



Nomadic Explorer
BEYOND GUIDEBOOK

2026 MONGOLIA

10 DAY NORTHERN MONGOLIA TOUR

The Blue Pearl: Journey Through Mongolia's Untamed North

TOUR CODE: V1K

Introduction

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Discover the best of Mongolia on this unforgettable 10-day journey from the golden dunes of the Mini Gobi to the crystal-clear waters of Khuvsgul Lake. Explore ancient capitals, volcanic landscapes, natural hot springs, and remote northern forests while experiencing authentic nomadic culture, reindeer herder traditions, and Mongolia's breathtaking wilderness.



Tour Highlights

KHUVSGUL MONGOLIA



Experience authentic Mongolian nomadic life and stay with local herder families



Ride horses across the steppe and camels through the golden dunes of the Mini Gobi



Explore Mongolia's iconic landscapes, monasteries, and ancient heritage

Trip Overview

Day	Theme	Key Activities	Meal
1	Ulaanbaatar arrival	Airport transfer and free time for leisure	D
2	Elsen Tasarkhai	Camel riding and nomadic family	B,L,D
3	Kharkhorin & Hotspring	Visit Erdene Zuu Monastery, relax in hot springs	B,L,D
4	Khorgo Terkhi National Park	Explore volcanic crater, lava fields, Great White Lake	B,L,D
5	Shine-Ider Village	Scenic drive through central Mongolia, village visit	B,L,D
6	Khuvsgul Lake	Arrive at Khuvsgul Lake, lakeside relaxation	B,L,D
7	Khuvsgul Lake	Boat tour, visit Tsaatan reindeer herders	B,L,D
8	Erdenet City	Explore Erdenet city and local culture	B,L,D
9	Return Ulaanbaatar	City tour and folk concert	B,L,D
10	Departure	Airport transfer	B

Day 1 – Ulaanbaatar Arrival

Welcome to Mongolia! Your journey kicks off at Chinggis Khaan International Airport. Once you've cleared immigration and grabbed your bags, look for your friendly local guide and driver waiting for you in the arrivals hall. They'll whisk you away for a smooth transfer to your hotel in the heart of Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to rest or explore the city. enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. This will be your official introduction to authentic Mongolian cuisine. After dinner, return to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.



Day 2 – Elsen Tasarkhai

After breakfast, depart westward from Ulaanbaatar and journey deep into the Mongolian countryside toward Elsen Tasarkhai, often called the “Mini Gobi.” This unique region is one of Mongolia’s most scenic landscapes, where golden sand dunes stretch alongside green grasslands, rocky mountains, and grazing nomadic livestock.

Upon arrival, experience a traditional camel ride across the peaceful dunes and take time to explore the surrounding desert scenery. You may also hike to the top of the dunes for panoramic views of the vast steppe and changing desert colors. Along the way, witness the authentic nomadic lifestyle as herder families move freely across the open plains with their animals.

As evening falls, arrive at a traditional Mongolian ger camp. Enjoy dinner in the tranquil countryside and spend your first night in a cozy ger beneath Mongolia’s clear, star-filled sky.



Day 3 – Kharkhorin & Hotspring

After a relaxed breakfast, continue toward the ancient city of Kharkhorin, once the capital of the Mongol Empire during the reign of Chinggis Khan. Here, visit the historic Erdene Zuu Monastery, Mongolia's oldest Buddhist monastery, built beside the ruins of the former imperial city. Surrounded by ancient walls and temples, the monastery offers a fascinating glimpse into Mongolia's spiritual and historical heritage.

In the afternoon, continue to Tsenkher Hot Springs, nestled among the forested hills of Arkhangai Province. Known for their natural healing properties, these geothermal springs are the perfect place to relax after the journey. Spend the evening soaking in outdoor hot spring pools surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery before dinner and overnight stay at the camp.



Day 4 – Khorgo Terkhi National Park

After breakfast, journey deeper into the scenic landscapes of Arkhangai Province. Along the way, stop for lunch in Tsetserleg City before following the picturesque Chuluut River, famous for its dramatic basalt canyon formed by ancient volcanic eruptions.

