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## The north of Mongolia with its many lakes.



### Itinerary:



### General:

The north of Mongolia is dominated by its magnificent lake landscape. Lake Khovsguul is the little brother of Lake Baikal, the largest freshwater lake in the country and one of the oldest freshwater lakes on earth. The Mongols affectionately call it their sea. A nature reserve has been established around this lake in recent years to preserve this unique landscape for posterity. The area around the Khovsguul also belongs to one of the least developed regions of Mongolia. Some regions by the lake can only be reached by less frequented slopes, but the efforts of the journey are rewarded by the beautiful landscape. Pine forests, larches and taiga indicate to the visitor that Siberia is no longer far away here.

The Tsaaten tribe lives in the region around Lake Khovsguul. They are the last reindeer nomads in Mongolia. Actually, the origin of the seeds is in Tuva, the western Siberian province of Russia. The seeds have not changed with their way of life for centuries. Natural religion and shamanism are still living traditions here.

The journey from Khovsguul to Terchjin Zagaan Nuur leads through one of the most primeval landscapes of the country. Shortly before Terchjin Zagaan Nuur the tour leads over a 2500m high pass. Another highlight of this tour is the area around Terchjin Zagaan Nuur. This area is an old volcanic landscape with bizarre rock formations. The lava has created several small caves that serve as a natural ice cellar. You will climb the Khorgo volcano. Only by the eruption of the volcano, the Terchjin Zagaan Nuur in its present form developed.

Other interesting points on this trip are the Chuluut River, which has cut its riverbed through the lava field of the Khorgo Volcano and the "Tree of 1000 Branches", which is located near the Chuluut River.

Friends of fresh fish will get their money's worth on this trip. Afterwards you will get to know Karakorum - the old capital of Mongolia - and visit their monastery Erdene Zuu. As Lake Khovsguul is frozen until well into spring, this tour can only be done in midsummer.

The combination of rest days and driving days, makes this trip to a recovery tour through Mongolia. The itinerary adapts more to the Mongolian understanding of time and leaves plenty of time for exploring the landscape and experiencing nature

### Route:

UlaanBaatar – Bulgan – Murun – Khovsguul-See mit Nationalpark  
– Terchjin Zagaan Nuur mit Nationalpark – Tsetserleg – Karakorum  
– „Ögii Nuur-See“ – UlaanBaatar



Itinerary:

1. Tag Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, check-in at the hotel, program discussion. Afterwards we will visit Ulaanbaatar. Early morning arrival by scheduled flight from Germany. Airport transfer to the hotel and first exploration of the city. You will see the famous Gandan monastery with the 27 m high Buddha statue, the largest statue in the world, the monastery museum of the Tsochojdshjin - Lama, the important lama in the history of Mongolian Buddhism and a small city tour are also on the program. In the evening you will visit a folklore performance with traditional musical instruments, snake girls and the famous throat singing.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: - / L / -
  
2. Tag Take the exit towards Bulgan. But first we make a stop in the Hustain Nuruu National Park. Here we will be able to watch the Przewalskij horses. The Przewalskij horses are considered as the living primeval horses and they survived only because of the use of the Bremen Hagenbeck Zoo.  
  
Then we drive through the Mongolian steppe towards the village of Orchon, on the river of the same name. The journey leads us through an incomparable landscape. In other words, pure steppe. You will spend the night on the banks of the Orchon.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
  
3. Tag From the Orchon we drive to the district capital Bulgan. Here we have the opportunity to supplement our supplies before we continue to the extinct volcano "Uran Togo", which can translate as "perfect". We will climb the volcano from which you have a beautiful view over the mountainous landscape.  
  
Arrival at uranium Togoo volcano. The volcano rises out of the Mongolian steppe. "Uranium" in Mongolian means - perfect, good -. And indeed, the volcanic cone rises very clearly from the flat hinterland. The volcano crater has a diameter of 600 mtr and is 50 mtr. deep. A small hiking trail leads directly to the crater rim.  
  
