

# Meeting with the Dukhans



Days: 14

Price: -  
International flight not included

Comfort: ★☆☆☆☆

Difficult: ★★★★★

📍 Off the beaten track 📍 Ethnic minority  
📍 Adventure 📍 Nomadic lifestyle  
📍 Horse riding

Live a great Mongolian adventure in the Northern borders of the country, among **Dukhans, the traditional reindeer breeders**. A tour that leads you on the banks of the **blue pearl of Mongolia**, before **horseriding across the taiga** to reach the camps of this people who kept alive the **shaman traditions**.

## Day 1. Arrival at 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

Hotel Nine

## Day 2-4. Adventures around the great blue lake of Mongolia



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.

### Also

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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.

☕ Breakfast	<div>2</div> Hotel Nine <div>3</div> Alag tsar camp <div>4</div> Made by your team
🍴 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. On the road to the Northern borders of Mongolia



Alag Tsar 📍  
🚗 170km - ⌚ 6h  
Oliin Dawaa 📍

### Alag Tsar - Oliin Dawaa

- We drive towards Southeast of Lake Khövsgöl. **The camps of the Dukhans** are isolated in the mountains Northwest of the lake, and the journey will last several days. We'll arrive at **Öliin Dawaa** by a pass containing 13 ovoos. **Ovoos** are piles of stones and wood generally located in the passes and in the sacred places. Mongolians walk three times around the ovoo making offerings : stones, tugrugs, milk, vodka...

☕ Breakfast	Alag tsar camp
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 6. Arrival in Tsagaan Nuur depression and its thousand islands



Oliin Dawaa 📍  
🚗 80km - ⌚ 3h  
Tsagaan nuur 📍

### Oliin Dawaa - Tsagaan nuur

- Journey towards North and Tsagaan Nuur, The land of Dukhans. In this landscape made of rivers and steppes, we'll cross a few passes and stop at **Lake Tsagaan Nuur**.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 7-9. Meeting with the reindeer breeders



Tsagaan nuur 📍

### Tsagaan nuur - Tsaatan camp

- Meeting with the breeders who will come with us all along our tour towards the Dukhans. Beginning of our horseride. After an epic crossing of the **Shishged River** in "ferry boat", we discover the first **landscapes of the taiga**. Forming a natural barrier protecting the camps of the Dukhans, in summer the wild and inhabited taiga is hard : unfortunately, marshes, flies and mosquitos will be present. It's not the easiest part of your trip but, with your guide and the local guides, you can take advantage of the trek to discover the traditions and the way of life of Mongolian breeders. In the early evening, we set up our camp near the Moorog River, where we'll enjoy a quite needed rest. Tomorrow, we'll finally reach the camp of the Dukhans.

40km - ☉ 7h  
Tsaatan camp 📍

## Day 9

- This day is dedicated to the discovery of the Tsaatan people. The traveller must come and meet his/her host, so spend time to go in the tepees and to share a few moments with the family. Watch, take part in the daily tasks, listen to stories, legends and myths, and learn some games. A part of the day will be dedicated to **shamanism**, proper to spirituality of Tsaatans.

After sharing dinner and evening with your host family, you'll fall asleep in a **tepee made with reindeer skin** in the camp of the host family.

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To reach the dukhan territory, we have to ride during one day and a half, outward and inward journeys, across the taiga. It's a self-sufficient ride and the equipment and your belongings are carried by pack horses.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	7 Made by your team 8 9 made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	7 tent camping 8 9 Tsaatan family

## Day 10-11. Horseride in the taiga



Tsaatan camp 📍  
40km - ☉ 7h  
Tsagaan nuur 📍

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🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 12. Track among steppes, mountains, and rivers



Tsagaan nuur 📍  
🚗 160km - ⌚ 6h 30m  
Beltes river 📍

## Tsagaan nuur - Beltes river

- Today we drive towards Moron, South. We set up our camp near the **Beltes River**. On the road, we discover another landscape, made of steppes, passes and rivers. Take the time to stop here. In the evening, if weather allows it, you can observe the sky by the fireside : Mongolia is definitely the land of the sky, *Tenger*, incredibly blue during the day and scattered with thousands of stars at night.

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☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Made by your team
🏠 Accommodation	tent camping

## Day 13. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Beltes river 📍  
🚗 120km - ⌚ 4h  
Moron 📍  
✈ 750km - ⌚ 1h 15m  
Ulan Bator 📍

## Moron - Ulan Bator

- We reach Mörön, the capital of province, and embark for our back 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.

