

# Discovery & Pony trekking



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| Days:  | 21  |
| Price:   | 2690 EUR<br>International flight not included |
| Comfort:   | ★★★★☆   |
| Difficult:   | ★★★★☆   |
| 📌 Must see 📌 Horse riding 📌 Adventure<br>📌 Nomadic lifestyle 📌 Culture |   |

This tour perfectly combines the different ways of transport, which allow you to discover all the beauties of Mongolia without losing too much time with the jeep. With its three domestic flights, it offers you more time to get closer to Mongolians, to horse ride and hike. This is a travel for anyone who is not a skilled horseman/woman, but anyway wants to discover the Mongolian lands horse riding ! Be demanding... don't sacrifice anything !

## 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 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.

🏠 Accommodation

Holiday Inn Hotel

## Day 2-4. Horse riding on the banks of Lake Khovsgol



Ulan Bator 📍

✈️ 750km - ⌚ 1h 15m

Moron 📍

🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h

Alag Tsar 📍

### Ulan Bator - Moron

- Flight to Mörön, the capital of the province of Khövsgöl, where our driver is waiting for us.

### Day 2

- We arrive at Lake Khövsgöl, one of the natural wonders of the world. This mountain covers an area of 2760 square kilometres, and its water is so pure that we can drink it! It's surrounded with many peaks culminating at more than 2000 metres and covered with forests of pines and lush meadows where yaks and horses graze!
- We go towards East and the green small valleys of Alag Sar, and spend the night in a small yurts camp.

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Let's start a beautiful story... With local breeders and their yaks, we leave for our **2-days hike or pony-trek** in the tree-filled valleys of Alag Tsar. Following the peaceful tempo of the cart, we discover this land of nomadism. In the heart of summer, the area is flowered and we will move literally on a carpet of edelweiss, while at West, we will see on the opposite bank the peaks culminating at 3000 metres that bathe in the crystal water of the lake.

In the evening, with the breeders, we will **put up the yurt** that we carried, in which we will spend the night.

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| ☕ Breakfast     | <div>2</div> Holiday Inn Hotel <div>3</div> Alag tsar camp                    |
| 🍴 Lunch         | <div>2</div> <div>4</div> Made by your team <div>3</div> Picnic from the camp |
| 🍷 Dinner        | <div>2</div> <div>4</div> Alag tsar camp <div>3</div> Made by your team       |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Alag tsar camp  |

## Day 5. Northern wild steppes



Alag Tsar 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h  
Moron 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h  
Shine Ider 📍

### Alag Tsar - Moron

- Visit of the site containing several deer stones at Uushigiin Övör.
- Stop in Mörön to buy fresh supplies at the market.

### Moron - Shine Ider

- Journey towards centre : the track goes through many passes and sinks into lost valleys where landscapes quickly change. Altitude exceeds 2000 metres (1,24 mile) at the passes.

Landscapes are more and more beautiful and there are more and more photo opportunities.

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| ☕ Breakfast     | Alag tsar camp       |
| 🍴 Lunch         | Picnic from the camp |
| 🍷 Dinner        | camp                 |
| 🏠 Accommodation | camp                 |

## Day 6-7. The great white lake of Arkhangai



Shine Ider 📍  
🚗 180km - ⌚ 6h  
Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

### Day 6

- Road to Khorgo – Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur Natural Park that is located 2060 metres (1,28 mile) above 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 wish.

### Day 7

- With our host, we go horse riding 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 surrounding hills. Nearby the volcano, stunning lava flows form an original landscape never seen up to now.