Upon arrival at Khorgo-Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur National Park, explore the extinct Khorgo Volcano crater and walk among ancient lava fields, volcanic rocks, and hidden caves shaped thousands of years ago. Later, visit the peaceful shores of Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake, also known as the “Great White Lake,” surrounded by mountains and alpine scenery. Enjoy free time to take photos, walk along the lakeshore, or simply relax in the fresh mountain air before dinner and overnight stay near the park.



Day 5 – Shine Ider Village

After breakfast, continue your journey toward the remote northern regions of Mongolia. Today's drive offers some of the country's most beautiful and untouched scenery as you travel through endless grasslands, mountain passes, rivers, and small nomadic settlements scattered across the steppe. Because the journey to Khuvsgul Lake is long, this overnight stop allows for a more comfortable and relaxed pace while giving you the opportunity to experience rural Mongolian life away from tourist crowds. By afternoon, arrive in the quiet village of Shine-Ider. After settling into your accommodation, enjoy free time to unwind, explore the peaceful countryside, or relax in nearby natural hot springs. Dinner and overnight stay in the village.



Day 6 – Khuvsgul Lake

After breakfast, continue north toward the breathtaking Khuvsgul Lake, one of Mongolia's most beautiful natural destinations. Along the way, stop in Murun City, the provincial capital, for lunch and a chance to experience local northern culture and markets.

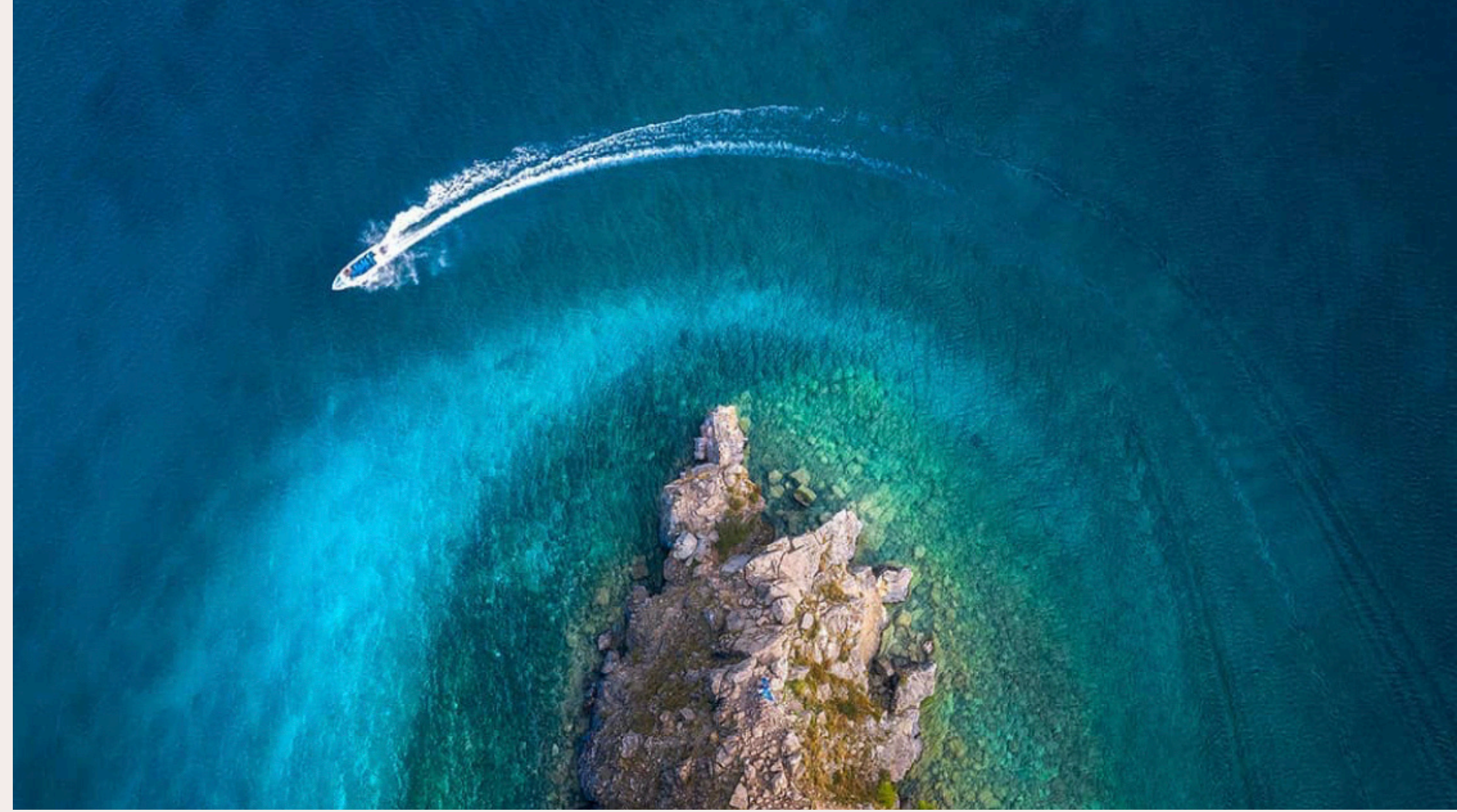
By afternoon, arrive at Khuvsgul Lake, famously known as the “Blue Pearl of Mongolia.” Surrounded by dense pine forests and the rugged peaks of the Saridag Mountains, this pristine alpine lake contains nearly 70% of Mongolia's fresh water. After checking into your lakeside tourist camp, enjoy free time to relax along the crystal-clear shoreline, take in the fresh mountain air, and admire the peaceful scenery as the sun sets across the lake. Dinner and overnight stay at the camp.



