



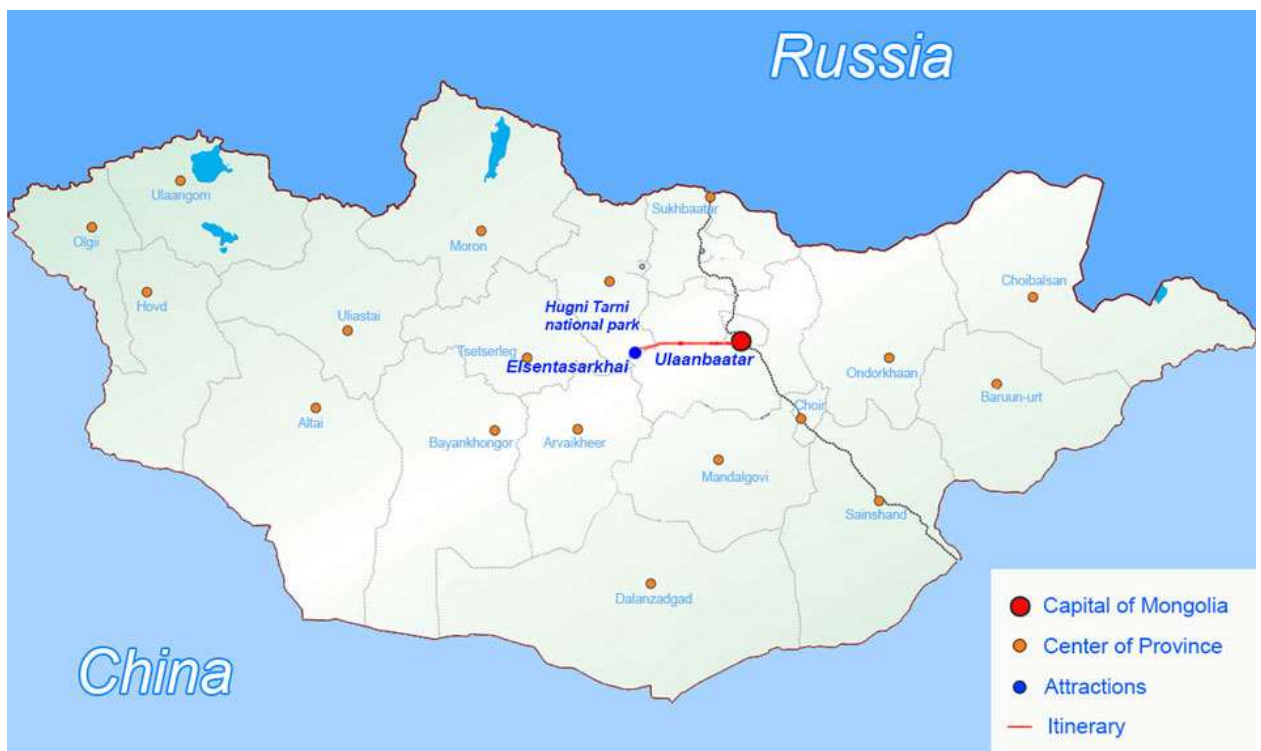
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The Gobi and Mountain Steppes Horseback Travel

Tour Grade: Moderate

Group Size: At your request

Highlights: Stay with nomads, three and half day horseback riding in the Gobi and mountain steppe areas, ruins of ancient temples, Hugnu Tarni nature reserve and try authentic Mongolian barbecue.



Overview

Mongolia is a country of wide open spaces, pristine nature, hospitable people and horse-based nomadic culture.

Our Gobi and Mountain Steppes Horse Trek is one of the most recommended horse trekking holidays of Mongolia includes many interesting activities, attractions and experiences such as nomadic life discovery while staying with nomads, learn to cook and try traditional meals, authentic Mongolian barbecue, some hiking in the Hugnu Tarni national park, ruins of ancient monasteries, three and half day horseback riding without time and space limit.

The tour itself takes place in the transition zone of the Gobi desert, and mountain steppes make the tour more attractive and exciting.

Camping in the wild nature and enjoying countless sparkling stars in the evenings are another highlights of the tour. You also stay traditional Mongolian dwelling Ger.



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Day by day itinerary

Day 1: Start the tour to Elsentsarkhai, northern edge of the Gobi, visit nomads and horse riding

Meet your guide and driver at the airport/ the railway station/at your accommodation. Before leaving Ulaanbaatar, prepare for the several days' horseback adventures if needed. Start the tour to Elsentsarkhai. Elsentsarkhai is a unique place represents the Gobi desert, mountain steppes, grasslands and high mountains in a single area. Visit a nomad family and discover the uniqueness of nomadic life. Next, 2-3 hours accustom horse riding over the steppes. In the evening, we will have an authentic Mongolian barbecue for dinner. Overnight in an extra Ger of nomads. (L/D).

Day 2: Horseback riding to Ikh Mongol Mountain and Shireet Tsagaan Lake

Our adventure continues along long continues sand dunes with views of rolling mountains and open steppes on the other side. The small river flows along the sand dunes add scenery of green meadows. Our today's destination is beautiful Ikh Mongolia Mountain and small Lake Shireet Tsagaan Nuur among sand dunes. The area is a central point of Mongolia. As well as, the first foundation of today's capital Ulaanbaatar was put here in 1639. Total riding distance is 22 km. Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D).

