



# Trekking and Hiking Khentii Mountains

July -September /11 days /



**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:** Depart UB in the morning. Drive to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park. Meet our support vehicle or ox cart each night at a new campsite. Personal luggage and the accouterments of "catered camping" are transported in the support vehicle making for a light, fast travel. Camp out each night with our spacious two-person tents. During each day's hiking, we'll visit the gers of local herders and have a chance to experience the nomadic life. Camp out in tents overnight.



**Day 3-7:** Hiking and camp through the valleys and mountains of Khentii. We will ride and make way north towards the Khentii Mountains, across the forested ridge into the next valley, the Baruunbayan, where we will again spend another two overnights. The next day we will make a full day ride excursion from our new base camp at Baruunbayan River, to Gunjin Sum, a temple ruin hidden in the forest. Though we recommend a riding background for this trip, the support vehicle or ox-cart always has room for anyone who is ready for a break from the saddle. Camp out in tents overnight.



**Day 8:** End your riding at Princess Lodge ger camp. In the evening have a relaxing wooden sauna and enjoy the silent peaceful landscape of Khan Khentii. Overnight in a ger camp.

**Day 9:** Return drive to UB. In the evening, watch Tumen Ekh folk theater perform throat singing, traditional dances, contortion and more. Farewell dinner. Overnight in hotel.

**Day 10:** Full day guided sightseeing in UB. Visit Museum of National History and the Dinosaur museum to acquaint yourself more with Mongolian history, traditional culture and arts. Then shop at the State Department Store and cashmere store. In the evening see “Tumen Ekh” ensemble perform throat singing, traditional dances and more. Farewell dinner. Overnight in hotel.



**Day 11:** After breakfast your guide will transfer you to the airport for your int'l flight departure.



**What's Included:** Meals beginning and ending in UB (dinner on arrival day thru breakfast on departure day), all transportation upon arrival in UB, hotel in UB and ger accommodations, tents and camping gear, horses and tack, guides and entry fees to museums and parks.

**What's Not Included:** Roundtrip international airfare to/from UB, airport taxes, evacuation coverage, gratuities, sleeping bag and pad, excess baggage fees and items of a personal nature. Alcoholic beverages, sodas and bottled water when not part of a fixed meal are not included.

**Note:** "Ger Camp" is a Mongolian version of motel with traditionally decorated gers for sleeping, separate dining hall and basic facilities for shower and toilet. Normally 2-4 people share the same ger.

*Driving hours and distance in the countryside will vary depending on road and weather conditions. Oftentimes roads are very dusty, bumpy and very challenging.*