

# The Khongor Guesthouse and Expeditions

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## 2009 - The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Khongor Expedition

In 2009, the Khongor expedition will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Khongor expedition was found in 1999 opening a guest house first and since 2000, the company has been organizing countryside tours.

The Khongor Expedition was the first one in the country who introduced package tours for back packers. This was much appreciated and supported by back packers. During the past 10 years, the Khongor Expedition has served more than 14,000 tourists from all over the world, e.g. Asia, Europe and American continent. Most of them have responded to us with their appreciation messages and recommended our company to their peers and friends (you can visit our website to check guests book)

Since 2005, the Khongor Expedition has been organizing mid-range and top-range tours for tourists and currently, the company is cooperating with travel agencies of 6 countries such as Taiwanese, Korean and France to arrange a group tourist trips.

On behalf of the Khongor Expedition, I would like to wish all the guests who chose to make their adventurous travel with us all the successes and luck in their dreams to discover the world.

## 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary surprises for tourists travelling with Khongor Expeditions

We have the pleasure in informing you dear tourists about the surprise that we have prepared in connection to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

1. **Surprise for Group tourists.** This offer refers both to the travel agencies who cooperate with us already and a new collaborator.

In case, if a travel agent will offer a group with more that 30 people, then the following services and offer shall be made:

- a. A group leader shall not be charged to any costs (he/she will attend the tour completely free of charge). A traditional musical instrument (costs US\$350) shall be given to a group leader as a gift
- b. A group leader of the group with more that 20 people shall be offered 50% discount to the tours. He/she will receive as a gift a Mongolian national dress "deel".

- c. A traveler who is 10 years of age will receive a Mongolian traditional musical instrument “morin huur” (the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the company)
- d. The 100<sup>th</sup> person in the group will get as a gift a standart “morin huur”
- e. Winners of the sport and entertainment games (organized during the trips) shall get a souvenir “morin huur” as award.

## 2. Surprise For Backpackers

- A If tourists are traveling with a child under 2 years of age, the child will get as a gift a Mongolian national dress “deel”
- B All tourists who are traveling with their children who is 10 years of age will be offered free of charge “Terelj national park tour “(one night 2 days tour) since the company is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- C All tourists over 60 years of age will be offered free of charge visit to Bogd Khaan winter palace (including driving to and from the palace)
- D All tourists who are traveling in Mongolia more than 30 days shall be offered free of charge Terelj Day trip.
- F All tourists who traveled more than 25 days in country side will get traditional Mongolian jacket as a gift.
- J All tourists who traveled more than 30 days in countryside will get a “ souvenir” morin huur as a gift.
- H The tourists who celebrate their birthdays during the trip will get a French wine as a birthday gift.

PS: All these surprises are prepared for the tourists who will be served by our company.

## The Khongor Guesthouse

Central location Near State Department Store on Main Street, named Peace Avenue. It takes 1 minute for walking to State Department Store, 2.5 minutes Circus, 2.5 minutes to Bombogor trade center, and 8 minutes to Sukh-Bator square.

**You can find more about us** on pages 69, 72, 285 in Lonely Planet guide book, 2005  
on pages 80, 82, 300 in Lonely Planet guide book, 2008  
on pages 76, 218 in Taiwan guide book  
on page 219 in German guide book  
on page Japanese guide book

### Free services

- \* Invitation letter within a month
- \* Fully furnished big kitchen 24 hours
- \* Breakfast
- \* Tea, coffee, and sugar 24 hours
- \* Hot shower 24 hours
- \* Free wireless and internet
- \* Local phone calls
- \* DVD, VCD, CD, and Tape 24 hours
- \* reading book
- \* Each dorm bed with safety box
- \* Each dorm bed with curtain
- \* Each dorm bed with electricity and light
- \* Luggage storage 24 hours
- \* Each private room with cable TV and refrigerator
- \* If you interested in live play of traditional music instrument, named "Horse fiddle"
- \* Free reservation on international train ticket and plane ticket
- \* Free reservation 3 stars or 4 stars Hotel

Our new service: We'll pick you up from Airport and Train Station FREE, If you have booked to stay in our guesthouse more than 3 nights or booked any tour with us.

### Other Services

- \* Mini bar
- \* Laundry
- \* Taxi
- \* Extend Visa
- \* Within 3 months visa
- \* Order to make traditional clothing "Deel"
- \* Order to make traditional music "Horse fiddle" /contracted with Mongolian Number 1 national musical instrument factory "Argasun"/

Please, visit our website and GUEST BOOK from which you can take useful information about our company from guests.

### Prices

- \* dorm 5 USD per person per night, if continuously stay more than 7 days, 4 USD
- \* single room 10 USD per night, if continuously stay more than 7 days, 8 USD
- \* double room 14 USD per night, if continuously stay more than 7 days, 12 USD
- \* family room 20 USD per night if continuously stay more than 7 days, 18 USD
- \* 2 room's apartment with kitchen and shower 30 USD per night

# Tours

## Day trips and short tours

Our short trips do not include any special drinks or a tour assistant.

**NOTE: You can drink horse milk and yogurt from 1st of July till 15th of September**

### Around UB

**1. Doloon hudag visiting Mongolian herders family**

***Day trip***

After breakfast, drive to Doloon hudag /horse racing place during Naadam festival/ and visit herders family. You'll stay in a ger, short time horse riding, and take lunch there. After lunch, go back to UB at about 3 O'clock.

**2. Doloon hudag visiting Mongolian herder's family**

***1 to 2 day trip***

Doloon hudag locates 30 km from city in Tov aimag. Guests visit Mongolian herders' family. You will be dropped off at an original Mongolian nomadic herders family. The tour includes horse riding, overnight in Ger, meals (B,L,D), drink tea with cow and goat milk, and yogurt. Drinking AIRAG (horse's fermented milk), Hiking and can get basic understanding of how Mongolian families take care of their stocks.

Running: from 15-th May until 15-th September

**3. Terelj National Park**

***Day trip***

After breakfast, drive to Terelj National Park. You will see Ovoo, Cave, and Turtle rock and visit nomad family, ride a horse in short time, and rest at a river side. Have lunch in a nomad family. Go back to UB at about 4:00 pm.

**4. Terelj National Park visiting Mongolian herders family**

***1 to 2 day trip***

The national park locates 70 km far from Ulaanbaatar. Guests visit herders family and enjoy Mongolian original nomadic herder's life style. There will be a very beautiful nature where overnight in a Ger, traditional nomad dwelling. You can get hiking and trekking to the Rocky Mountains and forest. There you'll ride a horse, overnight in a Ger, drink tea with milk, yogurt and AIRAG which made of horse milk, have meals, dry milk products, etc. In winter time, can't drink Airag and yogurt.