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☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nine

## Day 14. Have a nice journey and see you soon !



Flight back 📍

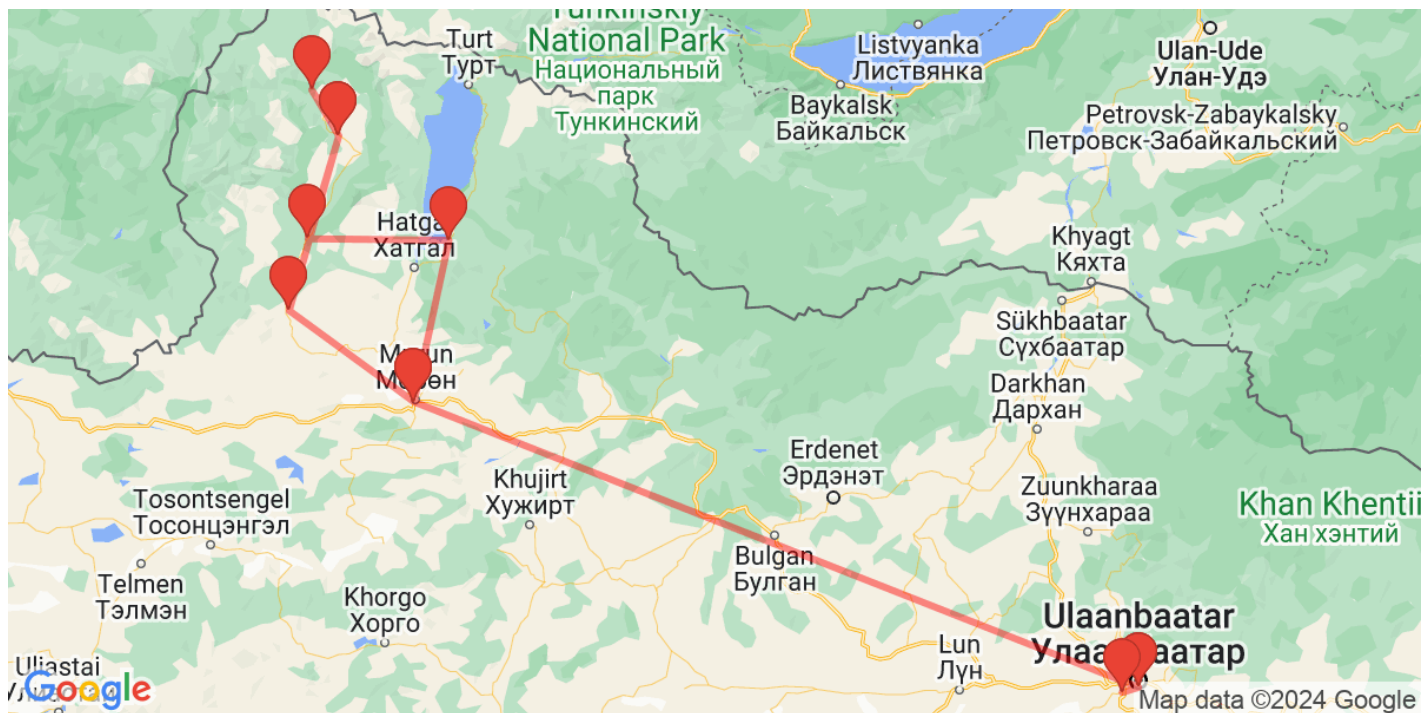
- Breakfast at the hotel. We go with you to the international airport of Ulan Bator. The transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight.

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☕ Breakfast	Hotel Nine
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# Itinerary map



## Included

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flight Ulan Bator / Moron / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 2 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 2 nights among Tsaatan family, in a guest tepee
- 7 nights tent camping
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 4 persons
- 2 days trekking or horse riding, "yak carting"
- 4 days pony trek
- Pack horses for the equipment
- Equestrian equipment with Kazakh saddles
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for parks and museum indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Satellite phone IRIDIUM
- Equipment for meals (mess tent, camping tables and chairs) and nights (tent, sleeping bag, ground mattress), sanitary tent

## Not included

- International transport
- Passport and visa fees
- Repatriation insurance
- Travel insurance
- Drinks / alcohols extras
- Meals in Ulan Bator
- Phone calls
- Any excursion that is not indicated in the program
- 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.