

# The great ride



Days: 21  
Price: 2390 EUR  
International flight not included  
Comfort: ★★☆☆☆  
Difficult: ★★★★★  
🐾 Horse riding 🐾 Must see  
🐾 Nomadic lifestyle 🐾 Culture

An extraordinary adventure for the **horse lovers**, which will lead you from **Orkhon Valley** until the banks of **Lake Khovsgol**. This ride has the great advantage to not confine you inside one single area, but will make you discover **three of the nicest areas of Mongolia** : Orkhon Valley, Arkhangai, and Khovsgol. Do you feel like having the spirit of a horserider ? Come along with us for the **greatest horse adventure** offered by 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 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 Genghis 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. We're off !



Ulan Bator 📍  
🚗 280km  
Khogno Khan 📍

### Ulan Bator - Khogno Khan

- Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.
- 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 | Hotel Nine  
🍴 Lunch | Made by your team  
🍷 Dinner | Eden camp

## Day 3-5. Three days with nomads in Orkhon



Khogno Khan 📍

🚗 110km

Kharkhorin 📍

🚗 130km

Orkhon valley 📍

### Khogno Khan - 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**.

### Kharkhorin - Orkhon valley

- 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.

### Day 4

- 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 5

- 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

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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 yours hosts.

🍳 Breakfast

3 Eden camp

4 5 Made by your team

🍴 Lunch

3 Eden camp

4 5 Made by your team

🍽️ Dinner

3 4 made by the family

5 Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"

🏠 Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 6. We join our breeder in Arkhangai



### Orkhon valley - Tovkhon monastery

- 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.

Orkhon valley 📍  
🚗 42km - ⌚ 1h 15m  
Tovkhon monastery 📍  
🚗 180km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
Battsengel 📍

## Tovkhon monastery - Battsengel

- In the late afternoon, arrival at Dembee's home near the village of **Battsengel**. In the yurt, we share a Mongolian meal with his family. He will talk about his horses and show you how proud of them he is. He will also give us advices about the pony trek.

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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 7. Saddle up for a 8-days horse ride in Arkhangai !



Battsengel 📍  
30km - ⌚ 5h  
Tamir river 📍

### Battsengel - Tamir river

- Saddle up ! First, it is at a slow pace that we will ride in order to familiarize ourselves with our new companions. After a few kilometers we reach the **Tamir River**, where we will ride along before crossing it on horseback.

The banks are very green and the nomads are many. We see several riders who often join our group for a few minutes, curious to see us riding.

We lunch along the Tamir, where we can go for a swim before riding again.

In the late afternoon, we set up our camp on the banks of the river in order to water the horses and cool off.

In the evening, we have dinner and then collect some wood to get warmed up front of a bon fire.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 8. On horseback in postcard landscapes



Tamir river 📍  
38km - ⌚ 6h  
Agt valley 📍

### Tamir river - Agt valley

- After a few miles alternating slow pace and trotting, we leave the Tamir and its scarcely populated plain to go deeper into the steppe, where yurts are getting rare and the grass higher and more abundant. Gradually, we gain altitude and cross the **Mount Argalant** behind which we can see away the possible snowy peaks. Then we pass by **Ulaan Khad** the "red rock."

After lunch, we hit the road in a faster pace. We go into a forest of larches perched on the hill called "the rich". The ascent is quite difficult and our pace slows down due to the high altitude. But we quickly reach back the plain and go down towards the hillside, before reaching a small river. Our camp will be set up on its bank.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 9. After the steppe, we are now in the mountains



Agt valley 📍  
25km - ⌚ 5h  
Burgat 📍

### Agt valley - Burgat

- After the breakfast along the river, let's get back on the track, where a difficult ascent in a very thick forest is awaiting us. After the ascent, we reach the summit at 2500 meter high (1,55 mile) above the sea level. It will be our lunch spot for the day, while our horses will rest .

Early in the afternoon, we ride downhill through a wide lush plain. The condition of the track allows us to go on a faster pace. It is a few kilometers away from the **small village of Burgat** that the camp will be set up.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 10. Ride until the Khanui River



Burgat 📍  
33km - ⌚ 5h 30m  
Khanui River 📍

### Burgat - Khanui River

- Ride on a flat terrain allows us to cover long distances by alternating trot and gallop. Mongolian breeders often have friends in the area, and we can pop in and say hello on our way. They will share with us a bowl of nomadic airag, few biscuits, or tairag, the yoghurt made with yak's milk.

Early in the afternoon, we have lunch on the banks of a river, and then we go back to horses and cross several hills where we meet many herds of yaks, yet without seeing a single yurt.

By mid-afternoon, we stop on the side of a mountain, about 2000 metre high (1,24 mile), where we set up our camp.