Day 7 – Khuvsgul Lake

After breakfast by the lakeshore, begin a scenic boat trip across the crystal-clear waters of Khuvsgul Lake toward Khusliin Khad, a sacred rock formation connected to local legends and traditions. The boat journey offers stunning views of the surrounding forests, mountains, and untouched wilderness.

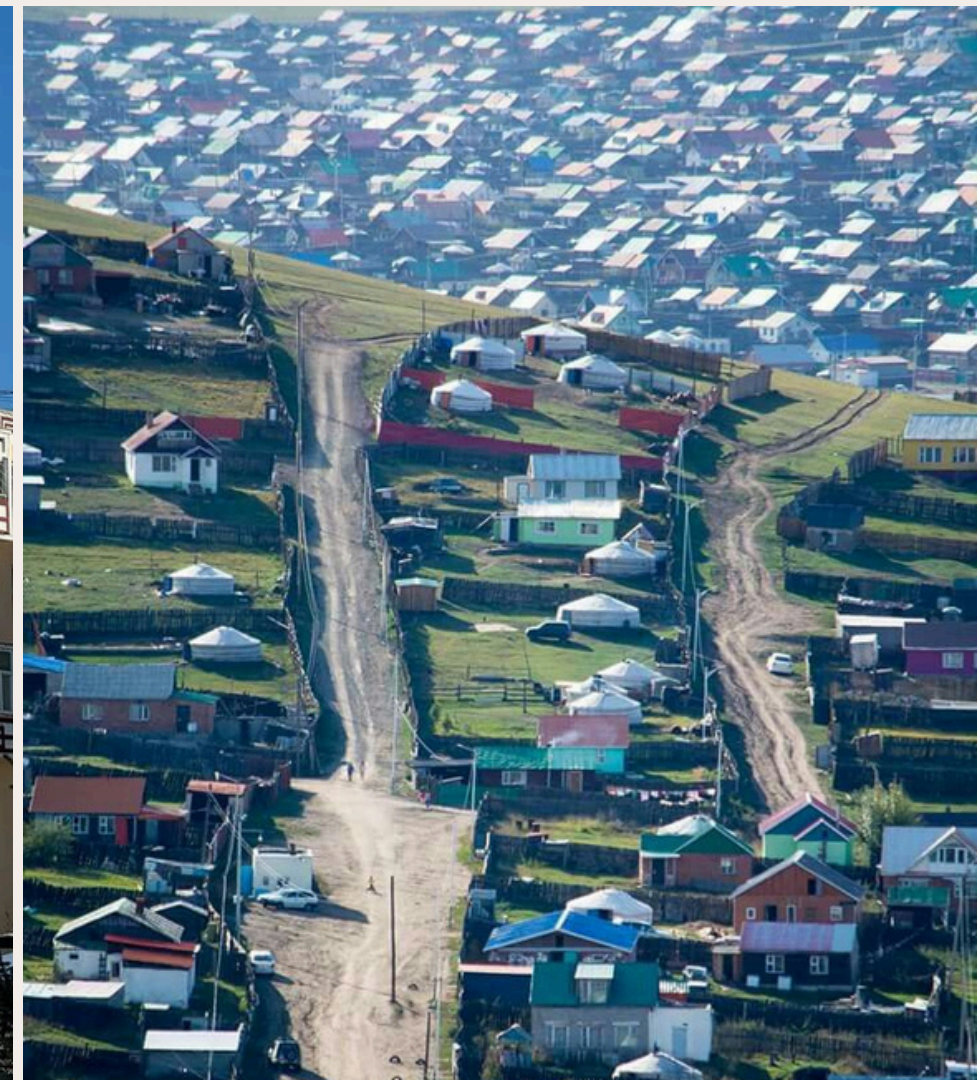
Later, enjoy a rare opportunity to visit a Tsaatan reindeer-herding family, one of Mongolia's most unique indigenous communities living in the remote northern taiga. During the visit, learn about their traditional lifestyle, spiritual beliefs, and close connection with reindeer and nature. Gain insight into how these nomadic families continue to preserve their centuries-old culture in one of Mongolia's most isolated regions. Return to the camp in the evening for dinner and another peaceful night beside the lake.