We will then drive to the longest river of Mongolia and also the main tributary of Lake Baikal, the "Selenge", where we will stay overnight.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
  
4. Tag Crossing the river. Continue to Mörön. The landscape, through which we drive now, is completely different from the rest of Mongolia. Forested mountain slopes and large clear rivers are the distinctive signs of this region. On the way we pass by the remains of past cultures. In the middle of the landscape there are old ruins of a defensive system. In. Continue north to Khovsguul Lake, the sea of the Mongols. Lake Khovsguul is completely surrounded by mountain ranges. It belongs rather to the region of the Siberian taiga. The western shore is reasonably developed, here we will drive along.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
  
5. Tag Lake Khovsguul lies in the region of the Tsaaten. The Tsaaten live exclusively from the reindeer they breed. We will try to find this minority in the region. They try because they live strictly nomadic and do not always pitch their tents in the same places.  
  
Shamanism is widespread in the north of Mongolia. The shaman still plays an important role in the life of the people here. In the evening we will be visited by a shaman who will take us to his world of spirits. We will end the evening at the lake shore. With a little luck we will get a fresh fish for dinner.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
  
6. Tag Today we leave Lake Khovsguul and drive back to Mörön. Here we will add our supplies and continue south to Terchjin Zagaan Nuur (Weiser See). We will need about two days until we reach the lake.  
  
Short excursion from Morön to the ancient tombs of Uushigiin. The grave field consists of a visit of the grave field with different deer stones. The most impressive stone has a woman's head as motive on the top. Of these stones, there are only very few stones in Mongolia. The area includes a total of 14 larger deer stones, aged 2500 - 4000 years. Since 1999 the Kanazawa University (Japan) has been carrying out an excavation here. Afterwards the journey goes to the central part of Mongolia.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
  
7. Tag From the village of Shine Ider, where we stayed overnight, we head today to Terchjin Zagaan Nuur. We will reach the lake in the afternoon. The lake was formed by a volcanic eruption and there are a

lot of lava fields in its surroundings. The landscape around the lake is one of the highlights in Mongolia. We spend the afternoon hiking around the lake.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

8. Tag The day is reserved for excursions in the surroundings of Terchjin Zagaan Nuur. You will climb the Khorgo volcano, visit an ice cave and in the afternoon, if the water allows it, swim in Terchjin Zagaan Nuur.

The Khorongo volcano is a classic cone volcano, at an altitude of 2,224 mtr. (above sea level). But it is only a few 100m above sea level. The volcano was still a sanctuary until the 20's of the 19th century and only selected people were allowed to climb it. Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

9. Tag In the morning we depart from Terchjin Zagaan Nuur. The drive goes past the "tree of 1000 branches". This cult place is located in the impressive gorge of the Tschulut river. At the tree of the 1000 branches the nomads attach their Hadaks with their wishes in the hope that they will come true. The route then leads us to a monolithic Ikh Tamir (great power). On this big rock there are many rock drawings.

Around noon we will reach the village of Tsetserleg. Here we have again the possibility to add our stocks to the market. We visit the monastery "Zayan Gegeen". The foundation of the monastery dates back to the 16th century and it belonged to the most important monasteries in Mongolia and more than 10,000 monks used to live here. In the evening we reach the warm springs of Tsenker and we can relax in the warm water.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

10. Tag In the morning we drive through rolling hills to Ogii Nuur. This lake is a special bio-top, as many migratory birds stop here. There is an extra birdwatching station, which interested people can visit. Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

11. Tag Another day that is rather celebrated in peace. We stay this day at Lake Ogii Nuur. There we have the possibility to go for a short walk on the shore, we can visit one of the horse breeder families, or if you like, you can also go for a ride with horses.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

12. Tag These days are entirely dedicated to historical Mongolia. After the breakfast at the lake, we drive through the old Orchon valley to the Turkish excavation site "Chöschöö Tsaidam". It is the palace of an old Turkish general. Here Turkey operates an interesting excavation, since in this region the homeland of all Turk peoples is to be.

