

# **Untamed Mongolia**

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### **Trip Details:**

**Days** 11 Days / May & June

Price From \$\$18995

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Few places on the planet remain as open and untrammeled as Mongolia. Under a blue bowl of sky, wild Takhi horses—an ancient equine known as the Przewalski's horse—graze on shimmering grass that stretches to the horizon, sharing the landscape with wapiti deer and Mongolian gazelle. In the eastern Gobi steppe, Argali sheep and Siberian ibex roam while raptors glide overhead. Far to the west, the Altai Mountains rise where Mongolia, China, Russia and Kazakhstan meet. On this genuine adventure, search for wildlife among alpine tundra, granite cliffs and glacier-fed river valleys, and learn about Mongolia's enduring cultures as we meet Kazakh and Mongol nomads who live as they have for centuries.

# **Trip Highlights**

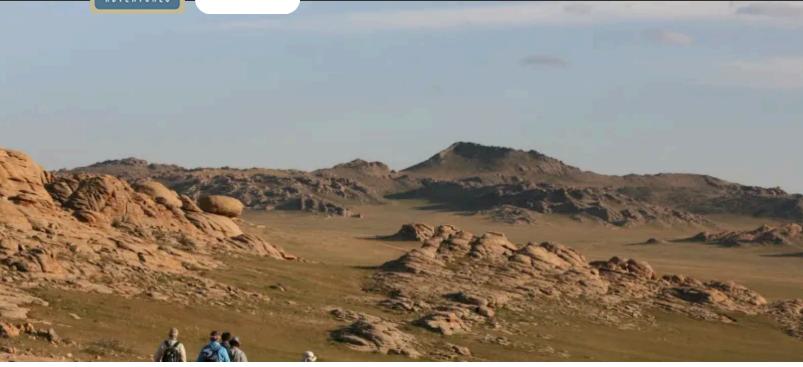
From rolling steppe to the Eastern Gobi and Altai Mountains of the far west, explore varied landscapes as we look for unique native wildlife

From our camp on the periphery of the Core Zone of the national park, enjoy wildlife drives with exclusive access to areas not open to the public

Engage Mongolian tradition in three traditional ger camps, with comfortable accommodations in felted yurt-style suites inspired by classic nomadic dwellings







### **Itinerary At A Glance**

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Sunrise Overlook Hike / Leisure Time / Private Flight to Ulaanbaatar

### Day 7

Bayan Ulgii or Khovd / Hiking in Namarjin Valley & Tsambagarav Mountain National Park

# **Untamed Mongolia Itinerary**

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### Day 1: Ulanbaataar, Mongolia—City Tour / Cashmere Factory Visit

Arrive in Mongolia's capital of Ulaanbaatar where you'll meet your Expedition Leader and fellow adventurers at lunch. Home to roughly half of Mongolia's population, the city has grown rapidly in recent years as the country's rural population shifts to a more urban one. We'll walk to Sukhbaatar Square for an orientation to the city, viewing its collection of enormous statues, including Damdin Sukhbaatar, father of the 1921 Mongolian revolution, and the colonnade monument to national icon Genghis Khan in front of the Government Palace. Genghis Khan (known as Chinggis Khan in Mongolia) remains a cultural hero, having united the Mongol tribes and conquered large parts of China and Central Asia in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Get a backstage look at the cashmere industry in Mongolia on a tour of a cashmere factory and outlet store. Mongolia is the world's largest supplier of raw cashmere, and we observe traditional spinning methods still in practice. The highly prized soft wool comes from cashmere goats that live on the steppes, where extreme winter temperatures enhance the growth of a dense, fine undercoat. This insulating fiber is harvested by nomadic herders, primarily through gentle handcombing. We also learn about how cashmere is linked to ongoing conservation efforts and nomadic herder livelihood. Mongolia is home to 3.5 million people and 70 million livestock, and overgrazing is a problem throughout the country. Some producers are shifting to cashmere from camels, of equally fine quality with less impact on the land. Later, we walk together to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner.







