

Pony trekking in Orkhon valley



Days: 14
Price: 1490 EUR
International flight not included
Comfort: ★★☆☆☆
Difficult: ★★★★★
🐾 Horse riding 🐾 Sport & Active tour
🐾 Must see 🐾 Adventure 🐾 Culture
🐾 Nomadic lifestyle

A **9-day horseride**, of which 3 self-sufficiently, on the nomadic lands.

The horseride will lead you to **Kharkhorin**, the deep heart of the Mongol Empire, in the ruins of the capital of Genghis Khan, then in the lush **Orkhon Valley**, where fragrances of thyme and fresh herbs merge. Here, the richness of the landscapes is matched only by the richness in the heart of the inhabitants. You will finish the trek in the **Naiman Nuur Park**, where you'll discover eight wonderful lakes nestled in a peaceful green setting.

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

Hotel Nine

Day 2. Let's hit the road to Kharkhorin, gateway into 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 with **108 sacred stupas**. Visit of the **Museum of Kharkhorin**.

🍳 Breakfast

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🍽️ Lunch

Local restaurant

🍷 Dinner	Anja camp
🏠 Accommodation	Anja camp

Day 3. Saddle up !



Kharkhorin 📍
42km - ⌚ 6h
Khujirt 📍

Kharkhorin - Khujirt

- We go riding along the Orkhon River, in the Orkhon Valley that is inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List. Orkhon Valley is a land of nomadism where many breeders settle their summer camp. We will attend the daily nomadic life.

We reach **Khujirt**, where there are famous hot springs that have curative properties. Mongolians enjoy them a lot.

- We set up the **camp** on the banks of the **Khujirt River**.

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🍳 Breakfast	Anja camp
🍷 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 4-5. Orkhon Valley and Tovkhon Monastery



Khujirt 📍
35km - ⌚ 5h
Uurt 📍

Khujirt - Uurt

- We go on riding in the green steppe. Here, herds of yaks, sheeps, goats and horses graze in total freedom outside our dumbfounded eyes. A picturesque Mongolia stretches outside us and we go from surprise to surprise. We go to the place called "*bend of Uurt*" at the foothills of the **Khangai Mounts**.

Day 4

- From our camp in Uurt, we ride through mountains and forests until Tovkhon Monastery, 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 on the whole Khangai range. We'll picnic in exceptional surroundings, facing Orkhon Valley.

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🍷 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team

🍽️ Dinner	made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 6. Hot bath in Mogoit hot springs



Uurt 📍
30km - ⌚ 5h
Mogoit springs 📍

- We leave this enchanting place to ride towards South and the mountain range that lines the valley. While we cross entire areas of black lava, we become wholeheartedly aware of the volcanic aspect of the place. Then we climb on a neighbouring valley. As soon as we go higher, we find again the forests of larches and climb on this undulating valley until Mogoit hot springs where we can lounge in the **hot water pools**.

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🍽️ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 7. Meeting with our local guides



Mogoit springs 📍
25km - ⌚ 4h
Orkhon valley 📍

Mogoit springs - Orkhon valley

- Today, we ride until the camp of our local guides, perfectly located in the heart of the valley. We meet their family and discover their way of life : milking the animals, making dairy products, cutting the wood, etc. Rich and gentle moments with the family, we can enjoy the small pleasures of life, such as playing thucklebones with children.

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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 8. Getting nearer to Naiman Nuur National Park



Orkhon valley - Böörgiin Oroï

- 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



Orkhon valley 📍
37km - ⌚ 6h
Böörgiin Oroï 📍

20.000 years ago, as a result of a unique combination of earthquakes and volcano eruptions.

- Horseriding until the entrance of Naiman Nuur National Park. We'll follow our path across the steppes scattered with edelweisses, then we'll ride along the forests of larches and pines, before stopping for the night at **Boorgiin Oroï**, on the edge of a small wood, in front of the mountains of Naiman Nuur Park.
- We'll finish this nice day in a small yurts camp near Naiman Nuur National Park, where we'll enjoy a good comfort for a repairing rest.

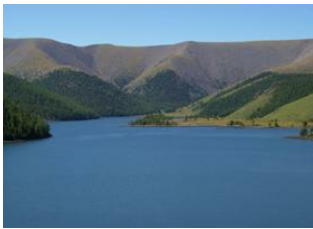
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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍷 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Boorog camp
🏠 Accommodation	Boorog camp

Day 9. Discovery of Naiman Nuur National Park



Böörgiin Oroï 📍
30km - ⌚ 5h
Naiman nuur 📍

Böörgiin Oroï - Naiman nuur

- We enter Naiman Nuur Park via **Khangai Nuuru pass** and the landscape completely changes. The green infinite steppes give way to much more diversified landscapes : forests of larches and pines, wild roses and wild flowers, junipers, gooseberries, and wild onions. A quite rich alpine-styled vegetation that will delight botany lovers.

First we go to **Lake Bugat**, then we will ride across plains and forests to reach **Lake Shireet**, the largest lake of the park (10 square kilometres, 3,86 square miles) and the highest (2366 mètres, 1,47 mile). This wild lake is lined with forests, and Tengri, the blue sky, reflects in it ; it will delight your senses.