**5. Manzushir monastery**

***A day trip***

After breakfast at 10 AM, drive to Manzushir monastery which Locates Tov aimag's area and 52 km from Ulaanbaatar . Manzushir monastery has a beautiful valley of streams, pine birches, cedar trees, and dotted with granite, boulders. Have lunch in Tov aimag and back to UB at about 4:00 PM.

**6. Manzushir monastery with nomads**

***1/2 days trip***

After breakfast at 10 AM, drive to Manzushir khiid which is 52 km far from Ulaanbaatar around Tov aimag's area. Manzushir khiid has a beautiful valley of streams, pine birches, cedar trees, and dotted with granite and boulders. Have picnic at Manzushir, after drive to the nomad family and overnight there in Nomad ger. Also ride a horse there. Next day back to UB at about 4:00 PM.

## East Mongolia

### **7. Khodoo Aral, Terelj National Park & nomad family 2 to 3 day trip**

**Day 1.** Drive to Khodoo Aral. Excursion to Avarga toson mineral water spring which is from underground mineral water source. Overnight in tent.

**Day 2.** Drive to Chingis Khaan monument and the ruins of Chinggis Khaan's Winter Palace. Drive to the Terelj National Park and visit Mongolian nomadic herders family.

**Day 3.** At Terelj national Park ride a Horse and climb big turtle rock. After lunch back to UB.

## Khustai national park

### **8. Khustai national park with nomads 1 to 2 day trip**

**Khustai National Park – the main attraction is the only one species of wild horse " Takhi (Przewalski's Horse)" , which was discovered at the end of XIX century and being reintroduced to Mongolia in Khustai. MACNE (Mongolian Association for the Conservation of Nature and Environment) along with FRPH (Foundation Reserves of Przewalski's Horses) brought a total number of 84 takhi to Mongolia during the last 10 years. The number of takhi has reached more than 120.**

Khustai National Park locates 125 km from Ulaanbaatar . There you will be able to see Prjevalskii horses (wild horses).

**Day 1.** After breakfast, drive to Lun nomad family. Owner name is Duuree. When arrive there you can ride horse around 1 hour. You can take experience how to live Mongolian Nomad family.

**Day 2.** Early morning wake up at 5 AM and drive to Khustai national park from Duuree's ger. Drive around 1 hour to the Khustai national park. You'll see wild Prjevalskii wild horses. After see wild horses drive back to UB. On the way take lunch and back to UB around 3 PM.

### **9. Khustai national park Day trip**

Start from UB 3 PM and drive to Khustai national park. On the way you visit nomad family and short time horse ride. After visit nomads and drive to Khustai will see wild horses. Picnic at Khustai national park.

## Fishing trip

### **10. Fish in Lun's nomad family 1 night 2 day trip**

It is located 110 km from Ulaanbaatar . You will visit Lun's nomad family's owner Duuree. You'll overnight in a Ger, ride a horse , drink an Airag as well as see many livestock like cows, goats sheep and horses. From Ger around 700 meters, there will be a big river. You can get fishing there and make food by fish. Very quiet place take relax.

## KHARHORIN SHORT TOURS

In 1220 Chinggis Khan decided to build the capital city of his vast Mongolian Empire at Kharhorin. Building was completed by his son, Ogedei Khan, after Chinggis death, but Kharhorin served as the capital for 40 years before Khubilai Khan moved it to what is now Beijing. Following the move, and the subsequent collapse of the Mongolian empire, Kharhorin was abandoned. Whatever was left was used to help build the glorious Erdene - Zuu monastery in the 16th century. Erdene Zuu (The Hundred Treasures) was the first center of Lamaism in Mongolia.

### **Tour Kh-1.**

**Kharhorin - Mongol sand dune and nomad**  
**2/3 days**

**Day 1.** Drive to the Kharhorin Monastery, 360 km from UB. Have lunch in a route ger restaurant. See Erdene Zuu monastery.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to the Mongol Sand dune where spend about an hour. Continue to drive to the Mongolian nomadic herder's family which is 250 km from Kharhorin on the way to UB. You will be dropped off at an original Mongolian nomadic herders family. There you'll spend the time for horse riding, fishing, hunting bird, eating Mongolian food and drinking yogurt and tea with cow's milk. Drink Airag, made of Horse milk, hike and get basic understanding of how Mongolian families take care of their stocks.

**Day 3.** Back to UB in the afternoon at about 17 o'clock.

### **Tour Kh-2**

**Kharhorin tour -Tovkhon -Orkhon waterfall**  
**3/4 days**

**Day 1.** Drive to the Kharhorin monastery 360 km. Have lunch in a route ger restaurant. See Erdene Zuu Monastery.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to the Orkhon waterfall about 3 hours trough Tovkhon monastery. Overnight in a tent there. There will be a very beautiful nature.

**Day 3.** After breakfast drive to the Mongol Sand Dune where spend about an hour. Continue to drive to the Mongolian nomadic herders family around Lun's area and overnight there. Same situation as Kh-1

**Day 4.** After lunch back to UB at about 17 PM.

### **Tour Kh-3**

**Kharhorin- Sand dune Khogno khaan mountain and Khustai national park**

### **3/4 days trip**

**Day 1.** Drive to Kharhorin and see monastery.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to the Mongol sand dune and Khogno khaan mountain.

**Day 3.** Drive to nomad family in Lun's area where a horse ride, have fishing and overnight there in a Ger.

**Day 4.** After breakfast drive to Khustai National Park where see wild horse and then back to UB at about 14 PM.

### **Tour Kh-4**

#### **Kharhorin-Shankh monastery- Nomad family**

##### **3/4 days trip**

*Shankhiin khiid, once known as the West monastery, and Erdenezuu are the only monasteries in the region to have survived the 1937 purge. Shankh was renowned because of its connections with the great Zanabazar and is said to have once housed Chingis khaans black military banner. At one time the monastery was home to more 1500 monks. As elsewhere, the monastery was closed in 1937, temples were burnt and many monks were shipped of to Siberia.*

**Day 1.** Drive to Kharhorin and see Erdene-Zuu monastery there.

**Day 2.** Drive to Mongol sand dune through Shankhiin khiid.

**Day 3.** To the nomad family around Lun's area where ride a horse, fishing, overnight in a nomad family.

**Day 4.** Drive back to UB around 4 PM

### **Tour Kh-5**

#### **Kharhorin- Ogii lake through Khar balgas and Kultegin monument, Khoshoo tsaidam, Khustai national park.**

##### **3/4 days trip**

*Khar Balgas , the ruined citadel of Khar balgas ( Kara Balgasun in Turkic) is in Khotont sum on the banks of the Orkhon gol. The city was founded in AD 751 as the capital of the Uighur khanate, which ruled Mongolia from 745 to 854*

*Kultegiin monument, When Chinggis khaan decided to move his capital to Kharkhorin, he was well aware that the region had already been the capital to successive nomad empires. About 20 km north east of Khar Balgas lays the remainder of yet another of these pre -Mongol Empires, the Turkic khaganate ( Pre- Mongol empire). Kultegin (684-731), the Khagan (ruler) of the ancient empire.*

**Day 1.** Drive to Kharhorin and see Erdene-Zuu monastery there.

**Day 2.** Ogii nuur through Khar balgas and Turkic monument Khoshoo tsaidam.

**Day 3.** Drive to nomad family in Lun's area where a horse ride, have fishing and overnight there in a Ger.

**Day 4.** Early morning wake up 5 AM and drive to Khustai national park and Drive back to UB arrive around at 4 pm. On the way take lunch.