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| ☕ Breakfast     | <div>6</div> camp <div>7</div> camp                                 |
| 🍴 Lunch         | <div>6</div> Picnic from the camp <div>7</div> Picnic from the camp |
| 🍷 Dinner        | camp  |
| 🏠 Accommodation | camp  |

## Day 8. Hot baths in Tsenkher hot springs



Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍  
🚗 160km - ⌚ 4h  
Tsetserleg 📍  
🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h  
Tsenkher hot springs 📍

### Terkhiin Tsagaan national park - Tsetserleg

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

### Tsetserleg - Tsenkher hot springs

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

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| 🍳 Breakfast     | camp             |
| 🍴 Lunch         | Local restaurant |
| 🍷 Dinner        | Shiveet Mankhan  |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Shiveet Mankhan  |

## Day 9-10. Pony trek in Khangai



Tsenkher hot springs 📍  
🚗 110km  
Tovkhon monastery 📍  
Khangai Mountain 📍

### Tsenkher hot springs - Tovkhon monastery

- We leave Tsenkher hot springs and start a 3-day pony trek across the upper Khangai range.
- We start our ride crossing the lower Khangai. We leave early in the morning in order to reach the **Tsetserleg River** for lunch. We ride along a valley before going down towards Tsetserleg, where we have a long lunch on the banks of the river. In Summer, it's possible to swim. After relaxing, there's one hour ride left to go back up the river. We set up our camp on its banks.

### Day 10

- Ride along a valley where many breeders have set up their camp. We arrive at the foot of **Ondor Shireet Hill**. We have lunch near the winter camps of the nomads and observe in the neighbourings some **petroglyphs** dating back from Bronze Age.
- 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 of the whole Khangai range. We'll picnic in exceptional surroundings, facing Orkhon Valley.

### Also

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A 3 days pony trekking during which you will cross the Khangai mountain range from Tsenkher hot springs to the Orkhon valley. The trek will be followed by the logistic vehicle.

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| 🍳 Breakfast     | Shiveet Mankhan                                |
| 🍴 Lunch         | 9 Picnic from the camp<br>10 Made by your team |
| 🍷 Dinner        | Made by your team                              |
| 🏠 Accommodation | tent camping                                   |

## Day 11-13. Equestrian stay among nomads



Tovkhon monastery 📍

🚗 42km - ⌚ 1h 15m

Orkhon valley 📍

## Tovkhon monastery - Orkhon valley

- We ride across a rolling path before reaching the Orkhon River and its canyons. We cross the river when we arrive at the place called Ongotstoin Guur, then reach Orkhon Valley and its hundreds of herds and yurts. We ride on a path scattered with volcanic stones because the valley is located in an old area of volcanos.

### Day 12

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

### Day 13

- If some people wish, we will go for a pony trek until Mogoit hot springs.
- Bath in the fitted out pools of Mogoit hot springs. The temperature of the springs is contained between 48 and 75°C (118 - 167°F), and they are perfect to recover from the tiredness of the travel.

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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.

🍴 Lunch

Made by your team

🍷 Dinner

**11 12** made by the family

**13** Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"

🏠 Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 14. Former capital and Mini-Gobi



Orkhon valley 📍

🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m

Kharkhorin 📍

🚗 110km - ⌚ 1h 30m

Khogno Khan 📍

## Orkhon valley - 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**.
- 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*".

🍴 Lunch

Local restaurant

🍷 Dinner

Eden camp

🏠 Accommodation

Eden camp

## Day 15. Discovering Przewalski's horses



Khogno Khan 📍  
🚗 210km - ⌚ 3h 30m  
Khustai national park 📍

## Khogno Khan - Khustai national park

- 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.
- 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.

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| 🍳 Breakfast     | Eden camp                     |
| 🍴 Lunch         | Picnic from the camp          |
| 🍷 Dinner        | made by the family            |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Yurt for guests with a family |

## Day 16. Flight to Gobi and the Three Beauties



Khustai national park 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 2h 30m  
Ulan Bator 📍  
✈️ 650km - ⌚ 1h 15m  
Dalanзадгad 📍  
🚗 100km - ⌚ 2h 30m  
Bayanzag 📍

## Ulan Bator - Dalanзадгad

- We go to Ulan Bator airport in order to flight to Gobi and the "Three Beauties", the three highest summits of this part of Gobi-Altai : **Baruun Saihan**, "*the East Beauty*"; **Dund Saihan**, "*the Middle Beauty*"; **Züün Saihan**, "*the West Beauty*", the highest (2815 mètres, 1,75 mile).
- Visit of the cliffs of Bayanzag, today are best known as "*flaming cliffs*", owing to their ochre red colour, where is located the "*cemetery of dragons*". The cliffs and the **saxaul forests** that surround them are the evidence of the time when Earth was still inhabited by huge creatures: **dinosaurs**. Palaeontologist **Roy Andrews Chapman** was the first man to discover in 1922 some bones and eggs of dinosaurs that we can see today in the Natural History Museum of Ulan Bator and in other museums in the world.

