

# The great ride



Days:	20
Price:	2890 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★☆☆☆
Difficult:	★★★★☆
🐾 Horse riding 🐾 Must see	
🐾 Nomadic lifestyle 🐾 Culture	

An extraordinary adventure for the **horses lovers**, which will lead you from **Orkhon Valley** until the banks of **Lake Khovsgol**. This ride has the great advantage to not confine you inside one single area, but will make you discover **three of the nicest areas of Mongolia** : Orkhon Valley, Arkhangai, and Khovsgol. Do you channel the spirit of a horserider ? Come with us for the **greatest horse adventure** offered by Mongolia !

## Day 1. Arrival at 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	2 stars hotel
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## Day 2. On horseback on the small gobi



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

- Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.
- 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**".
- Pony trek 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.

☕ Breakfast	2 stars hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included

## Day 3. 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
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 4. -



Orkhon valley 📍  
45km - ⌚ 5h  
Mogoit springs 📍  
Orkhon valley 📍

- If some people wish, we will go for a pony trek until Mogoit hot springs.
- Bath in the fitted out pools of Mogoit hot springs. The temperature of the springs is contained between 48 and 75°C (118 - 167°F), and they are perfect to recover from the tiredness of the travel.

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

## Day 5. -



Orkhon valley 📍  
18km - ⌚ 3h  
Orkhon waterfalls 📍  
Orkhon valley 📍

- Those who wish will go pony trekking along Orkhon Valley, from the camp until **Orkhon waterfalls**.  
*For the others, it will be possible to go to the falls by making a 6 km walk, or with the vehicle.*
- 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.

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

## Day 6. We join our breeder in Arkhangai



Orkhon valley 📍

🚗 42km - ⌚ 1h 15m

Tovkhon monastery 📍

🚗 180km - ⌚ 4h 30m

Battsengel 📍

- Visit of Tovkhon Monastery. Vehicles can't go until the top of Öndör Ulaan Hill and we will walk until there to discover **Tovkhon Ermitage**, where **Zanabazar**, the first religious leader of Mongolia, created the **Soyombo alphabet**. The monastery is located 2312 metres (1,44 mile) above the sea level and from that place we'll have a wonderful view on the whole Khangai range. We'll picnic in exceptional surroundings, facing Orkhon Valley.
- In the late afternoon, arrival at Dembee's home near the village of **Battsengel**. In the yurt, we share a Mongolian meal with his family. He will talk about his horses and show you how proud of them he is. He will also give us advices about the pony trek.

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

## Day 7. Saddle up for a 8-days horse ride in Arkhangai !



Battsengel 📍

30km - ⌚ 5h

Tamir river 📍

- 8-days ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.
- Saddle up ! First, we walk our horses to acquaint ourselves with our new companions. After a few kilometers we reach the **Tamir River**, we ride along then cross it on horseback.

The banks are very green and the nomads are many. We see several riders who often join our group for a few minutes, curious to see us riding.

We lunch along the Tamir, where we can swim before riding again.

In the late afternoon, we set up our camp on the banks of the river in order to water the horses and cool off.

In the evening, we have dinner and then pick up some wood to light a big fire in front of which we spend the evening.

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

## Day 8. On horseback in postcard landscapes



Tamir river 📍

38km - ⌚ 6h

Agt valley 📍

- After a few miles alternating walking and trotting, we leave the Tamir and its quite populated plain to go deeper into the steppe, where yurts are rarer and the grass is higher and more abundant. Gradually, we gain altitude and go through the **Mount Argalant** behind which we can see in the distance, sometimes even snowy peaks, then we pass **Ulaan Khad** the "*roche rouge*."

After lunch, we hit the road one step faster. We enter a forest of larches perched on the hill called "the rich". Climbing is quite difficult and our pace is slowing due to the high altitude. But we quickly regain the plain and not go down to the hillside before reaching a small river beside which we set up our camp.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included

🍴 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 9. After the steppe, here we are in the mountains



Agt valley 📍  
25km - ⌚ 5h  
Burgat 📍

- After breakfast along the river, we leave for a difficult ascent in a very thick forest. After climbing, we reach the summit located almost 2500 meters (1,55 mile) above the sea level. We have lunch and let the horses rest for a while.

