Mongolian Empire was governed from this city until Kubilai Khan set up the capital in Beijing. Today, there are only a few vestiges left of the former capital.
- Visit of Erdene Zuu Monastery, built in 1586 by a nomad prince. The Chinese and Tibetan-inspired buildings are surrounded with **108 sacred stupas**. Visit of the **Museum of Kharkhorin**.
- We definitely leave the tarred road to taste the joys of the track. We drive along the splendid landscapes formed by the **canyons** and the green steppe, then we arrive at the home of breeders who will host us in the heart of Orkhon Valley.
- Stay at herders' from the valley. During your stay, you will **discover their way of life** and you will be proposed many activities, such as **milking, making traditional dairy products, or rounding up the animals with a horse**.

You will also attend the preparation of a **Mongolian barbecue** that you will enjoy with yours hosts.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
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🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 3. To the falls



Orkhon valley 📍  
8km - 🕒 2h  
Orkhon waterfalls 📍  
Orkhon valley 📍

- Those who wish will go pony trekking along Orkhon Valley, from the camp until **Orkhon waterfalls**.
- Visit of Ulan Tsutgalaan falls, white flood flowing on the black stone, transformed in rainbow by a short sunray... These 16-metres (52,49 feet) falls are just magic ! They were formed 20.000 years ago, as a result of a unique combination of earthquakes and volcano eruptions.
- At the end of the day, you will attend the preparation of a Mongolian barbecue which you will enjoy with your hosts.

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🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 4. In Naiman Nuur mountains

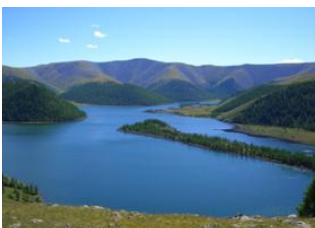


Orkhon valley 📍  
🚗 180km - 🕒 5h  
Naiman nuur 📍

- We go deeper in the Khangai mountains. The track is harsh, notably because of a pass located 2800 metres (1,74 mile) above the sea level. We reach the very remote Naiman Nuur National Park, "*eight lakes*", where we'll see many forests of larches and, as the name suggests, many lakes.
- This area can be very cool and it's not unusual to have snow in June or in August !
- Stay with a nomads family living in this mountainous area, with whom we'll share moments of their daily life.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 5. Walk in the area of the Eight Lakes



Naiman nuur 📍  
15km - 🕒 4h  
Shireet Lake 📍  
Naiman nuur 📍

- Peaceful day breathing fresh air in this altitude area. We hike in the park discovering its splendours and arrive near **Lake Shireet**, probably the most beautiful lake of the area. Back to our host family's to benefit the simple pleasures of life, such as drinking a cup of tea with milk or playing ankle bones.

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🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 6. Let's hit the road to Gobi desert !



Naiman nuur 📍  
🚗 120km - ⌚ 4h  
Arvaikheer 📍  
🚗 180km - ⌚ 3h 30m  
Ongi monastery 📍

- Day of transition between two ecosystems. We leave the **green mountains of Khangai** to go towards **Gobi**. We drive across the green steppe and reach Arvaikheer, the capital of province, where we stop to get fresh supplies at the **local market**.
- We arrive in the sum of **Saikhan Ovoo**. West Saikhan Ovoo, some mountains located along the Ongii River, are the perfect place to rest between Northwest of Mongolia and Gobi Desert. In the bends of the river, we can see the ruins of two monasteries, Barlim Monastery on the Northern bank, Khutagt Monastery on the Southern bank.
- Let's discover this site, best known as Ong lamasery, and the museum. In 1937, the Soviets almost completely destroyed the homes and monasteries where one thousand lamas were living. In 2002, some lamas came back and began to rebuild the monastery, with few resources but much enthusiasm.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 7. Flaming cliffs and dinosaurs



Ongi monastery 📍  
🚗 150km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
Bayanzag 📍

- Last day of track before reaching Great Gobi and its **"Three Beauties"**, the three highest peaks of this part of the Gobi-Altai range : **Baruun Saihan**, "*the Western Beauty*"; **Dund Saihan**, "*the Middle Beauty*"; **Züün Saihan**, "*the Eastern Beauty*", the highest (2846 metres, 1,77 miles).
- Visit of the cliffs of Bayanzag, today are best known as "*flaming cliffs*", owing to their ochre red colour, where is located the "*cemetery of dragons*". The cliffs and the **saxaul forests** that surround them are the evidence of the time when Earth was still inhabited by huge creatures: **dinosaurs**. Palaeontologist **Roy Andrews Chapman** was the first man to discover in 1922 some bones and eggs of dinosaurs that we can see today in the Natural History Museum of Ulan Bator and in other museums in the world.