### Also

- 10  
8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 11. In the land of yaks breeders



Khanui River 📍  
38km - ⌚ 6h  
Chuluut river 📍

### Khanui River - Chuluut river

- We ride alternating trot and gallop. We reach a valley where the grass is getting shorter and shorter and where yurts are getting back in the scenery. We will be following a track and meet a few vehicles.

Picnic near the small village of Ondor-Ulaan where we buy fresh supplies.

Early in the afternoon, we leave Ondor-Ulaan at trot. Nomads are many in this area. We pass close to many yurts and see several herds of goats and yaks. After a few kilometers, we reach and drive along the road under construction connecting Moron to Ulan Bator, at the foot of Mount Zuun Mod. The vegetation is scarce and the soil, dry. Gradually, we leave the road to get closer to the banks of the **Chuluut River** and cross it.

We set up our camp a few miles away, in a plain where the yurts are numerous.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 12. From one river to another



Chuluut river 📍  
20km - ⌚ 4h  
Suman river 📍

### Chuluut river - Suman river

- In the early morning, we ride at a leisurely pace along the banks of the **enclosed canyons of the Chuluut**.

Little stop at the **ovoo**, place of offering. As a mark of respect, we should walk around three times and throw three stones. Then we leave the track and ride faster to go deeper into a grassy steppe.

We have lunch near the gorges of the **Suman River** and go down to the bed of the river where we can observe rocky paintings of ibex, horses and other animals.

Finally, we ride along the gorges. We move slowly on a track scattered with volcanic stones. Here, we don't see any yurts and herds get seldom. Sometimes, we can see marmots. We set up our camp on a large plateau offering a breathtaking view on the gorges.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 13. Ride along the banks of the Suman





Suman river 📍  
20km - 🕒 4h  
Tariat 📍

## Suman river - Tariat

- In the morning, we still ride along the beautiful **gorges of the Suman River**. We pass several hills where we meet several nomads watching over their herds.

After crossing a bridge, we reach the other bank of the Suman River and follow it carefully due to the numerous rocks on the ground.

The water of this river is very clear and we set up our camp on its banks, in the late afternoon, a few miles away from the village of Tariat where we get fresh supplies.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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

## Day 14-15. Resting on the banks of Lake Terkhiin Tsagaan



Tariat 📍  
30km - 🕒 5h  
Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

### Tariat - Terkhiin Tsagaan national park

- We wake up early for our last day horse riding in Arkhangai. We start riding along the track. The landscape changes as quickly as we approach the **Khorgo Volcano**. We ride on a very black and very difficult soil, made of dry lava. The landscape is original and doesn't look like anything we've seen so far. The vegetation around us is essentially made of high larches ; it formed on the lava rejected here more than 8000 years ago.

In the morning we reach the Khorgo volcano where we dismount and tie our horses to make the ascent of the summit, 2210 metres (1,37 mile) above the sea level.

After a few minutes of ascent, the view is already wonderful. We can already see the white lake. Here, the region is more touristic and once we get back downhill, we can taste local fruit juices sold in small stands. Around noon, we ride again following the track at a slow pace. We go to the **cave of Zaluus** and visit it before reaching Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur, the "White Lake of the Terkh River", located 2060 meters (1,28 mile) above the sea level. It's the jewel of Arkhangai and one of the most beautiful lakes of the country.

### Day 15

- After eight days of horse riding, let's relax with other activities : walking on the banks of the lake, swimming, visiting families or playing game cards. We take advantage of the comfort of the camp to get back into shape before hitting the road again towards **Khövsgöl**.

### Also

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8-day ride in Arkhangai with the assistance of the logistics vehicle.

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Stay in a pleasant yurts camp on the banks of Lake Terkhiin Tsagaan, to rest after our ride in Arkhangai.

🍳 Breakfast	14 Made by your team 15 Maikhan Tolgoi
🍴 Lunch	14 Made by your team 15 Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Maikhan Tolgoi

## Day 16. On the way to Lake Khovsgol



Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍  
 🚗 180km  
 Zuun lake 📍

### Terkhiin Tsagaan national park - Zuun lake

- Let's start the most difficult day of our journey. We are in the hell of the track : mountain passes, flooded passages ... We must deserve Khövsgöl.

Fortunately, the area is superb, hilly and scattered with yurts. The slow pace of our vehicle gives us time to enjoy the landscape. We stop on **the banks of the Ider River**, where we set up our camp.

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

## Day 17-19. Magical ride on the banks of Lake Khovsgol



Zuun lake 📍  
 🚗 130km  
 Moron 📍  
 🚗 130km  
 Alag Tsar 📍

### Zuun lake - Moron

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

### Day 17

- 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.