Day 8 – Erdenet City

After breakfast, begin the journey south toward Erdenet, one of Mongolia's largest and most important industrial cities. Known for hosting one of Asia's biggest copper mines, Erdenet provides a different perspective on Mongolia beyond its nomadic landscapes and wilderness.

Along the way, enjoy changing scenery as forests and mountains gradually give way to rolling steppe landscapes and urban surroundings. Upon arrival, explore the city atmosphere and learn about its important role in Mongolia's economy and modern development. After dinner, settle into your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.



Day 9 – Return to Ulaanbaatar

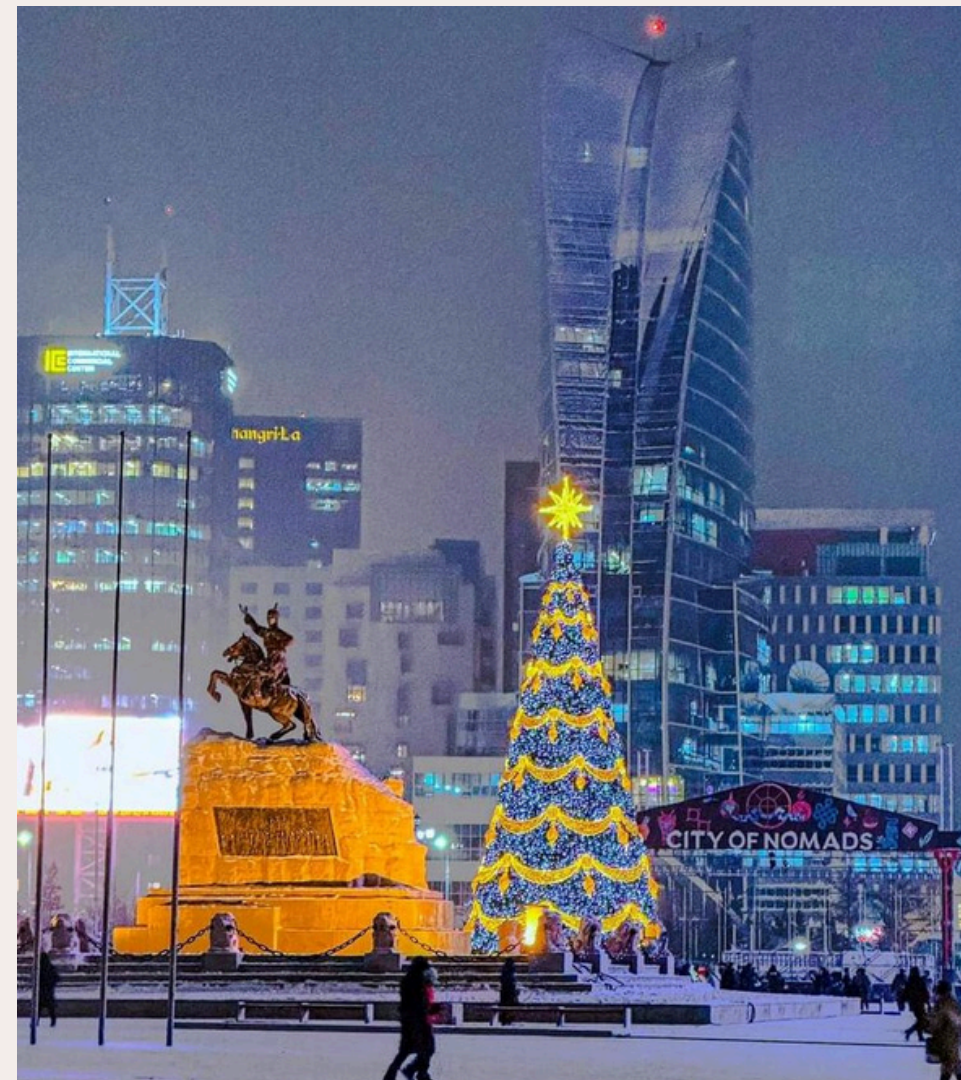
After breakfast, you will begin your journey back toward Ulaanbaatar. After several days in the wilderness, the return drive offers a final chance to enjoy the vast Mongolian steppes as the scenery transitions back to the city skyline.

