

# Golden Eagles festival



Days:	12
Price:	2190 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★☆
Difficult:	★★★★☆
📌 Festival 📌 Ethnic minority	
📌 Off the beaten track 📌 Culture	
📌 Horse riding 📌 Adventure 📌 Hiking	

The Kazakhs of the **province of Bayan Olgiy** still live in the respect of their ancestral traditions. **Kazakhs** are famous for their ability to hunt small preys (foxes, wolves,...) thanks to their **golden eagles**. Attend the **Eagles festival**, in which more than 60 **Kazakh falconers** take part with their splendid eagles, then **go hunting with a falconer**.

## 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	Hôtel Nine
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## Day 2. Flight to the Mongolian Far West



Ulan Bator 📍  
✈️ 1500km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
Khovd 📍

- We leave the hectic Mongolian capital to embark on our inner flight to **Khovd**.
- Khovd was an **important commercial centre** located North of the silk road, that had forged links with Russia and China. In 1763, the Manchu administration made build the **fortress of Sangiin Kherem**. 3-metres (9,84 feet) high and 2-metres (6,56 feet) wide walls enclosed the city that covered an area of 4 hectares. Today, the province of Khovd houses **18 Mongolian ethnic groups**.

### Visit of the local market.

- Walk on the banks of Lake Khar Us, Southeast of the city.

☕ Breakfast	Hôtel Nine
🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	2 stars hotel

## Day 3. In the Altai mountains



Khovd 📍  
🚗 100km - ⌚ 4h  
Tsambagarav mounts 📍

- We drive until **Tavan Belchir Mount**, whose name means "*the five pastures*". The mount is located North from Tsambagarav mounts, whose snow-covered peaks culminate at 4195 metres (2,61 miles) above the sea level. Many minorities live in this area, such as **Uriankhai** and **Kazakhs**.
- We arrive at a family of nomadic herders with whom we stay 2 nights. During your stay, you will discover their way of life.

☕ Breakfast	2 stars hotel
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 4-5. Trekking in Tsambagarav mounts



Tsambagarav mounts 📍  
15km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
Tsambagarav mounts 📍

- From Tavan Belchir, we start a 2-days trek in the valleys of Tsambagarav National Park. We'll meet Kazakh and Uriankhai nomads (Mongolian ethnies living in West of the country). **We'll meet a Kazakh falconer** who will show us his eagle.  
From Northwest of Tsambagarav mountains, we go closer to the snow-covered summits. **View on the glacier.**

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included

## Day 6. Olgi, the Kazakh center



Tsambagarav mounts 📍  
🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m  
Olgi 📍

- Let's continue our adventure towards the Mongolian far west. Stop on the banks of lake Tolbo, for a stroll.
- We arrive in the capital of **Bayan-Ölgii** province that is located in the most Western part of Mongolia and that is the farthest city from any ocean in the world. Olgi is located at 1636 km (1,02 mile) from Ulan-Bator, at 1710 metres (1,06 mile) above the sea level. Principally Kazakhs live there and its atmosphere is very influenced by Central Asia: many signs written in Arabic, mosques and their cupolas pricked up to the sky.
- Visit of **Olgi Museum** that shows an exhibition about the fauna and flora of the area. We discover the **Kazakh culture**, notably with traditional costumes and with a Kazakh yurt built in the museum.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Baavgain khondii camp

## Day 7. Eagles Festival



Olgii 📍

- Each year, **falconers** living in the area get together on the occasion of the Eagles Festival that symbolizes the opening of the shooting season, where everyone can come with its eagle-hunter and show its skill. Preys are foxes, rabbits, or small wolves. Skill tournaments are held all day long, but also **bushkashi trials**, over the course of which Kazakh horsemen compete to catch the corpse of a sheep. The first one who catches it must bring it behind a predefined line, while the other ones try to snatch it from him.

**You'll attend this trial all day long.**

🍳 Breakfast	Baavgain khondii camp
🍴 Dinner	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Baavgain khondii camp

## Day 8. Eagles Festival, day 2!



Olgii 📍  
🚗 30km - ⌚ 45m  
Sagsai 📍

- You'll attend the second day of the Eagles Festival. The trials come one after another before the presentation of the prizes.
- At the end of the day, we follow a falconer to his home, in the **village of Sagsai**, where we spend the night.

🍳 Breakfast	Baavgain khondii camp
🍴 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 9-10. Hunting with a falconer and its golden eagle



Sagsai 📍

- We go with our host for 2 days Hunting with eagles. On horseback, we follow the falconer in the neighbouring mountains. Once upright, **the falconer removes the mask from its eagle and the eagle scans the horizon with its sharp eyes...** If it can see a prey (rabbit, fox, wolf), it lets out a small cry to tell its master it saw something ; so the latter releases the animal that goes swooping on its prey.

