



Nomadic Explorer
BEYOND GUIDEBOOK

2026 MONGOLIA

8 DAY CENTRAL MONGOLIA TOUR

The Nomad's Path: Through Mongolia's Heartland



TOUR CODE: V2C

Introduction

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In just 8 days, discover Mongolia's rich history, unique culture, and authentic nomadic lifestyle. Meet local nomads, ride horses across the endless steppe, and experience a camel ride through the golden sand dunes of the Mini Gobi while exploring Mongolia's breathtaking natural beauty and ancient heritage.



Tour Highlights

CENTRAL 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	Terelj National park	Chinggis Khan Statue, Aryabal Temple, horseback riding	B,L,D
3	Elsen Tasarkhai	Camel riding and nomadic family	B,L,D
4	Kharkhorin & Hotspring	Visit Erdene Zuu Monastery, explore ancient capital, relax at natural hot spring	B,L,D
5	Khorgo & Terkhi National Park	Visit Arkhangai Museum, Chuluut Canyon, hike Khorgo Volcano	B,L,D
6	Ugii lake	Scenic countryside drive, birdwatching, photography, lakeside relaxation	B,L,D
7	Return Ulaanbaatar	Return to Ulaanbaatar, souvenir & cashmere shopping, Mongolian folk concert, farewell dinner	B,L,D
8	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 – Terelj national park

After breakfast, drive to Chinggis Khan Equestrian Statue at Tsonjin Boldog to visit the impressive equestrian statue of Genghis Khan, the tallest statue of its kind in the world. From the top of the monument, enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding steppe while learning more about Mongolia's rich history.

Continue to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, known for its dramatic granite rock formations and picturesque valleys. Visit the famous Turtle Rock, one of the park's natural landmarks, before taking a 30-minute horseback ride through the scenic landscape to Aryabal Meditation Temple. From there, enjoy a short uphill walk to the temple, where peaceful surroundings and beautiful views await.

In the late afternoon, attend a Mongolian nomadic cultural presentation, where you will gain insight into the traditional nomadic lifestyle. Learn how nomadic families live in gers, how they dismantle and move their homes across the steppe, and how they produce dairy products using age-old techniques. You will also have the opportunity to meet eagle hunters and learn about their unique heritage and hunting traditions.



Day 3 – Elsen Tasarkhai

After an early breakfast, drive to Elsen Tasarkhai, often called the “Mini Gobi.” This unique landscape features golden sand dunes blending with green grasslands and rocky hills, creating a striking contrast of scenery.

Upon arrival, enjoy a camel ride across the rolling dunes on a two-humped Bactrian camel, giving you the opportunity to experience the beauty of the steppe and desert landscapes together.

Later, visit a local nomadic family to gain firsthand insight into the traditional Mongolian way of life. Learn how families live in gers, adapt to seasonal changes, and care for their livestock following centuries-old herding traditions. You will also experience the warm hospitality of the nomads and have the chance to taste local dairy products.

In the evening, relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings before spending the night in a traditional ger.



Day 4 - Kharkhorin & Tsenkher Hotspring

After breakfast, continue your journey toward central Mongolia. Along the way, visit the ancient city of Kharkhorin, once the capital of the Great Mongol Empire during the 13th century. Explore the historic Erdene Zuu Monastery, Mongolia's oldest Buddhist monastery, famous for its beautiful architecture, ancient temples, and peaceful atmosphere. Learn about Mongolia's Buddhist heritage and the historical significance of the region. Afterwards, continue driving through scenic valleys and rolling hills to Tsenkher Hot Spring. Upon arrival, relax in the natural mineral hot springs surrounded by tranquil mountain scenery, an ideal way to unwind after the journey. Overnight at tourist camp near the hot spring.



Day 5 - Khorgo & Terkhi National Park

After breakfast, drive toward the breathtaking volcanic landscapes of Khorgo-Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur National Park. En route, stop at the Arkhangai Museum to learn more about the region's history, culture, and nomadic heritage. Continue to the dramatic Chuluut Canyon, where volcanic activity and river erosion have created spectacular cliffs and rugged scenery. Upon arrival at the national park, hike to the crater of the extinct Khorgo Volcano and enjoy panoramic views of lava fields, forests, and Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake. The area offers incredible opportunities for photography and enjoying Mongolia's untouched natural beauty. Overnight at tourist camp.



Day 6 – Ugii Lake

This morning, depart for the peaceful surroundings of Ugii Lake, one of Mongolia's most scenic freshwater lakes and an important habitat for migratory birds. Enjoy a relaxing drive through the vast Mongolian countryside while observing nomadic herders and grazing livestock along the way. Upon arrival at the lake, take time to enjoy the calm atmosphere, beautiful lakeside scenery, and opportunities for birdwatching and photography. Depending on the season, many species of water birds can be seen around the lake area. Spend a relaxing evening by the water and enjoy the serenity of Mongolia's natural landscapes. Overnight at tourist camp near the lake.



Day 7 – Return to Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast, begin the return journey back to Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival in the city, enjoy free time for shopping and exploring local cashmere boutiques, souvenir stores, and cultural shops. In the evening, attend a traditional Mongolian folk concert featuring throat singing, morin khuur horsehead fiddle music, traditional dance, and contortion performances, offering a wonderful introduction to Mongolia's unique cultural arts. Afterwards, enjoy a farewell dinner with your guide and driver to celebrate the end of your unforgettable Mongolian adventure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 8 – 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	\$2100
4-5	1550
6-7	\$1350
8-9	\$1250
10+	\$1150

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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