

### DAY 3. JULY 18TH, SEE THE BEAUTIFUL DARKHAD BLUE HOLLOW

**Reindeer herder family – Khoridol, Saridag:** Tour team will leave from reindeer herder family, visit to Ongolog mountain, reach to Various River Valley and Darkhad Blue Hollow and stay there.

- Darkhad hollow is located in Khoridol Saridag mountains, Shishged river basin which locates between Ulaan taiga mountain, many small rivers and streams that flows into it and valley that has been surrounded by high mountains. Darkhad hollow is the place with the largest number of lakes and has approximately 150 big and small lakes around. In terms of vegetation, larch, cedar, spruce, pine, lumber, and anagna grows, and the height of the Darkwood in the Rinkenlhumbe sum reaches 45 meters. The hollow has about 20 various wild animals such as fox, wolf, mannequin, squirrel, badger, umbrella, urchin, wild sheep, wild goat and reindeer. (many lakes and ponds have been located at the stay which enables tourists for fishing)

### DAY 4, 19 JULY, ARRIVE TO KHATGAL VILLAGE

**Ulaan-Uul – Khatgal:** From Various River Valley, the team will go through Ulaan-Uul soum center with unique cliffs and canyons stay at the ger camp in Khatgal village.

### DAY 5, 20 JULY, PARTICIPATE TO MONGOLIAN YAK FESTIVAL

**Mongol Yak festival:** Stay at the ger after seeing the festival. Mongol Yak festival will be organized by special agenda and tourists will follow the agenda. (Will have the opportunity to visit Khatgal village, Sukhbaatar ship, the interested people shall inform the tour guide.)

- The Yak festival has been organized in order to increase the efficiency of yak, support yak herders and develop local tourism. The yak festival agenda includes present and advertise visitors about traditional yak husbandry and its heritage, historical culture, show herder's produced dairy products, yak wool and handcrafts, organize culture performance, fashion show, and many interesting competitions are organized such as rodeos, milking trials, beauty contest, polo on yak back, fire show and races.

On the evening of fifth day, our 5 day 5 night trip will end by Mongol Yak festival. (Stay at the ger camp). Bus to Khatgal, Murun will leave at 9:00AM.



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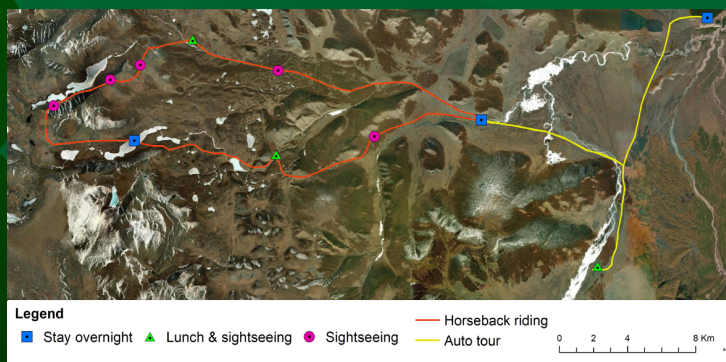
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## PRE-FESTIVAL HORSE RIDING TOUR

JULY 16<sup>th</sup> – JULY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020





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## HORSE RIDING TOUR

**T**he National Federation of Pasture User Groups (NF-PUG) 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 herder's lifestyle and daily activities to preserve nature and prevent rangeland and herding way of Blue yak and rain deer. The trip will include travel to Ulaan-Uul, Renchinlunbe soum and unique natural landscapes such as Khuvch Taiga, Darkhad Blue Hollow, Various River Valley and beautiful Khuvsgul lake.

### SERVICE PACKAGE

#### Included:

- Transportation from Murun khot-Ulaan uul soum-Murun khot
- Darkhad white horse riding
- Three meals where specified
- Tent and Ger camp
- Drinking water
- English speaking guide
- All taxes and entrance fees to protected areas
- Stableman

#### Not included:

- Transportation Ulaanbaatar to Murun khot
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- Medical insurance
- Internal and international flights
- Sleeping bag
- All type of alcohol beverage
- Visa (invitation if needed)
- Personal items

### DAY 1. JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, HOSTING THE TOURISTS

**Murun - Ulaan-Uul:** Travel guide will pick up tourists from Murun city airport, travel around Murun city and move to Ulaan-Uul soum. Team of travelers will visit to Darkhad ethnicity worshipping 13 Ovoo which is 26km from Ulaan-Uul soum, go through Ulaan-Uul soum, reach to Various River Valley and stay at the nomadic family to meet with herder family lifestyle and food culture. The features of Mongolian Blue yak, rangeland use, and responsible herding and animal husbandry traditional heritage will be introduced.

- This Darkhad 13 ovoo has been established in relation to Shaman culture which is mutually linked to mountains and deity of nature from the ancient time. The number 13 has been worshipped by Darkhad ethnicity who has been insuring their lives and worshipping to 10 directions 3 times which is added up to number 13 and established 13 Ovoos at the most natural energetic location. This 13 Ovoos have a shape of Reindeer tents and lifestyle of Darkhad ethnicity's tradition and culture could be seen from the near stone memorial.

### DAY 2. JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, STAY NIGHT WITH REINDEER FAMILY

**Mungarga river – Reindeer herder family:** The horse riding tour will start from Mungarga river. Tourists will visit to Darkhad Hollow, Mungarga river, Various River Valley and visit Reindeer herder family in order to meet with Reindeer herder's lifestyle, feature and will have the opportunity to ride reindeer.

- Reindeer herders look after reindeers for 4 seasons of the year. By the end of 2016, from the animal census, 814 reindeer have been counted, whereas at the end of 2018, 85 reindeer herder households look after 2396 reindeers which is 3 times greater than 2016. Currently 84 reindeer herder family's 478 reindeers are living in Ulaan-Uul, Tsagaannuur soum's west and east Taiga. /Need to be prepared for 30km horse riding tour, staying in tent/