For this ancestral hunting technique, patience is queen, because the animal does not catch game each time, but seeing this proud animal united with man in this hundreds of years-old practice is indisputably **the key moment of any travel in Central Asia**.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Included
🍴 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 11. Return flight to Ulan Bator



- We embark on our return flight to Ulan bator.
- Arrival in town and transfer to your hotel where you can rest a few moments.
- Rest of the day free. With our guide, you can go shopping in the centre of the city.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
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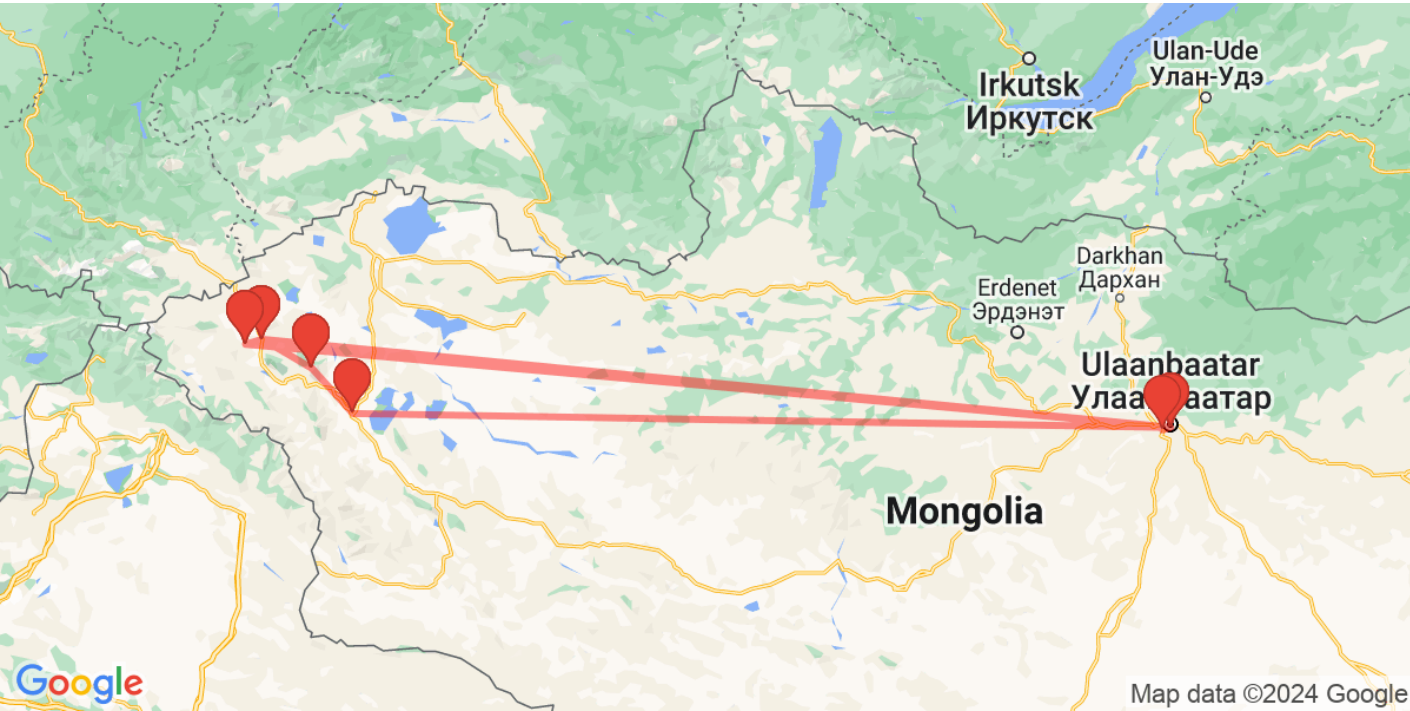
## Day 12. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



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.

## Itinerary map



## Departure dates

Start date	End date	Available	Status	Price
2024/09/29	2024/10/10	6	Confirmed	2190 EUR

For your journey in Mongolia, it is possible **joining a fixed departure tour with a group**, which has the advantage of providing a friendly atmosphere and to let you benefit from the best price. Our groups are composed of an average of 3 to 10 participants.

Our departures are confirmed without any additional fees **to the price of 2190 Euros per person** from a minimum of 3 participants. If you are only 2 participants registered for this particular departure however, we can still organize the tour for you against **an added fee of 400 Euros per person**.

# Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-6	7-8	9-10
3250 EUR	2690 EUR	2390 EUR	2290 EUR	2190 EUR

## 2024 Fares

### Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flights Ulan Bator / Khovd & Olgii / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 2 nights in comfortable Kazakh yurts camp with warm showers
- 6 nights in a host family, in a guest yurt
- 1 night in a provincial hotel in Khovd
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Assistant for groups > 8 persons
- 2 days horse riding during which you'll follow the falconer hunting
- Local guides during the treks
- Entrance fee for the Eagles Festival
- Entrance fees for parks and museums indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (camping tables and chairs) and nights (sleeping bags)

### Not included

- International transport
- Early check-in Day 1
- 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

# 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.