

THE ESSENCE OF MONGOLIA – 7 DAYS

6nights / 7days – Community based tours



The Essence of Mongolia is an activity-packed tour into central Mongolia. Visit the Khognokhan Nature Reserve, and the dunes at Elsen Tasarkhai before venturing to the Hustai National Park to see the wild Takhi horses and plenty of other wildlife. This condensed trip lets you experience as much Mongolia as possible in five days. Stay overnight at authentic guest gers next to local nomadic families and in a comfortable ger camp. Learn about your hosts' culture and traditions, socialize with them, ride horses and Bactrian camels, hike and visit hilltop temples. This all-encompassing trip contains most of what Mongolia offers, including must-do's and must-see's and is perfect for those with limited time in the country.

Activities: Exploring cultural heritage sites, exploring varied natural landscapes, experiencing nomadic culture and lifestyle

- **Duration:** 6nights / 7days
- **Distance:** 1250kms
- **Group size:** Min-2, Max – 4pax
- **Season:** June – mid Sep 2025



Day 1 Welcoming day

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar the capital city of Mongolia. Transfer to your hotel. Visit National museum of Mongolia. Walking through the Sukhbaatar Square. In the evening enjoy traditional art performance. Welcome dinner. Stay overnight in the hotel. **LD**



Day 2 Travel to Gurvanbulag – Ride a horse – Ger Stay

After meeting your guide at 09:00 am in your hotel or another Ulaanbaatar location of your choice board the vehicle for a morning and head west to the northern part of Gobi onto Gurvanbulag, where you will be staying at a guest ger alongside a nomadic family. The drive is mostly on a paved road and

should take 4 hours (280km). On arrival, Enter the ger and experience the hospitality and traditional nomadic way of life – you can help milk mares or cows, plus try homemade produce such as yoghurt and dried curds or make and taste distilled vodka from milk. In the afternoon, you can do an hour of horse riding in the surrounding hills and the dunes nearby. In the evening enjoy a traditional nomadic meal, you can help with cooking if you want. Overnight stay at a guest ger next to a nomadic family. **BLD**



Day 3 Explore Kharakhorum and Visit Erdenezuu Monastery

After an early breakfast drive to the ancient Mongol capital of Kharakhorum. Upon arrival, enter the Erdene Zuu Monastery, the most important monastery complex in the country, built in 1586 by Avtai Sain Khan. Take a guided tour of the temples and hear the monks chanting, which takes place from 10 a.m. After that have lunch at the ger camp where you will be staying

tonight, and visit an interesting local museum which showcases the Mongolian past. Visit the local felt workshop or Art Gallery. If you are up for it, you can stroll to the Monument of the 3 Kings overlooking the Orkhon River and the fertility stone on the edge of town. Overnight stay in a standard ger at the ger camp. **BLD**



Day 4 Travel to Khognokhan – Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes – Ride Bactrian Camel

After a hearty breakfast, drive for 1.5 hours (80km) to Khognokhan Nature Reserve – the site of the Uvgun temple complex. Khognokhan is an area where taiga meets rolling steppes and north Gobi's dunes. Hike a short distance to the Uvgun temples which were built in the 17th

century by Zanabazar who is the high saint and the first Bogdo, but were destroyed in the 1930s during communist purges. After coming down to the vehicle drive 25km to the Elsen Tasarsand dunes, where you will stay next to a family of camel herders. Settle into your ger and once your camels are ready, mount up for a 1-hour Bactrian ride into the dunes, taking time for photographs from the camelback. In the evening return to your hosts and enjoy a nomadic meal of khorkhog (mutton seared with hot stones) – you can help with cooking if you wish. Overnight stay at a guest ger next to family of camel herders. **BLD**



Day 5 Wildlife Tracking – Wild Takhi Horses

After a leisurely breakfast board the vehicle for the journey back east to Hustai. The drive will take 3 hours (190km) and on arrival visit first the park's information centre where you will learn about the plethora of wildlife roaming the National Park. Have lunch in the ger camp where you will be

staying tonight, located right at the park's entrance, then venture into the park to see the wild Takhi horses. Your guide will be in contact with the park rangers who will relay the animals' location, and you have a high chance of seeing them close. You can also venture deeper into the park on foot if you wish, perhaps to track wild deer or foxes – Hustai offers wonderful wilderness hiking opportunities. In the late afternoon return by vehicle to the camp, take a hot shower and enjoy a hearty dinner. Overnight stay in a standard ger at Hustai ger camp. **BLD**



Day 6 Chinggis Khaan Statue complex & Farewell dinner

After breakfast set off for the remarkable Chinggis Khaan Statue complex, Once you arrive, climb up inside until you reach the exterior staircase which runs up the mane of the horse to a viewpoint overlooking the Tuul River, Terelj & the hills of the Khan Khentii and visits the horse culture museum in the

complex. Then a short drive to the complex restaurant will have lunch. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar. Guided shopping for cashmere and souvenirs. Enjoy the Farewell dinner. Stay overnight in hotel. **BLD**

Day 7 Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport for departure. **B**

Price:

Number of Party	Price per Person in USD
	Hotel 3*
2pax	USD 1690
3pax	USD 1540
4pax	USD 1390
Single supplement for Hotel stay	USD 120 per person
Single supplement for Ger camp stay	USD 60 per person
Single supplement for Mongolian Ger of Nomad family stay	N/A

Price included:

- Hotel stay (2 nights) in Ulaanbaatar
- Ger camp stay (2 nights) and Mongolian Ger of Nomad family (2 nights) in the countryside
- English speaking guide service
- Entrance fees to Protected Areas and sightseeing costs
- Horse and Camel ride fee
- All transfers by 4WD Japanese minivan in the city and countryside
- Meals of breakfast, lunch and dinner as mentioned per day itinerary

Price excluded:

- International transportation to and from Mongolia
- Travel insurance
- Mineral (bottled) water and alcoholic drinks
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry and items of a personal nature

Tour departures – 2025;

Start in Ulaanbaatar	Start date	End date
√	01 June 2025	07 June 2025
√	08 June 2025	14 June 2025
√	16 June 2025	22 June 2025
√	23 June 2025	29 June 2025
√	20 July 2025	26 July 2025
√	27 July 2025	02 Aug 2025
√	03 Aug 2025	09 Aug 2025
√	10 Aug 2025	16 Aug 2025
√	24 Aug 2025	30 Aug 2025
√	07 Sep 2025	13 Sep 2025