You will arrive in the afternoon and check into your hotel, giving you plenty of time to relax, catch up on messages, or take a hot shower. In the evening, meet for dinner and an overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 10 – Departure

After breakfast, check out from your hotel. Your guide and driver will transfer you to Chinggis Khaan International Airport for your departure flight.

Your unforgettable journey through the diverse landscapes, rich history, and nomadic culture of Mongolia comes to an end.



Accommodation



Where You'll Stay

- Stay in comfortable 3–4 star hotels in Ulaanbaatar
- Experience authentic Mongolian ger camps and nomadic hospitality
- Enjoy accommodations surrounded by Mongolia's beautiful natural landscapes



Price

Price per person based on twin/double sharing

People	Price (per person USD)
2-3	\$2600
4-5	\$1800
6-7	\$1600
8-9	\$1500
10+	\$1400

Service Includes

- All activities on the itinerary;
- Meals (not drink) as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner);
- Experienced English-speaking guide;
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary;
- Transfers: Airport Pick up and drop as per your flight timings
- Bottle of water on the coach (1 bottle/1 person/1 day)
- Accommodation as mentioned above.
Check in: 2 pm. Check out: 11.am
- Transportation

Service Excludes

- Drinks
- Early check in & late check out room (available upon request and depend on room availability)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance).
- International or Domestic flight tickets
- Mongolian Visa
- Tipping for guides, drivers, hotel staff, restaurant staff, etc.
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- All other services not specified in the itinerary
Surcharge for Peak season, Naadam festival(11 of July – 15 of July).

Travel guide & Tips

Mongolia is known for its vast landscapes and rapidly changing weather, so we recommend bringing comfortable outdoor clothing and dressing in layers. Even during summer, mornings and evenings can become cool, especially in the countryside. A light waterproof jacket, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat are highly recommended for outdoor activities.

While staying in ger camps and visiting remote areas, facilities may be simpler than in the city, but they offer an authentic experience of Mongolian nomadic life. Internet connection can be limited outside Ulaanbaatar, so preparing offline maps or essential information in advance can be helpful.

Mongolian people are known for their warm hospitality, and guests are always welcomed with respect.

When visiting monasteries or nomadic families, modest clothing and respectful behavior are appreciated. Horseback and camel riding activities are suitable even for beginners, and local guides will assist you throughout the experience.





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