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🍳 Breakfast	Boorog camp
🍷 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 10. A lovely landscape of mountains and rivers



- Today, we take the return road passing through the other bank of **lake Shireet**. On the way,



Naiman nuur 📍
30km - ⌚ 5h
Shuranga river 📍

we will see two other lakes, Lake Shanagar and another smaller one. We'll leave Naiman Nuur Park, its lakes that seem to be mirrors, and its deep forests, by the craggy pass of Bayarag. The fast trot of the horses will lead us to the stormy **Shuranga River**, by which we'll spend the night.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

Day 11. Last day horseriding



Shuranga river 📍
35km - ⌚ 6h
Orkhon valley 📍

Shuranga river - Orkhon valley

- During this day, we'll see a great variety of landscapes. We'll begin riding along the Shuranga River until the charming **Lake Bayan**, where we can observe some species of birds, such as ducks and common cranes. Then we'll retrace our steps to find again the green steppes dappled here and there by white yurts.
- And we join our **family** and attend the preparation of a Mongolian barbecue that we'll enjoy for dinner.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 12. Change of scene in the Mini-Gobi



Orkhon valley 📍
🚗 240km - ⌚ 4h 30m
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*".
- Walk until Erdene Khambiin Monastery. "Monk Erdene's Monastery" dates from 17th century and was built in the mountain. **Zanabazar** built it in honour of his teacher, monk Erdene.
- Visit of the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai.

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

Day 13. Back to the Mongolian capital



Khogno Khan 📍

🚗 280km - ⌚ 4h 30m
Ulan Bator 📍

Khogno Khan - 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.

🍳 Breakfast	Eden camp
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nine

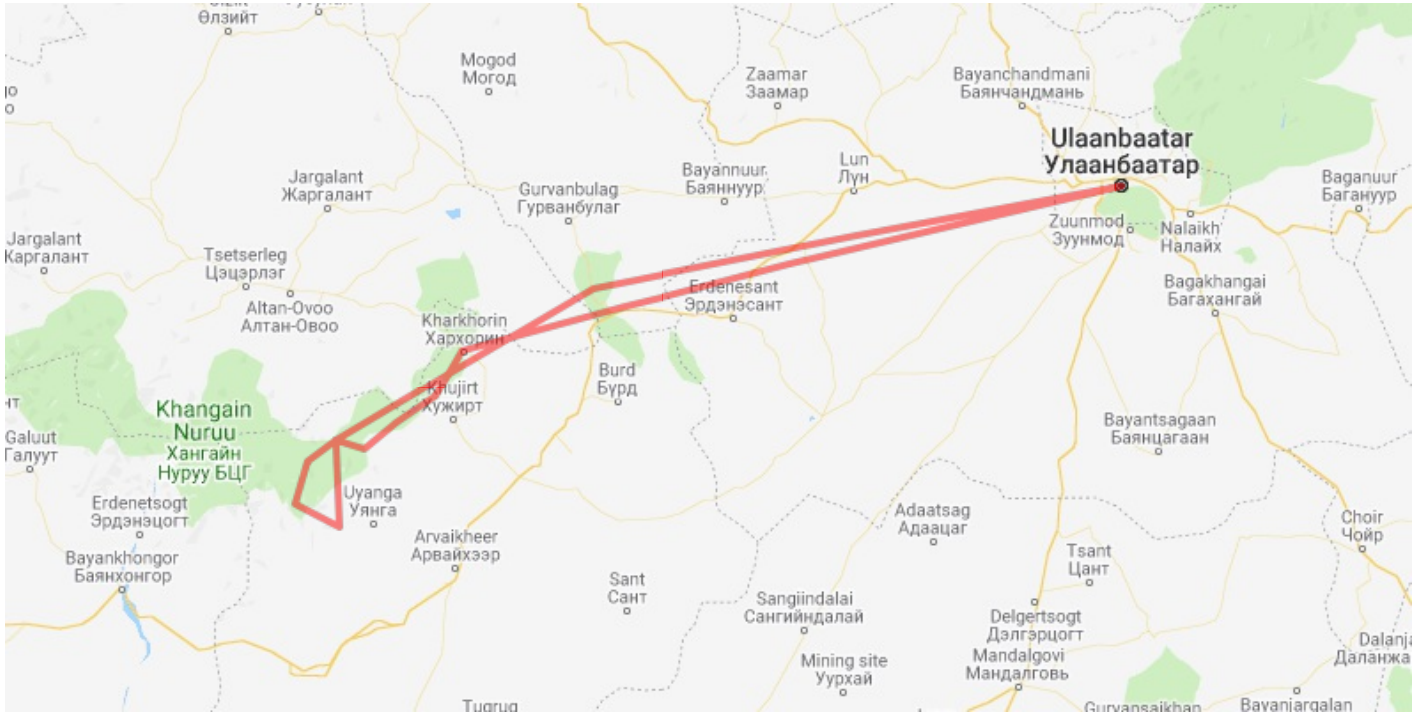
Day 14. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



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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Departure dates

Start date	End date	Available	Status	Price
2020/04/27	2020/05/10	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/05/18	2020/05/31	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/06/01	2020/06/14	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/07/05	2020/07/18	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/07/19	2020/08/01	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/08/02	2020/08/15	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/08/16	2020/08/29	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR
2020/09/06	2020/09/19	10	Not confirmed	1490 EUR

Individual price per person

2-2	3-5	6-6	7-8	9-10
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2200 EUR	1800 EUR	1700 EUR	1600 EUR	1490 EUR
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Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 3 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 3 nights with a host family, in a guest yurt
- 5 nights tent camping
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Presence of the logistics vehicle during the days 3 to 8
- Patrol
- 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 yaks for the equipment during the self-sufficient trek
- 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