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| 🍳 Breakfast     | Made by your team |
| 🍴 Lunch         | Made by your team |
| 🍷 Dinner        | Gobi tour camp    |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Gobi tour camp    |

## Day 17-18. Discovering Khongor sand dunes



Bayanzag 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 4h 20m  
Khongor sand dunes 📍

## Bayanzag - Khongor sand dunes

- We ride towards the west of the park to reach **Khongor sand dunes**, "*light bay sand*". These dunes extend at the foot of the "*Three Beauties*".

### Day 17

- Visit of the dunes of Khongor. These dunes are the most spectacular ones of Mongolia, they extend on more than 180 kilometres (111,85 miles) long and 20 kilometres (12,43 miles) wide, and have an average height of 80 metres (262,47 feet), the highest one being 120 metres (393,70 feet) high. From the top, the view on the desert is quite amazing. From this place, it's also possible to hear the moving masses of sand, hence the name of "*singing dunes*". Beyond the dunes, the steppe extends for as far as the eye can see.

### Day 18

- Camelback hike in the Gobi Desert\_\_ is an unforgettable experience. The nonchalant animal will take us with its peaceful gait along the dunes and the Khongor River, "*light bay*", that flows alternately on the surface and under the ground. We'll go until a small **oasis** at the foot of the dunes, where some bushes grow, such as **saxaul**. Camels are very fond of saxaul and Mongolians think it's the most precious wood.



We will walk until the top of a dune and will have a wonderful view on the desert. Far away, we will see the peaks of the Three Beautiful and, if we listen carefully, we might hear the **song of the dunes**.

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| ☕ Breakfast     | <b>17</b> Gobi tour camp<br><b>18</b> Gobi discovery             |
| 🍴 Lunch         | <b>17</b> Picnic from the camp<br><b>18</b> Picnic from the camp |
| 🍷 Dinner        | Gobi discovery   |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Gobi discovery   |

## Day 19. Hiking in canyons



Khongor sand dunes 📍  
🚗 140km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
Dungenee canyon 📍  
🚗 20km - ⌚ 1h  
Yoliin am canyon 📍

### Khongor sand dunes - Dungenee canyon

- Journey on the track towards the east of "the Three Beauties" to reach the area of canyons. Stop at Dungenee Canyon. We leave the vehicle to start our first magic hike along the river that flows between huge canyons.

### Dungenee canyon - Yoliin am canyon

- Hiking in the canyon of Yol, the bearded vultures canyon. We will walk in the bottom of the canyon that is covered with perpetual snow. The canyon is so steep-sided, that sunrays make the ice melt only in August. The rest of the year there's ice everywhere in the canyon.

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| ☕ Breakfast     | Gobi discovery                |
| 🍴 Lunch         | Picnic from the camp          |
| 🍷 Dinner        | made by the family            |
| 🏠 Accommodation | Yurt for guests with a family |

## Day 20. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Yoliin am canyon 📍  
🚗 40km - ⌚ 45m  
Dalanzadgad 📍  
✈ 650km - ⌚ 1h 15m  
Ulan Bator 📍

### Yoliin am canyon - Dalanzadgad

- 30-kilometres (18,64 miles) journey until Dalanzadgad, the capital of the province, where we'll embark for our return flight to Ulan Bator.
- Arrival in town and transfer to your hotel where you can rest a few moments.
- Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.
- Rest of the day free. With our guide, you can go and shop in the centre of the city.

