



# Authentic Eagle Festival Mongolia #4824

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### Private Touring

- Flexible Dates
- Flexible Itinerary
- Local Guide Service
- 24-Hour Local Assistance
- Upgrade Accommodation
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle

**Visit:** Ulaanbaatar-Olgii-Tsagaan River-Olgii-Tolbo Eagle Festival-Olgii-Ulaanbaatar

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01: Tuesday: Arrival & Ulaanbaatar city tour**



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Upon arrival at the airport, our team will welcome you and escort you to your centrally located hotel. Ulaanbaatar, a modern metropolis with over 1.5 million residents, awaits your exploration.

Depending on your arrival time, we will arrange a city tour, including the Genghis Khan Museum, Mongolia's largest, featuring over 8,300 artifacts spanning the country's history.

We'll also visit the Bogd Khan's Winter and Summer Palace, a former royal residence now showcasing artifacts, costumes, and the king's collection of stuffed animals.

Next, explore Gandantegchinlen Monastery, Mongolia's largest, and admire the 82-foot golden statue of Migjid Janraisig. The tour concludes with a panoramic view of Ulaanbaatar from Zaisan Hill, lasting approximately 5 to 6 hours.

### Day Highlight

- Discover the historic Bogd Khan Winter and Summer Palace - Experience the spiritual ambiance of Gandan Monastery - Immerse yourself in history at the Genghis Khan Museum - Hike up Zaisan Hill for panoramic city views

### Hotel Details

3 star hotel

### Meal Plan

Only Dinner

## Day 02: Wednesday: Arrival in Bayan Olgii & Eagle hunting family (30 km)

This adventure will lead you to a destination few have explored—Mongolia's remote western frontier, where the landscape is as captivating as the cultural fusion it holds.

Here, Muslim and Mongolian traditions intertwine, creating a unique tapestry of heritage and hospitality. Travelling through this rugged terrain promises a series of unforgettable encounters and an exhilarating journey of discovery.

Today, we fly to Olgii, the capital of Bayan-Olgii province. Unlike most of Mongolia, which is predominantly home to Khalkh Mongolians, Bayan-Olgii is largely inhabited by ethnic Kazakhs, the majority of whom practice Islam. The town even features its own modest mosque, a symbol of its distinct identity.

Upon arrival, our local team will warmly welcome you and accompany you westward into the heart of the National Park. Along the way, we'll visit Kazakh families living in traditional Gers—larger than the typical Mongolian version and richly adorned with handmade carpets and vibrant textiles. Over a cup of tea, we'll share delicious Kazakh dishes such as Kuz (salted and smoked horse meat) and Bisbarmak, engaging in heartfelt conversations that offer deeper insight into the customs and values of Kazakh life.

For more than 2,000 years, Kazakhs have forged a deep bond with nature through the ancient art of eagle hunting. These remarkable Golden Eagles—always females for their size and prowess—are taken from the nest as chicks and trained intensively for up to a year. They assist in subsistence hunting, capturing foxes and wolves that threaten livestock. After several years of loyal service, these majestic birds are released back into the wild—a testament to the mutual respect between hunter and eagle.

### Day Highlight



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- Flight: Depart Ulaanbaatar at 7:25 am, arrive in Ölgii at 8:40 am - Drive for 2-3 hours - Meet with a family that practices eagle hunting

### Hotel Details

Home stay / Yurt without facilities

### Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### Day 03: Thursday: Olgii - Tsagaan River (150 km off-road driving)

Altai Tavan Bogd is a pristine wilderness spanning 636,161 hectares along the western edge of Bayan-Olgii province, stretching across the Ulaan Khus, Tsengel, Sagsai, and Altai soums (villages).

Tucked away in Mongolia's far west, this national park is a dramatic landscape of snow-capped peaks, ancient glaciers, and vast, untouched valleys. At its heart stands Khuiten Uul, the tallest mountain in Mongolia, soaring to 4,374 meters above sea level. The park follows the sweeping arc of the Altai Mountain Range for over 200 kilometers, where Mongolia meets China, Russia, and Kazakhstan—a natural crossroads of cultures and frontiers.

Altai Tavan Bogd is not only rich in natural beauty but steeped in history. Hidden among its rocky surfaces are tens of thousands of ancient petroglyphs, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Scattered throughout the landscape are mysterious Turkic Stone Men and ancient burial mounds, silent sentinels of the region's deep past.

Today, we'll travel through the park's stunning landscapes on a 5 to 6-hour journey that leads us to the Tsagaan River Valley by early afternoon. This valley is a cherished summer grazing ground for nomadic herders and a sacred space for the Tuvan people, who continue to practice their age-old Shamanistic traditions.

