



# Trekking in Altai Tavan Bogd National Park - 9 Days (#12361)

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## Trip Highlights

Ulaanbaatar - Bayan - Olgii - Tsagaan River - Potanin Glacier - Malchin Peak - Oigor River

## 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 will arrange a city tour.

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 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.

Further 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: Bayan - Olgii

This journey will take you to a place that only a few people have visited. Mongolia's western regions are a linguistic mash-up of Muslim and Mongolian customs. Trekking through this wild landscape can include a variety of encounters as well as a thrilling journey of discovery.

We will be flying to Olgii, the capital of Bayan Olgii province, today. Unlike the rest of Mongolia, which is ruled by Khalkh Mongolians, Bayan-Olgii has a Kazakh majority, almost all of whom are Muslims. Olgii also has its own small mosque. When you arrive, our local team will greet you and take you west into the National Park.

Activities:

? Fly to Olgii

? Visit Olgii town

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



## Day 03

### Day 3: Olgii – Tsagaan River

The Altai Tavan Bogd is a 636,161-hectare pristine landscape that runs along the western frontier of the Bayan-Olgii aimag's Ulaan Khus, Tsengel, Sagsai, and Altai soums. In Mongolia's far west, the national park contains extremely high peaks with perpetual snow and glaciers. The peak of Khuiten Uul on the Altai Tvan Bogd range, which rises to 4374 meters above sea level, is the highest point. The park extends for over 200 kilometers from Russia to China, following the Altai Mountain Range that separates China, Russia, Mongolia, and Kazakhstan. The park contains tens of thousands of petroglyphs that are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Numerous Turkic Stone Men and stone burial mounds can be found. The White River is one of many rivers that originate from the Tavan Bogd glaciers' melting ice.

We'll travel through the foothills of the mountains for 7 to 5 hours today, arriving in the early afternoon at the Tsagaan River Valley. This is a popular spot for nomadic people to set up camp in the summer, and it is also where Tuvan people practice their Shaman religion. We'll meet our camel guide here to get ready for the hike the next day.

Activities:

? Drive through the national park

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 04

### Day 4: Trek to Base Camp (16 km)

Today we will go to Tavan Bogd to begin our 16 km descent into the base camp. Camels will carry our baggage, which will be managed by the polite and supportive Tuvan people. On our way, we'll pass by the Potanin and Alexander Glaciers, which have ice peaks. The base camp is situated at a height of 3000 meters. It will take approximately 6 to 8 hours. The glaciers are situated between 3,500 and 4,000 meters above sea level. They are the source of the Tsagaan River and run for 16 kilometers. We'll set up our camp and get ready for the next day's trek to Malchin Peak when we arrive at base camp.

Activities:

? Trek

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



## Day 05

### Day 5: Malchin Peak

We will depart for our expedition to the Tavan Bogd Glacier after a hearty breakfast. We'll hike through a high mountain landscape of wetlands and rocks. The five mountain peaks of the Tavan Bogd Mountain, as well as its glacier, will be visible from above. The absolute top of the Altai Mountain Chain and Mongolia's highest mountain peak will be in front of you. Malchin hill, the smallest of Tavan Bogd's mountain tops, is our destination today (4050 m). It will take us approximately 6 hours to reach the summit. Most of the climb will be on rocks, and we will return to camp in the evening. We will be able to see Russia and China from the top of the mountain.

Activities:

? Trek

**Hotel:** Tented Camp

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 06

### Day 6: Oigor River (16km)

The final day of hiking will take us to the north bank of the Oigor River, where we will meet a Kazakh family at their summer camp and learn about their traditions and culture.

Activities:

? Visit camel hunting family

**Hotel:** Home stay

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

## Day 07

### Day 7: Drive back to Olgii (180 km)

Today is the last day of our journey across the wild west. We'll pack everything into our cars and return to Bayan-Olgii. We can stop by a Kazakh family in Sagsai or Ulaankhus sum on the way.

Activities:

? Drive to Olgii



**Hotel:** Hotel**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner**Day 08****Day 8: Flight back to Ulaanbaatar**

The time has come to leave and fly back to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. You can use your free afternoon to see as you fit. We will go see the lovely cultural show and admire the contortionists while watching colorful and rhythmic Mongolian dances.

Activities:

? Fly to Ulaanbaatar

? Folklore concert

**Hotel:** 3 Star Hotel**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner**Day 09****Day 9. Departure**

Transfer to the airport.

## Inclusions

- Hotel in Ulaanbaatar
- City touring
- Accommodation
- All meals indicated
- Local transportation
- Local flight
- Airport transfers
- Pack camels during the trek part
- Tour guide
- National Park, museum, monastery entrance fees.





## Exclusions

- Medical, trip insurance and evacuation costs
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Local flight limited to 10kg
- Excess luggage fee (1 and half USD per kilo)
- Visa cost
- Items of personal nature.

## Note

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

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 4,835 P P twin share

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