## Amarbayasgalant monastery

*The star attraction of Selenge aimag, this monastery is considered to be one of the top three Buddhist institutions in Mongolia (along with Erdene Zuu and Gandan khiid) and the country's most intact architectural complex. It was originally built between 1727 and 1737 by the Manchu emperor Yongzheng, and dedicated to the Great Mongolian Buddhist and sculptor, Zanabazar whose mummified body was moved here in 1779. Locates from UB - 330 km*

### **Tour A-1**

***1/2 days trip***

**Day 1.** Start at 10 AM, drive to Amarbayasgalant Monastery and have lunch on the way. Overnight in a ger camp.

**Day 2.** Arrive in UB around 8 PM.

### **Tour A-2**

***2/3 days trip***

**Day 1.** Amarbayasgalant monastery overnight in a tent.

**Day 2.** Doloon hudag visit nomad family horse ride overnight there.

**Day 3.** UB arrive around 4 PM.

/ This trip 15-th may until 15 September /

### ***-SHOOTING RANGE***

Except Monday

Start from guest house at about 13 PM. Drive 17 km from UB.

Shooting with military and hunting firearms. Safety guidelines of firearms will be given before and during the shooting. Also you have to be at least 18 years old. Don't worry, if you have not handled firearms before a professional instructor will take care of you by giving advice. Protective glasses and ear pieces are provided upon request. They have AK-47, AKM, AKMS, Makarov, Tokarev.Macsim etc.

# LONG TOURS

## Gobi tours

**Omnogobi (South Gobi)** – is the largest but the least populated aimag of Mongolia populated by the Khalkh. The aimag is also home to one-quarter of Mongolia's domesticated camels. Omnogobi supports thousands of black-tailed gazelle, which you may see darting across the open plains. The capital of this aimag Dalanzadgad has reasonable facilities and regular transport. Gurvansaikhan Nuruu range in the centre provides the main topographic relief in the middle of Gobi with highest altitude of 2825 m.

**Hongoryn sand dunes** – are the largest and most spectacular sand dunes of Mongolian Gobi. Also known as Duut Mankhan (singing dunes). They are up to 800 meters high, 12 km wide and about 100 km long. The largest dunes are in the north-western corner of the range. The dunes are about 180 km from Dalanzadgad.

**Yolyn Am** – meaning “vulture's valley” in English, it is a valley of Gurvansaikhan Nuruu mountain range in the middle of Gobi and has a thick ice. Yolyn Am is located 62km north-west from Dalanzadgad. Its thick ice remains frozen all year-round. It is sometimes rather common to spot animals like eagle, vulture, and ibex and argali sheep's.

**Bayanzag** – Renamed as “Flaming cliffs” by Roy Chapman, a palenthiologist from America, it is located in Bulgan province. Bayanzag was the very first place where Chapman found dinosaur eggs and bones, some of which are exhibited in the museum of Natural History in Ulaanbaatar.

## **JEEP or MINIVAN TOURS**

### Tour G-1

**Gobi tour**

**5/6 days trip**

**Day 1.** Baga gazariin chuluu, special landscape with rocks among steppe.

**Day 2.** Moltsog sand dune

**Day 3.** Yoliin am Ice Mountain inside Gobi Gurvan Saikhan national park with wild animals.

**Day 4.** Drive to Bayanzag (unique shaped trees), and Temeen shavar (Place where dinosaurs lived millions of years ago) Ride a camel at Bayanzag 1 hour.

**Day 5.** After breakfast drive to the Erdene dalai village.

**Day 6.** After breakfast drive to UB and after lunch arrive in Ulan-Bator at about 5 PM .

### Tour G-2

**Gobi tour**

**6/7 days trip**

The sightseeing would be the Gobi desert, Bayanzag (unique shaped trees) , Temeen shavar (place where dinosaurs lived millions of years ago), Yoliin am (Big Rocks Mountain) see museum and frozen river, and Khongor sand dune.

**Day 1.** Start from UB at 9 AM and drive to the Baga gazariin chuluu.

**Day 2.** Tsagaan suvarga

**Day 3.** Drive to Yoliin am.

**Day 4.** Khongor sand dune.

**Day 5.** After breakfast drive to Bayanzag and Temeen shavar. Ride a camel 1 hour.

**Day 6.** Erdenedalai village.

**Day 7.** Arrive in Ulaanbaatar at about 16 PM.

### **Tour G-3**

**Gobi desert , Orkhon waterfall, and Khar-Khorin monastery**

*7/8 days trip by jeep or minivan*

**You can see Gobi Desert, Bayanzag (unique shaped trees), Temeen shavar (place where dinosaurs lived million of years ago), and Moltsog sand dunes then leave Gobi to Kharhorin**

**Monastery and visit Mongolian nomad herders family. Horse riding included.**

**Day 1.** Start from UB at 9 o'clock. Have lunch in Morin tshio ger restaurant then drive to Bagagazariin chuluu.

**Day 2.** Drive to the Bayanzag and Temeenshavar. It's a place with trees and Dino fossils. Ride camel in short time.

**Day 3.** Drive to the Khongor sand dune.

**Day 4.** Drive to the Arvaikheer and overnight near Arvaikheer.

**Day 5.** Orkhon waterfall.

**Day 6.** Drive to Kharhorin Monastery.

**Day 7.** Drive to the area of Lun and visit in a Mongolian nomad herder's family. Ride horse, make horhog and fishing.

**Day 8.** After lunch back to UB.

### **Tour G-4.**

**Gobi tour - Tsagaan suvarga, Tsenher hot spring, Kharhorin and Orkhon waterfall**

*9/10 days trip by jeep*

**For 10 days travelling, you can see more as Khongor sand dune, Tsagaan suvarga, Orkhon waterfall, Kharhorin Monastery and Mongol sand dune, stay in a ger and ride a horse/camel.**

**Day 1.** Start from UB at 9 O'clock and have lunch in Morin tshio which is a ger restaurant. After lunch drive to Bagagazariin chuluu.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to Tsagaan suvarga

