



## Horse Riding Tour in Khentii Mountains to Khagiin Khar Lake - 11 Days (#18655)

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### Trip Highlights

Ulaanbaatar - Gorkhi-Terelj National Park & Khentii Mountains - Zuugiin Rashaan Springs - Zegestei River - Khagiin Khar Nuur - Khavirgiin Davaa Pass - Boot

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1. Arrival Ulaanbaatar

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be welcomed by our team. We will take you to your comfortable and conveniently located hotel. Ulaanbaatar is a modern city that is rapidly growing, with a population of over 1.3 million people.

Depending on what time you arrive, we can arrange for a tour of the city. The city sightseeing tour includes a visit to the newly constructed Genghis Khan Museum, which happens to be the largest museum of the country. The museum houses a



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vast collection of over 8,300 artifacts that relate to the great Khans of the Mongol Empire and the history of Mongolia from the Xiongnu era to the end of the 20th century. A substantial portion of these collected artifacts is displayed in nine exhibition halls.

One of the must-visit attractions in the city is Bogd Khan's Winter and Summer Palace. It is a series of stunning traditional buildings where the eighth Living Buddha and the last king lived. The palace has now been transformed into a museum where visitors can see fascinating artefacts and costumes associated with the last king, as well as a collection of stuffed animals.

We will stop at the Gandantegchinlen Monastery.

It is the largest and most important monastery of Mongolia. We will scroll through the different monasteries and see the magnificent statue of Migjid Janraisig, an 82-foot-high statue gilded in gold and covered with silk cloths. We'll finish the city trip with a view of Ulaanbaatar from Zaisan Hill. The city sightseeing tour takes about 4 – 5 hours.

Activities:

- ? Visit Genghis khan museum
- ? Visit Bogd Khan winter and summer palace
- ? Visit Gandan monastery
- ? Visit Zaisan hill

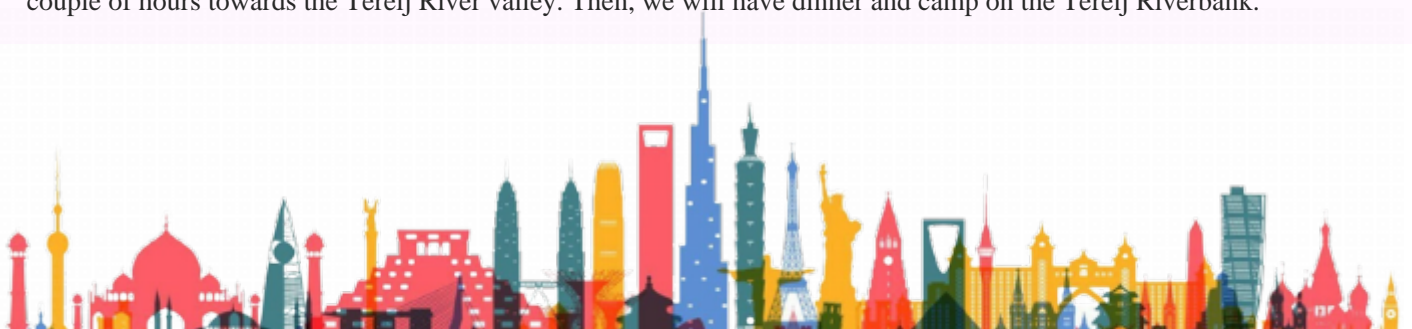
**Hotel:** 3 Star Hotel

**Meal:** Lunch & Dinner

### Day 02

### Day 2: Gorkhi-Terelj National Park & Khentii Mountains

We'll leave UB early in the morning and travel through a valley surrounded on all sides by forested hillsides and stunning granite cliffs. Wild flowers and plants blanket the valley, which is home to peacefully grazing herds of yaks, horses, goats, and sheep. We'll go on a sightseeing tour of Terelj National Park. Turtle Rock, Aryaval monastery, and a small meditation monastery at the foot of the mountain, will be our first stop. Further down, at the exit of the park, we will visit the 100 monks' cave. Fun fact: during the purge of Stalinism, about 100 monks were hiding in this small cave from persecution. The Genghis Khan Monument will be our final stop. The latter is a massive aluminium statue of Genghis Khan mounted on his horse. It is possible to ascend to the top of the monument, where you will be rewarded with a breathtaking view of the surrounding area. A small museum provides a thorough overview of the history of the Great Mongol Empire, including the succession lines of the great Khans and their invasions. We will arrive at the horse breeding family at noon where we will have. We will meet our horseman, load our gear and food on pack horses. We will start riding through lush meadows for a couple of hours towards the Terelj River valley. Then, we will have dinner and camp on the Terelj Riverbank.



