

The magic of the Mongolian west



Days: 14

Price: 1550 EUR
International flight not included

Comfort: ★★☆☆☆

Difficult: ★★★★★

🔦 Adventure 🔦 Off the beaten track
🔦 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

Hotel Nine

Day 2. Flight to the Mongolian Far West



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

Ulan Bator - 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

Hotel Nine

🍽 Lunch





Local restaurant

🍽 Dinner

Local restaurant

Day 3-5. Trekking in Tsambagarav mounts



Khovd 
 100km -  4h
 Tsambagarav mounts 

Khovd - 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**.

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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

3 Khovd Tsambagarav

4 5 Made by your team

 Lunch

Made by your team

 Dinner





made by the family

 Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

Day 6. Olgii, in the heart of Kazakh



Tsambagarav mounts 
 130km -  3h 30m
 Olgii 

Tsambagarav mounts - Olgii

- Stop on the banks of the 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. Olgii 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 **Olgii 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

Local restaurant

 Dinner

Baavgain khondii camp

 Accommodation

Baavgain khondii camp

Day 7. Hunting with a falconer and its golden eagle



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

Olgii - Sagsai

- 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.

Sagsai - Syrgaal area

- 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.

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3 nights overstay in a nomadic family. From their camp site we will head towards the Altai Tavan Bogd National Park.

☕ Breakfast	Baavgain khondii camp
🍴 Lunch	Countryside home stay
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	CHS kazakh

Day 8. Hike in the Altai Tavan Bogd National Park



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

Syrgaal area - Khurgan lake

- 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.

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☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	CHS kazakh

Day 9. Discovery of the Turgen Waterfalls



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

Syrgaal area - Turgen waterfalls

- 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.

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☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
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🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	CHS kazakh

Day 10. In the Northern part of the Altai Bogd



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

Syrhaal area - 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)

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Get settled in a farming family near Zagast nuur, where we will stay 2 nights.

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

Day 11. Trek until Shiveet Khairkhan



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

Zagast nuur - Shiveet Khairkhan

- 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*".

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🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Yurt for guests with a family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 12. Track to Olgii



Shiveet Khairkhan 📍
🚗 220km - ⌚ 6h 30m
Olgii 📍

Shiveet Khairkhan - 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	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Baavgain khondii camp

Day 13. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Olgii 📍
✈ 1700km - ⌚ 2h
Ulan Bator 📍

Olgii - 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 and shop in the centre of the city.

☕ Breakfast	Baavgain khondii camp
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nine

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

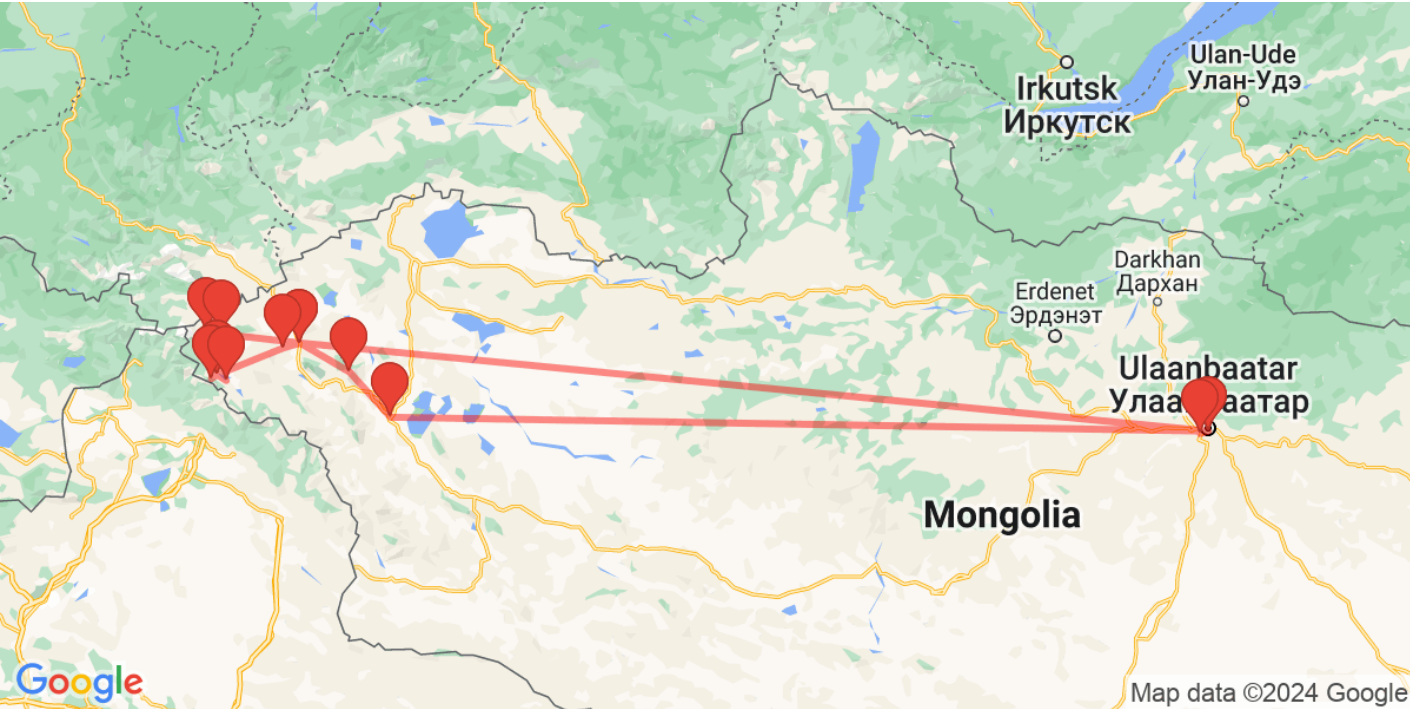


Flight back 📍

- 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	Hotel Nine
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-4	5-8	9-10
2400 EUR	1900 EUR	1700 EUR	1600 EUR	1550 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
- 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.