

At the heart of Zavkhan



Days: 16
Price: 1650 EUR
International flight not included
Comfort: ★★☆☆☆
Difficult: ★★★★★
Adventure Off the beaten track
Nomadic lifestyle Must see
Hiking

A tour that will lead you to the wild lands of the province of Zavkhan. After visiting the essential sites of the centre of the country, we enter in the wild Mongolia where **lakes stand alongside the desert** outside the **snow-covered peaks of Khangai**.

Try a new adventure **in the heart of the province of Zavkhan**, you won't regret it !

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 Genghis 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 | Holiday Inn Hotel

Day 2. We're off, towards Mini-Gobi !



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

Ulan Bator - 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 | Holiday Inn Hotel
🍽️ Lunch | Made by your team

🍴 Dinner	Eden camp
🏠 Accommodation	Eden camp

Day 3-4. Among nomads in Orkhon Valley



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

Khogno Khan - Kharkhorin

- 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**.

Kharkhorin - Orkhon valley

- Journey to Orkhon Valley. Inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**, the valley is a land of nomadism and many breeders set their summer camp there.

Day 4

- 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.

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Stay among breeders in 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	3 Eden camp 4 Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	3 Picnic from the camp 4 Made by your team
🍴 Dinner	3 made by the family 4 Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 5. Hot bath in the hot springs



Orkhon valley, Toukhen monastery



Orkhon valley - Tovkhon monastery

- 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 of the whole Khangai range. We'll picnic in exceptional surroundings, facing Orkhon Valley.

Orkhon valley 📍

🚗 42km

Tovkhon monastery 📍

🚗 110km

Tsenkher hot springs 📍

Tovkhon monastery - Tsenkher hot springs

- Arrival at Tsenkher hot springs, where you can lounge in the hot springs of the camp.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Shiveet Mankhan
🏠 Accommodation	Shiveet Mankhan

Day 6-7. On the banks of great white lake



Tsenkher hot springs - Tsetserleg

- Stop at Tsetserleg, small lovely village nestled in mountains of larches. We'll buy fresh supplies at the local market and visit Zayan Gegeen Museum.

Tsetserleg - Terkhiin Tsagaan national park

- Road to Khorgo - Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur Natural Park that is located 2060 metres (1,28 mile) above sea level. This lake, called "*the great white lake*", and its whole volcanic surroundings, are the emblematic area of the **province of Arkhangai**. The waters of the lake are full of fish and **it's possible to fish** if you wish.

Tsenkher hot springs 📍

🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h

Tsetserleg 📍

🚗 175km - ⌚ 4h

Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

Day 7

- Hiking along the banks of the lake. We go towards Southeast where **Khorgo Volcano** reaches its highest point at 2240 metres (1,39 mile). (Easy) ascent of the volcano. From the top, we enjoy a splendid view of the lake and the surrounding hills. Nearby the volcano, stunning lava flows form an original landscape never seen up to now.

🍳 Breakfast	<p>6 Shiveet Mankhan</p> <p>7 Maikhan Tolgoi</p>
🍴 Lunch	<p>6 Local restaurant</p> <p>7 Picnic from the camp</p>
🍷 Dinner	Maikhan Tolgoi
🏠 Accommodation	Maikhan Tolgoi

Day 8. Deeper in wild Mongolia



Terkhiin Tsagaan national park - Ider river

- We take the road towards West and the **province of Zavkhan**. We drive along the Solongotiin Hills. Lunch in a local restaurant in **Tosontsengel**. The atmosphere of the cities in the Western Mongolia makes inevitably think about the one of the lost cities in the American Far West. We set up our camp in a small corner of paradise between sky and land, on the banks of the Ider River.

Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍
🚗 190km - ⌚ 6h
Ider river 📍

🍳 Breakfast	Maikhan Tolgoi
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 9-11. The lake among the dunes



Ider river 📍
🚗 260km - ⌚ 6h 30m
Khar lake 📍

Ider river - Khar lake

- We drive across the **province of Zavkhan**. We can admire at East the high summits of Khangai and a forest zone, and at West the desert. Although this tour is very far from the classic touristic tours, it shows many natural wonders, such as **Otgontenger Mount**, landscapes of dunes and turquoise lakes.
- We arrive in a semi desertic zone until Lake Khar, splendid lake in the middle of the dunes.

Day 10

- This day is dedicated to a hike all around Lake Khar. We discover breathtakingly landscapes typical of Gobi, surrounding a turquoise lake.

Day 11

- Short hiking (a few kilometres) in the **Erdene Khairkhan mountains**, until the site of Senjit Khad, a rocky formation that reminds the ones of the American Far West.
- Visit of Mukhartiin River's source. An exceptional site where the river literally rises from the sand dunes.

🍳 Breakfast	9 Made by your team 10 11 Khar lake camp
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Khar lake camp
🏠 Accommodation	Khar lake camp

Day 12. On the bank of the Bogd river



Khar lake 📍
🚗 150km - ⌚ 4h 30m

Khar lake - Uliastai

- We drive along the Khangai mounts that overlook the track at East, then pass through the Zagastai hills, and finally arrive at Uliastai, capital of the **province of Zavkhan** ; we go to the **local market** to buy fresh supplies.
- We will drive again for 10 kilometers before reaching the bank of the **Bogd river** where we will pitch our camp.

