

# Trekking in Altai Tavan Bogd



Days: 14  
Price: 1590 EUR  
International flight not included  
Comfort: ★☆☆☆☆  
Difficult: ★★★★★  
📌 Hiking 📌 Sport & Active tour  
📌 Adventure 📌 Off the beaten track

Leave for a **9-day- self-sufficient trek** in the **high mountains of the Altai**, on the Kazakh land.

Peaks covered with snow, clear lakes, lush valleys... You'll trek in one of the most remote area of the world, followed by a **caravan of camels**.

## 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. Arrival on the Kazakh land



Ulan Bator 📍

✈️ 1700km - ⌚ 2h

Olgii 📍

🚗 220km - ⌚ 6h 30m

Shiveet Khaikhan 📍

### Ulan Bator - Olgii

- We embark on our flight towards the Mongolian Far West. We fly over the central lakes and the Western mountains, then arrive in Olgii.
- We arrive in the capital of province that is the most Westerly in the place of the world that is the farthest from the oceans. Olgii is located at 1636 km (1,02 mile) from Ulan-Bator, at 1710 metres (1,06 mile) above the sea level. Principally Kazakhs live there and its atmosphere is very influenced by Central Asia : many signs written in Arabic, mosques and their cupolas pricked up to the sky.

### Olgii - Shiveet Khaikhan

- We ride across mountain landscapes and see many lakes. On the way, we stop many times to enjoy the exceptional view on the **Shiveet Khaikhan** range and its snow-covered peaks.

We reach Shiveet Khaikhan, a sacred mountain for the Tuvas living in the area. Because the mountain is sacred, it's forbidden to hunt and you may have the good chance to see an ibex early in the morning.

☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nine
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 3. Let's start our trek in Altai Tavan Bogd !



Shiveet Khairkhan 📍  
25km - ⌚ 5h  
Tsagaan river 📍

### Shiveet Khairkhan - Tsagaan river

- Visit the site of Tsagaan salaa. On 15 kilometres (9,32 miles), we can observe about **10000 rock paintings** on the rocks that cover the southern bank of white river, "*Tsagaan Gol*".
- We start hiking in a valley full of edelweisses and wild flowers where many **Kazakhs nomads** have set up their camp. We pass close to an old Kazakh cemetery where we find sculptures with human shapes. The view on the **Tavan Bogd Mounts** and their snowy peaks is spectacular.

We cross the **Tsagaan River** to reach our camp facing the Tavan Bogd (5 saints). The location is spectacular and the snow-covered peaks around us are a great source of inspiration.

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8-days **self-sufficient** Pony trek in the Altai Tavan Bogd National Park. The equipment and your personal belongings will be carried **on camelback**.

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🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 4-5. Glacier and ascent of the Malchin



Tsagaan river 📍  
16km - ⌚ 5h  
Potanine glacier 📍  
12km - ⌚ 6h  
Potanine glacier 📍

### Tsagaan river - Potanine glacier

- We leave the camp to reach the **Potanine glacier**, 2900 metres (2,17 miles) above the sea level in the deep heart of the park. We set up our camp and acclimatize.

### Day 5

- We stay in the same camp to do during the day the ascent of the summit of Malchin (4037m). We cross bogs to get closer to the base of the mountain. We will have a beautiful view on the valley and the snow-covered **Tavan Bogd** and **Potanine glacier**. We start the ascent of **Malchin**, which lasts about 4 hours (+2 to go down). We must be vigilant because the stones are likely to move when we walk and it is not uncommon that they slide down the slope. Snow possibility. From the top, we have a view on neighbouring Russia and on China. We will also enjoy the breathtaking view on the deep blue mountain lakes.

