

# Pony trekking among the reindeer herders



Days: 21

Price: -  
International flight not included

Comfort: ☆☆☆☆☆

Difficult: ★★★★★

🐾 Horse riding 🐾 Adventure  
🐾 Sport & Active tour  
🐾 Off the beaten track 🐾 Ethnic minority

A **17-day self-sufficient** ride, from the banks of Lake Khovsgol to the taiga in the extreme North Mongolia, where **Dukhans**, traditional reindeer herders, live.

A ride for the skilled horsemen/women who want to live a wild, natural adventure in exceptional landscapes made of lakes, steppes, mountains and forests. You'll meet the last Dukhans, still so attached to traditions of shamanism.

## 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 towards the great blue lake of Mongolia



Ulan Bator 📍

✈️ 750km - ⌚ 1h 15m

Moron 📍

🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h

Alag Tsar 📍

### Ulan Bator - Moron

- Flight to Mörön, the capital of the province of Khövsgöl, where our driver is waiting for us.
- Visit of the site containing several deer stones at Uushigiin Övör.
- 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 Alag Sar, and spend the night in a small yurts camp.

🍽️ Breakfast

Hotel Nine

🍴 Lunch

Made by your team

🍷 Dinner

Alag tsar camp

## Day 3. Saddle up ! Ride on the banks of the lake



Alag Tsar 📍  
35km - ⌚ 5h  
Khatgal 📍

### Alag Tsar - Khatgal

- After breakfast, we find our horses and finally leave for our pony trek. We ride along the Southern bank of the Lake Khovsgol, and admire its clearness and the different species living around the lake, such as the shelduck. If you feel like it, in the morning we can have our first gallop in the steppe. We ride across forests of larches and lakes.

In the evening, we set up our camp in the neighbourhoods of **Khatgal**, picturesque small village located on the Southern bank of the lake, where we'll stop for a few moments.

To liven up the evenings, don't forget to bring play cards in order to play mushik, Mongolian game to say the least lively.

### Also

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17-days self-sufficient pony trek in the area of Khovsgol, to meet Dukhans. The equipment and your personal belongings will be carried by pack yaks.

☕ Breakfast	Alag tsar camp
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 4. In the flowered meadows South of the lake



Khatgal 📍  
40km - ⌚ 6h 30m  
Jankhay 📍

### Khatgal - Jankhay

- Towards Jankhay. In the morning we'll stroll in the tall grass and colorful flowers, before walking into the forest of larches, where we might see a herd of horses grazing in the shade. We then walk back down towards the lake. Finally, the camp can be seen in a little clearing, at the end of a rocky track.

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

## Day 5. Last camp on the banks of Lake Khovsgol



Jankhay 📍  
30km - ⌚ 5h 30m  
Khelt 📍

## Jankhay - Khelt

- Today, we enter in a marshy area. We also gallop and trot in the forest. We see our first ovoo, pile of stones and wood erected by the Mongolians in the passes of the mountains, in honour of the spirit of the mountains. We will walk around three times to show respect.

In the evening, we reach **Khelt** and camp by the lake.

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

## Day 6. Jigleg pass



Khelt 📍  
30km - ⌚ 5h 30m  
Jigleg pass 📍

## Khelt - Jigleg pass

- In the morning we ride in a marshy area. We will mainly trot and move at a walking pace. For lunch, we stop near the waterfalls. The waters of the falls are well known to the eyes, the abdomen, and the kidneys. Then we ride around an ovoo three times.

In the late afternoon, we arrive in **Jigleg**, where we will build our camp for 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 7. Horseback in the forest



Jigleg pass 📍  
35km - ⌚ 6h  
Ult 📍

## Jigleg pass - Ult

- Easy day, in forest and in plain, during which we'll have many occasions to gallop and trot in postcard neighbourings. We may hear a cuckoo and see susliks, small rodents looking like prairie dogs. In the evening, we camp in Eult.

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

## Day 8. Renchinlkhumbe's great steppes



Ult 📍  
35km - ⌚ 6h 30m  
Renchinlkhumbe 📍

### Ult - Renchinlkhumbe

- We start this day crossing a forest where we may have the good luck to see the herd of white horses living here and to gallop with them. We pass through the village of **Renchinlkhumbe**, near which we'll see a névé.
- Tonight we'll sleep in a yurts camp to rest before going towards taiga.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Horidol
🏠 Accommodation	Horidol

## Day 9. Area of thousand lakes



Renchinlkhumbe 📍  
40km - ⌚ 7h  
Tsagaan nuur 📍

### Renchinlkhumbe - Tsagaan nuur

- We leave the **majestic steppe of Renchinlkhumbe** to enter the "**area of thousand lakes**". Breathtaking landscapes, with steppes and small lakes, follow another.

