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15 days

# Among nomads in Arkhangai

A stay **in Arkhangai with nomads** to discover daily activities of the breeders in this land of nomadism. Each season has its special features for a unique travel.

A stay prepared and organized with AVSF and the cooperative Ar Arvidjin Delgerekh, respecting the habits for a **fair and sustainable tourism**.

Nomadic lifestyle Travel with children Hiking Difficulty: •••••• 2/5 Comfort: ••••• 3/5

# I want to privatise this tour for me and my friends / family

Participant(s)	2	3	4 - 6	7 - 8
Price per person	2,790 €	2,190 €	1,790 €	1,690 €

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 2\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Vater
- 3 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 9 nights in a host family, in guest yurt
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- 🗸 English-speaking guide
- Pony trek
- Local guides for the treks
- Nomadic activities described in the program
- Entrance fees for the parks and museums indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (camping tables and chairs) and nights (sleeping bag)

#### 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

#### Itinerary



- Day 1: Arrival at Ulan Bator and visit of the city
- Day 2: On the way to Mini-Gobi
- Day 3-4: Among nomads in Orkhon Valley
- Day 5: Hot springs in Tsenkher
- Day 6-7: Making deels with your host family
- Day 8-9: Trekking from yurt to yurt
- Day 10-11: Putting up the yurt
- Day 12: Visit of Kharkhorin, the former capital
- Day 13: null
- Day 14: Back to Ulan Bator
- Day 15: Have a nice journey and see you soon !

### Day 1 : Arrival at Ulan Bator and visit of the city



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 in 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 <u>Ulan-Bator</u>. 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.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
💡 Ulan Bator	🛤 Accommodation - 2 stars hotel

#### Day 2 : On the way to Mini-Gobi



We arrive at the splendid rocky formations of Khogno Khan. Discovery of the park : semidesert steppes, taiga, stunning rocky formations, 80-kilometres (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.

Visit of the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai.

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

#### Locations

- Ulan Bator
   280km () 4h 30m
- Khogno Khan

- Meal and accommodations
- Breakfast 2 stars hotel
- **"I** Lunch Made by your team
- Dinner Eden camp
- 🛏 Accommodation Eden camp

#### Day 3-4 : Among nomads in Orkhon Valley



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

Stay among breeders in 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.

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.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
💡 Khogno Khan	🗷 Breakfast - Eden camp
: ₽ 240km - ⊙ 4h 30m	Breakfast - Made by your team
: Orkhon	" ¶ Lunch - Made by your team
valley	<b>*1</b> Lunch - Picnic from the camp
	Dinner - made by the family Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
	🛤 Accommodation - Yurt for guests with a family

#### Day 5: Hot springs in Tsenkher



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 on the whole Khangai range. We'll picnic in exceptional surroundings, facing Orkhon Valley.

Arrival at Tsenkher hot springs, where you can lounge in the pools of hot water of the camp.

Meal and accommodations
" ¶ Lunch - Made by your team
Dinner - Shiveet Mankhan
🛏 Accommodation - Shiveet Mankhan

### Day 6-7: Making deels with your host family



During our stay, we participate in **many nomadic activities** : **making dairy products** and **making the deel**, the Mongolian traditional cloth.

Stop at Tsetserleg, small lovely village nested in mountains of larches. We'll buy fresh supplies at the local market and visit Zayan Gegeen Museum.

We arrive in the sum of Ondor Ulaan where we'll stay with Nyambuu, a yaks breeder member of the Ar Arvijin Delgerekh cooperative .

# LocationsMeal and accommodationsTsenkher hot springsImage: Breakfast - Shiveet Mankhan40km - Image: Atom - Image: Atom - Image: Breakfast - Made by your teamTsetserlegImage: Lunch - Local restaurant120km - Image: Breakfast - Image: Breakfas

# Day 8-9 : Trekking from yurt to yurt



We participate in different works bound to breeding and in making dairy products.

Trekking day from yurt to yurt until the camp of Mandakhbayar, in the sum of Jargalant, member of the cooperative Ar Arvijin Delgerekh.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
💡 Ondor Ulaan	🗩 Breakfast - Made by your team
🕺 23km - 🕓 5h 30m	<b>"I</b> Lunch - made by the family
Jargalant	¶ Lunch - Made by your team
	Dinner - made by the family
	🛤 Accommodation - Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 10-11 : Putting up the yurt



Once arrived at Lhagvadondov's home, we'll participate in **putting up the yurt** where we'll sleep during our stay.

Road to Khorgo – Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur Natural Park that is located 2060 metres (1,28 mile) above the sea level. This lake, called *"the great white lake"*, and its whole volcanic surroundings, are the emblematic area of the **province of Arkhangai**. The waters of the lake are full of fish and it's **possible to fish** if you want to.

Hiking along the banks of the lake. We go towards Southeast where **Khorgo Volcano** reaches its highest point at 2240 metres (1,39 mile). (Easy) ascent of the volcano. From the top, we enjoy a splendid view on the lake and the surroundings hills. Nearby the volcano, stunning lava flows form an original landscape never seen up to now.

We join a new family of the yaks breeders cooperative, living in the sum of Tariat, near Khorgo Terkhiin Tsagaan National Park.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
Jargalant	Breakfast - Made by your team
🛱 110km - 🕓 3h 30m	Lunch - made by the family
💡 Tariat	Dinner - made by the family
	🛤 Accommodation - Yurt for guests with a family

### Day 12 : Visit of Kharkhorin, 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**.

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.

#### Locations

Tariat
260km - (§ 6h)
Kharkhorin

#### Meal and accommodations

- **"I** Lunch Local restaurant
- 🗜 Dinner Anja camp
- 🛏 Accommodation Anja camp

# Day 13 : null



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.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
• Kharkhorin	💻 Breakfast - Anja camp
🖨 270km - 🕓 4h 30m	Breakfast - Made by your team
Khustai national park	"I Lunch - Picnic from the camp
	Dinner - Yurt for guests with a family
	🛤 Accommodation - Yurt for guests with a family

#### Day 14 : Back to Ulan Bator



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

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.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
Khustai national park	🖿 Accommodation - Dream hotel
🖨 130km - 🕓 2h 30m	
💡 Ulan Bator	

Day 15 : 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.

Locations	Meal and accommodations
Flight back	💻 Breakfast - Dream hotel

### Extra information

#### **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 <u>www.nomadays.fr</u>.

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.