**The ascent is facultative.**

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## Day 6. Back to the banks of the Tsagaan River



Potanine glacier 📍  
20km - ⌚ 6h 30m  
Tsagaan river 📍

### Potanine glacier - Tsagaan river

- We resume our trek towards **Shiveet Khairkhan** by the other bank of the **Tsagaan River**. We walk along the glaciers where you can admire the moraines ice and permanent snow. We pass outside yurts hosting Tuvan families. We climb a hill to reach the lake where we camp. The lake is surrounded by many mountains and we enjoy seeing goats walking on the peaks.

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## Day 7-8. Crossing the pass of Altai



Tsagaan river 📍  
36km - ⌚ 11h  
Altai mountain pass 📍

### Tsagaan river - Altai mountain pass

- **First day:** little morning walk to reach the base of the pass. We walk at the hillside and walk past winters Kazakh yurts to reach a group of Kazakh families sheltering. We set up our camp on a hill overlooking a clear river.

**Second day:** hike through the hill to reach the pass. We may be able to see some marmots along the way. Then, we begin the difficult ascent of a snow-covered pass with a small path zigzagging through the rocks. From the top, we have a beautiful view of the valley, and the yurts we saw yesterday will soon be seen as tiny as white dots. We descend into a valley dotted with colourful flowers and cross many very refreshing sources. We camp near a river in a valley called "*The bear's valley*".

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## Day 9. A small green lake in the middle of the valley



Altai mountain pass 📍  
20km - ⌚ 5h  
Tahilbai valley 📍

### Altai mountain pass - Tahilbai valley

- We go back down by the **Takhilbai Valley** to reach the **green lake**, a small mountain lake where we can swim in very clear and cool water. We cross several rivers before reaching a marshy area that we circle along a small path in the mountains. In the last metres, we enjoy a view overlooking the lake. The landscapes are composed of lakes, forests of larches, and many rocks. This wild and remote area is scattered with many natural sources, excellent for swimming. *There may be mosquitos !*

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🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 10. Discovering the area of Sirgaal



Tahilbai valley 📍  
15km - ⌚ 4h  
Khoton lake 📍

### Tahilbai valley - Khoton lake

- After crossing a rustic wooden bridge, we cross several rivers before trekking through the valleys scattered with bogs. We pass near the military barracks of the Chinese border and camp near **Lake Khoton**, from which we'll have a view on the very arid mountains contrasting with the lake.

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🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
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## Day 11. Last day trekking on the banks of Lake Khoton



### Khoton lake - Khurgan lake



Khoton lake 📍  
14km - ⌚ 4h  
Khurgan lake 📍

- Pleasant day hiking on a shady path filled with trees. We will see many herds of goats and yaks peacefully grazing nearby the yurts. View of the beautiful Khurgan lake. Then we find a more arid steppe in the last meters before arriving at our camp, near the river located in a basin.

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🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 12. Olgii, the Kazakh capital



Khurgan lake 📍  
🚗 220km - ⌚ 6h 30m  
Olgii 📍

### Khurgan lake - Olgii

- After 9 wonderful days trekking together with the breeders, it is time to head back to the capital city of the Province: Olgii.
- Visit of **Olgii Museum** that shows an exhibition about the fauna and flora of the area. We discover the **Kazakh culture**, notably with traditional costumes and with a Kazakh yurt built in the museum.
- We settle in a Kazakh yurts camp where we can enjoy some comfort. The **Kazakh yurts** are very different from Mongolian yurts : larger, decorated with embroidered colourful hangings around the yurt, and canopies and small curtains over the beds.

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

## Day 13. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Olgii 📍  
✈ 1700km - ⌚ 2h  
Ulan Bator 📍

### Olgii - Ulan Bator

- We embark on 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.