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🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Gobi tour gers camp
🏠 Accommodation	Gobi tour gers camp

## Day 8. Riding a camel among the dunes



Bayanzag 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 4h 20m  
Khongor sand dunes 📍

- We ride towards the west of the park to reach **Khongor sand dunes**, "*light bay sand*". These dunes extend at the foot of the "*Three Beauties*".
- Visit of the dunes of Khongor. These dunes are the most spectacular ones of Mongolia, they extend on more than 180 kilometres (111,85 miles) long and 20 kilometres (12,43 miles) wide, and have an average height of 80 metres (262,47 feet), the highest one being 120 metres (393,70 feet) high. From the top, the view on the desert is quite amazing. From this place, it's also possible to hear the moving masses of sand, hence the name of "*singing dunes*". Beyond the dunes, the steppe extends for as far as the eye can see.
- We'll stay with a Bactrian camels' breeder for two nights. It's a unique chance to discover their authentic way of life and their legendary hospitality.

🍴 Dinner	Made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 9. Hiking in the canyons



Khongor sand dunes 📍  
 🚗 140km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
 Dungenee canyon 📍  
 🚗 20km - ⌚ 1h  
 Yoliin am canyon 📍

- Journey on the track towards the east of "the Three Beauties" to reach the area of canyons. Stop at Dungenee Canyon. We leave the vehicle to start our first magic hike along the river that flows between huge canyons.
- Hiking in the canyon of Yol, the bearded vultures canyon. We will walk in the bottom of the canyon that is covered with perpetual snow. The canyon is so steep-sided, that sunrays make the ice melt only in August. The rest of the year there's ice everywhere in the canyon.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍴 Dinner	made by the family Made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 10. The great white stupa in the desert



Yoliin am canyon 📍  
 🚗 210km - ⌚ 5h  
 Tsagaan suvarga 📍

- We travel in one of the emptiest areas of Mongolia. Between rock desert and semi-arid steppes, we reach the white stupa, Tsagaan Suvarga. For centuries, this 30-metres (98,43 feet) high, abrupt, stupa-shaped mountain, is honoured by the Mongolians. The traveller will be surprised by the sumptuous lunar landscapes that evoke the end of the world, and by the many fossils. This area was totally covered by the sea a few million years ago.

🍳 Breakfast	Yurt for guests with a family
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍴 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 11. The granite formations of Baga Gazriin Chuluu



Tsagaan suvarga 📍  
 🚗 250km - ⌚ 5h 30m  
 Baga gazriin chuluu 📍

- Visit of Mountains Baga Gazriin Chuluu, where we'll observe stunning granite rocky formations eroded by the violent elements of this area. In the 19th century, two respected lamas lived here, and we still can see their inscriptions in the rock. According to the legend, Genghis Khan too is supposed to have lived in this wonderful area where it's pleasant to walk.

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🍴 Lunch	Included
🍴 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping



# Day 12. Back to the Mongolian capital



Baga gazriin chuluu  
250km - 4h  
Ulan Bator

- Back to Ulan-Bator. Last herds of wild horses crossing the road outside our dumbfounded eyes, last yurts smoking far away, the steppe will be with us until the last moment.  
  
Arrival in town and settling in at your hotel, where you can rest a few moments.
- Rest of the day free. With our guide, you can go shopping in the centre of the city.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included

## Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-8	9-10
2290 EUR	1690 EUR	1390 EUR	1290 EUR

## Included

- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 1 night in comfortable yurts camps with warm shower
- 6 nights with a host family, in a guest yurt
- 4 nights tent camping
- Journeys in Japanese 4x4 jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for parks and museum indicated in the program

## Not included

- International transport
- Passport and visa fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Drinks / alcohols extras
- Meals in Ulan Bator
- Phone calls
- Any excursion that is not indicated in the program

- Equipment for meals (tables and chairs) and nights (tent, sleeping pad and sleeping bag)

## Extra infos

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### Booking conditions

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All requests for registration must be made by e-mail from the Local Agency, directly online from the Customer Area accessible from the website of the Local Agency, or the website of our group [www.nomadays.fr](http://www.nomadays.fr).

To connect to the Customer Area, simply enter the login and password set during the first connection.

Registration is considered final once the online booking form is completed and upon received payment of the deposit and/or balance depending on the date of registration.

Depending on the services chosen and the regulations of the country, a photocopy of the passport may be requested by the Local Agency. In case of not sending the photocopy of the passport within the time indicated by the Local Agency, it cannot guarantee the proper performance of the reserved services.

Once payment has been made, a confirmation email is sent to the Customer. It includes the confirmation of the regulation as well as the electronic downloadable invoice.

A confirmation letter is sent to the Customer electronically. If the Customer does not receive the confirmation letter, the reservation would nevertheless be definitive as if it is confirmed by the Local Agency.

## Payment Conditions

Registration made more than 30 days before the departure date

The Customer must pay a deposit of 30% of the total amount of the reserved services. The balance must be paid no later than 30 days before the date of the beginning of the stay.

Registration made less than 30 days before the departure date The Customer must pay the full amount of the trip at one time.

## Methods of Payment

Upon confirmation of your reservation, your local agent will prepare your electronic invoice, hosted on the platform of Nomadays under your own account. Payments are made either:

- By credit card online, free of charge, from the payment links available on the electronic invoice.
- By bank transfer to the account of the travel agency.

The electronic invoice is updated with each payment received and can be consulted at any time from the Customer Area. The electronic invoice is downloadable and printable.