Day 3: Riding across the sand dunes, explore beautiful small lakes edge with the sand dunes and Hugnu Khan Mountain

Today, we will ride along expanse areas of the sand dunes to its north. Explore small lakes have beautiful green and small colorful flowers dotted shores. Ride further to Hugnu Khan Mountain. Today, we may ride faster on open steppes if you wish. Arrive at picturesque mountain Hugnu Khan. Riding distance is 30 km. Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

Day 4: Explore the beautiful mountain, visit ruins of ancient temples and local worshipping area

After breakfast, we will visit ruins of Erdenehamba temple. If you wish, you can walk up the mountain and see ruins of Uvgun temple. Views of surrounding areas are awe-inspiring from the mountain top. Next, we will ride on a flatter area to Khadagt Khoshuu, a local worshipping place in Khugnu Khan Mountain. Ride to a ger camp and end of the horse riding. Riding distance is 28 km. Accommodation: Ger camp. (B/L/D)

Day 5: Drive back Ulaanbaatar

We will arrive in Ulaanbaatar after 4-4.5 hours driving. Have a lunch in a restaurant. Check in the hotel and free time to discover the city your own. Accommodation: *** hotel. (B/L).

The tour includes:

- ✓ 1 night in a hotel
- ✓ 1 night in a ger camp
- ✓ 1 night with nomads
- ✓ 2 nights in the tent



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- ✓ Four wheels driving vehicle
- ✓ English speaking guide/cook
- ✓ Local horse equestrian
- ✓ Entry fees
- ✓ Daily bottled water
- ✓ Camping and cooking gears
- ✓ 3 days horseback riding
- ✓ 0.5 L*3 bottles of water per person per day
- ✓ Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Helmets, gaiter and sleeping bags on request

The tour excludes:

- ✓ Items for personal use
- ✓ Beverages, alcoholic drinks
- ✓ Travel and medical insurance
- ✓ International transportation
- ✓ Visa fee
- ✓ Single supplement and optional activities
- ✓ Gratuity for the guides and driver

Tour price per person:

1521 USD based on 1 PAX

905 USD based on 2 PAX

741 USD based on 3-4 PAX

670 USD based on 5 PAX

625 USD based on 6 PAX

591 USD based on 7 PAX

Is this tour suitable for me?

This is a 5-day tour, in which you will have a three and half day horseback riding. The tour is suitable for both beginners and advanced riders. If you are not a horseback adventurer, but traveling with your family or friends like to do this kind of activities. No worries then. You can ride the horses at your own pace with the help of a local equestrian. If long or fast riding as others is not your interest, you can enjoy some hiking and sit in your support vehicle which follows you every day. We planned the tour to have maximum 25 to 30 km riding a day. Even though you can have your optional riding after we settled camping if the 25 to 30 km is not enough for you.

You or people in your group are all beginners and amateur riders. Even though wish to discover



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the country of wild nature and horse culture on horseback, but exceeding your ability. We could customize the itinerary, could shorten the riding distance or change the terrains.

However, we may require specified horse riding abilities for your safety, comfort, favor of you and other tour members if you join other people of our group departures.

Local riding techniques, the best ways to treat Mongol horses and their character, etc. will be taught at the beginning of the tour. We ride at walking speed in burden areas, and cantering and trotting will help us to cover the distance faster. You can gallop on the steppes and flatter areas if you wish. The tour includes 1 overnight stay in a ger camp at the end of your countryside tour. So that, you can wash and be refreshed before your arrival in the city. 2 nights in the tent among outstanding nature and under starry skies in the evening, 1 night with a nomad family and 1 night in a hotel in Ulaanbaatar.

When is the best time to take the tour?

The most suitable time to take the tour is between 15 May and 15 September. The day temperature in July and beginning of August could rise to +38°C. Therefore, consider your health issue of horse riding in hot. Or on the contrary, July and beginning of August could be the wettest time of the year. Therefore, be prepared for some occasional rains. May, June, August and September is most suitable months for riding. Mongolian weather fluctuates a lot seasonally, daytime and at night. Therefore, be ready for sudden weather changes such as hot, warm, cool, rain and wind. It sometimes happens on the same day. Weather in May and September is cold in the evenings and at nights and could even snow in mountainous areas. For your pre-departure preparation, you may check **detailed packing list of the horse riding tour** at www.horsetrekkingmongolia.com The listed items are just giving you an idea, not mandatory.

Accommodation

Mongolian tourism depends highly on the season, and seasonal accommodation ger camps are fully open between 15 May and 25 September. It could be earlier or late. However, we will be traveling in central Mongolia and most ger camps start earlier and close late autumn. Nomad family home stays are available if you are a keen traveler and would like to discover more about the nomadic life. The company will provide good quality camping gears. Bringing your sleeping bags suitable for as low as -10°C is recommendable. We can provide sleeping bags, but regular and synthetic ones do not indicate any temperatures. For more detailed information on accommodation, please visit **our recommended hotels in Mongolia, Mongolia ger camps, and Mongolia nomad family.**

Guides

Most of our company guides are English speaking. We also have some guides who speak German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Japanese. They are all friendly, helpful and most of them were born and grown in the countryside. Therefore, they have good knowledge about every aspect of Mongolia, good at horse riding and have at least three years or more years of guiding experience. Except for your interpreter-guide, one or more nomad men will be your equestrian depends on the riders' number. Your guide will be a cook for a small group of 2-4 people, and we will provide a cook if the group has more than 4 PAX or for small groups at the base of additional payment.

Tour vehicles

Most of our tours were designed with four wheels driving Japanese van Mitsubishi Delica driven by experienced, friendly and good mechanic-drivers. For bigger groups, Russian van will be



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used due to its capacity and load availability or used solely for luggage and kitchen. You may check the travel vehicle details at **Mongolia transportation** Different types of vehicles are available on request.