We cross the **Khar Us River** by Mongolian "ferry boat", before passing a pass where we'll stop near the ovoo in honour of the spirit of the mountain. We go on our way until the great **Lake Tsagaan Nuur**, where we set up our camp.

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

## Day 10. Ride in the taiga



Tsagaan nuur 📍  
30km - ⌚ 5h 30m  
Moorog Uul 📍

## Tsagaan nuur - Moorog Uul

- We take on the most difficult part of our trek across **taiga landscapes**. Taiga is a transition change between boreal forest and arctic tundra ; bushes, low conifers and birches make up its vegetation. Forming a kind of natural barrier protecting the camps of the Dukhans, in Summer the wild and uninhabited becomes harsh : unfortunately, marshes, flies and mosquitos are present.

In the late afternoon, we set up our camp by the **Moorog River** and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

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

## Day 11-12. Stays among reindeer breeders



Moorog Uul 📍  
20km - ⌚ 3h 30m  
Tsaatan camp 📍

## Moorog Uul - Tsaatan camp

- We still ride towards North across the mountainous taiga. Dukhans or Tsaatans live in tepees, and not in yurts, and they exclusively earn their living with **reindeer traditional breeding**, source of food, clothes and exchange money. There are only **44 families** left, **totalizing 200 to 400 persons**. They have a social and material tradition that remained unchanged for centuries. **Shamanism and totamic rituals** are in the centre of their social organization.

In the early afternoon, we can see in the distance the first tepees. Reindeer eat lichens and mosses. High mountains surround us and leads us in the magic of a travel at the ends of the earth. Sit in the tepee, have a tea with reindeer milk... Here is the beginning of our encounter with this ancestral people.

### Day 11

- This day is dedicated to the discovery of the Tsaatan people. The traveller must come and meet his/her host, so spend time to go in the tepees and to share a few moments with the family. Watch, take part in the daily tasks, listen to stories, legends and myths, and learn some games. A part of the day will be dedicated to **shamanism**, proper to spirituality of Tsaatans.

After sharing dinner and evening with your host family, you'll fall asleep in a **tepee made with reindeer skin** in the camp of the host family.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Tsaatan family

## Day 13-14. Back to the taiga in the South of Dukhan camps





Tsaatan camp 📍  
50km - ⌚ 9h  
Tsagaan nuur 📍

### Tsaatan camp - Tsagaan nuur

- After a wonderful adventure among the Tsaatans, it's time to find back the horses. We resume our horseback ride towards South, back to **Tsagaan Nuur**. We continue our ride through the taiga and at the end of the second day, we reach the banks of the lake where we set up our camp.

### Day 13

- Let's meet the reindeers herders!

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

## Day 15. Gallops in the steppes



Tsagaan nuur 📍  
40km - ⌚ 7h  
Renchinlkhumbe 📍

### Tsagaan nuur - Renchinlkhumbe

- After the harsh taiga, we find the steppes of Renchinlkhumbe, which allow us to gallop flat out if we feel like it.
- Well-deserved rest in the small **yurts camp** of Renchinlkhumbe.

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☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Horidol
🏠 Accommodation	Horidol

## Day 16. The banks of the Arsain River



Renchinlkhumbe 📍  
40km - ⌚ 7h  
Khoridol 📍

### Renchinlkhumbe - Khoridol

- We ride through a forest of larches where horseflies are sometimes intrusive. We pass a pass, then stop by the **Arsain River** where the bravest ones among you can swim. Then we reach a marshy area where we move slower.

Reward of the day : a sunset on the banks of the Arsain River, surrounded by high mountains.

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☕ Breakfast	Horidol
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 17. In the mountains of Khoridol



Khoridol 📍  
32km - 🕒 6h  
Uvur Khoridol 📍

### Khoridol - Uvur Khoridol

- Some delicate passages : we have to cross the dry river beds and move among the pebbles. Then, we'll find a hilly area surrounded by high peaks, where gallops will be possible. We go higher above the sea level and set up our camp on the slopes of **Euveur Khoridol Mount**, near the forest where wolves can sometimes be heard.

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

## Day 18. Back to the steppe



Uvur Khoridol 📍  
33km - 🕒 6h  
Ulkhun 📍

### Uvur Khoridol - Ulkhun

- It's our last day in the mountains. In the morning, we cross the pass of **Temeen Suult**. The afternoon will be held in a landscape of steppes where we'll have the opportunity to make long gallops in these large areas.