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

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



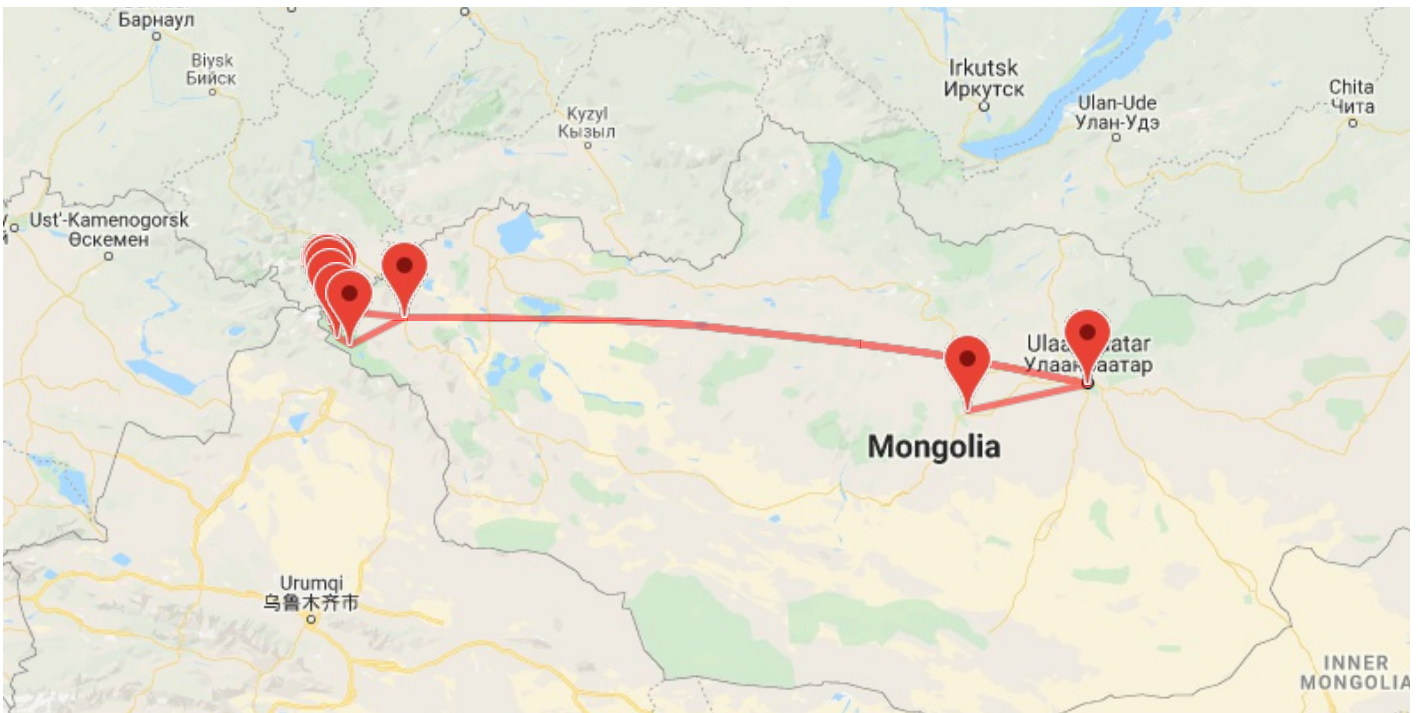
Flight back 📍

- 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

## Itinerary map



## Departure dates

Start date	End date	Available	Status	Price
2020/06/15	2020/06/28	10	Not confirmed	1590 EUR
2020/07/05	2020/07/18	10	Not confirmed	1590 EUR
2020/07/12	2020/07/25	10	Not confirmed	1590 EUR
2020/07/26	2020/08/08	10	Not confirmed	1590 EUR
2020/08/09	2020/08/22	10	Not confirmed	1590 EUR

## Individual price per person

2-2	3-5	6-6	7-8	9-10
2300 EUR	2000 EUR	1800 EUR	1700 EUR	1590 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 Ulan Bator / Olgii / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 1 night in comfortable Kazakh yurts camp with warm showers
- 10 nights tent camping
- Journeys in Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 3 persons
- Local guides and groom
- Pack camels for the equipment
- 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