



Tour 250



Mongolia by jeep, horse and camel



Travel description:



The most classic way of transportation of the Mongolians is the robust Mongolian steppe horse. In the countryside this quadruped is still used very often. On this tour you will not only sit in a jeep and drive through the countryside, but you will cover part of the distance on the back of a Mongolian horse and thus get a completely different view of the landscape. The horseback riding tour will take you through the beautiful and historic Orkhon Valley. Long before Chingges Khan founded the capital Karakorum here, the valley was settled by different peoples. Of course we will visit Karakorum, the legendary ancient capital of Chingges Khan, with the largest Buddhist monastery in Mongolia - Erdene Zuu. From Karakorum we will drive to Orkhon waterfall to ride horses in this unique landscape to the Eight Lakes (Naiman Nuur). This part of the riding sDaye will take you far away from civilization. For this time we have no escort vehicle and all luggage and equipment will be loaded on the usual yak carts.



From the Eight Lakes, the journey continues by jeep towards the Gobi. But also here will be an excursion with the typical means of transport for the Gobi, the camel. We will be on the way with camels along the big sand dune Khongorin Else in the South Gobi. Here we will dive into the world of the desert nomads.



This tour is not about to see as much as possible in as short a time as possible, rather we want to give you a little insight into the way of life of the nomads. If we are on the way with the horse, or also camels, then it results naturally that we will stop also again and again with the nomads at the way and will visit them. There is always enough time for a tea and a short conversation.



To prevent problems with the animals on the way, you will be accompanied by experienced nomads. You don't need any riding experience (but it is desirable), but you should be a little bit sporty. The Mongolian horses are rather frugal and less temperamental.



Route:

Ulaanbaatar – Karakorum – Orchon-Wasserfall – Naiman Nuur – Kloster Ongii – Bajanzag – Khongoryn Else – Dalanzadgad – Ulaanbaatar



Itinerary:

1. Day Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, airport transfer and after an introductory talk and after moving into your room at the hotel, sightseeing of Ulaanbaatar begins. You will visit the famous Gandan Monastery with the 27 mtr. high Buddha statue. The monastery museum of the Tschojdshjin - Lama, the most 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: - / M / -



2. Day Departure from Ulaanbaatar. You will be picked up by our team and their vehicles. Just behind the city, the Mongolian grass steppe begins. Today you will get the first impression of life in this vastness. The first stop is at an "Ovoo", a natural religious place of cult. According to an old custom, in order to make the journey successful, we will go around this "cairn" three times, so that the earth gods will be favorably disposed. We will reach our today's destination, the former capital of Mongolia - Karakorum - in the late afternoon. On this day we will visit the monastery of Erdene Zuu. The monastery was the first Buddhist monastery in Mongolia and can be traced back to the middle of the 15th century (Prince Abatai Khan). The name of the monastery can be translated as "Precious Sanctuary". The monastery was built after the disintegration of Karakorum and the stones of the old city were used to build the monastery. In an extensive tour, we will visit the entire monastery complex.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
3. Day In the morning we will visit the new built museum of Karakorum, where we will get a good overview of the history and construction of the city. We will continue our journey through the Orkhon valley to the Orkhon waterfalls. The drive will take us through a very scenic valley. At the Orkhon waterfall there is a possibility to explore the landscape. In the evening we can go on a short hike to explore the landscape at the waterfall.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
4. Day Pick up the horses, briefing and start riding towards the Eight Lakes (Naiman Nuur). The landscape we pass through is one of the most beautiful in Mongolia. Everything is a bit more relaxed. The luggage and the equipment have found a place on the yak carts accompanying us and we can enjoy the landscape from the back of the horses.
Accommodation: Tent Meals: B / L / D
5. Day Today we ride the whole day in the nature park Naiman Nuur (Eight Lakes). Slowly we will go uphill towards the Eight Lakes. We will pass beautiful mountain meadows and high valleys. Gradually the vehicle tracks become thinner and thinner and we are in the middle of the nature reserve. We will camp for the night just before the pass to the first of the eight lakes.
Accommodation: Tent Meals: B / L / D
6. Day On the way with horses in the Archangai Mountains. Around noon we reach the Eight Lakes and ride the rest of the way along the shore. Around afternoon we reach our destination and can spend the evening in a yurt.
Accommodation: Tent Meals: B / L / D
7. Day The first stop for today is the district capital Arwaicheer. There we will visit the market, where we will also replenish our supplies for the last part of the trip. While the cooking team is shopping, you can stroll around the market at your leisure. Drive from Arwaicheer to the ruins of Ongij Monastery.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
8. Day In the morning you will visit the monastery ruins of Ongii. In the past there were 10,000 monks living here, today only a few, who are trying to rebuild the monastery complex. The monastery used to be one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. Scenically very beautifully situated. You will have the opportunity to talk with the young monks about Buddhism.