**Day 3.** Drive to Bayanzag and Temeen shavar through Yol valley

**Day 4.** Drive to Khongor sand dune

**Day 5.** Khongor sand dune. Camel trip around sand dune.

**Day 6.** Drive to Guchin Us village.

**Day 7.** Drive to Orkhon waterfall overnight there.

**Day 8.** Drive to Tsenher hot spring

**Day 9.** Drive to Kharhorin Erdenezuu monastery.

**Day 10.** After lunch back to Ulaan-baatar.

### **TOUR G-5**

**Gobi and Central Mongolia**

## **Gobi - Orkhon waterfall- White lake horse trip- Tsenkher hot spring -Kharhorin monastery and Nomad family**

**13/14 days trip by jeep or minivan**

- Day 1.** Start from UB at 10 O'clock to Baga gazariin chuluu.
- Day 2.** After breakfast drive Bayanzag and Temeen shavar where ride a camel.
- Day 3.** Drive to Khongor sand dune through "Yoliin am" , big rocks mountain.
- Day 4.** Khongor sand dune. Hiking around dune.
- Day 5.** Drive to the near Arvaikheer.
- Day 6.** Drive to the Orkhon water fall.
- Day 7.** Taikhar stone
- Day 8.** Khorgo-Terkhi national park.
- Day 9.** Horse trip around Terkhi white lake and volcano.
- Day 10.** Continue Horse trip and then back to the ger.
- Day 11.** Tsenkher hot spring - take shower in "Altan nutag tourist camp".
- Day 12.** Drive to Kharhorin monastery.
- Day 13.** Visit nomad family in Lun sum through Mongol sand dune.
- Day 14.** After lunch back to UB.

**YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM THESE 5 KINDS OF TOURS. ALSO YOU CAN MAKE A LITTLE CHANGE IN PLANNING OF THE TOURS IF YOU WANT.**

## **G-6**

### **Camel trip in Gobi Desert**

**9/10 days**

- Day 1.** Drive to Baga gazariin chuluu. Overnight in a Tent.
- Day 2.** Drive to Bayanzag and Temeen shavar. Prepare Camel trip for next day. Overnight in a Nomad family.
- Day 3-7.** Start Camel trip through Yol Valley, Dungenee, Khongor sand dune to Bayanzag and Temeen shavar.
- Day 8.** Finish Camel trip and overnight in a Nomad family.
- Day 9.** Drive to Erdene -Dalai. Overnight in a Tent.
- Day 10.** Back to UB.

## **Central Mongolia**

### **CM-1**

#### **Terelj ,Kharhorin ,and Mongol sand dune**

**5/6 days**

- Day 1.** Drive to Terelj National park.
- Day 2.** Drive to Khustai National Park and overnight at Lun.
- Day 3.** Kharhorin. Visit " Erdenezuu monastery"

**Day 4.** Orkhon waterfall

**Day 5.** Mongol sand dune

**Day 6.** Ulaanbaatar

## **CM-2**

**Kharhorin, Orkhon waterfall, 8 nuur (eight lakes) and Mongol sand dune with nomad family  
8/9 days**

**Day 1.** Start the trip at 10AM from Ulan-Bator to Kharhorin where you will see the Erdene Zuu monastery.

**Day 2.** Orkhon waterfall through Tovkhon monastery.

**Day 3.** Start horse trip (8 Lakes) horse riding, swimming, hiking, and relaxing

**Day 4-7.** Continue horse trip to Naiman nuur and back to Kharhorin. At 8 lake swimming, hiking, and relaxing

**Day 8.** Drive to Mongol Els sand dunes, climb Khogno Khan Mountain.

**Day 9.** After breakfast drive to UB

## **CM-3**

**Kharhorin, Terkhi White lake, Tsenkher hot spring-Orkhon waterfall, Mongol sand dune with nomad family  
7/8 days**

**Day 1.** Start the trip at 10 O'clock from Ulaanbaatar to the Kharhorin where you will see Erdenezuu monastery.

**Day 2.** Drive to the Taikhar stone.

**Day 3.** Drive to Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake.

**Day 4.** Horse trip around Terkhi white lake.

**Day 5.** Drive to Tsenkher hot spring.

**Day 6.** Drive to the Orkhon water fall through Tovkhon monastery.

**Day 7.** Mongol sand dune. Hiking around sand dune and Khogno khan big rocky mountain.

**Day 8.** Back to UB at around 5 pm.

## **CM-4**

**Khar-Khorin - Orkhon water fall - Terkhi white lake with horse trip and nomad family  
10/11 days**

**Day 1.** Drive to the Mongol sand dune

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to Kharhorin where you will see Erdenezuu monastery.

**Day 3.** Orkhon water fall

**Day 4.** Drive to Terkhiin tsagaan nuur and overnight there.

**Day 5.** Start the Horse trip around Terkhiin tsagaan nuur for 1 night 2 days , see some interesting places with volcano, monument when your trip.

**Day 6.** Continue horse trip.

**Day 7.** Drive to Tsenkher hot spring through Taikhar rock.

**Day 8.** Drive to Ogii Lake through Khar balgas and kultugen monument.

**Day -9.** Drive to the Lun to visit Mongolian herders nomad family. Overnight there in a Nomad Ger. There you'll get fishing, bird hunting, and horse riding, swimming, and drinking airag.

**Day 10.** Continue to stay at Lun's nomad family for relaxing, hiking, horse riding, fishing as well as make for you Mongolian traditional food,"Khorhog".

**Day 11.** After lunch back to Ulaan-Baatar.

## **North Mongolia**

### **Khovsgol tour by jeep or minivan**

#### ***9/10 days trip.***

**Day 1.** Start 10 AM driving to Bulgan overnight in a tent.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to the Tosontsengel sum. Overnight there.

**Day 3.** Drive to the Khatgal sum and arrive there about 15 PM. Overnight Ger camps where take shower and prepare horse trip.

**Day 4.** Start horse trip around Khovsgol Lake overnight near Khovsgol Lake in a tent.

**Day 5.** Continue horse trip and visit reindeer family and back to Khovsgol Lake overnight there in tent.

**Day 6.** Continue the trip as fishing if you want.

**Day 7.** Horse riding back to Ger camp overnight there where take shower and take rest.

**Day 8.** Drive to Hutag Ondor overnight there in a tent .

**Day 9.** Drive to Amarbayasgalant khiid overnight there in a tent.

**Day 10.** After breakfast drive to Ulaanbaatar arriving at about 16 PM.

### **Khovsgol tour visit reindeer family**

#### ***13/14days trip***

**Day 1.** Start at 10 AM driving to Bulgan and overnight in a tent.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to the Tosontsengel sum and overnight there.