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

## Day 19. End of the horse ride



Uikhun   
25km -  4h  
Khatgal   
 35km -  1h 30m  
Alag Tsar 

## Uikhun - Khatgal

- Our tour is finishing and we find again the banks of Lake Khovsgol. We cross our last forest before reaching the **village of Khatgal**.





## Khatgal - Alag Tsar

- In the afternoon, we drive to the area of Alag Tsar by jeep and reach our camp, where we can rest.

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 Breakfast	Made by your team
 Lunch	Local restaurant
 Dinner	Alag tsar camp
 Accommodation	Alag tsar camp



## Day 20. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Alag Tsar   
 130km  
Moron   
 750km  
Ulan Bator 


## Moron - Ulan Bator

- We reach Mörön, the capital of province, and embark for our back 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	Alag tsar camp
 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
 Accommodation	Hotel Nine

## Day 21. Have a nice day and see you soon !



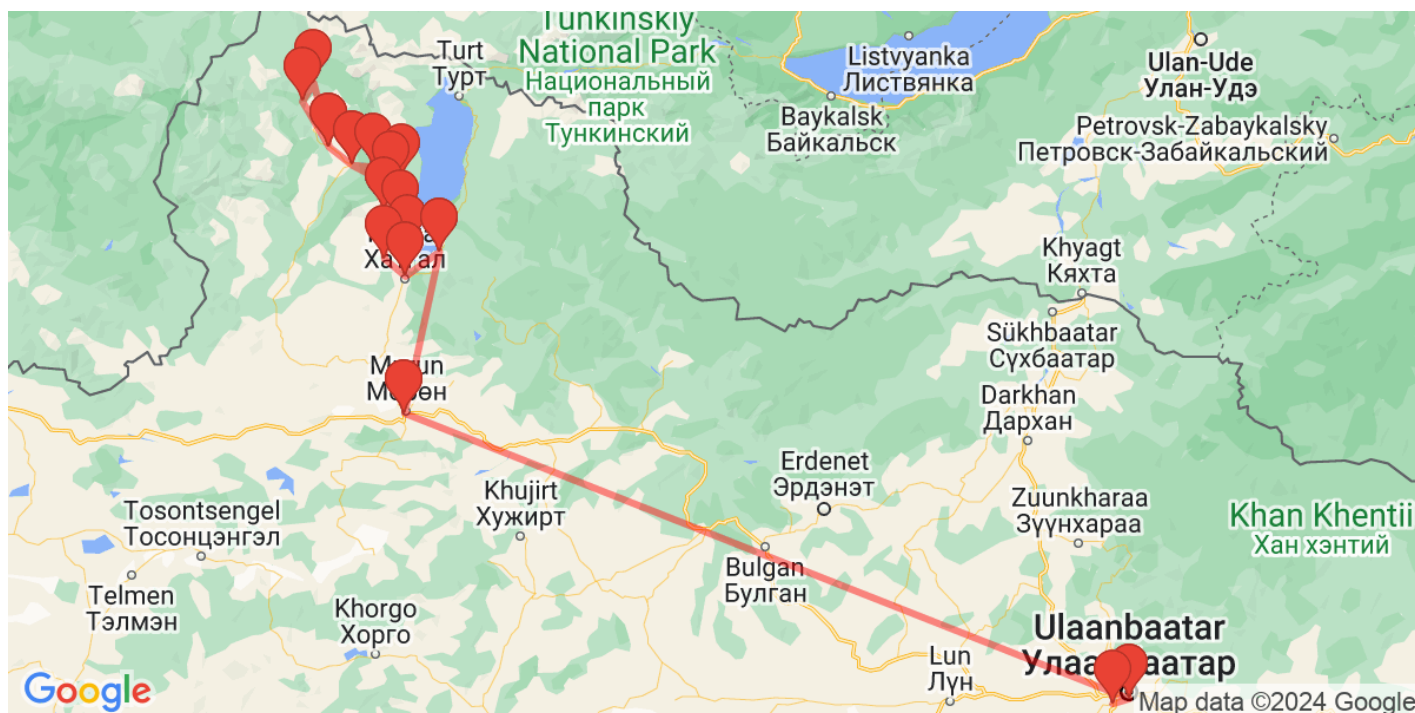
Flight back 

- 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



## Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flight Ulan Bator / Moron / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 4 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 2 nights with a Dukhan family, in guest tepee
- 12 nights tent camping
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 3 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 horses for the equipment
- Equestrian equipment with Kazakh or English saddles
- Entrance fees for the 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
- Additional charges for luggage exceeding 15kg on the domestic flight

# Extra infos

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## 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](http://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.