Early in the afternoon, we start to go down to the heart of a large lush plain. Field allows us a faster pace. We set up our camp a few kilometres after the **small village of Bugat**.

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

## Day 10. Ride until the Khanui River



Burgat 📍  
33km - ⌚ 5h 30m  
Khanui River 📍

- Ride on a flat ground that allows us to make long distances trotting and galloping. Mongolian breeders often have friends in the area, and we can stop in yurts that are on our way to share a bowl of nomadic airag, few biscuits, or tairag, the yoghurt made with dri's milk.

Early in the afternoon, we have lunch on the banks of a river, and then we go back to horses and cross several hills where we meet many herds of yaks, yet without seeing a single yurt.

By mid-afternoon, we stop on the side of a mountain, about 2000 metres (1,24 mile) above the sea level, where we set up our camp.

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

## Day 11. In the land of yaks breeders



Khanui River 📍  
38km - ⌚ 6h  
Chuluut river 📍

- We ride alternating trot and gallop. We reach a valley where the grass is getting shorter and shorter and where yurts are increasingly numerous. We follow a track and meet a few vehicles.

Picnic near the small village of Ondor-Ulaan where we buy fresh supplies.

Early in the afternoon, we leave Ondor-Ulaan trotting. Nomads are many in this area. We pass close to many yurts and see several herds of goats and yaks. After a few kilometers, we reach and drive along the road under construction connecting Moron to Ulan Bator, at the foot of Mount Zuun Mod. The vegetation is scarce and the soil, dry. Gradually, we leave the road to get closer to the banks of the **Chuluut River** and cross it.

We set up our camp a few miles away, in a plain where the yurts are numerous.

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

## Day 12. From one river to another



Chuluut river 📍  
20km - ⌚ 4h  
Suman river 📍

- In the early morning, we ride at a leisurely pace along the banks of the **enclosed canyons of the Chuluut**.  
Stop outside a **ovoo**, place of offering, around which we can turn three times throwing three stones, by way of respect. Then we leave the track and ride faster to go deeper into a grassy steppe.  
We have lunch near the gorges of the **Suman River** and go down to the bed of the river where we see **rocky paintings** of ibex, horses and other animals.  
Finally, we ride along the gorges. We move slowly on a floor scattered with volcanic stones. Here, we don't see any yurts and herds get rarer and rarer. Sometimes, we can see marmots. We set up our camp on a large plateau that offers a breathtaking view on the gorges.

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

## Day 13. Ride along the banks of the Suman



Suman river 📍  
20km - ⌚ 4h  
Tariat 📍

- In the morning, we still ride along the beautiful **gorges of the Suman River**. We pass several hills where we meet several nomads tending their herds.  
After crossing a bridge, we reach the other bank of the Suman River and follow it quietly, because of rocks on the ground.  
The water of this river is very clear and we set up our camp on its banks, in the late afternoon, a few miles from the village of Tariat where we buy fresh supplies.

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

## Day 14. Resting on the banks of Lake Terkhiin Tsagaan



Tariat 📍

- We wake up early for our last day horse riding in Arkhangai. We start riding along the track. The landscape changes as quickly as we approach the **Khorgo Volcano**. We ride on a very black and very difficult soil, made of dry lava. The landscape is original and doesn't look like anything we've seen so far. The vegetation around us is essentially made of high larches ; it formed on the lava rejected here more than 8000 years ago.  
In the morning we reach the Khorgo volcano where we dismount and tie our horses to make the ascent of the summit, 2210 metres (1,37 mile) above the sea level.

30km - ☉ 5h  
Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

After a few minutes of ascent, the view is wonderful. We can already see the white lake. Here, the region is more touristic and back down, we can taste local fruit juices sold in small stands. Around noon, we ride again following the track at a slow pace. We go to the **cave of Zaluus** and visit it before reaching Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur, the "White Lake of the Terkh River", located 2060 meters (1,28 mile) above the sea level. It's the jewel of Arkhangai and one of the most beautiful lakes of the country.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included

## Day 15. On the way to Lake Khovsgol



Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍  
🚗 180km - ☉ 6h 15m  
Zuun lake 📍

- We start the most difficult day of your stay. We are in the hell of the track : mountain passes, flooded passages ... We must deserve Khövsgöl.