**Day 3.** Drive to the Moron.

**Day 4.** Bayanzurkh

**Day 5.** Drive to Ulaan - Uul. Prepare for horse trip.

**Day 6.** Start Horse trip to Real reindeer family.

**Day 7.** Visit Reindeer and Overnight there

**Day 8.** Ride back to Ulaan -Uul and overnight there.

**Day 9.** Drive to Khatgal sum and overnight around Khovsgol Lake.

**Day 10.** Hiking around Khovsgol Lake

**Day 11.** Continue walking around Khovsgol Lake, fishing or swimming. Overnight at Khovsgol Lake.

**Day 12.** Drive to Khutag Ondor

**Day 13.** Drive to Amarbayasgalant monastery

**Day 14.** Drive back to UB.

## **North and Central Mongolian trip**

### **Amarbayasgalant-Khovsgol /tsaatan/-Terkhiin tsagaan nuur -Tsenkher hot spring- Kharhorin and Nomad family**

#### **14/15days trip**

**Day 1.** Start trip from UB to Amarbayasgalant monastery.

**Day 2.** Drive to Khutag ondor.

**Day 3.** Drive to Khatgal. Ger camp near "Khovsgol Lake" overnight where you can take shower.

**Day 4.** Start horse trip around Khovsgol Lake and fishing then over night in a tent.

**Day 5.** Continue horse trip.

**Day 6.** Continue horse trip and back to Ger camp overnight there.

**Day 7.** Drive to Shine Ider sum and overnight in a tent.

**Day 8.** Drive to Terkhiin tsagaan nuur and overnight there.

**Day 9.** Start horse trip to volcano around White lake.

**Day 10.** Drive to Chuluut River through Taikhar rock.

**Day 11.** Tsenkher hot spring

**Day 12.** Orkhon water fall through Tovkhon monastery.

**Day 13.** Drive to Kharhorin, where you will see Erdene Zuu monastery.

**Day 14.** Drive to Lun sum to visit Mongolian herders family where you will have horhog, a kind Mongolian traditional food.

**Day 15.** Back to UB.

## **Western Mongolia**

### **BAYAN-ULGII VISIT KAZAKH**

#### **By plane**

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Kazakh life style and habits are differed from Mongolian due to different reasons. Most of the population is Muslim. By traveling to Bayan-Ulgii you will not only experience a wonderful sightseeing, but you will visit a Kazakh family as well. Kazakh people are very welcoming. Whichever family you visit, they will offer you with homemade bread, boortsog (traditional fried good normally used for breakfast), and sweets and in summer time they will offer you various traditional types of dairy products. Tea with milk is considered as a starter. Typically, they live in small houses, which are built using black wood, mud. However, during the summer they live in their Kazakh gers (nomadic refuge). Since Kazakh ger is taller and bigger comparing to Mongolian gers, it is hard for them to heat it up during the harsh Mongolian weather. Due to this reason they do not live in gers during the winter. The Kazakh gers are decorated with their beautifully handmade wall carpet and felt carpets and mattresses. Those are their one of the

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### **TYPES OF TRIPS**

- Horse riding
- Camel riding
- Walking
- Fishing
- hunting using an eagle (Oct.15 – Feb.15)
- Rivers and lakes
- Mountain

Prior and subsequent to your arrival in Mongolia, you are welcome to create your own trip itinerary and have the chance to visit a family with an eagle and monuments.

### **WESTERN MONGOLIAN TRIP**

#### **Central, western and north Mongolia visiting Kazakh and reindeer family**

#### ***27/28 days trip***

**Day 1.** Start from UB to Mongol sand dune.

**Day 2.** Kharhorin ancient capital city, where you will visit " Erdenezuu monastery".

**Day 3.** Terkhi white lake

**Day 4.** All day horse trip around Terkhi white lake, volcano and some other caves.

**Day 5.** Drive to Telmen nuur and overnight there in tent on the lake side.

**Day 6.** Santmargats village.

**Day 7.** Khayrgas nuur

**Day 8.** Tsambagarav Uul national park

**Day 9.** Olgii town see museum and overnight there

**Day 10.** Drive to Khurgan Lake and Hoton Lake and sleep on the way around Tsengel village with eagle hunter Kazakh family.

**Day 11.** Khurgan Lake and Hoton Lake stay with Kazakh family.

**Day 12.** Drive to Ulaan hus village.

**Day 13.** Drive to Altai 5 Bogd and overnight behind Altai 5 Bogd

**Day 14.** Hiking to Altai Tavan Bogd overnight in Mountain side

**Day 15.** Continue hiking Altai 5 Bogd and hike back to Car overnight behind 5 Bogd

**Day 16.** Drive to Tsagaan nuur town.

**Day 17.** Drive to Uureg Lake

**Day 18.** Drive to Uvs Lake

**Day 19.** Tes village.

**Day 20.** Near Tsetserleg town.

**Day 21.** Moron which is the capital of Khovsgol aimag.

**Day 22.** Drive to Khatgal which places Khovsgol Lake.

**Day 23.** Horse trip around Khovsgol Lake.

**Day 24.** Continue horse trip and Visit reindeer family.

**Day 25.** Khatgal

**Day 26.** Khutag Ondor

**Day 27.** Amarbayasgalant monastery

**Day 28.** Ulaanbaatar

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**Day 2.** Start around Khovsgol lake tour with horse and local guide. Our guide will prepare for you food and overnight in a tent.

**Day 3 "4".** Continue the trip around Khovsgol Lake as visiting reindeer family and back to Ger camp overnight there.

**Day 4 "5".** Drive to Moron and back to Ulan-Bator. When you arrive in Ulan Bator ,we'll pick you up and get you back in staying place.

