

# HORSE RIDING IN ARKHANGAI

Arkhangai is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Mongolia. Many travelers are coming to this place during the summer and many tourist camps and lodges are working during the tourist season. In this area, travelers are coming for horse riding and for hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, swimming, off-roading, etc.. On this trip, you will have many highlights, discovering Mongolian oldest capital Kharakorum, visiting the Mongolian nomad family, horse riding and hiking, etc...

Also, you have the option to choose this trip just for hiking, since it is the perfect place to do so. You will enjoy hiking on the steppe and into the mountains and to the volcano. if you choose this trip for hiking, it will be cheaper. Contact us if you would like more information.

## Ulaanbaatar

**DAY: 1** Arriving in Ulaanbaatar, You will land in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. At the airport, you will meet your translator who will take you to the city center, and on the way there you will be shown where to change currency if you wish to. If your flight arrives early, you will be taken on a city tour on this day. Your luggage will be dropped off at your hotel before you enjoy the city tour. During the city tour, you will see the central square of Ulaanbaatar city, called Chinggis Khaan square. Then you will visit the Mongolian national historical museum and the Gandantegchinlen Monastery, the center of Mongolian Buddhism. At 6 pm there is a concert played by the Mongolian Tumen Ekh Ensemble. it takes 1 hour. After that, you will be taken back to your hotel where you can relax before the trip, and then see you tomorrow!

## *Ulaanbaatar - Kharkhorum 380km*

**DAY: 2** This morning, our driver and guide will be ready at your hotel after breakfast. We will load up the car and go to the Mongolian countryside and discover its nature! On the way, we will stop at a big supermarket. Here you can get everything that you might need for the days to come. Then you will travel to Mongolia's oldest capital city, Kharakorum. When you come to the city, first you will see the historical museum, then you will go to the Erdenezuu Monastery which is one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia.

- Breakfast - hotel
- Lunch - local restaurant on the way
- Dinner - Restaurant in the Karakorum
- Accommodation – Ger

## *Kharkhorum - Nomad Family 220km*

**DAY: 3** You will go to the Arkhangai region to our nomad family, who herds animals around CHULUUT Canyon. On the way, we will pass Tsetserleg city, when you reach Tsetserleg city you will visit a local museum. This is one of the best local museums in Mongolia, it is

housed in the charming courtyard-temple complex of Zayain Gegeenii Sum, which was first built in 1586 but expanded in 1679 when it housed five temples and up to 1000 monks. Miraculously, the monastery escaped the Stalinist purges because it was made into a museum. After Tsetserleg city, you will have your lunch at the bank of the Tamir River with your team /cook/. After lunch, you will cross the Chuluut river by bridge and stop at the Chuluut canyon. Here you can see deep of the canyon and you can take photos. Chuluut canyon is 25-50 meters deep and very beautiful to hike and take photos here. Chuluut River flows through the wide rocky canyon and you can see fish in the river from its top. After visiting the canyon, you will come to our nomadic family to discover the nomadic lifestyle.

- Breakfast - tourist camp
- Lunch - by your team
- Dinner - nomad family
- accommodation - Ger

#### *Nomad Family - Two Rivers 20-25km*

**DAY: 4** Early in the morning, you can help the family herd animals and meet with your horses. Today you will start your horse riding. On the first day, you will follow the big valley and go to the meeting of the two big rivers, Chuluut and Suman. The Chuluut river comes from the Chuluut canyon and the Suman river arrives from the Terhiin Tsagaan lake, which we will visit during the following days. When you start your riding your guide and the horseman will give you advice about riding. On the way, your group will choose a good place for lunch and relaxation. Your group will be accompanied by cars carrying your gear and food. Most of the time you will see your cars, though sometimes they will leave you to meet you later.

On the way, you will see very old rock paintings from the stone age. Before dinner, you will come to the two rivers. This is a very good spot for fishing and photographs. You can make a campfire if you wish to! Before dinner, you will set up your tent and help your team prepare the camp. While you are helping your horseman and group, your dinner will be ready, prepared by your cook.

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch - by your team
- Dinner - by your team
- Accommodation- Tent

#### *Two Rivers - Bomboo Tsohio 25km*

**DAY: 5** This is the second day of riding and you can a rest bit in the morning as you might be tired after the long drive and first riding experience. Your team will prepare breakfast and prepare the horses for the day's riding. If you don't want to sleep for long, you can get up early in the morning and help your group, care for the horses and cooking, etc... also if you want, you can walk around the canyon and to the rivers. Today, you will ride to the mountains and see small caves. But, first, you will be on the steppe. After the steppe, you will go to the mountains. At the top, there is a very interesting rock with a hole. This rock is very big and the hole looks like a wheel. This place is called Senjit Tsohio.

After that rock you will ride around the mountain area, cross the mountains and go to caves. Around the caves next to the river, you will have camping with a campfire. Before dinner, you can set up your tent and help your team. While you are helping your horseman and the group, your dinner will be prepared by your cook.

