A Luxury Adventure



Days: 13

Price: -

International flight not

included

Comfort:

Difficult:

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◆ Culture ◆ Nomadic lifestyle

Adventure

A Luxury experience unleashing the best landscapes of the country together with the most comfortable Ger camps, providing the best compromise between a soft adventure and relaxing moments in incredible places.

You'll start your trip in Ulan Bator, the capital city with a **4* hotel stay** (options for 5* are possible) and a general discovery of what Mongolia is all about. Following that 1st day, you will **immerse yourself** into the deep understanding of the **traditional culture** and many landscapes choices at the countryside. You will have all the beautiful panoramas at your fingertip: the **mini-Gobi with a first Eco-camp**, the lush **Orkhon Valley**, where you will experience Nomadic life and star gazing in the middle of nowhere, the **Gobi Desert**, and the arid majesty of its lunar landscapes, with its **towering rocky formations**, **frozen canyon and sand dunes**.

A very interesting choice of accommodations is proposed to keep all the comfort you have at home and bring it to the Steppes!

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

Holiday Inn Hotel

Day 2. 1st Discovery the Mongolian Nomadic lifestyle and culture



 One day to fully appreciate the nomadic activities and traditions of Mongolia only 55km away from the
capital Ulan Bator. You will witness a Mongolian traditional show with songs and danses, as well as many of
the nomadic activities: milking the animals, Mongolian craftsmanship with felt making, working
with leather or dairy products. You can also observe moving the yurt with pack animals and participate
to its building!

Night under the comfortable yurts and full service of the camp.

■ Breakfast Holiday Inn Hotel

₹¶ Lunch Mongol Nomadic

▼ Dinner Mongol Nomadic

Day 3. The mini-Gobi, relaxing in an Eco-camp with an incredible landscape



Mongol Nomadic camp ♥

♣ 185km - ② 3h

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".
- Today, after having enjoyed the beauty of the Mini-Gobi, let's relax at one of the best yurt Eco-camp of whole Mongolia: Sweet Gobi is part of a network of Eco-camps that are very premium and propose many activities and services (such as SPA), with hot towels instead of hot showers.

It will be a great time to enjoy being outdoors, with a charming accommodation, and service to relax deeply.

■ Breakfast	Mongol Nomadic
₹¶ Lunch	Picnic from the camp
▼ Dinner	Sweet gobi
★ Accommodation	Sweet gobi

Day 4. The former capital city, comfortable stay



Khogno Khan ♥ ♣ 110km - ② 1h 30m Kharkhorin ♥

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.
- Peaceful 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.

Tonight we will be hosted in another Eco-camp named Anja.

■ Breakfast	Sweet gobi
₩¶ Lunch	Picnic from the camp
▼ Dinner	Anja camp
★ Accommodation	Anja camp

Day 5-6. The land of nomadism, star gazing outdoors



Kharkhorin ♥
♣ 92km - ② 3h
Tovkhon monastery ♥
♣ 42km - ② 1h 15m
Orkhon valley ♥

Kharkhorin - 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.

Tovkhon monastery - 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.

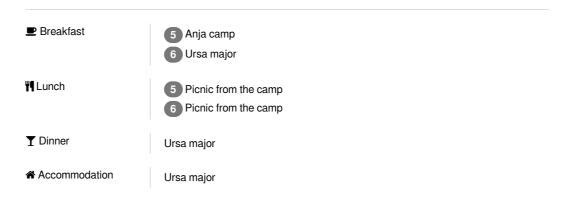
Day 6

- let's visit a family of herders of the valley' from the valley. During the day, 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.
- 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.

Also



Each of those 2 nights will be spent at the Eco-Camp Ursa Major. A very beautiful site where you will have a very good offering of service, beddings, and extras possible (not included in the original pricing) such as a SPA or stargazing with a telescope in the middle of the camp.



Day 7. A comfortable stay at the gate of the Gobi desert



Orkhon valley ♥ ♣ 310km - ② 8h Ongi monastery ♥

Orkhon valley - 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 rebuilt the monastery, with few resources but much enthusiasm.

■ Breakfast	Ursa major
₩¶ Lunch	Picnic from the camp
▼ Dinner	Secret of Ongii
★ Accommodation	Secret of Ongii

Day 8. A 5* stay around the Flaming cliffs and dinosaurs sites



Ongi monastery ♥ ♣ 150km - ② 4h 30m Bayanzag ♥

Ongi monastery - 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 Saïhan, "the Western Beauty"; Dund Saïhan, "the Middle Beauty"; Züün
 Saïhan, "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.

■ Breakfast	Secret of Ongii
¶¶ Lunch	Picnic from the camp

Day 9-10. The largest sand dunes and camel ride



Bayanzag ♥
♣ 130km - ② 4h 20m
Khongor sand dunes ♥

Bayanzag - 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".

Day 9

• 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.

Day 10

Camelback hike. Camelback hiking in the Gobi Desert is an unforgettable experience. The nonchalant
animal will take us with its peaceful gait along the dunes and the Khongor River, "light bay", that flows
alternately on the surface and under the ground. We'll go until a small oasis at the foot of the dunes, where
some bushes grow, such as saxaul. Camels are very fond of saxaul and Mongolians think it's the most
precious wood.

We will walk until the top of a dune and will have a wonderful view of the desert. Far away, we will see the peaks of the Three Beautiful and, if we listen carefully, we might hear the **song of the dunes**.

■ Breakfast	Gobi discovery
₩¶ Lunch	Picnic from the camp
▼ Dinner	Gobi discovery
★ Accommodation	Gobi discovery

Day 11. Hiking in the canyons



Khongor sand dunes ♥

Khongor sand dunes - Dungenee 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.

Dungenee canyon - Yoliin am canyon

♣ 140km - ② 4h 30m
 Dungenee canyon ♀
 ♣ 20km - ② 1h
 Yoliin am canyon ♀

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	Gobi discovery
₩¶ Lunch	Picnic from the camp
▼ Dinner	Khan bogd camp
★ Accommodation	Khan bogd camp

Day 12. Return flight to the Mongolian capital



Yoliin am canyon ♥
♣ 40km - ② 45m
Dalanzadgad ♥
★ 650km - ② 1h 15m
Ulan Bator ♥

Yoliin am canyon - Dalanzadgad

- 30-kilometres (18,64 miles) journey until Dalanzadgad, the capital of the province, where we'll embark for 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 and shop in the centre of the city.

■ BreakfastKhan bogd camp¶ LunchPicnic from the camp♣ Accommodation♣ Holiday Inn Hotel

Day 13. Have a nice journey and see you soon!



Flight back 9

• 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

Holiday Inn Hotel

Itinerary map



Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flight Dalanzadgad / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 4* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 10 nights in comfortable Ger camps, 3 being Eco-camps
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep (3 people per vehicle) + driver
- Petro
- English-speaking guide
- Pony trek
- · Camel trek
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for parks and museum indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (camping tables and chairs) and nights (sleeping bag)

Not included

- International transport
- · Passport and visa fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Drinks / alcohols extras
- Meals in Ulan Bator
- · Phone calls
- Any excursion or Ger camp service 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.