# Mongolia by bus



Days:	14
Price:	800 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★☆☆☆☆
Difficult:	★★☆☆☆
<ul> <li>Budget tour</li> <li>Must see</li> </ul>	Nomadic lifestyle Horse riding

Accompanied by your guide, you will take a bus to explore the National **Terelj park**, known for its forests of larsh, rock formations carved by the elements, its tumultuous water courses and green pastures where nomads and herds live in harmony in an exuberant nature. Then, you will leave for the **Orkhon Valley**, picturesque landscape of Mongolia, which is considered as being the perfect nomadic land.

A circuit for backpackers, wishing to discover the lifestyle of Mongolian nomads and do some trekking either on foot or on horseback.

### Day 1. Arrival at Ulan Bator and visit of the city



• Arrival at the airport, meeting with our driver. Transfer to your hotel, settling in, and rest.

Accommodation

Zaya guesthouse

Ulan Bator **9** 

# Day 2-4. Terelj, ride



Ulan Bator ♥ ♣ 80km - ۞ 2h Terelj national park ♥

#### Ulan Bator - Terelj national park

• You will catch the early morning bus towards the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park.

Arrived at the bus stop, you will meet with your hosts, the local family that will welcome you to their home for this short journey.

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.

#### Also



Stay with breeders who settled on the banks of the Tuul River. You'll discover wonderful landscapes and share the daily activities of the host family. You will be proposed many activities, such as **milking the animals** or **making traditional dairy products**. You will also attend the preparation of a Mongolian barbecue\_\_\_ that you'll enjoy with your hosts.

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Those who wish can leave for a ponytrek along the Tuul River to go deeper in the park. Riding our horses, we'll discover a contrasting landscape made of rivers, steppes and forests.



# Day 5. Back to Ulan Bator



#### Terelj national park - Ulan Bator

- In the morning, we can hike again, or stay with the family. We'll have lunch with the family for the last time.
- Back to Ulan-Bator. Arrival in town and get settled at your guesthouse, where you can rest a few moments. Rest of the day free, accompanied with your guide.
- Terelj national park ♥ ♣ 80km - ❹ 2h Ulan Bator ♥

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Accommodation

Zaya guesthouse

# Day 6-7. Visit of Kharkhorin, the former capital



#### Ulan Bator - Kharkhorin

- Along with your guide, you will get to the Dragon Center, located in the west of Ulaan Baatar, where you will
  get on the bus for Karakorum.
- 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.

#### Day 7

• 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**.

■ Breakfast	<ul><li>6 Zaya guesthouse</li><li>7 Made by your team</li></ul>	
<b>"¶</b> Lunch	Local restaurant	
<b>Y</b> Dinner	Yurt for guests with a family	
Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family	

### Day 8-12. Among nomads in Orkhon Valley



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

#### Kharkhorin - Tovkhon monastery

• 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.

#### Tovkhon monastery - Orkhon valley

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.

#### Day 9

- 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.

#### Day 11

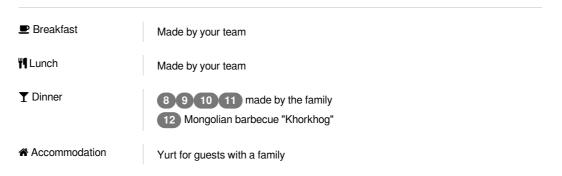
- If some people wish, we will go for a pony trek until Mogoit hot springs.
- Bath in the fitted out pools of Mogoit hot springs. The temperature of the springs is contained between 48 and 75°C (118 167°F), and they are perfect to recover from the tiredness of the travel.

#### Also



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.



### Day 13. back to Ulan Bator



Orkhon valley ♥ ♣ 510km - ② 9h Ulan Bator ♥

#### Orkhon valley - Ulan Bator

• It s with a tight heart that we'll say good bye to our nomadic family, who kindly hosted us in their gers. They will take us to the little village of Bat Ulzit, where you will jump on the bus for Ulaan Baatar. Arrival expected early in the evening. Transfer to your guesthouse.

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<b>Yq</b> Lunch	Countryside home stay	
<b>Y</b> Dinner	Local restaurant	
Accommodation	Zaya guesthouse	

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

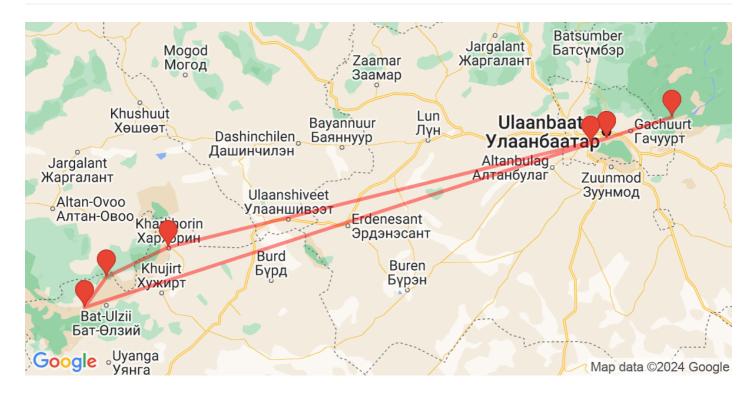


• Breakfast at the hotel. We go with you to the international airport of Ulan Bator. The transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight.



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### Itinerary map



### Individual price per person

1-1	2-2	3-3	4-4	5-5	6-8
2100 EUR	1250 EUR	1000 EUR	900 EUR	850 EUR	800 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

- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 3 nights in guesthouse
- 10 nights in host family, in guest yurt
- Bus tickets UB / Terelj / UB
- Bus ticket UB / Kharkhorin
- Bus ticket Baltuzit / UB
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Pony trek
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for the parks and museums indicated in the program
- Equipment for meals and nights (sleeping bag)

# 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.

International transport

Not included

- Passport and visa fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Drinks / alcohols extras
- Meals and accommodation in Ulan Bator
- Phone calls
- · Any excursion that is not indicated in the program