### **BAYAN-ULGII VISIT KAZAKH**

#### **By plane**

#### **From 6 days to 10 days**

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## ***Classic routes***

### **South, Central and North Mongolian trip**

#### **Gobi-Kharhorin -Arkhangai -Khovsgol and Amarbayasgalant Monastery**

##### ***19/20 days trip***

**Day 1.** Drive to the Baga gazariin chuluu.

**Day 2.** Drive to Bayanzag and Temeen shavar through Sum khoh burd overnight there in a tent.

**Day 3.** Drive to the Yoliin am.

**Day 4.** After breakfast drive to the Khongor sand dune and overnight there in a Nomad Ger and ride a Camel.

**Day 5.** Khongor sand dune.

**Day 6.** Drive to the Ongi monastery.

**Day 7.** Drive to Orkhon waterfall through Tovkhon khiid overnight there in a tent.

**Day 8.** After lunch drive to Kharhorin where you will see Monastery. Overnight there in a Tent near River side.

**Day 9.** Tsenkher hot spring

**Day 10.** Drive to the Terkhiin tsagaan nuur. Overnight in a Ger and prepare for horse trip.

**Day 11.** Start horse trip.

**Day 12.** Continue horse trip and back to Terkhiin tsagaan nuur.

**Day 13.** Drive to the Near Moron, overnight there in a tent.

**Day 14.** Drive to Khatgal sum. Overnight in Ger Camp and prepare for horse trip.

**Day 15.** Start horse trip around Khovsgol Lake.

**Day 16.** Continue horse trip and visit reindeer family.

**Day 17.** Continue horse trip and back to Ger camp where take a shower and rest. Overnight in a Ger camp.

**Day 18.** Drive to Khutag Ondor and overnight there in a tent.

**Day 19.** Drive to Amarbayasgalant monastery.

**Day 20.** Back to UB and arrive to the city at about 16 PM.

## Fishing trip

### Tour F 1

**Terkhiin tsagaan lake, Chuluut River via Kharhorin tour:**

**For 7-15 days.**

**Day 1.** Leave UB to Kharhorin Monastery and overnight in a ger camp.

**Day 2,3.** Leave Kharhorin to Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake for fishing. Overnight in a tent.

**Day 4,5,6.** "and more" after fishing in Lake, drive to Chuluut river and fish "TAIMEN". Overnight in a tent.

**Day 7.** Back to Kharhorin overnight there in a tent.

**Day 8.** Back to UB.

### Tour F 2.

**Kherlen river, Onon and Balj River**

**7-14 days.**

**Day 1.** Start 10 AM drive to Khentii province and overnight at Kherlen River.

**Day 2.** Drive to Onon and Balj River.

**Day 3,4,5.** Fishing

**Day 6.** Drive to Kherlen River.

**Day 7,8.** Full day for fishing

**Day 9.** Back to Ulaanbaatar at about 16 PM.

## Winter tours

### **Mongolian Lunar new year with Nomad family (Tsagaan sar)**

For Mongolians, the first holiday to celebrate the New Year is Tsagaan sar. The new year festival according to the lunar calendar is called Tsagaan Sar meaning "White Moon". This is a big family celebration lasting three days with various ceremonies. Tsagaan sar is celebrated on the first day of a spring month when winter ends and spring comes. Tsagaan sar falls in January or February on the Gregorian calendar depending on the phases of the moon, unless the leap year has been calculated differently. Celebration on the lunar New Year's Eve is called 'bituun' and this evening every family prepare a big meal and lot of fresh food to have a feast. A big wrestling match is broadcast live throughout the country this evening. People ride their best horses during this holiday and prepare their new clothes in advance and wear the most elegant ones. Their homes are cleaned up thoroughly on the eve. In the morning of a new year a housewife offers the first cup of tea to gods in all directions. After the sun rises people start to greet with each other. When greeting them stretch their arms and the young support the elbow of the old. The senior or elder people wish a long and happy life to the young. While exchanging snuff bottles in greeting, people usually talk about how they passed the winter. During the days of the Lunar calendar Year Holiday there are various ceremonies: visits to relatives, exchanges of gifts and lots of eating. A guest is welcomed warmly and is served with tea and food. In addition to the offerings of food, hosts give a present to visitors and sweets to children. Every year the president gives a speech on the TV and offers greetings on the occasion of Tsagaan sar. Mongolians signify the first day of a new year very much, therefore people exercise religious practices **called 'khiimorio sergeekh' to be inspired**

and lucky. In tsagaan sar people perform an "Ovoo" ceremony to worship their god and nature.

## **Tour LN 1. Guna had**

***3/4 days trip***

**Day 1.** Drive to the Guna Khad, "90 km" from UB and visit nomad family.

**Day 2,3.** Stay there and ride a horse.

**Day 4.** After lunch back to UB at about 4 PM.

## **Tour LN 2. Terelj**

***3/4 days trip***

**Day 1.** Drive to the Terelj National Park and visit nomad family.

**Day 2,3** Stay there and ride a horse.

**Day 4.** After lunch back to UB at about 3 PM.

***Horse Sledding:***

**From November 1st to 1st of March**

***Counting the stocks day of the Nomad's family tour:***

**From 15-th Feb to 1-st April**

## **WOLF HUNTING:**

**Running from 1-st October to 15-th March**

**You can get information of Wolf hunting trip directly from the website. Please contact:**

**[khongor@Mongol.net](mailto:khongor@Mongol.net)**

**It's a very interesting trip.**

## **Ice festival trip**

If new comers and foreigners visit Mongolia in the winter it is too cold in the winter. Temperatures may be freezing but we usually have sunny skies during that period. In the February- March locals in Lake Khovsgol usually celebrate a small Ice Festival.

The unique reindeer family and local nomads with their yaks, reindeers and horses across the Horidol Saridag Mountains.

Lake Khovsgol is one of the recourse of pure water in the world, number 14, it has an altitude of 1645 meters above the sea. It is the twin lake of Baikal that lie only 200km away across the border in Russia. The settings is spectacular with Siberian Taiga and the Horidol Saridag Mountain Range to the west. It stretches some 125km from north to south and is 262 meters deep. One of the world wonderful wildlife and the different ethnic people living around it. Khovsgol is one of the most popular and spectacular national park of Mongolia and is truly the marvelous combination of high mountains, colorful and wild flowers, and wetlands with its famous rare species. Tourists visiting the National park have the opportunities to do watching, hiking, taking photos of the endangered species, fishing, visiting nomadic family, riding horse, yak and camel and introducing with traditional nomadic lifestyle.

Each February locals of the Khovsgol Lake celebrate the Festival of Ice. The festival consists of a great variety of activities and competitions, including Ice Sumo, ger building with ice, ice skating and sleigh rides, all on or by the shores of the beautiful Lake Khovsgol. This special event is also a shamanist ceremony of offering and provides a fascinating insight into the Tsaatan people's way of life. The purpose

of this festival has been designed for the people to decrease the environmental imbalance and pollutions facing seriously. To travel with Khongor means travel with the horses and the locals around the lake during an Ice festival. Mongolian workers are cutting ice and preparing snow before artists could start sculpting.

Here is the link to a short film about ice festival in Khovsgol lake and Mongolian traditions with a melody of throat singing /by adventure-studio Mongolia/  
<http://www.adventure-studio.com/online-mongolia-films/winter.festivals/ice.wmv.html>

## **Eagle festival trip**

*Bayan-Ulgii* aimag is a west coast *aimag* of Mongolia and a home of proud Eagle-hunters.

Female eagles are always used as they are one-third heavier than the males and far more aggressive. Young birds around two years old are caught in nearby valleys and then "broken" being tied to wooden blocks so that they fall when they try to fly away. After 2 days they are exhausted and ready for training, which involves being kept on a pole called a *tugir* and catching small animal skins or lures called *shirga*. The eagles are trained to hunt marmots, small foxes and wolves (eagles have vision eight times more acute than humans), a release them to the hunter, who clubs the prey to death. Part of the meat is given to the eagle as a reward. If well trained, eagle can hunt and live about 30 years. Most hunters train several eagles in their lifetime.

