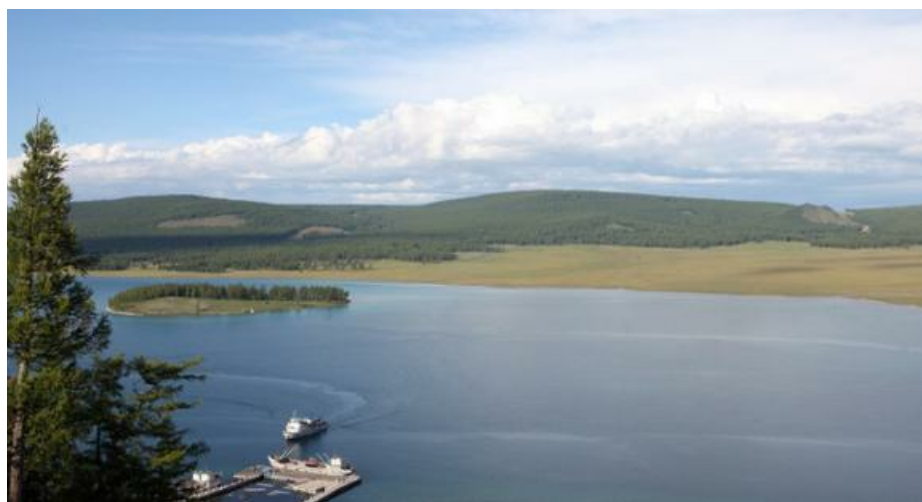


The Mongolian great loop



Days: 21
Price: 2290 EUR
International flight not included
Comfort: ★★☆☆☆
Difficult: ★★★★★
Must see Adventure
Nomadic lifestyle Culture
Hiking Horse riding

This 3-week tour will make you cross the country from one end to the other : from the **Northern woody lakes** to the sand dunes of **Gobi**, including the central **great steppe**, you'll enjoy the most lovely landscapes and natural wonders of Mongolia. A **human adventure** in the heart of Mongolia.

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 in 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. Going to Amarbayasgalant Monastery



Ulan Bator 📍

🚗 350km - ⌚ 5h 30m
Amarbayasgalant 📍

- Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.
- We take the road towards Amarbayasgalant Monastery. It's the most important monastery of Mongolia, it was built in the 18th century in the memory of the first Bogd Gegeen **Zanabazar** who was at the head of the Mongolian religion. Located North of the province of Selenge, the monastery enjoys exceptional surroundings.
- Visit of Amarbayasgalant Monastery.

🍳 Breakfast

Hotel Nine

🍽️ Lunch

Made by your team

🍷 Dinner

made by the family

🏠 Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

Day 3. Going to the natural park of extinct volcanos



Amarbayasgalant 📍

🚗 110km - ⌚ 2h 30m

Erdenet 📍

🚗 110km - ⌚ 3h 30m

Uran Togoo national park 📍

Amarbayasgalant - Erdenet

- Visit of Amarbayasgalant Monastery.
- We cut across wheat fields and large cultures and reach Erdenet. It's one of the most important economic centres of the country. It has one of the largest open-air mines of the world (copper mine).

Erdenet - Uran Togoo national park

- Journey to the Uran Togoo National Park.

Uran Togoo is known the most beautiful and visited volcanos of Mongolia. A **dormant volcano today**, it was very active 25 to 20 million years ago. At this exact location we can find an abundant flora and fauna made for **an exceptional site** for nature's lovers. The lava that was present here thousands of years ago left a very rich soil that allows growth for a wide variety of plants.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | Made by your team |
| 🍴 Lunch | Local restaurant |
| 🍷 Dinner | made by the family |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Yurt for guests with a family |

Day 4. A bit of history on the road to Khovsgol



Uran Togoo national park 📍

🚗 80km - ⌚ 2h

Baibalik ruins 📍

🚗 100km - ⌚ 3h

Selenge valley 📍

Uran Togoo national park - Baibalik ruins

- Hiking on the sleeping giant Uraan Uul, to enjoy the view on the volcanic area.