Uliastai 📍
🚗 15km - ⌚ 30m
Bogd river 📍

☕ Breakfast		Khar lake camp
🍴 Lunch		Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner		Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation		tent camping

Day 13. Discovery of Otgontenger National Park



Bogd river 📍
🚗 175km - ⌚ 4h 30m
Otgontenger mountain 📍

Bogd river - Otgontenger mountain

- Visit of Otgontenger National Park : waterfalls and Lake Badagakhundaga.
- Hiking until Lake Badarkhundaga located at the norther foot of Otgontenger mount.

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

Day 14. Uliastai, in the heart of Zavkhan



Otgontenger mountain 📍
🚗 190km - ⌚ 5h

Uliastai 📍

Otgontenger mountain - Uliastai

- Hiking until the artificial **waterfalls** on the Bogd River, or free time to peacefully enjoy the bucolic nature.
- Return road to Uliastai where we'll settle in and rest in a small provincial hotel.

☕ Breakfast		Made by your team
🍴 Lunch		Made by your team
🍷 Dinner		Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation		Uliastai hotel

Day 15. Flight to Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital



Uliastai 📍
✈ 1200km - ⌚ 2h
Ulan Bator 📍

Uliastai - Ulan Bator

- Transfer to Uliastai airport and 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 and shop in the centre of the city.

☕ Breakfast		Uliastai hotel
🍴 Lunch		Local restaurant

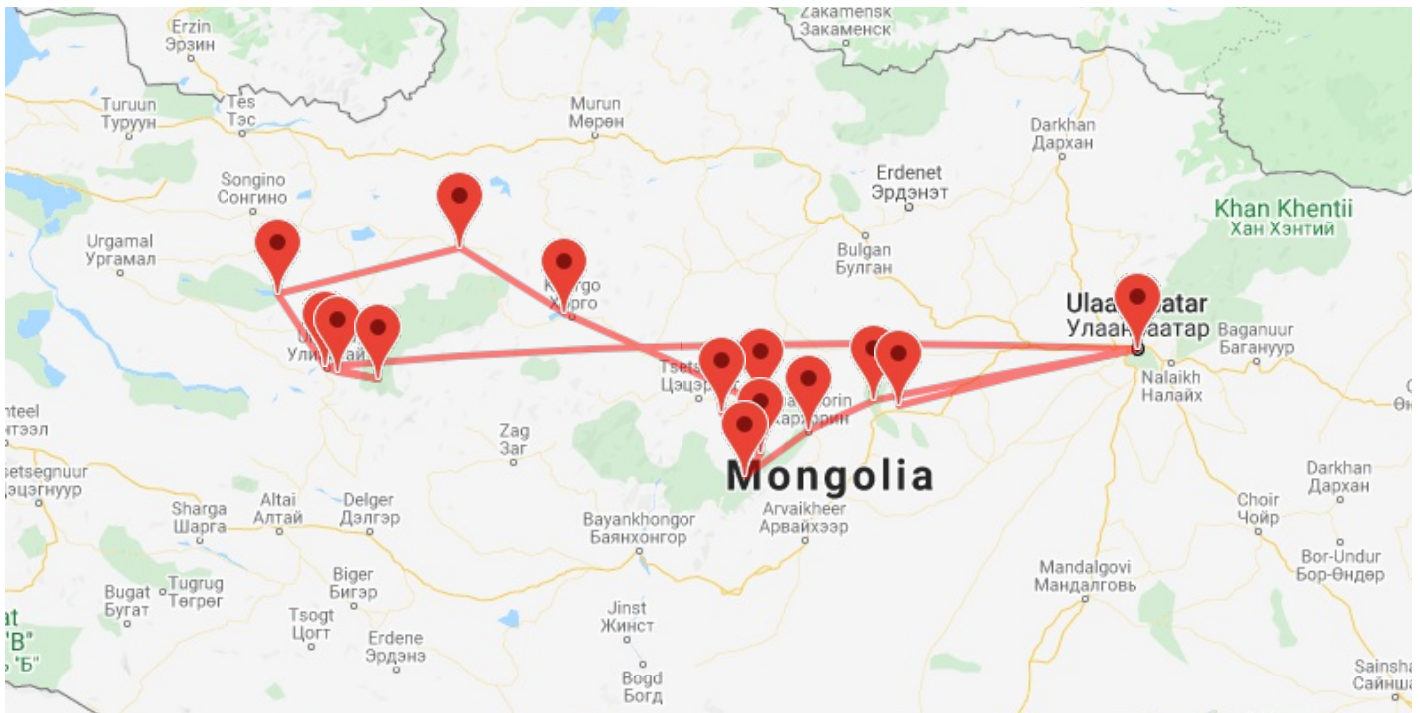
Day 16. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



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.

Itinerary map



Departure dates

Start date	End date	Available	Status	Price
2020/08/07	2020/08/22	10	Not confirmed	1650 EUR

Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-4	5-8	9-10
2700 EUR	2150 EUR	1850 EUR	1750 EUR	1650 EUR

You can go for a **private journey to the dates of your choice** for your very own group of people. In this particular case, **the price proposed depends entirely on the final number of participants** (please refer yourself to the prices mentioned below).

In the case of an exclusive private trip for you, this program seen here can serve as a base to draw the lines of the final offer. And you can create an entire trip « à la carte ».

Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flight Uliastai / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 7 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 2 nights with a guest family, in a guest yurt
- 1 night in a provincial hotel in Uliastai
- 3 nights tent camping
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Assistant for groups > 8 persons
- Pony treks
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for parks and museum indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (mess tent, camping tables and chairs) and nights (tent, sleeping bag, ground mattress), sanitary tent

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

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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.