Once a year, hunters from all over Bayan-Olgii province gather to celebrate this traditional skill and compete against each other challenges that show off the abilities of both birds and their trainers. Prizes are awarded for the fastest eagle, the best traditional Kazakh dress, and more. Various folklore performances are given during the festival. The fantastic festival celebrating the Kazakh's honored eagle is also a celebration of Kazakh traditional heritage. Eagle festival held on the first Sunday and Monday in *Ulgii* city. This is a good time to shop for arts and crafts and watch eagle hunting competition.

For more details please CONTACT US.

## **HORSE TREK**

What to bring:

- Put on long-legged trousers and jeans
- Mongolian traditional saddles with high wooden frame and silver decorations may make your legs sore, if you ride with shorts.
- Don't wear too bright colored clothes or those with loops flaps. Because it may scare your horse. Don't take pictures with flash-light camera whilst riding.

We prepare Russian style saddle, providing the security and the local guide will help you during a horse riding.

Horse trips are possible to make in any places you interested in. If you want to make a horse riding trip with another itinerary, please CONTACT US and write down how many days you want. Following is the samples of horse trip.

**Naiman nuur Horse trip**  
**10/11 days**

Naiman nuur- "eight lakes" places near the Orkhon waterfall and horse trip will start from the Orkhon waterfall, can be 3-7 days /chosen by the clients/. So the trip includes 4 days driving to get Orkhon waterfall and going back to UB. Local guide is provided free.

**Day 1.** Start driving from UB at 9 to Mongol sand dunes. Short time camel riding included.

**Day 2.** After breakfast drive to Orkhon waterfall and overnight in ger camp. Prepare for horse trip.

**Day 3.** Start horse trip after breakfast.

**Day 4-9.** Horse trip in eight lakes area.

**Day 10.** Drive to Kharhorin and visit Erdene-Zuu monastery.

**Day 11.** Arrive in UB around 5 pm. Take Lunch on the way back.

### **Khovsgol horse trip**

**11/12 days**

**Day 1.** Start driving from UB at 9 to Bulgan city.

**Day 2.** Drive to Moron after breakfast and have lunch on the way.

**Day 3.** Arrive in Khatgal- coast Village of Khovsgol Lake. Stay in ger camp and prepare for horse trip.

**Day 4.** Start horse trip around Khovsgol Lake and mountains.

**Day 5-8.** Continue horse trip and get to Renchinlumbe village. Visit reindeer family.

**Day 9.** Our driver will pick you from Renchinlumbe village and drive back to Moron.

**Day 10.** Drive to Khutag-Undur village and overnight there in tent on the riverside.

**Day 11.** Drive to Amarbayasgalant Monastery and overnight there in Local family.

**Day 12.** Drive back to UB and arrive around 5 pm. Have lunch on the way back.

### **Khovsgol horse trip by plane**

**6/7 days**

**Day 1.** We will get you to the Airport. Airplane will arrive in Moron ,the capital of Khovsgol province. From Moron, our guide and driver will pick you up and then leave the city to Khatgal sum "on the area of Khovsgol lake". 102 km between Moron and Khatgal. Overnight in a Ger camp.

**Day 2.** Start around Khovsgol lake tour with horse and local guide. Our guide will prepare for you food and overnight in a tent.

**Day 3 "4".** Continue the horse trip around Khovsgol Lake as visiting reindeer family and back to Ger camp overnight there.

**Day 5,6.** Continue horse trip to Renchinlumbe village or continue back to Khatgal. Getting Renchinlumbe from Khatgal by horse will take min 5 days.

**Day 7.** Drive to Moron and back to Ulan-Bator. When you arrive in Ulan Bator, we'll pick you up and get you back in staying place.

If you want to make a horse riding trip with another itinerary, please CONTACT US and write down how many days you want. So we can send you more suggests.

## OTHER SERVICES

### Car rental

#### **Available vehicles:**

- **Jeep**
- **Korean minivan**
- **Russian jeep**
- **Russian minivan**
- **Sedan car**

### Specialist

## **SELLING HORSE FIDDLE**

We work together with the best Mongolian horse fiddle factory , " ARGUSAN". The Morin khuurs that they produce are played by professional musicians, our president's and the prime minister's Morin khuurs were made by this specific Morin khuur factory.

You can order and purchase the following Morin khuurs:

Price from **180-1200** USD

- Souvenir
- Traveler
- Standard
- Maestro
- New design standard
- New design maestro

You can as well learn Morin Khuur in a short period of time in Mongolia if you want .

## **Information - FAQs**

**- How to get a Mongolian Visa /Mongolian embassies addresses are in "Mongolian embassies.doc" /**

**Passport and Visa are required to travel to Mongolia.**

Visa is required for all, except citizens of the following countries.

1. USA, Kazakhstan –no need a visa for a visit not exceeding three months
2. Malaysia, Israel - no need a visa for a visit not exceeding one month
3. Philippines - no need a visa for a visit not exceeding three weeks
4. Singapore - no need a visa for a visit not exceeding two weeks
5. People's Republic of China, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Thailand, Romania and Chile –who has diplomatic or official passport -no need a visa for a visit
6. Russia, Laos, Yugoslavia, Czech, Slovak, Mexico -who has diplomatic or official passport -no need a visa for a visit not exceeding three months
7. Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey and Republic of Korea - who has diplomatic or official passport -no need a visa for a visit not exceeding one month
9. India –needs Mongolian visa without visa fee
10. Hong Kong –no need visa for a visit not exceeding 14 days (ID cards are accepted to indicate residence in Hong Kong)
11. Cuba –no need a visa for a visit not exceeding one month

Visas are available from the [Mongolian embassy](#) in your country. If there is no Mongolia embassy in your country, one month visas can be obtained on the spot once you arrive at the airport or railway station. There will also be a visa fee of \$53US. We will supply an official confirmation letter (by email or post) for your visa application without any fee. Please let us know if you need a Visa Invitation.

### **Types of visa**

- Single entry visa is issued to the aliens, who stay in Mongolia more than 90 days. Supporting letter is needed from relevant company/organization and/or counterparts in Mongolia, approved by the Immigration, Naturalization and Foreign Citizens Office of Mongolia.
- Single entry and exit visa is issued to the aliens, who stay in Mongolia up to 30 days.
- Double entry and exit visa is issued to the aliens, travelling to Mongolia twice within 3 months from the date of its issuance. Duration of each stay in Mongolia is up to 30 days.
- Single transit visa is issued to the aliens, transiting Mongolia by train once within 3 months from the date of its issuance.
- Double transit visa is issued to the aliens, transiting Mongolia by train twice within 3 months from the date of its issuance.
- Multiple entry and exit visa for 6 months or one year is issued to the aliens, who have approval from the Immigration, Naturalization and Foreign Citizens Office of Mongolia.

