# Horseride in the Khan Khentii



Days: 12

Price:

International flight not

included

Comfort:

★☆☆☆☆

Difficult:

**★★★★** 

♦ Horse riding
♦ Adventure

Sport & Active tour

Off the beaten track

9-days self-sufficient horseride in the Gorkhi-Terelj and Khan Khentii national parks !!!

So close from Ulan Bator and so beautiful, so close from civilization and so remote... The **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park** and the **strictly protected area of Khentii** offer the richest landscapes of Mongolia: **rocky formations sculpted by erosion, mountains tree-filled with pines, plains scattered with wild flowers and edelweisses, rivers and lakes**... This is the perfect place to let oneself be led by the horse and follow the rhythm of the animals carrying the equipment in these wild areas.

## Day 1. Arrival and visit of Ulan Bator



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

Hotel Nine

# Day 2. Among nomads in Terelj



Ulan Bator **♀** ♣ 80km - **②** 2h Terelj Village **♀** 

### Ulan Bator - Terelj Village

- Journey to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, a real gorgeous green setting at the gates of the capital: rocky
  formations sculpted by erosion, mountains tree-filled with pines, plains scattered with wild flowers and
  edelweiss, rivers and lakes.
- Stop at turtle rock, from where we walk until Aryaval Monastery.
- We drive deeper in the Northern part of the park where we join breeders who settled their camp on the banks
  of the Terelj River, in a small corner of paradise. Discovery of nomadism and walk in the surroundings of
  the camp.

Breakfast

Hotel Nine

**III** Lunch

Made by your team

★ Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 3-4. In the saddle to start the ride



Terelj Village ♥
28km - ◑ 5h
Terelj national park ♥
20km - ◑ 4h 30m
Terelj national park ♥

### Terelj Village - Terelj national park

We start our pony trek along the banks of the Terelj River to reach the **Tuul River**. We ride across a large
zone of pastures where several breeders have settled with their herd. You may have the good luck to share a
cup of tea with milk with them. It's also the occasion to gallop for the first time in the Mongolian steppe.

### Terelj national park - Terelj national park

Little by little, the steppe gives way to more mountainous landscapes. We still can gallop but soon, it won't be
possible anymore. We leave the main path to go deeper in the Khan Khentii, a wild zone with very few
inhabitants. It's getting more and more rare to meet people, but some yurts can still be seen. We ride across
the neighbouring forests and cross some arms of river. Mongolian horses being rather small, your boot may
get soaked if the water level is high.

#### Also



**9-days self-sufficient horseride** in the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park. Pack horses carry the equipment and your personal belongings.

■ Breakfast	Made by your team
<b>Y1</b> Lunch	Made by your team
<b>▼</b> Dinner	Made by your team
★ Accommodation	tent camping

# Day 5. Horseride in the Khan Khentii Mountains



Terelj national park ♥ 20km - ② 5h Khar Usan Tokhoin ♥

### Terelj national park - Khar Usan Tokhoin

Steppe is part of the past now. Today, we cross Khavirga Hill to reach the pastures of Khar Usan Tokhoi.
 We ride among high grass and multicoloured flowers. On the hillside, we can see below the river and its rocks.
 Once arrived on the hilltop, we'll enjoy a splendid view on the neighbouring and the mountains around with their eternal snow.

Be careful! In the last metres before the camp, there's a hard sheer slope!

#### Also



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■ Breakfast	Made by your team
<b>Y</b> Lunch	Made by your team
<b>T</b> Dinner	Made by your team
★ Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 6. A large black lake in the heart of the mountains



Khar Usan Tokhoin ♥
21km - ② 5h
Black lake ♥

#### Khar Usan Tokhoin - Black lake

• Today we ride towards Lake Khagiin Khar, the "black lake". First, we cross plains scattered with heathers and enjoy a beautiful view on the neighbouring snow-covered peaks. Then we ride again among tall grass that sometimes hide the way. Grass is at the same time green and purple, which makes the plain seem two-coloured. We reach the black lake in the early afternoon. The lake formed in a period of glaciation thousands of years ago. It's located at the hilltop and is surrounded with odoriferous herbs. Many perches live in its waters. You can fish and the bravest can swim.

Careful! If it's raining, the path gets slippery and very tough!