Drive through the Gobi to the "Red Cliffs" or dinosaur cemetery at Bayanzag. In the sandstone of these unique rock formations you can find a lot of fossilized dinosaur bones. For the first time these finds were documented by Sven Hedin. In addition, the largest saxaul forests in Mongolia are found here. The saxaul tree is an extremely slow growing tree, but well adapted to the extreme climate. In the afternoon we will take a short hike through the rock world. Now we are right in the middle of the Gobi.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
9. Day In the morning we drive to the "singing dune" Khongorin Else. This sand dune is the largest dune in the Gobi and about 180 KM long. At the foot of the dune there is a small oasis created by a river. There is an interesting duel here, between the river and the sand dune. The dune, with its masses of sand, keeps filling up the river and the river keeps carrying the sand away. Depending on the rain situation, the river is more or less present. If it has not rained for a long time, this river continues to flow underground. In the evening, we can also climb the up to 400mtr. High sand dune climb.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

10. Day On the way with camels.
 Accommodation: Tent Meals: B / L / D
11. Day On the way with camels.
 Accommodation: Tent Meals: B / L / D
12. Day On the southern side of the "Gruvan Saihkan" mountains we will drive to the Vulture Gorge today. Before we reach the gorge, we will cross the mountains again. The gorge starts in a very narrow valley and there are large ice masses in it until far into the summer. In addition, we can see the bearded vulture, which is still present in large numbers in the mountains. There are interesting legends and stories about this vulture. After we have explored the gorge extensively, we drive on to spend the night at the edge of the gorge.
 Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
13. Day Optional return flight to Ulaanbaatar or drive by coach to Ulaanbaatar. The flight takes about 2 ½ hours. The bus ride lasts the whole day and you arrive in Ulaanbaatar around 18:00. Airport transfer and afternoon at leisure in Ulaanbaatar. Please note that there can be strong time deviations in Mongolia for the domestic flights.
 Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: F / M / -

14. Day Morgens: Airport transfer and return flight

Kilometer road:	400
Kilometer Off – Road:	1.300
Horse or camel	120
Kilometer Total:	1.820

Activities not to be specified in time: Staying overnight with nomads in yurt, participation in local naadam festivals.

Due to the conditions (weather conditions, condition of the route, high water) within Mongolia, there may be deviations in the exact itinerary. The tour description is only a guideline for the course of the tour. The tour can be driven in reverse order due to e.g. adverse weather conditions.

Necessary equipment:

All the technical equipment, such as tents, cooking equipment, etc. is provided by "Steppenfuchs". You only need the things for your personal needs. The list given here is limited only to the things that are necessary from our point of view and is only meant to give an indication.

Personal laundry, T-shirt or similar, warm jacket, rainwear, sun hat or similar, warm sleeping bag, warm sleeping clothes for the night, sleeping mat, small pillow, washing utensils, towel, bathing suit, sturdy shoes, good sunglasses, sunscreen, photographic equipment, small flashlight, medicines, sturdy riding pants and riding boots or "chaps" or over ankle hiking boots. Backpack, or large travel bag to hold everything. Suitcases are somewhat impractical for this type of travel.