### Also

18 19

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	17 19 Made by your team 18 Alag tsar camp
🍴 Lunch	17 Local restaurant 18 Picnic from the camp 19 Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	17 19 Alag tsar camp 18 Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	Alag tsar camp

## Day 20. Return flight to the Mongolian capital



### Alag Tsar - Moron

- 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 shopping in the centre of the city.

Alag Tsar 📍  
🚗 130km  
Moron 📍  
✈️ 750km  
Ulan Bator 📍

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

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

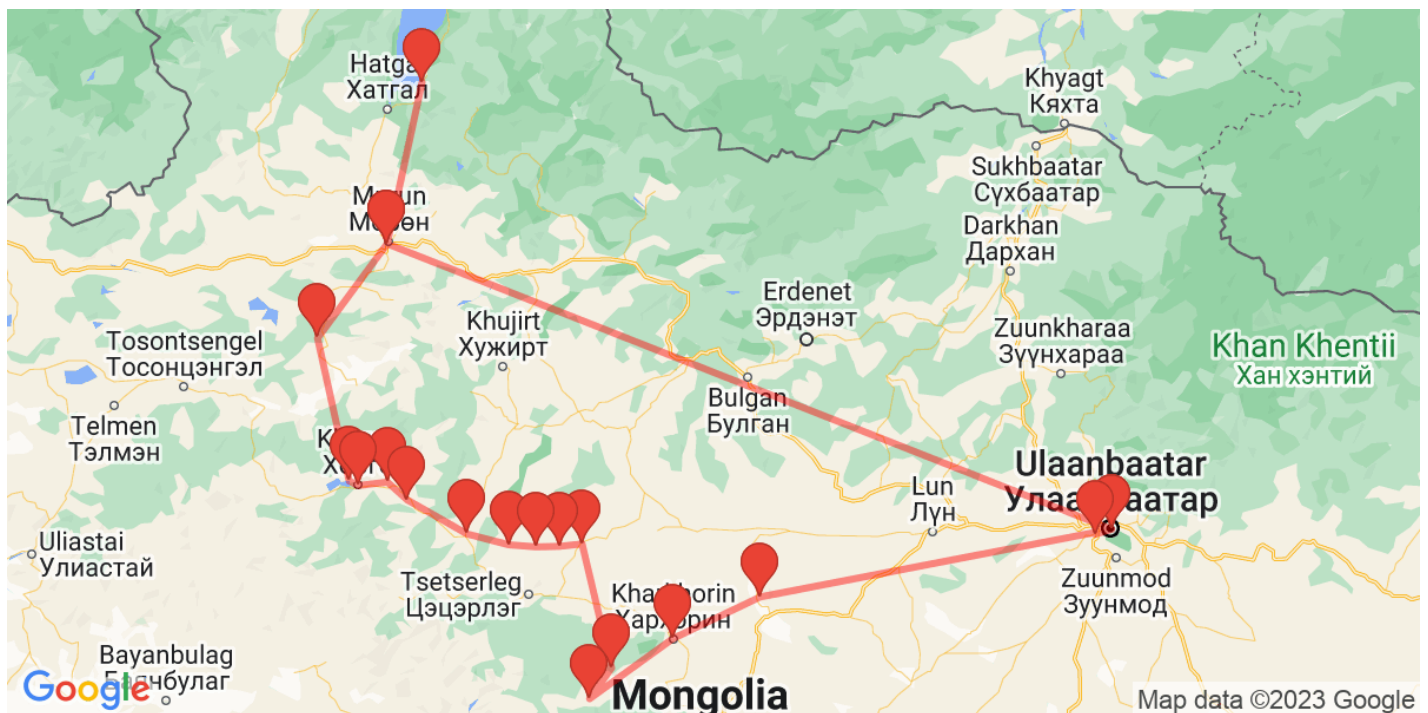


- Breakfast at the hotel. We go with you to the international airport of Ulan Bator. The transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight.

🍳 Breakfast	Hotel Nine
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Flight back 📍

## Itinerary map





# Individual price per person

2-2	3-5	6-6	7-8	9-10
3700 EUR	2900 EUR	2700 EUR	2500 EUR	2390 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
- Domestic flight Moron / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 2\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 5 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 4 nights with a host family, in guest yurt
- 8 nights tent camping, and 1 night camping in the mobile yurt
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Presence of the logistics vehicle
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 4 persons
- Local equestrian guides
- Hire of the horses + 1 extra horse for 3 or 4 persons in case of bad understanding with your horse or injury
- 2 days pony trek, "yak carting"
- 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 (total weight for both carry-on checked luggage) 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.