

# The great crossing of Mongolia



Days:	21
Price:	2290 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★☆☆☆
Difficult:	★★★★☆
Off the beaten track	Adventure
Hiking	Must see
	Culture

This great crossing of Mongolia will offer you a thrilling experience. After seeing the **essentials** of the centre of the country, you will go deeper **out of the beaten tracks** to the West of the country. **Snow-covered peaks, high dunes, glaciers**, wait for you for this exceptional adventure that will show you a nice **panorama of our Mongolia**.

## 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

Hotel Nine

## Day 2. Let's go to Mini-Gobi !



Ulan Bator 📍

🚗 280km - ⌚ 4h 30m  
Khogno Khan 📍

### Ulan Bator - Khogno Khan

- Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.
- 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**".
- 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.
- Visit of the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai.

🍳 Breakfast

Hotel Nine

🍽️ Lunch

Made by your team

🍷 Dinner

Eden camp

## Day 3-4. Among nomads in Orkhon Valley



Khogno Khan 📍  
 🚗 110km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
 Kharkhorin 📍  
 🚗 130km - ⌚ 3h 30m  
 Orkhon valley 📍

### Khogno Khan - 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**.

### Kharkhorin - Orkhon valley

- Journey to Orkhon Valley. Inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**, the valley is a land of nomadism and many breeders set their summer camp there.

### Day 4

- 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.

### Also

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Stay at herders' from 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.

🍽️ Breakfast

3 Eden camp

4 Made by your team

🍴 Lunch

3 Picnic from the camp

4 Made by your team

🍷 Dinner

3 made by the family

4 Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"

🏠 Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 5. Hot bath in Tsenkher hot springs



Orkhon valley 📍  
 🚗 42km  
 Tovkhon monastery 📍  
 🚗 110km  
 Tsenkher hot springs 📍

### Orkhon valley - Tovkhon monastery

- 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.

### Tovkhon monastery - Tsenkher hot springs

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

🍽️ Breakfast

Made by your team

🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Shiveet Mankhan
🏠 Accommodation	Shiveet Mankhan

## Day 6-7. By the great white lake of Mongolia



Tsenkher hot springs 📍

🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h

Tsetserleg 📍

🚗 175km - ⌚ 4h

Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

### Tsenkher hot springs - 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 - Terkhiin Tsagaan national park

- 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

- Hiking 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 of the lake and the surrounding hills. Nearby the volcano, stunning lava flows form an original landscape never seen up to now.

☕ Breakfast	<div>6 Shiveet Mankhan</div> <div>7 Made by your team</div>
🍴 Lunch	<div>6 Local restaurant</div> <div>7 Made by your team</div>
🍷 Dinner	made by the family
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

## Day 8. Deeper in the wild Mongolia



Terkhiin Tsagaan national park 📍

🚗 190km - ⌚ 6h

Ider river 📍

### Terkhiin Tsagaan national park - Ider river

- We take the road towards West and the **province of Zavkhan**. On the way, we drive along the Solongotiin Hills. Lunch in a local restaurant in **Tosontsengel**. The atmosphere of the cities in the Mongolian West makes inevitably think of the remote cities of American Far West. We set up our camp in a small corner of paradise between heaven and earth, by the Ider River.

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

## Day 9. Uliastai, in the heart of Zavkhan



Ider river   
🚗 220km - ⌚ 6h  
Uliastai

## Ider river - Uliastai

- We drive along the Khangai Mountains that surround the track at East, pass by the Zagastain Hills before reaching Uliastai, the capital of the **province of Zavkhan** ; we buy fresh supplies at the **local market**.

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☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Uliastai hotel

## Day 10. Otgontenger National Park



Uliastai   
🚗 190km - ⌚ 5h  
Otgontenger mountain

### Uliastai - Otgontenger mountain

- Visit of Otgontenger National Park : waterfalls and Lake Badagakhundaga.
- Hiking until Lake Badarkhundaga located at the northern foot of Otgontenger mountain.

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

## Day 11. Hiking in the park



Otgontenger mountain   
🚗 145km - ⌚ 4h  
Tsagaankhairkhan

### Otgontenger mountain - Tsagaankhairkhan

- Hiking until the artificial **waterfalls** located on the Bodg River, or free time to enjoy this bucolic nature.
- Road to **Tsagaankhairkhan**, in the province of Zavkhan. We set up our camp at the confluence of the Shiree and Tomort Rivers.

