



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PASTURE USER GROUPS

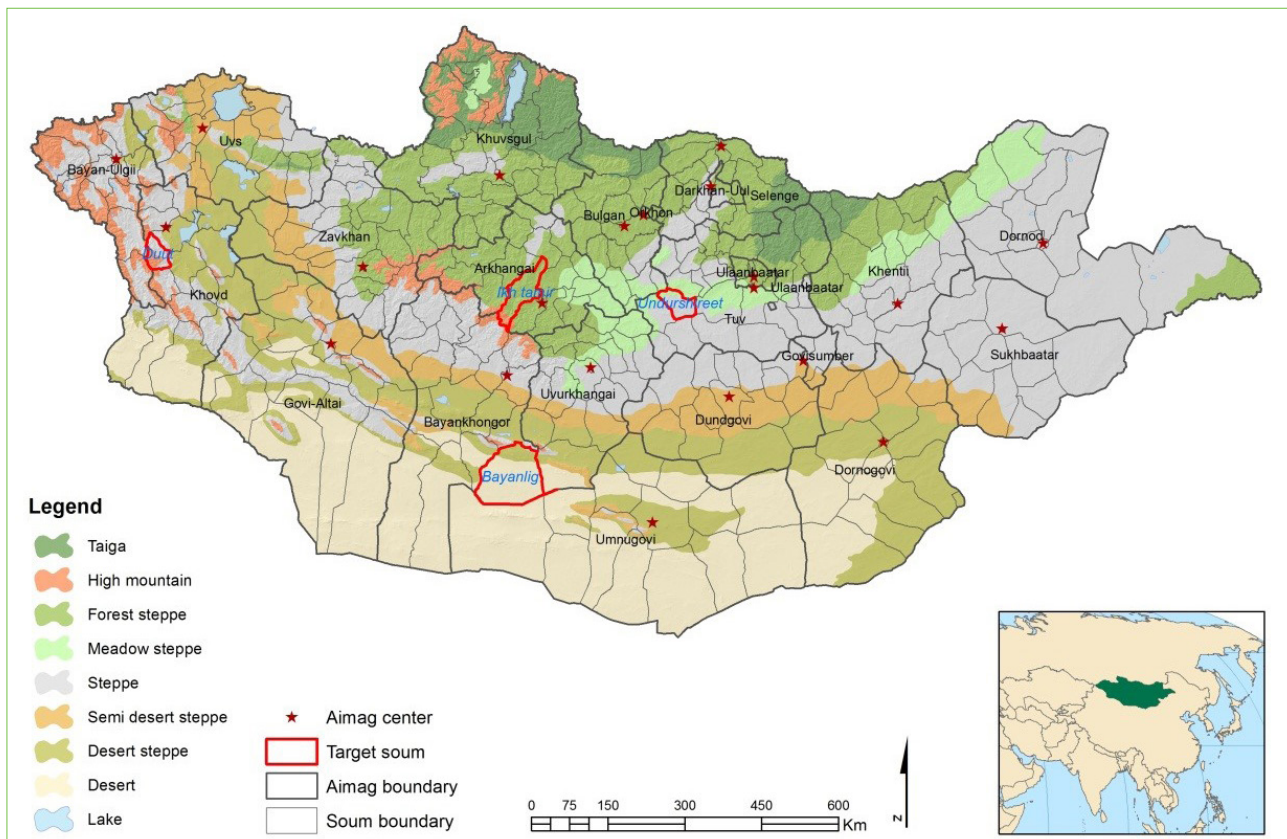
LUXURY TOUR TO THE HOMELAND OF MONGOLIAN NOMADS

The National Federation of Pasture User Groups (NFPUG) is a national NGO representing the vital interests of Mongolian herders and is engaged in a wealth of activities to preserve and promote Mongolian pastoralism with its unique nomadic traditions of managing natural resources. We have a wide network of nomadic herders throughout the country that will be happy to show their hospitality to anyone interested in their livelihoods. Proceeds from our tours go entirely back into rangeland management activities to preserve nature and prevent rangeland degradation and soil erosion.