Let's hike on a very beautiful path through the woods, mostly made of Siberian larches before reaching the crater. There, numerous insects, species of birds and trees are visible. The inside of the crater itself is covered by thick vegetation and a small lake at its center.

- Let's discover Baibalik. Its 2000-years old walls still defy time, they're the accounts of this intellectual centre dating from the **Uyghurs dynasty**.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | Made by your team |
| 🍴 Lunch | Made by your team |
| 🍷 Dinner | Goyul camp |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Goyul camp |

Day 5-7. Khovsgol, little Mongolian Switzerland



Selenge valley 📍

Day 5

- We arrive at Lake Khövsgöl, one of the natural wonders of the world. This mountain covers an area of 2760 square kilometres, and its water is so pure that we can drink it! It's surrounded with many peaks culminating at more than 2000 metres and covered with forests of pines and lush meadows where yaks and horses graze!

- We go towards East and the green small valleys of Alan Sar and spend the night in a small

Jerenge valley ▼
🚗 250km - ⌚ 4h 30m
Alag Tsar 📍

→ we go towards East and the green small valleys of Alag Tsar, and spend the night in a small yurts camp.

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Let's start a beautiful story... With local breeders and their yaks, we leave for our **2-days hike or pony-trek** in the tree-filled valleys of Alag Tsar. Following the peaceful tempo of the cart, we discover this land of nomadism. In the heart of summer, the area is flowered and we will move literally on a carpet of edelweiss, while at West, we will see on the opposite bank the peaks culminating at 3000 metres that bathe in the crystal water of the lake.

In the evening, with the breeders, we will **put up the yurt** that we carried, in which we will spend the night.

🍳 Breakfast

- 5 Goyul camp
- 5 7 Made by your team
- 6 Alag tsar camp

🍷 Lunch

- 5 Picnic from the camp
- 5 7 Made by your team
- 6 Picnic from the camp

🍷 Dinner

- 5 7 Alag tsar camp
- 6 Made by your team

🏠 Accommodation

Alag tsar camp

Day 8. Let's go for the central steppes !



Alag Tsar 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h
Moron 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m
Zuun lake 📍

Alag Tsar - Moron

- Visit of the site containing several deer stones at Uushigiin Övör.
- Stop in Mörön to buy fresh supplies at the market.

Moron - Zuun lake

- A journey towards the centre. The track passes through many passes, we go deeper in remote valleys, and the landscapes quickly change. The passes are more than 2000 metres above sea level. Landscapes get more and more lovely and photo opportunities more and more numerous.

🍳 Breakfast

Alag tsar camp

🍷 Lunch

Picnic from the camp

🍷 Dinner

Ulziit Khishig

🏠 Accommodation

Ulziit Khishig

Day 9-10. The great white lake of Mongolia



Zuun lake - 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.



Zuun lake 📍
 🚗 180km - ⌚ 6h 15m
 Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

Day 10

- 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 on the lake and the surrounding hills. Nearby the volcano, stunning lava flows form an original landscape never seen up to now.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Made by your team 9 Ulziit Khishig 10 Maikhan Tolgoi |
| 🍴 Lunch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Picnic from the camp 9 10 Made by your team 10 Picnic from the camp |
| 🍷 Dinner | Maikhan Tolgoi |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Maikhan Tolgoi |

Day 11. Relaxing in Tsenkher hot springs



Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍
 🚗 160km - ⌚ 4h
 Tsetserleg 📍
 🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h
 Tsenkher hot springs 📍

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

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| 🍳 Breakfast | Maikhan Tolgoi |
| 🍴 Lunch | Local restaurant |
| 🍷 Dinner | Shiveet Mankhan |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Shiveet Mankhan |

Day 12-13. Wonderful Orkhon Valley



Tsenkher hot springs 📍
 🚗 110km - ⌚ 4h 15m
 Tovkhon monastery 📍
 🚗 42km - ⌚ 1h 15m
 Orkhon valley 📍

Tsenkher hot springs - 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.
- 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 13

- 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 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 your hosts.