Fortunately, the area is superb, hilly and scattered with yurts. The slow pace of our vehicle gives us time to enjoy the landscape. We stop on **the banks of the Ider River**, where we set up our camp.

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🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 16. Magical ride on the banks of Lake Khovsgol



Zuun lake 📍  
🚗 130km - ☉ 3h 30m  
Moron 📍  
🚗 130km - ☉ 3h 30m  
Alag Tsar 📍

- Stop in Mörön to buy fresh supplies at the market.
- Visit of the site containing several deer stones at Uushigiin Övör.
- We arrive at Lake Khövsgöl, one of the natural wonders of the world. This mountain covers an area of 2760 square kilometres, and its water is so pure that we can drink it! It's surrounded with many peaks culminating at more than 2000 metres and covered with forests of pines and lush meadows where yaks and horses graze!
- We go towards East and the green small valleys of Alag Sar, and spend the night in a small yurts camp.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Alag tsar gers camp
🏠 Accommodation	Alag tsar gers camp

## Day 17. -



Alag Tsar 📍  
18km - ☉ 3h 30m  
Alag Tsar 📍  
Khovsgol national park 📍

- Let's start a beautiful story... With local breeders and their yaks, we leave for our **2-days hike or pony-trek** in the tree-filled valleys of Alag Tsar. Following the peaceful tempo of the cart, we discover this land of nomadism. In the heart of summer, the area is flowered and we will move literally on a carpet of edelweiss, while at West, we will see on the opposite bank the peaks culminating at 3000 metres that bathe in the crystal water of the lake.

In the evening, with the breeders, we will **put up the yurt** that we carried, in which we will spend the night.

# Day 18. -



Alag Tsar 📍  
18km - 🕒 3h 30m  
Alag Tsar 📍  
Khovsgol national park 📍

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Dinner	Alag tsar gers camp
🏠 Accommodation	Alag tsar gers camp

# Day 19. Return flight to the Mongolian capital



Alag Tsar 📍  
🚗 130km  
Moron 📍  
✈️ 750km - 🕒 1h 15m  
Ulan Bator 📍

- We reach Mörön, the capital of province, and embark for our back 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.

🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	2 stars hotel

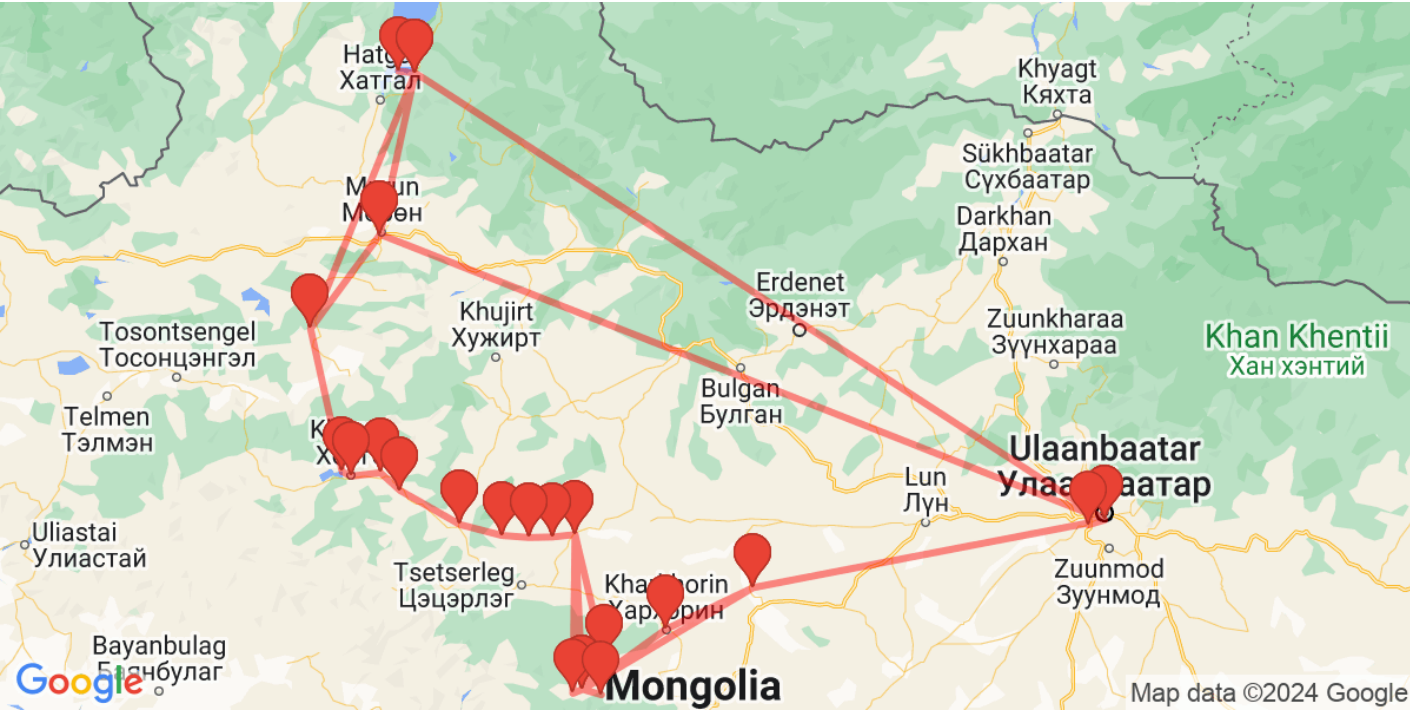
# Day 20. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



Flight back 📍

• 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	2 stars hotel

# Itinerary map



## Departure dates

Start date	End date	Available	Status	Price
2024/06/03	2024/06/22	8	Confirmed	2890 EUR
2024/07/08	2024/07/27	10	Not confirmed	2890 EUR
2024/08/05	2024/08/24	10	Not confirmed	2890 EUR

Pour votre voyage en Mongolie vous allez pouvoir **vous joindre à un petit groupe de voyageurs**, aux dates proposées ci-dessous, ce qui a l'avantage d'être convivial et de vous permettre de bénéficier d'un tarif avantageux. Nos groupes sont composés de **3 à 10 participants**.

Tous nos départs sont confirmés sans supplément au **tarif de 2190 Euro** dès que nous avons 3 personnes inscrites. Si seulement 2 participants, nous nous engageons à assurer le départ moyennant un supplément de 400 Euro par personne.

## Individual price per person

2-2	3-5	6-6	7-7	8-8	9-10
4790 EUR	3790 EUR	3490 EUR	3290 EUR	2990 EUR	2890 EUR

Vous allez également pouvoir **privatiser ce voyage aux dates de votre choix**, pour vous et vos compagnons de voyage uniquement. Pour un voyage privé, le tarif dépend alors du nombre de participants conformément à la grille tarifaire ci-dessous.

Bien sûr dans le cadre d'un voyage privatif, ce programme pourra vous servir uniquement de base de réflexion et en fonction de vos commentaires nous vous proposerons **un voyage entièrement à la carte**.



## Included

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- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Domestic flight Moron / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 2\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 5 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 4 nights with a host family, in guest yurt
- 8 nights tent camping, and 1 night camping in the mobile yurt
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Presence of the logistics vehicle
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 4 persons
- Local equestrian guides
- Hire of the horses + 1 extra horse for 3 or 4 persons in case of bad understanding with your horse or injury
- 2 days pony trek, "yak carting"
- Equestrian equipment with Kazakh or English saddles
- Entrance fees for the parks and museums indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Satellite phone IRIDIUM
- Equipment for meals (mess tent, camping tables and chairs) and nights (tent, sleeping bag, ground mattress), sanitary tent

## Not included

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- 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

## 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.