

The magic of the Mongolian west



Days: 14

Price: 2190 EUR
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★☆☆☆

Difficult: ★★★★★

🔦 Off the beaten track 🔦 Adventure
🔦 Hiking 🔦 Ethnic minority

On the borders of Central Asia, Kazakh peoples live in harmony with their ancestral customs. Snowy peaks, glaciers, pristine lakes and lush valleys, the Mongolian Altai is one of the most remote parts of the World. A circuit alternating days of discovery by jeep and hikes, for those wishing to explore the west at a moderate pace.

Day 1. Arrival in Ulan Bator and visit of the city



Ulan Bator 📍

- Arrival at the airport, meeting with our driver. **Transfer to your hotel**, settling in, and rest.
- Appointment at 12 o'clock at your hotel with your guide. He will take you to the restaurant of your choice.
- Let's immerse ourselves in the heart of the **Mongolian history**, in the wonderful National History Museum. Three floors of a rich, glorious, violent and noble past, from prehistory to Soviet period, including the creation of the great Mongolian Empire by **Genghis Khan**.
- Walk in the centre of Ulan-Bator. Discovery of Gengis Khan Square and the House of Parliament.
- At 18 o'clock, Mongolian traditional show at Tumen Ekh: folkloric dances, contortion, and of course **khoomi**, the overtone singing.

🏠 Accommodation

Hôtel Nine

Day 2. Flight to the Mongolian Far West



Ulan Bator 📍
✈️ 1500km - ⌚ 1h 30m
Khovd 📍

- We leave the hectic Mongolian capital to embark on our inner flight to **Khovd**.
- Khovd was an **important commercial centre** located North of the silk road, that had forged links with Russia and China. In 1763, the Manchu administration made build the **fortress of Sangiin Kherem**. 3-metres (9,84 feet) high and 2-metres (6,56 feet) wide walls enclosed the city that covered an area of 4 hectares. Today, the province of Khovd houses **18 Mongolian ethnic groups**.

Visit of the local market.

- Walk on the banks of Lake Khar Us, Southeast of the city.

🍳 Breakfast

Hôtel Nine

🍴 Lunch

Included

🏠 Accommodation

2 stars hotel

Day 3. In the Altai Mountains



Khovd 📍
🚗 100km - ⌚ 4h
Tsambagarav mounts 📍

- We drive until **Tavan Belchir Mount**, whose name means "*the five pastures*". The mount is located North from Tsambagarav mounts, whose snow-covered peaks culminate at 4195 metres (2,61 miles) above the sea level. Many minorities live in this area, such as **Uriankhai** and **Kazakhs**.

☕ Breakfast	2 stars hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 4-5. Trekking in Tsambagarav mounts



Tsambagarav mounts 📍
15km - ⌚ 4h 30m
Tsambagarav mounts 📍

- From Tavan Belchir, we start a 2-days trek in the valleys of Tsambagarav National Park. We'll meet Kazakh and Uriankhai nomads (Mongolian ethnies living in West of the country). **We'll meet a Kazakh falconer** who will show us his eagle.
From Northwest of Tsambagarav mountains, we go closer to the snow-covered summits. **View on the glacier.**

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included

Day 6. Olgi, in the heart of Kazakh



Tsambagarav mounts 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m
Olgi 📍

- Stop on the banks of lake Tolbo.
- We arrive in the capital of **Bayan-Ölgii** province that is located in the most Western part of Mongolia and that is the farthest city from any ocean in the world. Olgi is located at 1636 km (1,02 mile) from Ulan-Bator, at 1710 metres (1,06 mile) above the sea level. Principally Kazakhs live there and its atmosphere is very influenced by Central Asia: many signs written in Arabic, mosques and their cupolas pricked up to the sky.
- Visit of **Olgi Museum** that shows an exhibition about the fauna and flora of the area. We discover the **Kazakh culture**, notably with traditional costumes and with a Kazakh yurt built in the museum.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Baavgain khondii camp

Day 7. Meeting with a falconer and its golden eagle



- In the morning, we drive towards the village of **Sagsai** where we will encounter a Kazakh falconer. We will assist to this art, with few hunting demonstrations (animal skin tied to a cord). Lunch with the family.
- We drive until **the Sirgaal area**. This very remote area, separated from China by high snowy summits, has the two beautiful lakes **Khoton** and **Khurgan** where the **Khovd River** has its source.
- 3 nights overstay in a nomadic family. From their camp site we will head towards the Altai Tavan Bogd National Park.

Olgii 📍
🚗 30km - ⌚ 45m
Sagsai 📍
🚗 190km - ⌚ 5h 45m
Syrgaal area 📍

🍳 Breakfast	Baavgain khondii camp
🍴 Lunch	made by the family
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 8. Hike in the Altai Tavan Bogd National Park



Syrgaal area 📍
18km - ⌚ 4h 40m
Khurgan lake 📍
Syrgaal area 📍

- From our camp, we'll go hiking along the banks of the Khurgan lake, a mountain lake surrounded by glacial moraines, the second largest in the National Park.

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

Day 9. Discovery of the Turgen Waterfalls



Syrgaal area 📍
24km - ⌚ 6h
Turgen waterfalls 📍
Syrgaal area 📍

- Again from the camp of our hosts, we will hit the road for a second day of discovery. This new hike will take us near the chinese border, where we'll walk along the Baga Turgen river until reaching its waterfall, 40 meters high.

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

Day 10. In the Northern part of the Altai Bogd



Syrgaal area 📍
🚗 180km - ⌚ 5h 30m
Zagast nuur 📍

- Long journey on the dirt road through the breathtaking scenery of the Altai. We ride along the Mogoyt river before reaching the Black Lake. The landscape become more and more mountainous. Last pass before arriving on the banks of the white river (Tsagaan Gol)
- Get settled in a farming family near Zagast nuur, where we will stay 2 nights.

