

During this unforgettable overland adventure, you will travel to the Gobi Desert which is rich in natural vegetation, wild animals and very rare birds. You will see the massive sand dunes of Khongoriin Els, the spectacular Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park, and follow the dinosaur fossil trail as laid down by Roy Chapman Andrews from the American Museum of Natural History. Andrews and his team discovered the first nest of fossilized dinosaur eggs the world had ever seen. Next you visit Mongolia's ancient capital Kharkhorin and the Erdene Zuu monastery, before arriving at Khovsgol Lake National Park - Mongolian largest and deepest fresh water lake. Here you will meet the reindeer herding Tsaatan people who continue to in tepees and follow their ancient shamanic traditions.

**day 1:****ULAANBAATAR**

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar (UB). Check-in to your hotel. Guided city tour

**day 2:****FLY TO SOUTH GOBI, VISIT YOLYN AM GORGE**

Flight to Dalanzadgad in the South Gobi province. Jeep to Yolym Am Gorge where sheer rock walls and long canyons are home to bearded vulture and eagles. Overnight camping tourist ger camp

**day 3:****KHONGORYN ELS SAND DUNES**

drive to Khongoryn Els sand dunes, which are 180 km long and up to 800m high. Also known as the 'singing sands'. Amazing views of the Gobi, especially at sunset. Camel riding. Overnight in ger camp.

**day 4:****BAYAN ZAG, FOSSIL FINDS**

Visit the world famous Flaming Cliffs at Bayan Zag, where American palaeontologist Roy Chapman Andrews first discovered dinosaur fossil eggs in 1920. Overnight in ger camp.

**day 5:****VISIT ONGI TEMPLE**

Drive to the ruins of Ongi Temple, on the bank of the Ongi River. This large monastery complex was destroyed in the 1930's by Communist purges, but is currently being restored. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

**day 6:****VISIT ERDENEZUU AND KHARKHORIN**

Drive to Kharkhorin, Mongolia's ancient capital which was built in 1235 by Chinggis Khan's third son, Ogoodei Khan. Visit Mongolia's first Buddhist

monastery - Erdenezuu -

which has 108 stupas and was founded by Avtaisain Khan in 1586. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

**day 7:****TSENKHER HOT SPRINGS**

Drive to the beautiful Arkhangai province. Visit a nomadic herding family, experience their nomadic culture, try fermented mare's milk and bath in the Tsenkher Hot Springs, which flows out of the ground at 80C.

Horseback riding. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

**days 8-9:****HORGO EXTINCT VOLCANO AND WHITE LAKE**

Drive to the Horgo extinct volcano near the beautiful White Lake. Horse riding and hiking to see the volcano crater, as well as fishing in the lake. Overnight in ger camp.

**day 10:****DRIVE TO JARGALANT HOT SPRINGS**

Drive to Jargal Jiguur tourist camp and visit the hot springs. Overnight in ger camp.

**days 11-12:****HOVSGOL LAKE**

Drive to Khovsgol Lake National Park, in northern Mongolia, on the Russian border. Visit the Tsaatan people with their reindeer herds, traditional tepee homes and shamanic practices. Overnight in tourist ger camp

**CLASSIC TOUR****day 13:****FREE RELAXING DAY**

A free day where you may choose to go horse riding, walking, hiking or fishing at Lake Khovsgul. Overnight in ger camp

**day 14:****FLY TO ULAANBAATAR**

Flight to Ulaanbaatar. souvenir and cashmere shopping and a guided city tour. See fascinating performance of traditional folk songs, throat singing, and beautiful melody of horse-headed fiddle, ethnic dances and artistic contortion. Enjoy dinner and a night out on the town with your guide who will remain with you until you return to your hotel. Overnight in hotel.

**day 15:****DEPARTURE****Trip Overview**

**US\$ 2700 per person, for 2-3 people:**

**US\$ 2400 per person, for 4-7 people:**

**US\$ 2175 per person, for 8-12 people:**

**Tour grading: Moderate**

**Accommodation:**

2 nights in hotel

12 nights in traditional Mongolian ger tourist camps

**Price includes:**

Internal flights, all accommodation, 4WD vehicle transportation, interpreter, meals, all entrance fees, permits for entry to restricted areas, camel and horse riding.

**Not included:** International flights, visa costs, insurance, meals in UB