Packing list suggestion: https://www.mongolei.com/texte/Packliste_EN.pdf

Service description:

Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar and in the countryside, according to your chosen price category (see below). Airport transfer in Ulaanbaatar, tour guide German speaking, entrance fees for museums, national parks and cultural program, provision of off-road vehicles incl. gasoline and incidental expenses. Costs for horses and / or camels as shown in the program, full board in the country, in Ulaanbaatar according to the price category you have chosen.

Not included are:

Costs for personal needs, costs for drinks, such as. beer etc., dinner in Ulaanbaatar, travel souvenirs, health costs, film- photo fees (if necessary), tips, visa costs, or costs related to the visa regulations of Mongolia, possibly additional nights in yurt camps, vegetarian food in the country. Depending on the price category you choose, additional costs for accommodation and meals in Ulaanbaatar.

What else:

The reservation for the trip becomes valid only after the signed registration form has been returned to Steppenfuchs Reisen. We recommend the conclusion of a foreign health and travel cancellation insurance. An enstp. Insurance you can take out here: [Hanse Merkur Versicherung](#)

Date:

2024				2025					
Anfang		Ende	Flugh.	Anfang		Ende		Flugh.	
22.05	Mi	04.06	Di	--	21.05	Mi	03.06	Di	--
05.06	Mi	18.06	Di	--	04.06	Mi	17.06	Di	--
22.06	Sa	05.07	Fr	--	21.06	Sa	04.07	Fr	--
07.07	So	20.07	Sa	--	06.07	So	19.07	Sa	--
23.07	Di	05.08	Mo	--	23.07	Mi	05.08	Mo	--
30.07	Di	12.08	Mo	--	30.07	Mi	12.08	Mo	--
15.08	Do	28.08	Mi	--	15.08	Fr	28.08	Mi	--
27.08	Di	09.09	Mo	--	27.08	Mi	09.09	Mo	--
01.09	So	14.09	Sa	--	01.09	Mo	14.09	Sa	--
08.09	So	21.09	Sa	--	08.09	Mo	21.09	Sa	--

Individual dates possible from two people

Price 2024:

Steppenfuchs Reisen offers a price range tailored for every budget. From the budget solution, to the "all inclusive" trip. Look for the right offer for you.

Category	2 – 3 Pers*)	4 – 5 Pers*)	ab 6 Pers*)
A	2.090 €	1.880 €	1.540 €
B	2.160 €	1.920 €	1.750 €
C	2.300 €	2.060 €	1.890 €
D	2.440 €	2.270 €	2.100 €

*) plus 220 € / pers. domestic flight or plus 65 € / pers. coach

**) 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.

*) All prices without international flights

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

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

Supplements:

Single room hotel plus	270 €	Pauschal
Single yurt	50 €	p.P. / Nacht
Lux yurt (yurt with private bathroom)	45 €	p.P. / Nacht
Tours via NAADAM (10.7. - 13.7.) Price surcharge of	170 €	Pers

Supplement for vegetarian food in the countryside
 Airport transfer (return flight) promptly after departure

7 € Pers/ Day
 25 € Pers

If the minimum number of participants is not reached

Small group surcharge 1 People
 2 People
 3 People

800 € p.P
 600 € p.P
 400 € p.P

Comments:

All prices in EURO

Schedule information for **2024 / 25**

The travel prices for 2025 are not yet fixed. The travel price of 2024 can be taken as a guideline

Arrival/departure days in Ulaanbaatar are indicated in each case

Price without flight plus current fare MIAT 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 to Ulaanbaatar.

Flights from 870 € pers. (if you use our flight dates) and from 950 € for individual flight dates. Please check our website for our flight offers (<https://english.mongolei.com>)

Helpful links:

Packing list suggestion:

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Travel insurance

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Travel information

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Travel application

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Route description: Mongolia by horse and jeep