



## Uvurkhangay horse trek June - September



**Day 1:** Arrive in Ulaan Baatar (UB), the capital of Mongolia. Your guide and driver will meet you at the airport. UB is where modern constructions stand beside traditional dwellings and ancient monasteries. Conveniently located in downtown, your hotel is in walking distance of Sukhbaatar Square, museums, and shops. Enjoy a short city orientation tour before dinner. Overnight in hotel.



**Day 2:** Depart UB in the morning. Drive to Kharhorin, the ancient capital of the Mongolian Empire, located 400km southwest of UB. There are presently efforts to reestablish Kharhorin as the capital of Mongolia as it was centuries ago. Explore the restored Erdenzuu Monastery originally built in 1586. Stop for a packed lunch near Elsen Tasarhai sand dunes. Overnight in a ger camp.



**Day 3:** Meet horses and wranglers. On the horseback trek we cover approximately 20 miles per day and meet our support vehicle each night at a new campsite. Personal luggage and the accoutrements of "catered camping" are transported in the support vehicle making for light, fast travel on horseback. Camp out each night with our mobile "American ger" and spacious three-person tents. During each day's ride we'll visit the gers of local herders and have a chance to experience nomadic life.



**Day 4:** Visit Tövkhön monastery. The monastery was first established in 1648 by the 14-year-old Zanabazar, the first Jebtsundamba Khutuktu and spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhism for the Khalkha in Outer Mongolia. The location is on the mountain overlooking a hill at 2,600 meters above sea-level. It was also where he developed the soyombo script. Homestay



**Day 5 - 6:** Ride and camp through the valleys and mountains of Ovorkhangay. A vehicle will carry all camping goods and food. Local wranglers take care of the horses. We visit many families along the way and taste the local foods of summer; yogurt, cheese and the infamous airag (fermented horse milk). Though we recommend a riding background for this trip, the support vehicle always has room for anyone who is ready for a break from the saddle. Camp out in tents overnight.



**Day 7:** We will ride to Naiman Nuur National Park. It is located in the province of Ovorkhangai, in the Khangai range, and it has the typical landscapes of the Mongolian high mountains with their large forests of larches. The eight lakes in question are lakes Shireet, the largest and the most beautiful, Khaliut, Bugat, Khaya, Khuis, Onon, Doroo and Bayan Uul. The area of Naiman Nuur, "Eight lakes", formed behind the volcanic eruptions that occurred all along the centuries.



**Day 8:** Short ride day. We'll visit 5 lakes in the national park.

**Day 9 – 11 :** We will ride through high rock cliff and see Lake khurdet a Lake shireet tsagaan. Camp out in tents overnight.



**Day 12:** Ride to Orkhon waterfall. It formed by combination volcanic eruption and earthquakes some 20000 years ago cascades down from a height 27 meters. There are many rocks and boulders around the river as well as some waterfalls like a small waterfall with 4-5 m height and the Orkhon (Ulaan tsutgalan ) waterfall at a height of 26 m. The Orkhon river Valley has been protected since 2006 as a National Park.

**Day 13:** Ride towards Kharhorin. Ger camp. (Hot shower is available)



**Day 14:** Return to UB. full day of guided sightseeing in UB. Begin the tour at Zaisan Memorial, a prominent landmark looking over the city of UB built on Bogd Khan Mountain. Walk Sukhbaatar Square, named after the Mongolian National Hero of People's Revolution in 1921. Take in the Museum of National History and the Dinosaur museum to acquaint yourself with Mongolian history, traditional culture and arts. Overnight in hotel.

**Day 15:** Your guide and driver will take you to the airport for departure home.

**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:** 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, 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 until a few weeks before the flight date. We appreciate your patience and understanding.