

With over 80% of its vast lands remaining untouched and pristine, Mongolia encompasses

six different ecological zones: Taiga forest, mountains, forest steppe, grassy steppe, desert steppe, and the Gobi desert zone. In the Mongolian language, 'gobi' means desert and there are 33 'gobi' regions within the country. Despite their name, they are far from being the dead sandy deserts that you may expect, with these regions very much alive and rich in natural vegetation, wild animals and very rare birds. The Gobi Desert Expedition allows you to marvel at this abundance of desert life, and along the way, takes you through the vast Mongolian steppes, mountains and forest steppe where you will experience nomadic herding life. A special stop is also made at Kharkhorin, Mongolia's ancient capital city.



day 1:
ULAANBAATAR

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, transfer to your hotel. Followed by city tour.

day 2:
BAGA GAZRIIN CHULUU, MIDDLE GOBI

Jeep to Baga Gazriin Chuluu - a unique granite rock formation in the semi desert. Visit the ancient ruins of the Sum Khokh Burd temple.

Activities: walking, hiking, photography and bird watching (saker falcon, kite, eagle, vulture and buzzard). Overnight tourist ger camp.

day 3:
TSAGAAN SUVARGA, MIDDLE GOBI

Drive to Tsagaan Suvraga, where white limestone cliffs rise 30m in the air. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

day 4:
YOLYN AM GORGE, SOUTH GOBI

Drive to the Yolyn Am National Park where sheer rock walls and long canyons are home to bearded vulture eagles. Great for hiking and photography. Visit Gobi museum. Overnight in ger camp

day 5:
KHONGORYN ELS SAND DUNES

Drive to Khongoryn Els sand dunes, which are 180 km long and up to 800m high. Amazing views of the Gobi, especially at sunset. Camel riding. Overnight in tourist ger camp

day 6:
BAYAN ZAG, FOSSIL FINDS
Visit the world famous Flaming Cliffs at Bayan Zag, where American palaeontologist, Roy Chapman Andrews discovered dinosaur fossil eggs in 1920. Overnight in ger camp.

day 7:
VISIT ONGI TEMPLE
Jeep 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 8:
MONGOLIAN ANCIENT CITY

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 9:
LAKE UGII
Drive to Lake Ugi, which is rich with migrating birds, such as cranes and ducks. Activities: bird watching and hiking. Overnight in tent.

day 10:
VISIT NOMADIC HERDERS
Free relaxing day visiting traditional nomadic herding family. Enjoy their long lasting traditional culture and wonderful hospitality, try horse riding, drink fermented mare's milk (airag) and try the real Mongolian Barbeque with stone grilled mutton. Overnight in nomad's ger.

day 11:
KHUSTAI NATIONAL PARK
Drive to Khustai National Park, home to the world's last naturally surviving wild horses, the Takhi or Prezevalski Horse. Hiking and see the Takhi in their native habitat. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

day 12.

ULAANBAATAR
Drive to Ulaanbaatar. Check-in to your hotel. 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 13:
DEPARTURE



Trip Overview

US\$2160 per person, for 2-3 people:

US\$1920 per person, for 4-7 people:

US\$ 1800 per person, for 8-12 people:

Tour grading: Easy

Accommodation:

2 nights in hotel

10 nights in tourist ger camps, meals,

Price includes:

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

