

Steppe & Gobi discovery



Days:	14
Price:	1890 EUR International flight not included
Comfort:	★★★★☆
Difficult:	★★★☆☆
🔖 Must see 🔖 Comfort & Luxury	
🔖 Travel with children 🔖 Culture	
🔖 Adventure 🔖 Nomadic lifestyle	

A great Mongolian discovery tour awaits you in this comfy adventure. You'll start your trip in the lush **Orkhon Valley**, where you will experience Nomadic life during 2 days before going deeper towards South, where the track disappears to give place to a legendary spot : the **Gobi Desert**, and the arid majesty of its lunar landscapes, with its **towering rocky formations, frozen canyon and sand dunes**.

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

Hôtel Nine

Day 2. Discovering wild horses



Ulan Bator 📍
🚗 130km - ⌚ 2h 30m
Khustai national park 📍

- Visit of Gandantegchinlen Monastery. In the morning, lamas get together to pray. They will answer your questions at the Mongolian Buddhist Centre.
- 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.
- We spend our first night in Mongolia with a nomadic family living on the edge of the national park.

🍳 Breakfast

Hôtel Nine

🍴 Lunch

Included

🍷 Dinner

made by the family

🏠 Accommodation

Yurt for guests with a family

Day 3. Ulan Bator - Khogno Khan National Park



Khustai national park 📍
 🚗 210km - ⌚ 3h 30m
 Khogno Khan 📍
 🚗 110km - ⌚ 1h 30m
 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.
- Visit of the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai.
- 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.

🍽️ Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Anja gers camp
🏠 Accommodation	Anja gers camp

Day 4. The former capital and land of nomadism



Kharkhorin 📍
 🚗 92km - ⌚ 3h
 Tovkhon monastery 📍
 🚗 42km - ⌚ 1h 15m
 Orkhon valley 📍

- 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**.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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	Anja gers camp
🍽️ Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	made by the family Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 5. Horse riding to the falls



Orkhon valley 📍
 8km - ⌚ 1h 30m
 Orkhon waterfalls 📍
 Orkhon valley 📍

- Those who wish will go pony trekking along Orkhon Valley, from the camp until **Orkhon waterfalls**.
For the others, it will be possible to go to the falls by making a 6 km walk, or with the vehicle.
- 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.
- At the end of the day, you will attend the preparation of a Mongolian barbecue which you will enjoy with your hosts.

🍽️ Breakfast	Made by your team
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🍴 Lunch	Included Made by your team
🍷 Dinner	made by the family Mongolian barbecue "Khorkhog"
🏠 Accommodation	Yurt for guests with a family

Day 6. Let's hit the road to Gobi desert !



Orkhon valley 📍
🚗 310km - ⌚ 8h
Ongi monastery 📍

- Let's discover this site, best known as Ong lamasery, and the museum. In 1937, the Soviets almost completely destroyed the homes and monasteries where one thousand lamas were living. In 2002, some lamas came back and began to rebuild the monastery, with few resources but much enthusiasm.
- Day of transition between two ecosystems. We leave the **green mountains of Khangai** to go towards **Gobi**. We drive across the green steppe and reach Arvaikheer, the capital of province, where we stop to get fresh supplies at the **local market**.
- We arrive in the sum of **Saikhan Ovoo**. West Saikhan Ovoo, some mountains located along the Ongii River, are the perfect place to rest between Northwest of Mongolia and Gobi Desert. In the bends of the river, we can see the ruins of two monasteries, Barlim Monastery on the Northern bank, Khutagt Monastery on the Southern bank.

🍳 Breakfast	Made by your team
🍴 Lunch	Made by your team Included
🍷 Dinner	Secref of Ongi gers camp
🏠 Accommodation	Secref of Ongi gers camp

Day 7. Flaming cliffs and dinosaurs



Ongi monastery 📍
🚗 150km - ⌚ 4h 30m
Bayanzag 📍

- 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.
- Last day of track before reaching Great Gobi and its "**Three Beauties**", the three highest peaks of this part of the Gobi-Altai range : **Baruun Saihan**, "*the Western Beauty*"; **Dund Saihan**, "*the Middle Beauty*"; **Züün Saihan**, "*the Eastern Beauty*", the highest (2846 metres, 1,77 miles).

🍷 Dinner	Gobi tour gers camp
🏠 Accommodation	Gobi tour gers camp

Day 8-9. Riding a camel among the dunes



- 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.
- Camelback hike. **Camelback hiking 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

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

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 of 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**.

- 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 10. Hiking in the canyons



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

🍴 Lunch	Included
🍷 Dinner	Camp - Khan Bogd
🏠 Accommodation	Camp - Khan Bogd

Day 11. The great white stupa in the desert



Yoliin am canyon 📍
🚗 210km - ⌚ 5h
Tsagaan suvarga 📍

- We travel in one of the emptiest areas of Mongolia. Between rock desert and semi-arid steppes, we reach the white stupa, Tsagaan Suvarga. For centuries, this 30-metres (98,43 feet) high, abrupt, stupa-shaped mountain, is honoured by the Mongolians. The traveller will be surprised by the sumptuous lunar landscapes that evoke the end of the world, and by the many fossils. This area was totally covered by the sea a few million years ago.

☕ Breakfast	Camp - Khan Bogd
🍴 Lunch	Included

Day 12. The granite formations of Baga Gazriin Chuluu



Tsagaan suvarga 📍
🚗 350km - ⌚ 6h 30m
Baga gazriin chuluu 📍

- Visit of Mountains Baga Gazriin Chuluu, where we'll observe stunning granite rocky formations eroded by the violent elements of this area. In the 19th century, two respected lamas lived here, and we still can see their inscriptions in the rock. According to the legend, Genghis Khan too is supposed to have lived in this wonderful area where it's pleasant to walk.

🍴 Lunch	Included
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Day 13. Back to the Mongolian capital



Baga gazriin chuluu 📍
 🚗 250km - ⌚ 4h
 Ulan Bator 📍

- 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 shopping in the centre of the city.

🍴 Lunch	Included
🏠 Accommodation	Hôtel 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.

☕ Breakfast	Hôtel Nine
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Itinerary map



Individual price per person

2-2	3-3	4-6	7-9	10-10
2990 EUR	2390 EUR	2090 EUR	1990 EUR	1890 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
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Ulan Bator, breakfast included
- Full pension during the tour
- Water
- 8 nights in comfortable yurts camps with warm shower
- 3 nights with a host family, in a guest yurt
- Journeys in Japanese 4WD jeep with Air con + driver
- Petrol
- English-speaking guide
- Pony trek
- Camel trek
- Local guides for the treks
- Entrance fees for parks and museum indicated in the program
- Traditional show
- Equipment for meals (camping tables and chairs) and nights (sleeping bag)

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

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.