For Mongolian Tourist or Business Visas for 30 days or less it is required to submit by mail or in person following documentation:

1. Passport with a validity date at least six months beyond the end of the applicant's intended period of stay in Mongolia
2. Visa Application Form for non-tourists with one passport size photo

**You can apply your visa ONLINE clicking following web site:**

[http://www.consuls.net/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&Itemid=48](http://www.consuls.net/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=48)

3. Visa Application Form for Tourists with one passport size photo

4. Visa fee: Single entry visa \$30.00, Double entry visa \$60.00, Multiple entry visa for six month \$65, Multiple entry visa for one year \$105.00, Transit visa \$15.00.

For citizen of Canada and Great Britain visa fee is \$55.00.

Fees must be paid in US dollars by money order or cashier's check made payable to "The Embassy of Mongolia"

5. Prepaid, self-addressed return envelope. We recommend using a certified mail with tracking number, like Federal Express, Priority Mail

6. Transit visa processing requires visa for next destination, copy of onward ticket

For staying in Mongolia for more than 30 days, or obtaining multiple entry visas for work / study, it is required to have an Approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia. You can have an Approval with assistance of your partners or supporters there in Mongolia.

Normally visa is processed in 2 working days. However, please be advised that the regulations require up to one week for the processing. The same day service (8 work hours for handling) is available for additional fee of US \$30.00 and \$55.00 for citizens of Canada and Great Britain.

Visa is valid for entry within 90 days upon the issuance (Date of Issue) and its duration (Duration of Stay) counts from the date of entrance.

“ NOTE :

Foreign national stayed in Mongolia above 30 days is required to get registered at local "Office of Immigration, Naturalization and Foreigners Registration “ .

#### PASSPORT VALIDITY WILL BE SCRUTINIZED

According to the order 227, issued by the Head of the Foreigners and Citizenship Office of Mongolia, a foreign national with passport which valid for no less than 12 months can get permission for stay or approval for entry visa on private or business purposes, while the one with passport valid for no less than 6 months, may get extended his or her permit for continued stay on private and business purposes since June 20, 2008.

### **- About Mongolia: General information, Climate, Nomads, Food**

#### **General Information**

Location: North-east Asia

Geographic coordinates: 46 00N, 105 00E

Area : 1,564,116 sq km

Elevation extremes: lowest point: Hoh Nuur 518m

Highest point: Nayramdliin Orgil (Huyten orgil) 4374m

Population: 2,996,081 (July 2008.)

Governmental type: mixed parliamentary/presidential

Capital: Ulaanbaatar

#### **Climate /Photos of 4 seasons/**

Mongolia 4 seasons and extreme continental climate. Temperature difference in a year is over 60, cold long winters /average temperature -20 celcus/ and short summers /average temperature 20 celcus/. Coldest months are November to February and temperature gets over minus 30-40 celcus degrees. Hottest months are June, July and temperature reaches 30-40 celcus degrees. The country averages 257 cloudless days a year, and it is usually at the center of a region of high atmospheric pressure. Precipitation is highest in the north, which averages 20 to 35 centimeters per year, and lowest in the south, which receives 10 to 20 centimeters.

### **Nomadic life /Photo of Nomads n Ger/**

Half of the Mongolian population live in Ulaanbaatar and rest of people are living in countryside. The lives of the Mongolian nomads are largely dependent on their livestock. They move 2-4 times a year be following their live stocks. Because animals know where is the best grass. There are five animals in particular that the nomads rely upon including the cow, horse, sheep, camel, and goat. The horse, especially, is a very well respected animal for Mongolians, as it serves as their main source of transportation not only for the nomads but for all the supplies they travel with. The cow is also extremely important, for it is eaten and milked. The sheep is mostly useful for its wool, but also provides meat and leather. The goat is also a great source of milk and cashmere.

The most essential and iconic aspect of the nomadic lifestyle is undoubtedly the Ger /common as Yurt/, which is a transportable dwelling. Since these individuals move so frequently, they need shelter that will protect them from Mongolia's harsh weather, but at the same time be extremely easy to build and disassemble. Dating back to 2500-3000 B.C., the Mongolian Ger is made from felt, hide, and wood. It only takes about 30 minutes to set up the Ger, and it is done in a traditional manner. So the Ger is most comfortable dwelling for Nomadic lifestyle, which has to move a lot and suitable for 4 seasons. Some of the traditions are as follows:

- The door must be facing in a southern direction
- Any guest must sit on the west side (On the left hand side)
- The woman stays near the fire (animal droppings are their constant fuel source) and the kitchen supplies
- Travelers are always welcomed in the Ger with great hospitality (even if nobody is home in the Ger, outsiders are welcome to come in and have some tea)
- Security is not an issue
- Furnishings, whether elaborate or simple, depend on the size of the herd and the size of the family

### **Mongolian Food**

With 30 million herd animals in the country, Mongolians eat a lot of meat and milk products. Fruit and vegetables are harder to come by. Nothing grows in the long winter, so most of the year, only vegetables like potatoes, onions and turnips, which store well, are available. Here are some recipes for typical Mongolian foods. Common meals are *Horhog and Boodog* /Mongolian BBQ/, *Guriltai shul*, *Banshtai tsai*, *Tsuivan* and *Huushuur* (Note: many of the "Mongolian" recipes in cook books are from inner Mongolia, or are Chinese versions of Mongolian food. In Mongolia, people usually eat very simply, using few spices or fancy sauces.) Milk tea is accepted as a first thing to give your guest and starting of the food.

Suutei tsai (salty tea – suu means milk and tsai is tea)  
1 liter water

1 teaspoon salt (to taste)

1 tablespoon green tea

1 liter milk

Boil the water, tea and salt together. Add the milk and boil again. Mongolians sometimes also add a lump of rancid butter just before serving. This is called shar tos, or airag tos. Remember, if you hand someone a cup of tea (or anything else, for that matter) to always use your right hand only. Similarly, when accepting and drinking the tea, use your right hand. Serve in small bowls or cups.

In Capital city Ulaanbaatar, it's not hard to find vegetarian or vegan food. But in the countryside, options /for lunch/ are few and if you make longer trips, preparing your own vegetarian or vegan food box is suggested. For dinner, our tour assistants can cook pretty vegetarian.

## Contact us

**When you book any tour, you can discuss with us your tour length and itinerary after you arrive.**

If you have any questions do not hesitate to write straightly to us via e-mail. We'll always be ready to answer your questions about our Guesthouse, Tours and Mongolia.

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