Activities:

- ? Visit Genghis Khan statue
- ? Visit Aryapal monastery
- ? Visit Turtle rock
- ? Visit a nomadic family
- ? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 03

### Day 3: Horseback riding along the Tuul River

Today is a day of our adventure through big valleys, mountains, and green forests. Enjoy your days horse trek and the breathtaking view of the valley stretching out to the Tuul River.

Activities:

- ? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 04

### Day 4: Zuugiin Rashaan Springs

Today, as we ride further along the Tuul River, you'll notice how the scenery shifts as we pass through quiet pine forests with just the occasional animal call for company. Keep your ears out for woodpeckers and your eyes peeled for golden eagles circling high over us in search of prey. We will arrive at the confluence of the Tuul and Hagiin rivers, where we will camp for the night. As we go deeper and further into the forest area, we will see how remote we get from the urban lifestyle.

Activities:

- ? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



## Day 05

### Day 5: Zegestei River

Leaving the Tuul valley behind us, we will enter taiga. This environment is typical moose habitat, and if lucky, you might see the marks of this magnificent animal by the end of the day, you will be able to detect their presence like an expert! The landscape is breathtaking.

Activities:

? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 06

### Day 6: Ride to Khagiin Khar Nuur

After several hours of riding, we start to ascend a mountain through deep forest noted for its abundance of wolves, bears, deer and moose. Reaching its top, we overlook and descend to the breath-taking Khagiin Khar Nuur

Activities:

? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 07

### Day 7: Reach to Khagiin Khar Nuur

We will ride to three wonderful smaller lakes further on in the valley, three pearls. The most adventurous of you can climb the surrounding mountains and admire the superb panorama. We will reach the lake in the evening.

Activities:

? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



## Day 08

### Day 8: Khavirgiin Davaa Pass

After breakfast we will ride through Khongoryn River valley. Riding down the stream for 4 hours, we will ford the river. After a couple more hours, we will come across a mountainous forest of birch, pine and age-old cedar. We will make a steep ascent, and an even steeper descent across the Khaviragiin Pass, which lies at the eastern shoulder of Altan Olgii peak. Translated as Golden Cradle, this 2646m mountain is one of the highest peaks of the Khentii range. We will spend the night camping in the forest, close to a stream.

Activities:

? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 09

### Day 9: Boot

Today we will continue riding towards Terelj through the Dund Bayan Gol valley. Towards the end of day, we will find a good spot to set up our tented camp.

Activities:

? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 10

### Day 10: Ulaanbaatar

We will ride to our host family at Terelj National Park. Today our ride in Ogoomor valley is slightly longer than the other days but easier. After crossing Terelj River we head straight back to the local family and our vehicle will pick us up. The time has come to leave and drive back to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. You can use your free afternoon to see as you fit. You could always go see lovely cultural exhibitions and admire the contortionists while watching colorful and rhythmic Mongolian dances.



Activities:

? Riding

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Departure**

Transfer to the airport.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Hotel in Ulaanbaatar
- City touring
- Transport to and from Terelj National Park
- Camping and kitchen equipment
- All meals except the first breakfast
- Tour guide
- National Park entrance fees/Museum and Monasteries entrance tickets
- Horses
- Horsemen
- Pack animals during trek

## Exclusions

- Medical, trip insurance and
- evacuation costs
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- International airport transfer
- Items of personal nature



## Note

The price is calculated on the base of at least 2 people on the tour.

During some activities (camel, horse and trekking) at some places there are no other option than to sleep in tents.

The tour is calculated with mid-range accommodation options. In Ulaanbaatar good 3 star hotel and in the countryside the best available accommodations.

The tour can be arranged at slightly lower prices when we opt for home stay and tented camping.

All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Departure Period

**08 Feb, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024**

3 Star

AUD 4,984 P P twin share

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