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| 🏠 Accommodation | <div style="border-left: 1px solid #ccc; padding-left: 10px;">Yurt for guests with a family</div> |

Day 14. The former capital of Genghis Khan



Orkhon valley 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m
Kharkhorin 📍

Orkhon valley - 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 by **108 sacred stupas**. Visit of the **Museum of Kharkhorin**.

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| ☕ Breakfast | <div style="border-left: 1px solid #ccc; padding-left: 10px;">Made by your team</div> |
| 🍴 Lunch | <div style="border-left: 1px solid #ccc; padding-left: 10px;">Local restaurant</div> |
| 🍷 Dinner | <div style="border-left: 1px solid #ccc; padding-left: 10px;">Anja camp</div> |
| 🏠 Accommodation | <div style="border-left: 1px solid #ccc; padding-left: 10px;">Anja camp</div> |

Day 15. Let's go for a legendary desert !



Kharkhorin 📍
🚗 260km - ⌚ 5h
Ongi monastery 📍

Kharkhorin - 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 the province, where we stop to get fresh supplies at the **local market**.
- 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 rebuild the monastery, with few resources but much enthusiasm.

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| 🍷 Dinner | Secret of Ongii |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Secret of Ongii |

Day 16. On the land of dinosaurs



Ongii monastery 📍
🚗 150km - ⌚ 4h 30m

Bayanzag 📍

Ongii 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 Saihan**, "*the Western Beauty*"; **Dund Saihan**, "*the Middle Beauty*"; **Züün Saihan**, "*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.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | Secret of Ongii |
| 🍴 Lunch | Picnic from the camp |
| 🍷 Dinner | Gobi tour camp |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Gobi tour camp |

Day 17-18. Among camels breeders



Bayanzag 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 4h 20m
Khongor sand dunes 📍

Bayanzag - Khongor sand dunes

- We ride towards west of the park to reach **Khongor sand dunes**, "*light bay sand*". These dunes extend at the foot of the "*Three Beauties*".

Day 17

- 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 18

- 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**.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | 17 Gobi tour camp |
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| | 17 18 Made by your team |
| 🍴 Lunch | 17 Picnic from the camp 18 Made by your team |
| 🍷 Dinner | made by the family |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Yurt for guests with a family |

Day 19. In the area of canyons



Khongor sand dunes 📍
 🚗 140km - ⌚ 4h 30m
 Dungenee canyon 📍
 🚗 20km - ⌚ 1h
 Yoliin am canyon 📍

Khongor sand dunes - Dungenee canyon

- Journey on the track towards 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.
- 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.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | Made by your team |
| 🍴 Lunch | Made by your team |
| 🍷 Dinner | made by the family |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Yurt for guests with a family |

Day 20. Return flight to the Mongolian capital



Yoliin am canyon 📍
 🚗 40km - ⌚ 45m
 Dalanzadgad 📍
 ✈️ 650km - ⌚ 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.

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| 🍳 Breakfast | Yurt for guests with a family |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Hotel Nine |


Day 21. 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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| 🍳 Breakfast | Hotel Nine |
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Flight back 

Itinerary map



Departure dates

| Start date | End date | Available | Status | Price |
|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 2020/05/03 | 2020/05/23 | 10 | Not confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/06/07 | 2020/06/27 | 10 | Not confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/07/05 | 2020/07/25 | 9 | Confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/07/14 | 2020/08/03 | 9 | Confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/07/26 | 2020/08/15 | 10 | Not confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/08/09 | 2020/08/29 | 10 | Not confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/08/23 | 2020/09/12 | 10 | Not confirmed | 2290 EUR |
| 2020/09/06 | 2020/09/26 | 10 | Not confirmed | 2290 EUR |

Individual price per person

| 2-2 | 3-3 | 4-6 | 7-8 | 9-10 |
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| 3490 EUR | 2790 EUR | 2490 EUR | 2390 EUR | 2290 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 Dalanzadgad / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 10 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 7 nights in a host family, in guest yurt
- 1 night in the mobile yurt
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 8 persons
- 2 days trekking or pony trekking, "yak carting"
- Pony treks
- Camelback treks
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for the parks and museums indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (mess tent, camping tables and

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

chairs) and nights (tent, sleeping bag, ground mattress),
sanitary tent

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.