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

Day 11. Trek until Shiveet Khairkhan



Zagast nuur 📍
21km - ⌚ 6h
Shiveet Khairkhan 📍
Zagast nuur 📍

- Day of hiking on the Mounts Shiveet Maikhan, region populated by the Tuva, shamanic peoples for whom the mountain is sacred. Since hunting is here banned, we can see plenty Argali. We'll also have the chance to observe in the region protohistoric statues and Turkish tombs from the Bronze age.
- Visit the site of Tsagaan salaa. On 15 kilometres (9,32 miles), we can observe about **10000 rock paintings** on the rocks that cover the southern bank of white river, "*Tsagaan Gol*".

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

Day 12. Track to Olgii



Zagast nuur 📍
🚗 220km - ⌚ 6h 30m
Olgii 📍

- With regret, we leave the breeders who escorted us during these eight wonderful riding days in postcard landscapes. We find the track again (harsh in this place) and drive back to the capital of province : Olgii.
- We settle ourselves in a Kazakh yurts camp, where we'll enjoy a certain comfort.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Baavgain khondii camp

Day 13. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Olgii 📍
✈ 1700km - ⌚ 2h
Ulan Bator 📍

- We embark on our return flight to Ulan bator.
- Arrival in town and transfer to 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	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Hôtel Nine

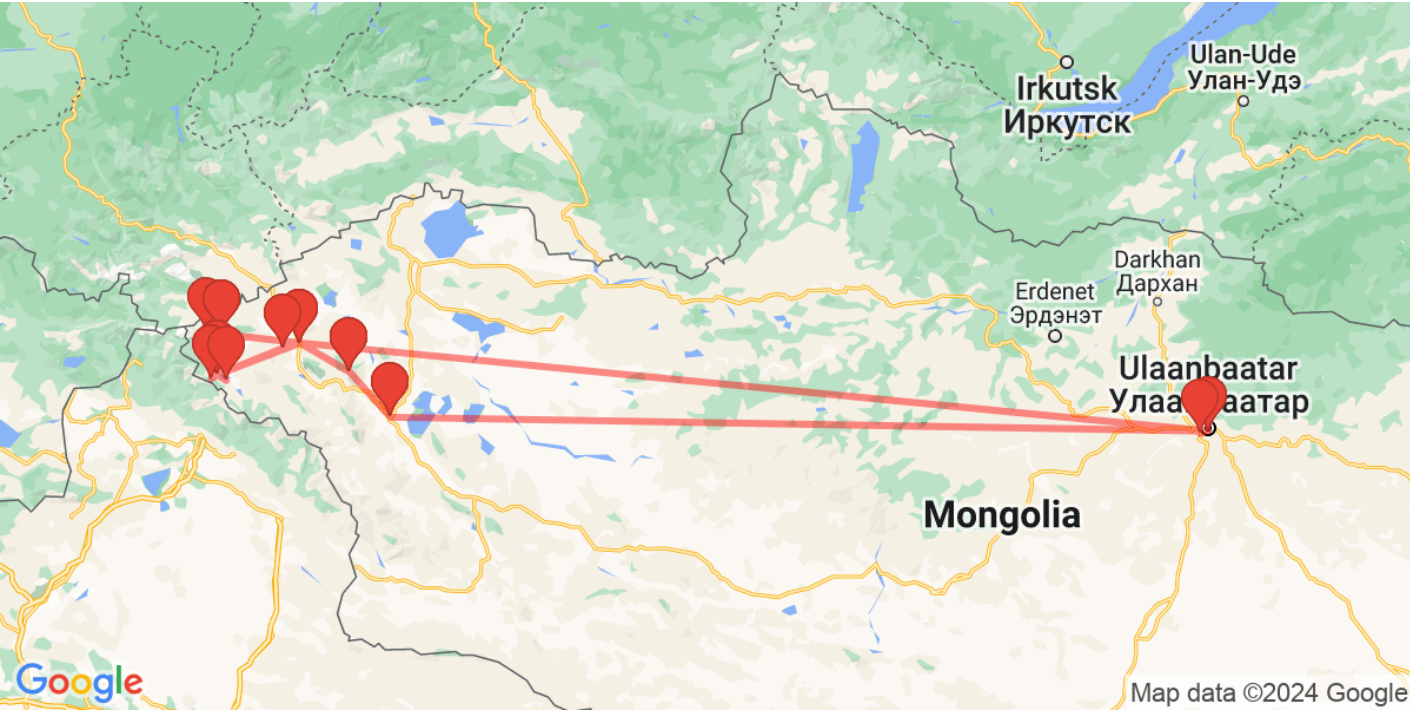
Day 14. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



- Breakfast at the hotel. We go with you to the international airport of Ulan Bator. The transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight.

☕ Breakfast	Hôtel Nine
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-4	7-8	9-10
3390 EUR	2790 EUR	2490 EUR	2290 EUR	2190 EUR

Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flights Ulan Bator / Khovd & Olgii / Ulan Bator
- 3 nights in 3* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 2 nights in comfortable Kazakh yurts camp with warm showers
- 7 nights in a host family, in a guest yurt
- 1 night in a provincial hotel in Khovd
- Journeys in Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Assistant for groups > 8 persons
- Local guides during the treks
- Entrance fees for parks and museums indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (camping tables and chairs) and nights (sleeping bags)

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
- Additional charges for luggage exceeding 15kg (total weight for both carry-on checked luggage) on the domestic flight

Extra infos

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.

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.