



## Khovsgol Horse Trek / Naadam Festival Includes Reindeer People

Group departure dates:

June 28-July 16 (Summer Naadam) July 7-July 25 (Summer Naadam)

August 9-27 August 15-September 2



**Day 1:** Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia. Ulaanbaatar is known among foreigners as "UB". Meet your guide at the airport to transfer to your hotel. Your hotel is a four-star hotel conveniently located right in the downtown. Time permitting; you will be given a short city orientation before dinner.

**Day 2:** Airport transfer for your flight to Muren. Drive to Khatgal, the gateway to the Khovsgol National Park. Forest surrounded 100 mile long Lake Khovsgol is the deepest in Central Asia and holds 2% of the world's fresh water resource. Visit Park Information Center. Overnight at camp on Lake Khovsgol. (Hot shower is available)

**Day 3:** Today you will have five hour boat ride on Lake Khovsgol to the base of Jigleg Pass located halfway up the western shore of the lake. Local guides will welcome you at Jigleg Camp. Overnight in tents. (Hot shower is available)

**Day 4:** This will be the first day of the horseback riding adventure through Darhad valley. Shakedown ride, meet horse and wranglers. Ride 15 miles toward Renchinlumbe. Overnight in tents.

**Day 5:** Continue riding to the town of Renchinlumbe in the Darhat Valley. Vehicle supported. Overnight Saridag Ger Camp. (Hot shower is available)

**Day 6:** Ride (approximately 15 miles) through the Darhat Valley towards Hogrog. Overnight in tents. Day Seven: Ride 20 miles. Arrive at Hogrog, jumping off point to visit the Reindeer People. Overnight in tents.

**Day 8-10:** Pack trip into the northern mountains to the summer camp of the Tsaatan (Reindeer people). Ride approximately 15 miles per day, depending on location of Tsaatan camp. Camp out with packhorse support.

**Day 11:** Free day at the Boojum Lodge at Shishgid/ Tengis confluence. This is a day of leisure to fish, relax or ride horseback along the Shishgid River. (Hot shower is available)

**Day 12:** Ride half way to Renchinlumbe. Overnight in tents.

**Day 13:** Short ride to Renchinlumbe. Rest day. Ger camp. (Hot shower is available)

**Day 14:** All day watching Naadam festivities. Naadam or "Festival", has occurred for centuries in Mongolia as an exhibition of horse racing (racers are generally ages 7-11 and race 15-30 kilometers), wrestling (men only) and archery (women and men). Stay overnight in Saridag Ger Camp. (Hot shower is available).

**Day 15:** Ride towards Ulaan Uul, in the southern part of the Darhat Valley. Overnight in tents.

**Day 16:** All day drive to Muren. Ger camp. (Hot shower is available)

**Day Seventeen:** Return flight to UB. Farewell dinner. Hotel.

**Day Eighteen:** Full day guided sightseeing in UB. Visit the main Sukhbaatar Square and Zaisan Memorial. Zaisan Memorial is a landmark of UB built on the



Bogd Khan Mountain, and is the best place to view the whole city. Visit Museum of National History and Fine Art Museum of Zanabazar. Both museums are very informative to learn more about Mongolian history, traditional culture and arts. Overnight in hotel.

**Day 19:** Airport transfer for your return flight home.

**What's Included:** Meals begin and end in UB (dinner on arrival day thru breakfast on departure day) , guide/translator, transportation upon arrival in UB, hotel in UB and ger accommodations, tents and camping gear, horses and tack and park/entry fees.

**What's Not Included:** Roundtrip international airfare to/from UB, internal air flights, airport taxes, Przewalski Horse Reserve day trip, Excess baggage fees, Medical Evacuation Coverage. Alcoholic beverages, sodas and bottled water when not part of fixed meal are not included. (Please be SURE to have your own personal water bottle which you can refill from purified bulk sources we provide.)

*Please be aware that once we start riding our route and the length of each day's ride can depend entirely on unforeseen conditions including weather, flooded rivers, horses condition, location of the Tsaatan camp, etc. We strive to include all aspects of the itinerary but must put safety and a timely arrival in UB to meet homeward bound flights as our top priorities. Also, flights schedules in Mongolia are highly capricious with many schedule changes. Neither we, nor anyone in Mongolia, know what actual flights we will have to and from Muren until a few weeks before the flight date. Thus, an evening flight from Muren to UB at the end of the trip gives us extra time for a flexible and more leisurely trip to Muren. A morning flight on the same day requires that we may drive long hours or lose as much as a full riding day in order to catch our flight. We appreciate your patience and understanding.*