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| 🏠 Accommodation | Holiday Inn Hotel |
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## Day 21. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



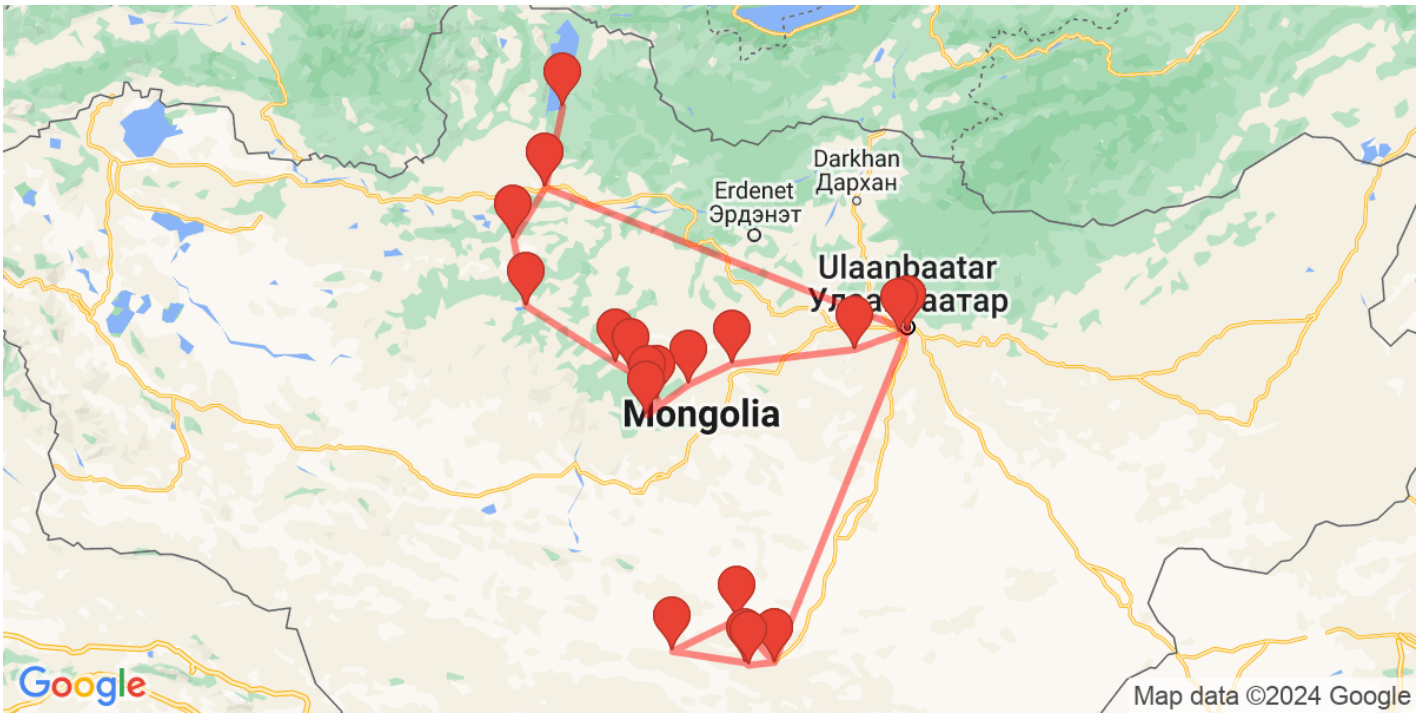
Flight back 📍

- 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

Holiday Inn Hotel

## Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

| 2-2      | 3-3      | 4-4      | 5-8      | 9-10     |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 4200 EUR | 3390 EUR | 3100 EUR | 2900 EUR | 2690 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

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- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flight Ulan Bator / Moron
- Flights Ulan Bator / Dalanzadgad / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 10 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 5 nights in a host family, in guest yurt
- 2 nights tent camping and 1 night in the mobile yurt
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Assistant for groups > 8 persons
- 2 days hiking or pony trekking, "yak carting"
- Pony treks with our Kazakh saddles
- Camel treks
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for the parks and museums indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (mess tent, camping tables and chairs) and nights (tent, sleeping bag, ground mattress), sanitary tent

## Not included

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- International transport
- Passport and visa fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Drinks / alcohols extras
- Meals in Ulan Bator
- Phone calls
- Additional charges for luggage exceeding 15kg (total weight for both carry-on checked luggage) on the domestic flight

## Extra infos

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### 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](http://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.