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

## Day 12. The highest dunes of Mongolia



Tsagaankhairkhan 📍  
🚗 220km - ⌚ 6h  
Mongol els sand dunes 📍

## Tsagaankhairkhan - Mongol els sand dunes

- Journey until the highest dunes of Mongolia, Mongol Els, that extend from the province of Zavkahn in North Gobi-Altai, until the area of Khovd in extreme West.
- Walking in the dunes. Our steps shatter the crest of the dunes, which entails small slide of fine sand. The flowing of the sand grains make a grave and surprising sound, which inspired the name of “*singing dunes*”. From the top, Mongol Els Dunes present a remarkable view on **Lake Ereen Nuur**, a rather marshy stretch of water near whose it can be dangerous to go.

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

## Day 13. A day in the desert, until Lake Dorgon



Mongol els sand dunes 📍  
🚗 250km - ⌚ 7h  
Dorgon lake 📍

## Mongol els sand dunes - Dorgon lake

- Journey to Lake Dörgön, in the **great lakes depression** and at the border of the provinces of Gobi-Altai, Zavkhan, and Khovd.

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

## Day 14. Meeting a khoomei singer



Dorgon lake 📍  
🚗 50km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
Chandmani 📍  
🚗 150km - ⌚ 4h  
Mankhan 📍

## Dorgon lake - Chandmani

- Stop in the village of **Chandmani**. Many **singers of khoomei** (traditional overtone singing in this area of Mongolia) live in the village. We meet a singer who will sing for us.

## Chandmani - Mankhan

- We arrive in the sum of **Mankhan**, that houses the **caves of Tsenkher**.

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🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Cave of 3 Tsenkher
🏠 Accommodation	Cave of 3 Tsenkher

## Day 15. Arrival in Khovd, in the extreme West of the country





Mankhan 📍  
 🚗 60km - ⌚ 1h 30m  
 Khar-us lake 📍  
 🚗 40km - ⌚ 1h  
 Khovd 📍

## Mankhan - Khar-us lake

- Visit of the rupestrian caves of Khoid Tsenkher, that house **petroglyphs from the Upper Palaeolithic** (from 12.000 to 48.000 years).
- Walk on the banks of Lake Khar Us, Southeast of the city.

## Khar-us lake - Khovd

- Arrival in Khovd. In the old days, this city was located in the Northern part of the silk road, it was an **important commercial centre** and had forged links with Russia and China. In 1763, the Manchu administration made built the **fortress of Sagjin Cherem**. The city was extended on four hectares and it was surrounded by 2-metres high, 2-metres wide walls. Today the province of Khovd houses **18 Mongolian ethnic groups**.

☕ Breakfast	Cave of 3 Tsenkher
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Local restaurant
🏠 Accommodation	Khovd Tsambagarav

# Day 16-18. Hiking in the Tsambagarav Mounts



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

## Khovd - 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**.

## Also

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From Tavan Belchir, we leave for 2-day hiking in the valleys of the Tsambagarav National Park. Visit of the Kazakh and Uriankhai nomad families (Mongolian ethnic groups living in West). Meeting witg a Kazakh falconer who will show you his eagle. From Northeast Mounts Tsambagarav, we walk closer to the snow-covered summits. **View on the glacier**.

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

# Day 19. Olgii, Kazakh heart



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

## Tsambagarav mounts - Olgii

- Stop on the banks of Lake Tolbo.
- 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. Olgii 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 **Olgii 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	Local restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Baavgain khondii camp
🏠 Accommodation	Baavgain khondii camp

## Day 20. Return flight to Ulan Bator



Olgii 📍  
✈ 1700km - ⌚ 2h  
Ulan Bator 📍

### Olgii - Ulan Bator

- Transfer to airport and 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	Baavgain khondii camp
🍴 Lunch	Picnic from the camp
🏠 Accommodation	Hotel Nine

## 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	Hotel Nine
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# Itinerary map



## Individual price per person

2-2	3-6	7-8	9-10
3590 EUR	2790 EUR	2490 EUR	2290 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

- Transfers airport / hotel / airport
- Flight Olgii / Ulan Bator
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 4 nights in comfortable yurts camp, with warm showers
- 2 nights in a provincial hotel
- 7 nights in a host family, in guest yurt
- 5 nights tent camping
- Journeys in jeep or minibus + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 4 persons
- Pony 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

- 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.