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch - by your team
- Dinner - by your team
- Accommodation- Tent

*Bomboo Tsohio - Booroljuut 25km*

**DAY: 6** This morning, you can get up early and hike around the mountain if you want, or you can rest a bit, then you can help the horseman like on other days. After breakfast, you will start riding between big mountains following the valley. Some places are rocky, but some places are so flat you can canter with your group! On the way, you will have your lunch, next to the canyon. After lunch, you will continue your ride to your next campsite.

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch - by your team
- Dinner - by your team
- Accommodation - Tent

*Booroljuut - Suman River 25km*

**DAY: 7** After breakfast, you will ride deep into the mountains to see the Eye lake of the mountain. Between hills and mountains by the forest, you will go to this small lake located next to the top of the mountain. Here you can hike around the mountain and lake. Later you will ride to the top of the next mountain; from here you can see all of the valleys. Everything will be in view; a beautiful place to take pictures and rest a bit. You will ride down the mountain to your next campsite by the Suman River. The Suman river springs from the Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur and is a tributary of the Chuluut River and it is about 50 km long.

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch - by your team
- Dinner - by your team
- Accommodation- Tent

*Suman River - Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake 25km*

**DAY: 8** You will start your riding the same as in previous days. The first stop is the Horgo volcano. This is one of the best places to visit in Arkhangai. Next to the volcano you will leave your horses and hike to the top with your guide. From the top, you will see lava lines, larch forests, and the biggest lake in this area. It is called Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake. Around the lake, you will have your next campsite. The car will meet you at lunch on the way. After lunch, we will go to our next camping spot.

Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake, also known as White Lake, is a lake in the Khangai Mountains in central Mongolia. The Khorgo volcano is located near the eastern end of the lake and the Suman River springs from the lake. This lake is around 16 km in length 5-11 km wide and 20-25m deep; the biggest lake in the Arkhangai region.

- Breakfast for your team
- Lunch - from your team
- Dinner - from your team
- Accommodation- Tent

*Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake - Bosgiin Togoo 25km*

**DAY: 9** In the morning, if you get up early you can hike around the lake and take photographs. Then we go riding to our next campsite. On this day, you will follow the valley and mountain, then we cross the Suman river by bridge. After the bridge, you will pass a local small town. This is the village of Tariat. Bosgo volcano is the same age as the Horgo volcano from the same period. (8000 years) It is covered by larch forest, one of the best places to camp on your trip!

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch -by your team
- Dinner - by your team
- Accommodation- Tent

*Bosgiin Togoo - Nomad Family 20km*

**DAY: 10** This is the last day of riding in this area. After breakfast, you will start riding to our nomad family. You will come to the same nomads you have met before. You will ride next to the mountain and follow the valley. After lunch, you will come to the family and take a rest, play with the kids, and care for your horses. From this family, we will have dinner. It is a Mongolian traditional barbecue that will be prepared for you by the family!

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch - by your team
- Dinner - by your team
- Accommodation - Ger

*Nomad Family - Tsenkher Hot Spring 180km*

**DAY: 11** After breakfast, you will say goodbye and thank you to your horseman and family. Today we will drive to Tsenkher Hot Spring. This is a very nice place to take a rest after such a long ride. On the way, we will visit Tsetserleg city and stop for some shopping and lunch. Next to the hot spring, you will stay at the tourist camp for one night. There is natural hot water flowing all year long at 1860 meters above sea level. This natural bounty is located 25km south of the town of Tsetserleg. Tsenkher hot springs have healing properties notably on articular diseases and nervous system diseases. A night bath is

great, sitting in the pool drinking beer while seeing stars in the dark sky is one of our favorite activities here.

- Breakfast - by your team
- Lunch - local restaurant
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation - Ger

### *Tsekher Hot Spring - Ulaanbaatar 450km*

**DAY: 12** Today you will drive back to Ulaanbaatar. On the way, you will stop at a local restaurant for lunch and you will see camels at the Elsen Tasarhai sand dunes. Here you can take a photo and this is a nice place for a break. Here there are some people that rent camels for tourists if you want you can ride a camel.

The Elsen Tasarkhai is a part of the Mongol Els Sand Dunes, that continues 80 km long and 3-7 km wide. The nature in this area is really spectacular, located in Burd soum in Uvurkhangai Aimag (Province) 280 km west of Ulaanbaatar. The area is surrounded by sand dunes, hills covered with rare bushes, and a small forest near a river.

In Ulaanbaatar city, you can visit some department stores or Evseg cashmere factory stores. After that, your driver and your team will bring you to your hotel. Then you can say thank you and goodbye to your team.

- Breakfast - tourist camp
- Lunch - local restaurant on the way
- Dinner ----- free
- Accommodation - Hotel

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### *Ulaanbaatar*

#### **DAY: 13**

This day is your last day in Mongolia. Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport. Also, the transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight. Thank you for you traveled with us, we hope you have a good journey back, and see you soon!