

Journey through the fascinating Bayan Olgii province in western Mongolia, where ancient peaks soar over 4,000m into the blue skies and trained hunting eagles swoop down on their prey. One of the most remote parts of the world, this region boasts ice-capped mountains, crystal clear alpine peaks and Mongolia's largest nomadic Kazakh population. For centuries these people have trained Golden Eagles to hunt for foxes and wolves, and over 400 eagle trainers compete to display their hunting skills at the Golden eagle Hunting Festival held in Bayan Olgii during October. Visit Uraankhai and Kazakh herding families and experience traditional nomadic customs and culture. Go horse riding with the locals through the breathtaking Altai mountains, stay in their nomadic ger, and camp out under the stars in luscious valleys. This is the unforgettable travel experience you are looking for!

day 1:**ARRIVE IN ULAANBAATAR**

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and check-in to your hotel.

day 2:**FLY TO BAYAN OLGII**

Fly to Bayan Olgii, located amongst snow capped peaks and home to Mongolia's famous Eagle hunters. Drive to Sagsa for visit with Kazakh nomadic herding family and Golden Eagle trainers. Overnight in Kazakh ger.

days 3-4:**GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL**

Attend Golden Eagle Hunting Festival with displays of traditional hunting outfits, accessories and Golden Eagles. Witness eagle hunting competitions highlighting the unique bonds between Kazakh trainers and their birds of prey. Experience first-hand all manner of Kazakh traditions, cheer for the competitors and watch the hunters as they pamper their birds. Overnight in ger camp.

day 5:**EAGLE TRAINER'S FAMILY**

The tradition of eagle hunting in central Asia stretches back thousands of years. Stay with the family of a Kazakh eagle trainer and learn the secrets of taming and working with these enormous birds. Experience the Kazakh peoples' amazing culture and traditions. Overnight in Ger.

day 6:**TSAMBAGARAV N.P.**

Drive to the snow capped Tsambagarav Mountain, Mongolia's third highest mountain measuring 4202m. A perfect place for hiking, horse riding and photographing. Keep your eyes open for Ibex, Altai snow cock, black vultures and even snow leopards. Overnight in Ger.

**days 7:****MONGOLIAN NOMADIC CULTURE**

Visit to the summer pastures of nomadic herders, where horses, yaks, sheep, goats and the two humped Bactrian camels graze. Experience first hand this last remaining vestige of nomadic culture. Try the herders' fresh cream, cheese, yoghurt, fermented mare's milk and sip traditionally brewed milk vodka.

Overnight in Ger.

day 8:**HOVD TSENHER AGUI**

Visit Hoid Tsenheriin agui (Northern Blue Mount's cave) which houses rock paintings dating back to the Stone age-Paleolithic period. These

paintings are some of the most remarkable in the whole of Asia.

Overnight in Ger.

day 9:**HAR US NUUR**

Drive to Har-Uus Nuur (Black Lake), Mongolia's largest fresh water lake where an abundance of birds live or pass through on their migratory paths. Overnight in hotel.

day 10:**HOVD TO UB**

Return to Hovd and catch flight to Ulaanbaatar.

Check-in at hotel. Overnight in hotel.

day 11:

UB city tour. Overnight in hotel.

day 12:**DEPARTURE****Trip Overview**

US\$1948 per person, for 2-3 people:

US\$1698 per person, for 4-7 people:

US\$1448 per person, for 8-12 people:

Tour grading: Moderate

Accommodation:

3 nights in hotel,

2 nights in tourist ger camps, 6 nights in tent/ ger

Price includes:

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

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

