

Nomads of Mongolia, from yurts to tepees



Days:	21
Price:	2390 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★☆☆☆
Difficult:	★★★★☆
🔖 Adventure 🔖 Ethnic minority 🔖 Culture 🔖 Off the beaten track 🔖 Horse riding 🔖 Must see 🔖 Nomadic lifestyle	

With this tour, you'll meet **nomad breeders of the steppes** and **reindeer breeders of the taiga**, *Dukhans*. In this way, you'll discover why Mongolia is a multi-facets country.

A full tour to live **from yurts to tepees**.

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 2-4. 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.

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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. Let's go to North Mongolia !



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

Alag Tsar - Oliin Dawaa

- We go by jeep towards Southeast of Lake Khovsgol. **The camps of the Dukhans** are isolated in the taiga and the mountains Northwest of the lake, so the journey will last several days. Our journey will lead us to **Oliin Davaa**, a pass where have been built thirteen ovoos.

Ovoos are piles of stones and wood, generally located in the passes and in the sacred places. Mongolians walk around three times and give offerings, such as stones, tugriks, milk or vodka.

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

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



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

Oliin Dawaa - Tsagaan nuur

- Journey towards North and Tsagaan Nuur, land of Dukhans. The landscape is made of rivers and steppes, and we must cross some passes before stopping 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. We join the reindeer breeders



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

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.

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 camp of the Dukhans, we have to ride in the taiga for about one day and a half (to go and to come back). It's a self-sufficient ride, the logistics and your personal belongings will be carried by pack horses.

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

Day 10-11. Horse back in the taiga



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

Tsaatan camp - Tsagaan nuur

- After this wonderful experience among Dukhans, it's time to ride again. We ride towards South and, at the end of the day, set up our camp by Lake Gants Uulin Khar Nur. Tomorrow, we'll find Tsagaan Nuur again.

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🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 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.

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

Day 13. Let's go to the central steppes !



Beltes river 📍
🚗 250km - ⌚ 7h
Shine Ider 📍

Beltes river - 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.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	Zuun nuur camp
🏠 Accommodation	Zuun nuur camp

Day 14-15. Area of lakes and volcanos



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

Shine Ider - 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 15

- 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	14 Zuun nuur camp 15 Maikhan Tolgoi
🍴 Lunch	14 Picnic from the camp 15 Picnic from the camp
🍷 Dinner	Maikhan Tolgoi
🏠 Accommodation	Maikhan Tolgoi

Day 16. Relaxing 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.

🍳 Breakfast	Maikhan Tolgoi
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Shiveet Mankhan
🏠 Accommodation	Shiveet Mankhan

Day 17-18. Among nomads in Orkhon Valley



Tsenkher hot springs 📍
🚗 110km - ⌚ 4h 15m
Tovkhon monastery 📍
🚗 42km - ⌚ 1h 15m
Orkhon valley 📍

Tsenkher hot springs - Tovkhon monastery

- 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.
- 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.

Day 18

- 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.

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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	17 Shiveet Mankhan 18 Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	17 Picnic from the camp 18 Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	17 made by the family 18 Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 19. Change of scene in the 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*".
- Walk 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.

☕ Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Local restaurant
🍷 Dinner	Eden camp
🏠 Accommodation	Eden camp

Day 20. Back to Ulan Bator



Khogno Khan 📍
🚗 280km
Ulan Bator 📍

Khogno Khan - Ulan Bator

- Camelback trek along the sand dunes of Elsen tasarkhai.
- Back to Ulan-Bator. Last herds of wild horses crossing the road outside our dumbfounded eyes, last yurts smoking far away, the steppe will be with us until the last moment.

Arrival in town and settling in at your hotel, where you can rest a few moments.

- Rest of the day free. With our guide, you can go and shop in the centre of the city.

☕ Breakfast	Eden camp
🍴 Lunch	Eden 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	3-5	6-6	7-8	9-10
3500 EUR	2750 EUR	2650 EUR	2500 EUR	2390 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 Ulan Bator / Moron
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 7 nights in comfortable yurts camp with warm showers
- 2 nights among Dukhans, in host tepee or tent camping
- 2 nights in a host family, in guest yurt
- 6 nights tent camping and 1 night in the mobile yurt
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep or Russian 4x4 UAZ + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Cook for groups > 4 persons
- 2 days trekking or pony trekking, "yak carting"
- 4 days horse riding
- Pack horses for the equipment
- Equestrian equipment with Kazakh saddles
- Camel trek
- 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 on the domestic flight

Extra infos

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.

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.