The highlight for this day is certainly the visit of the monastery "Erdenee Zuu" in Karakorum. Karakurm, the former capital of Mongolia, has an eventful history behind it. Chingges Khan has built his palace yurts here and many foreign empties and craftsmen have worked at the court of the once largest land power. Later, on the ruins of Karakorum, the monastery Erdenee Zuu was founded, which can be translated as "precious Her". It was once the most important and important monastery in Mongolia.

In the late afternoon we drive again to the unique mountain formation "Hognon Han". Visit of the old monastery Erdene Hamp in the picturesque Hognon Han mountains. The monastery is one of the smallest monasteries in Mongolia. Only a few monks live here. The monastery reflects the nomadic connection with Buddhism. A small footpath leads us higher up the mountain. Here we can visit the remains of the former monastery (UVGUN Khiid), which was much bigger. Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

13. Tag In the early morning we drive back over an asphalt road to Ulaanbaatar. We reach the city in the early afternoon. After checking into the hotel everyone has time to buy souvenirs. In the evening we have a cosy get-together and the Mongolia trip ends together with your guide and driver.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

14. Tag Early morning, return flight  
Meals: F / - / -

Kilometer Street: 1.220  
 Kilometer Off – Road: 980  
 Kilometer Total: 2.200

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Due to the conditions (weather conditions, state of the track) within Mongolia, deviations in the exact travel history can occur. The tour is only a guide for the tour. Adverse weather conditions are reversed in reverse order.

**Service included:**

Overnight in Ulaanbaatar in a hotel of the middle price category. French speaking guide. Entrance for museums, national parks and cultural activities. Motor bicycle incl. Fuel and service charge, backing vehicle(s), accommodation in the countryside in Gercamps.

**Service not included:**

Costs for personal needs, costs of beverages, such as e.g. Beer, etc., dinner in Ulaanbaatar, travel expenses, health costs, film photo fees (if required), drinking fees, visa cost, or costs related to visa requirements in Mongolia Return of the motorcycle, at the end of the tour, or accident.

**Termine:**

2022					2023				
Start		End		Airp.	Start		End		Airp.
12.07	So	25.07	Sa	FRA	09.07	So	22.07	Sa	FRA
26.07	So	08.08	Sa	FRA	23.07	So	05.08	Sa	FRA
02.08	So	15.08	Sa	FRA	30.07	So	12.08	Sa	FRA
16.08	So	29.08	Sa	FRA	15.08	Di	28.08	Mo	FRA

Individual appointments from two persons possible

**Price 2021:**

Steppenfuchs Reisen offers a price range that is tailored to suit every budget. From the budget solution to the "all inclusive" trip. Choose the right offer for you.

Categorie	2 – 3 Pers	4 – 5 Pers.	ab 6 Pers
<b>A</b>	1.450 €	1.180 €	750 €
<b>B</b>	1.620 €	1.200 €	840 €
<b>C</b>	1.880 €	1.390 €	1.110 €
<b>D</b>	2.280 €	1.510 €	1.300 €

\*) Price / Pers.

\*\*) All prices without international flights

**Category:**

- A:** In Ulaanbaatar you organize your airport-/ station transfer, accommodation and meals yourself. Overnight stays in tents in the countryside.
- B:** In Ulaanbaatar you organize your accommodation and meals yourself. Nomadic yurts stay overnight in the country.
- C:** In Ulaanbaatar overnight stay in a simple guesthouse. You organize the catering in Ulaanbaatar yourself. In the countryside you will spend the night in tents and nomadic yurts.
- D:** In Ulaanbaatar you stay in a middle class hotel and have an excellent lunch. In the countryside, only ger camps are used.

