

Mongolia

Mongolia, from Yurt to Yurt

Mongolia unveils itself to us in a magical setting of vast steppes, yurts, and shepherds who have lived peacefully on this land for millennia. The nomad within us gradually emerges as we spend time with the families who host us. A journey that will be etched in our memories as a unique and precious moment, far from our Western daily routines.



Whether you crave escape, infinite space, or simply a return to the essentials, this journey transports you beyond time, into the lush green steppes of Mongolia to meet its people.

We set out to discover an ancestral way of life, that of the Mongolian nomads. By staying several nights with each family, we experience their daily lives and take part in the tasks that shape their simple and unembellished existence.

A journey through breathtaking landscapes, punctuated by touching encounters, laughter, and genuine exchanges with Mongolian families.

A unique experience to live!

You will like

- Gravelling at the heart of wild and intoxicating nature
- Sleeping in traditional yurts
- Gentle, sincere, and human encounters with Mongolian nomadic herders
- The feeling of freedom and serenity

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Practical information

→ Age & public: Suitable for individuals, small groups, or families with children (from 3 years old)

Openition : 15 days on-site

Dates & travel periods: Best travel period from June to September, on your chosen dates

• Number of travellers: 2 to 6/8 travellers (solo or groups from 9+ travellers: on request)

Travel package: Nature & hiking, cultural immersion with local people ("Immersion" package)

Regions & landscapes: "Little Gobi" and Khogno Khan Uul: plains, mountains, and desert

⊘ Accomodation : Small hotels (2/3*), homestays, guesthouses

⊙ Transport : Private vehicle

• Luggage handling : None (luggage transported by vehicle)

Program

Legend: B L D = meals included in the price of the trip (**B**reakfast, **L**unch and **D**iner)

Note: the outline of this program (steps, activities, etc.) is given for information purposes only. It may undergo modifications or adjustments depending on technical criteria, safety requirements, current climatic conditions and availability. Our guides always do everything possible to make the best possible decisions and options.

little note:

Tout voyage qui sort des sentiers battus comporte parfois des évènements imprévus (grève, route coupée, fête locale...); votre capacité d'adaptation aux conditions locales (transports, nourriture, hébergements, imprévus, aléas climatiques), comme à des événements inattendus sera aussi une clé à la réussite de votre voyage. Nous comptons sur vous pour avoir un esprit délibérément « positif » et ne jamais oublier votre sens de l'humour. Nous vous souhaitons un très beau et riche voyage.

Day 1: Ulaanbaatar (Meals: — ; Transport: 30 min)

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, where our guide welcomes us. After a transfer and check-in at the hotel, we visit the National History Museum, covering history from prehistory to modern times.

After lunch, we visit the yurt districts to meet an NGO or foundation working to improve the lives of underprivileged residents (optional donation in cash or kind is appreciated).

Overnight at the hotel.

Jour 2 : Lac Ugii (Repas B- ; transport 5h00)

Before departing, we visit the Gandan Monastery, whose Tibetan name translates to "The Great Place of Complete Joy." It was the only monastery to remain active after the massive purges and destruction of 1937-1938. It reopened in 1944 and has since regained its status as Mongolia's largest lamasery, housing hundreds of monks.

We then set off towards Ogii Nuur Lake.

This 25 km² lake at 1137m altitude, northwest of Tsetserleg and north of Karakorum, is famous for its fish-rich waters (perch and pike) and birdwatching opportunities (wild geese and Dalmatian pelicans).

En route, we explore the ruins of Khar Bukhiin Balgas, an ancient city from the Kitan period (9th-10th century).

Overnight in a tourist yurt camp.

Jour 3: Karakorum et Petit Gobi (Repas BLD; transport 3h)

We head to Karakorum, the ancient capital. In 1220, Genghis Khan decided to establish his base camp on the left shore of the Orkhon river, leaving women and central administration during his military campaigns.

We visit Erdene Zuu Monastery, "the hundred treasures", the first fixed structure Buddhist monastery in Mongolia, built in 1586 under the reign of Abtai Khan. At its peak, it housed between 60 and 100 temples, 300 yurts, and over 1000 resident monks.

In the afternoon, we travel towards Little Gobi, arriving in the evening to stay with a nomadic family. Overnight in a family yurt.

Days 4 to 13: Living with Mongolian Nomads - Little Gobi (Meals: BLD)

We live among Mongolian nomads, moving from one yurt camp to another, from one family to another, alternating walking days (3 to 6 hours max) with rest days. We stay with 3 to 4 different families for a total of eleven nights.

We participate in daily activities such as milking cows or goats, herding, cooking, fetching water and wood, making felt or traditional deel garments, fishing, horseback riding (optional), learning Mongolian games, and singing. Not to mention meals shared with our host families.

Overnight in yurts next to host families. Simple settings: a few beds, mattresses, and furniture; no toilets nor shower. Access to water is limited.

Day 14: Little Gobi - Ulaanbaatar (Meals: BL-; Transport: 5h)

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Day 15: Ulaanbaatar (Meals: B-; Transport: 30 min)

Prices and conditions

Price per person (varies by group size & USD exchange rate)

• 6 to 8 travellers: 1595 € PROMO €1495

4 to 5 travellers: 1695 €
3 travellers: €1895 €
2 travellers: €2195 €
Solo traveller: on request

Discount:

• Children under 11: - 100 €

Supplements:

• Single room: from + 150 €

• Transfers at different times than the main group: from 70 €/person

Options

Groups from 9+ travellers: on request

• Khenti extension: on request

Flights

• Price depending on the date of booking, the airline, and the travel dates.

Included in the Price

- Full trip organization travel guide & itinerary
- · Airport transfers (round trip)
- Transport throughout the journey
- English-speaking guide & local guides
- Accommodation: 3* (local standards) hotel in Ulaanbaatar (2 nights), tourist yurt camp (1 night with hot water and comfort), homestay in yurts (11 nights)
- Full board (homestays)
 - o Breakfast only on day 1, day 2, day 3, and day 14
- Entrance to museums & cultural show in Ulaanbaatar
- Bottled water in homestays (1.5L/day/person)
- Emotion Planet's signature immersive activities
- Invitation to take part in relationship-based activities, a journey to the heart of oneself
- Pharmacy (first aid)
- Hotel and tourist taxes

Not Included

- Everything not included in the above paragraph and any change throughout the journey
- Transport to the destination: international and national flights
- Carbon offsetting of your flight and travel (on a voluntary basis)
- Travel and cancellation insurances (strongly recommended)
- Visit to the NGO and their families in the disadvantaged suburbs (20 to 30 €/person)
- Meals not listed (budget: +/- 8 to 15 €/person/meal)
- · Drinks other than water
- Tips (4-8 €/day/person for each guide)
- · Personal expenses

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