#### Also



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₩¶ Lunch	Made by your team
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## Day 7-8. Between steppe and mountains



Black lake **♀** 20km - **②** 5h Khagiin Khar pasture **♀** 17km - **②** 4h 30m Terelj national park **♀** 

#### Black lake - Khagiin Khar pasture

Ride on the hillside towards our next camp place. After crossing a stream, we arrive at the top of Khavirgiin
Hill, from where we'll enjoy a wonderful view on the whole valley and the several colours of the landscape.
Then we'll have to cross two forests and to ride among a real greenery sea, before reaching our camp for
tonight; we'll get settled on a small plateau.

#### Khagiin Khar pasture - Terelj national park

• This is a hard day. We ride across the mountains and encounter an important difference in height; we must climb on a stony, unstable ground. After this chaotique course, we stop a few moments in a pasture where multicoloured flowers abound. We take advantage of the break to pray near the local **ovoo**. The slope is hard, so you can walk instead of riding, holding your horse with the lead. The path is in a shady forest and will be also very pleasant if crossed on foot. We have lunch in a clearing forest, where cool springs gush. Then we'll have only a little way left to ride before reaching the place of our camp, by the river. We get back to vast expanses where we can ride full tilt.

#### Also



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★ Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 9. The monastery of a princess



Terelj national park 9 27km - @ 6h Gunj monastery ♥

· Today, we ride towards the ruins of Gunj Monastery. We get back to the steppe and discover strange rocky formations. Some rocks seem to be in equilibrium on the hilltop. We can see winter houses of the Mongolian breeders, small wooden houses where they can spend winter and shelter herds and hay stocks. Then we arrive at the monastery.

#### Also



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## Day 10. Back to the steppe



Gunj monastery ♥ 23km - @ 5h Terelj national park 9

### Gunj monastery - Terelj national park

• Today, we reach the Baruunbayan River, that we ride along all day long, before setting up our camp by its banks. We will take a hard path between the mountains, then a stony slope where we'll walk. Little by little, the mountain landscapes give way to the steppe, and we can ride full tilt across these postcard landscapes.

#### Also



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Lunch	Made by your team
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## Day 11. End of the pony trek and back to Ulan Bator



Terelj national park 9

8km - @ 1h Terelj Village 9

🕰 80km - 🖸 2h Ulan Bator 9

### Terelj national park - Terelj Village

· We ride back to the camp of the breeders, staying along the Terelj River. We'll ride in the steppe, so you can gallop, but it will be short-lived.

In the afternoon, we rest by the river or share some good moments with our hosts.

### Tereli Village - 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.

#### Also



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■ Breakfast Made by your team

\*\*I Lunch Countryside home stay

Accommodation Hotel Nine

# Day 12. Have a nice journey and see you soon!



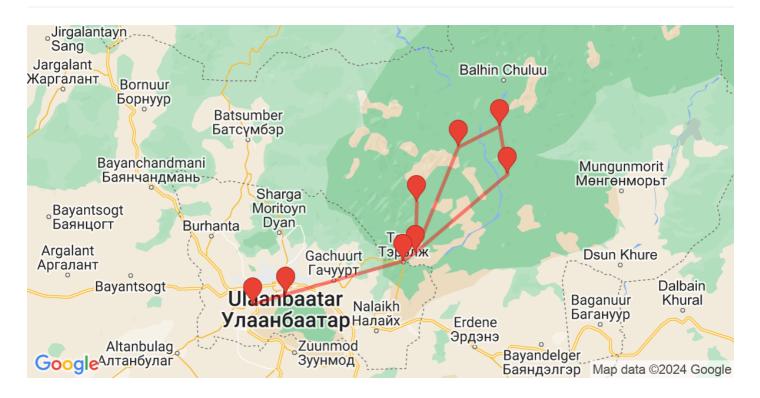
• Breakfast at the hotel. We go with you to the international airport of Ulan Bator. The transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight.

Breakfast

Hotel Nine

Flight back 9

## Itinerary map



### Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- . 1 night in a host family, in a guest yurt
- · 8 nights tent camping
- · Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- · English-speaking guide
- · Cook for the groups > 4 persons
- · Local equestrian guides
- Grooms
- Hire of the horses + 1 extra horse for 3 or 4 persons in case of bad understanding with your horse or injury
- · Pack horses for the equipment
- · Equestrian equipment with Kazakh or English saddles
- · Entrance fees for 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

- · 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

### **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.