\*) Guest yurts at nomad families, simple sanitary conditions

\*\*) Yurt camps, two-bed yurts, separate showers and WC, restaurant

**Supplements:**

Single room hotel plus	250 €	Pauschal
Single yurt	35 €	p.P. / Nacht
Lux yurt (yurt with private bathroom)	45 €	p.P. / Nacht
Tours via NAADAM (10.7. - 13.7.) Price surcharge of	150 €	Pers
Supplement for vegetarian food in the countryside	7 €	Pers/ Day
Airport transfer (return flight) promptly after departure	25 €	Pers

**If the minimum number of participants is not reached**

Small group surcharge	1 People	800 €	p.P
	2 People	600 €	p.P
	3 People	400 €	p.P

**Comments:**

All prices in EURO

Schedule information for **2022 / 23**

The travel prices for 2023 are not yet fixed. The travel price of 2022 can be taken as a guideline

Arrival / departure day in Ulaanbaatar

Price without flight plus current airfare MIAT, Aeroflot or Turkish Air

Individual dates are possible

**The cheap flight to the trip**

Benefit from the fact that Steppenfuchs Reisen has concluded a very favorable agreement with Mongolian Airlines (MIAT) for the necessary flights from Germany to Mongolia. In the season, several times a week directly from Frankfurt or Berlin Tegel to Ulaanbaatar.

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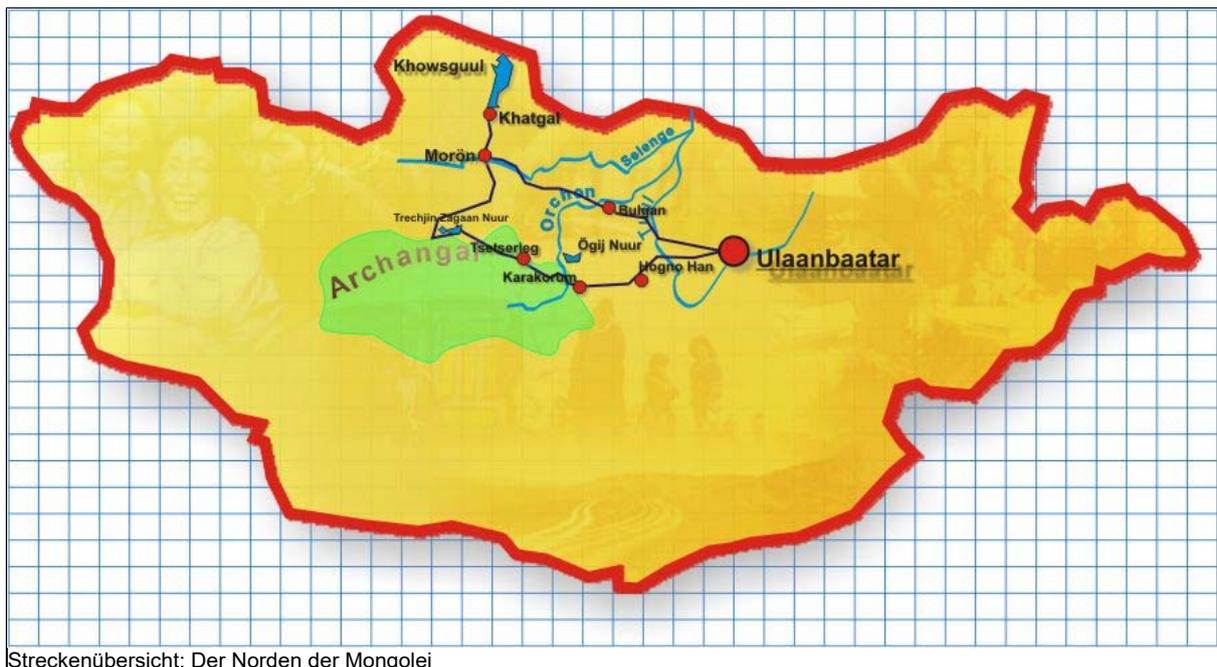
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Travel application

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Streckenübersicht: Der Norden der Mongolei