# White ride, a winter in Mongolia



Days:	12	
Price:	1100 EUR International flight not included	
Comfort:	★★☆☆☆	
Difficult:	★★★★☆	
<ul> <li>Winter trip</li> <li>Horse riding</li> <li>Sport &amp; Active tour</li> <li>Must see</li> <li>Off the beaten track</li> </ul>		

The country of blue sky meets at best its reputation as well in winter when the azure sky seems eternal. The sceneries are still magnified in a country deserted by travelers.

In winter, a cold and dry climate strikes Mongolians steppes with a thin layer of snow. Yet life continues here, and the heat is deep inside a yurt among a nomadic family inhabiting the steppes. The season is then ideal for exploring the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads: an extraordinary human experience that Horseback Adventure offers you to live on horseback.

Would you dare this adventure?

## Day 1. Arrival in UlanBator 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.
- Walk in the centre of Ulan-Bator. Discovery of Gengis Khan Square and the House of Parliament.
- Let's go to the well-known **Naran tuul market**, called also "*black market*", a place where anything can be found such as traditional winter Mongolian clothing protecting from the cold at best: lined boots, chapkas made from animal skin and long warm coats.

Accommodation

Hotel Nine

## Day 2-3. Ride in the park of the wild horses



Ulan Bator ♥ ♣ 130km - ② 2h 30m Khustai national park ♥

### Ulan Bator - Khustai national park

• Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.

### Day 2

- Journey to Khustai Reserve that houses the Przewalski horses (takh). Twilight is the best moment to observe them. We'll walk until the river where they drink, and observe them with no fear to bother.
- Pony trek. We notably discover the sand dunes of Moltsog.

### Day 3

• Let's hit the road for a longer ride today, which will take us on the banks of the Tuul river. A warm meal will be awaiting for us in a familiy of farmers settled in there. After the lunch time we'll head back to our ger camp for the night.

### Also

We will spend 2 nights in a ger camp (heated!), offering warm showers. Take good advantage of it!

🗷 Breakfast	<ul><li>2 Hotel Nine</li><li>3 Khustai camp</li></ul>
¥¶ Lunch	<ul><li>2 Local restaurant</li><li>3 made by the family</li></ul>
<b>▼</b> Dinner	Khustai camp
Accommodation	Khustai camp

## Day 4. Visit of the former Mongolian capital



Khustai national park ♥ ♣ 270km - ④ 4h 30m Kharkhorin ♥

### Khustai national park - 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**.
- Overstay in a family of the village, who would have beforehand prepared and heated up a ger for you.

Breakfast	Khustai camp
₩¶ Lunch	Local restaurant
▼ Dinner	made by the family
Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 5-8. Among nomads in Orkhon Valley



Kharkhorin ♥ ♣ 130km - ⓓ 3h 30m Orkhon valley ♥

### 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.

### 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.

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During our stay in the breeders family, horses will be at our disposal to go discovering the different sites of Orkhon Valley : Ulaan Tsutgalan waterfalls, Mogoit hot springs or even Tovkhon Monastery. The rides will be organised according to the weather conditions. We will spend mornings with the family to get to know more about their life style, and get lunch with them before leaving for a ride in the afternoon.

💻 Breakfast

Made by your team

Lunch

T Dinner

Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 9-10. Change of scene in the Mini-Gobi



Orkhon valley 9

A 240km - ② 4h 30m Khogno Khan ♀

### Day 9

- 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*".
- Pony trek 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.

### Day 10

• Total change of scenery for this last horseback riding, since it is in an arid landscape along the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai, which also can be snow-covered, that you will ride.

P Breakfast	Made by your team
<b>₩¶</b> Lunch	<ul><li>9 Local restaurant</li><li>10 Made by your team</li></ul>
<b>▼</b> Dinner	Yurt for guests with a family
Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 11. Back to Ulan Bator



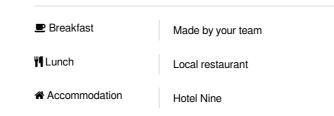
Khogno Khan ♥ ♣ 280km - ❹ 4h 30m Ulan Bator ♥

### 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.

- 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.
- Rest of the day free. With our guide, you can go and shop in the centre of the city.



Day 12. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



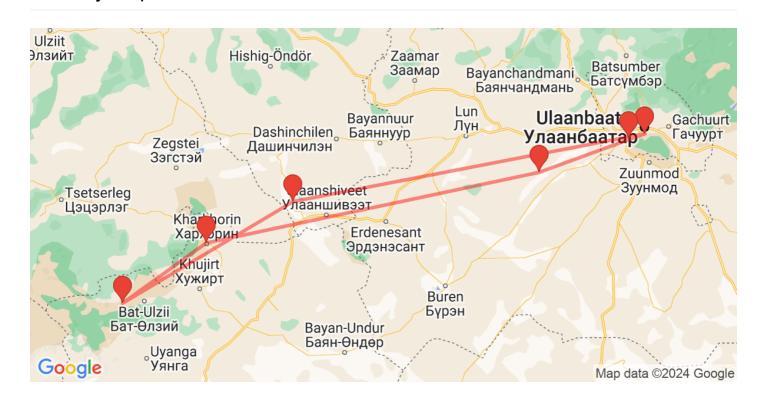
Flight back 9

• 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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Hotel Nine

## Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-4	5-8	9-10
1800 EUR	1400 EUR	1200 EUR	1150 EUR	1100 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
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 2 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 7 night in guest house, in a host yurt
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Presence of the vehicle during the trek
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Assistant guide for groups > 8 persons
- Local equestrian guides
- Hire of the horses + 1 extra horse pour 3 or 4 persons in case of bad understanding with the horse or injury
- Equestrian equipment with Kazakh or English saddles
- Entrance fees for parks and museums indicated in the program
- Equipment for meals (camping tables and chairs) and nights (sleeping bags)

## 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.

International transport

Not included

- · 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