Mongolia is made up of six different ecoregions that are different in terms of vegetation and soil

characteristics. We have prepared seven-day trip packages in four of these wonderful ecoregions of Mongolia. You will have the opportunity to visit one of these ecoregions: forest steppe, steppe, high mountain or desert steppe. Over the last few years, NFPUG developed State and Transition Modules (STMs) for each group of ecological sites within these ecoregions, including triggers and drivers that caused changes in the vegetation communities, and specific management recommendations.

If you would like to visit the Forest Steppe you'll see four different State and Transition Modules: fescue dominated, small bunch grass dominated,



Map 1. Ecological zones of Mongolia and tour areas





Stipa dominated, and Carex dominated. This is an area inhabited by wildlife such as wolf, deer, and wild pigs. Forest steppe is also rich in vascular plant diversity (up to 60 species per square meter in some areas), and has an abundance of wildlife and other natural attractions. . You will have an opportunity to see rare vascular plants such as Saussurea involucrate and Sedum aizoon, amongst other species while hiking in the mountains.

The Steppe zone consists of five different STMs, of which you will have an opportunity to see a huge Stipa-dominated plateau, a shrub-dominated plateau and Achnatherum (ricegrass) dominated STMs. The Steppe is also rich with wild animals and special vascular plants. We have planned the trip to take place during fall because that's the time wild animals come down to the plateau, and if you are lucky you will see herds of deer, bighorn sheep, and other wild animals.

The Desert Steppe contains specially-adapted vascular plants and is beautifully set as the transition the between Steppe and Desert zones. It was a motherland of dinosaurs, and you will have an opportunity to visit the area where many dinosaur fossils are still preserved in their natural setting.

The High Mountain zones support very unique and rare species. It consists of beautiful mountains that are 2000m and more above sea level. If you select this trip you will have an opportunity to see the unique nomadic culture and pastoral herding system of Mongolia and a high wild species diversity. Mongolian herders tend to six different domestic livestock: camel, horse, cattle, goat, and sheep. You will have first-hand experience of learning about traditional grazing methods and experiencing the nomadic way of life, traditions and cultures. Immerse yourself completely into the heart of it all. These experiences will no doubt be made even more memorable with plenty of off-road driving, exposure to wild fauna and flora, exotic livestock and wild animals, coupled with an overnight stay under the blue sky and countless stars.

Prices and dates for tours:

Forest Steppe: 10 July to 16 July, \$3000 per guest, or up to 3 people is \$2500,

Steppe: 7 Aug to 12 Aug, \$2500 per guest, or up to 3 people is \$2000,

Desert Steppe: 15 Aug to 21 Aug, \$3000 per guest or up to 3 people is \$2500,

High Mountain: 24 July to 1 Aug, \$3500 per guest or up to 3 people is \$3000,

Service package:

Included

- Specialized eco-tourism English speaking guide
- All meals outside Ulaanbaatar
- Internal flights
- Horse, yak, camel riding
- Sightseeing
- All taxes & entrance fees to protected areas.
- All camping equipment (excluding sleeping bags.)
- Tuushin Premier Hotel in Ulaanbaatar for two days (not including days before your trip)
- Ger camp in the local area
- Tent
- Luxury car (Toyota Land Cruiser 200)
- Portable bed for the outdoor night
- State and Transition Module manual and common species list book
- Meals where specified
- Airport pick-up

Not included

- Sleeping bags
- International flights
- Any alcoholic beverages
- Medical insurance (can be arranged on request)
- Visas (invitation if needed)
- Personal items

Logistic: We will provide food for three meals a day, including western and Mongolian meals. If you have special dietary requirements, please notify us beforehand.

What you need: binoculars, magnifying glass, camera