### Day Highlight

- Enjoy a scenic 5–6 hours' drive through breathtaking landscapes - Visit and connect with a local Tuvan family

### Hotel Details

Home stay / Yurts without facilities

### Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### Day 04: Friday: Drive back to Olgii (150km)

After breakfast, we'll make our way back to Ölgii, a captivating town in western Mongolia and the capital of Bayan-Ölgii Province. Perched at 1,710 meters above sea level, Ölgii is celebrated for its vibrant Kazakh culture, breathtaking mountain scenery, and its role as the gateway to the majestic Altai



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Mountains. During our time in town, we'll explore the Ölgii Museum to delve into the rich history, art, and traditions of the Kazakh people, followed by a visit to the bustling local market for a taste of daily life and local craftsmanship.

### Day Highlight

Explore Olgii town

### Hotel Details

Home stay / Yurts without facilities

### Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

## Day 05: September 20: Tolbo Eagle Festival

Located at 45 km from Olgii town we have a beautiful fresh water Tolbo lake. The lake is situated at an altitude of about 2,100 meters (6,890 feet) and is surrounded by stunning natural landscapes, making it a popular spot for nature lovers, photographers, and travellers seeking to experience the tranquillity of the Mongolian wilderness. The lake is known for its breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains, rolling hills, and vast steppes. The crystal-clear waters of the lake reflect the surrounding peaks, offering a picturesque setting for photographers and nature enthusiasts. The surrounding area is also home to various wildlife, including migratory birds, which makes the lake a great spot for birdwatching.

Eagle hunters celebrate their heritage and compete to catch small animals such as foxes and hares with specially trained golden eagles, showing off the skills of both the birds and their trainers. (Nowadays hunting live animals is not practiced during festivals anymore, instead eagles chase fox skin dragged by its owner on horseback.). Prizes are awarded for speed, agility and accuracy. Festivities which incorporate an opening ceremony, impressive parade, cultural exhibitions, demonstrations and handcraft followed by sporting activities and competitions take place 3 km out towards the mountains. Dressed in full eagle hunting outfits and mounted on groomed decorated horses, the hunters compete for the different awards of best-looking eagle and owner, best eagle locating its owner from distance etc... Other sporting activities include camel racing, archery, "Kiz Kuar" century old woman chasing game, "Tinge Lu" the competition where horse riders snatch coins from ground and the highly entertaining traditional game "Kokbar"- goatskin tug war on horseback.

### Day Highlight

Festival activities

### Hotel Details

Local home stay

### Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner



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#### Day Highlight

Festival activities

#### Hotel Details

Local home stay

#### Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### Day 07: Monday: Fly out from Olgii to Ulaanbaatar

The time has come to depart and head back to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. You'll have the afternoon free to explore at your leisure. Consider enjoying a captivating cultural show, where you can witness amazing contortionists, traditional throat singing, and colorful, rhythmic Mongolian dances.

#### Day Highlight

- Depart Ölgii at 9:20 AM, arrive in Ulaanbaatar at 12:20 PM. - Attend a folklore show featuring throat singers - Shop for souvenir or cashmere. Optional.

#### Hotel Details

3 star hotel



## Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

## Day 08: Tuesday: Departure

Transfer to the airport.

## Meal Plan

Breakfast

## Inclusion

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, and mineral water throughout the whole trip
- English-speaking guides. One in Ulaanbaatar. Another one in the West.
- Entrance ticket to all national parks, museums, monasteries in the city and in the countryside
- Ticket to folklore show in Ulaanbaatar
- Ticket to the eagle festival
- A visit to eagle hunter family

Transportation:

- 4X4 vehicle with a driver and fuel.
- Airport transfers
- 2 ways plane ticket Ulaanbaatar-Olgii-Ulaanbaatar

Accommodation:

- 2 nights in a 3 star hotel in Ulaanbaatar
- 3 nights in Olgii town hotel
- 2 nights in a local home stay without hot showers and flush toilets. Extremely basic, humble accommodation. Unfortunately, in the western region on days 2 and 3, there are no alternative accommodation options due to the remoteness of the area.

## Exclusion

- Soft and alcoholic drinks for the entire trip
- Excess luggage: The checked baggage allowance is 15 kg, plus 5 kg for carry-on. Any additional weight costs approximately USD 1.5 per kilogram.



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- Items not mentioned in the inclusions.

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## Tour Dates & Pricing

**01 Sep 2026 to 30 Sep 2026**

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