### **Itinerary At A Glance**

#### Day 8

Yamaat Valley / Archery / Visit with a Kazakh Family

#### Day 9

Tekht Valley / Tavan Belchir Waterfall / Kazakh Dinner & Cultural Performance

#### Day 10

Fly to Ulanbaataar / Bogd Khaan Mountain National Park— Manzushir Monastery

### Day 11

Ulanbaataar / Depart





# Day 2: Hustai National Park—Private Mobile Ger Camp / Bronze Age Archaeology & Takhi Horses

Drive west this morning to Hustai National Park, set in mountain steppe at the center of Mongolia. The park was initially established as a Specially Protected Area in 1993 to support the reintroduction of the native Takhi horse (Przewalski's horse), which went extinct in the wild in 1969. Today, it has UNESCO status as a World Biosphere Reserve. In addition to the 450 Takhi horses that roam the park—almost half the total in Mongolia—Hustai is home to some 40 other mammal species, including wapiti, Mongolian gazelle, wild boar, ibex, gray wolf, Eurasian lynx, Pallas's cat, red fox, Eurasian badger and Mongolian marmot. While many are elusive, we'll search for them on wildlife drives. The park has also been designated an Important Bird Area (IBA), with 271 species such as golden eagle, lammergeier, great bustard, whooper swan, black stork and little owl.

Our private mobile ger camp lies within the buffer zone, offering us special access to the park's core zone generally reserved only for researchers. En route to camp, stop for a traditional Mongolian lunch prepared by nomad neighbors who are partners in conservation work at Hustai. Mutton is a staple, and we have a chance to try *buuz* (mutton dumplings) and *hushuur* (mutton pancakes), although arrangements can be made for guests with other dietary preferences. Our hosts will share about their traditional nomadic lifestyle, including their important relationship with their livestock and horses. Horses have been integral to life in Mongolia for centuries, and virtually all Mongolian children learn to ride as young as 3 or 4. After lunch, experience this essential part of Mongolian culture on an optional horseback ride over the steppe.

Once we reach our camp by mid-afternoon, settle into your classic felt ger—a traditional nomad yurt-style dwelling. Then load up in Land Cruisers for our first foray into the park, visiting sites of archaeological interest such as a 4,000-year-old deer stone associated with burial mounds. On our first wildlife drive, look for Takhi horses, Mongolian gazelle, wapiti and marmots. Takhi, the Mongol name for the Przewalski's horse, is the world's only remaining truly wild horse, more closely related to zebras than horses. It was successfully reintroduced to Mongolia in the early 1990s after individual animals were donated from zoos across the world.Drive west this morning to Hustai National Park, set in mountain steppe at the center of Mongolia. The park was initially established as a Specially Protected Area in 1993 to support the reintroduction of the native Takhi horse (Przewalski's horse), which went extinct in the wild in 1969. Today, it has UNESCO status as a World Biosphere Reserve. In addition to the 450 Takhi horses that roam the park—almost half the total in Mongolia—Hustai is home to some 40 other mammal species, including wapiti, Mongolian gazelle, wild boar, ibex, gray wolf, Eurasian lynx, Pallas's cat, red fox, Eurasian badger and Mongolian marmot. While many are elusive, we'll search for them on wildlife drives. The park has also been designated an Important Bird Area (IBA), with 271 species such as golden eagle, lammergeier, great bustard, whooper swan, black stork and little owl.





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#### Day 3: Hustai National Park—Wolf Tracking / Bankhar Dog Project

Rise before dawn for an early-morning game drive into the core zone of Hustai National Park. Traveling in Land Cruisers beyond the standard tourism zone, we are accompanied by a senior park biologist who leads us in tracking Mongolian wolves. Because we are visiting in May and June, with access to the expertise of a local researcher, we have good odds to view wolves in the morning when they are near their dens, nurturing new pups. We'll also look for other species, too, returning to camp by mid-morning for a full breakfast followed by optional activities such as a guided birding walk or a visit to prehistoric monuments nearby.

Then learn firsthand about the Mongolian Bankhar Dog Project, including the breed's history in Mongolia, its close connection with the traditional nomadic lifestyle, and the group's work to preserve it. We'll meet some of the dogs that have not yet completed their training in order to be paired with a nomadic family. Later this evening, return to the park for another wildlife drive with a chance to spot nocturnal jerboas, enigmatic kangaroolooking rodents with disproportionately large ears.





### Day 4: Private Chartered Flight to Ikh Nart Nature Reserve / Private Ger Camp

Wake very early again for another drive into the core zone of the park to look for wolves. After a light breakfast in the field, return to camp to collect our luggage and head for the private airstrip where we meet our chartered flight to Ikn Nart Nature Reserve in the Eastern Gobi. The journey by air takes only an hour. Once we land, it's a little over a half-mile walk or drive to our new ger camp. Brunch is served on arrival, then settle in to our individual gers with time to relax, take a walk, or borrow a mountain bike to explore our environs.

Later this afternoon, board Land Cruisers to scout for wildlife and get a first glimpse of Ikh Nart's unique rock formations up close on walks into the rocky terrain and along dry riverbeds. Species to look for include enormous cinereous vultures, also known as the Eurasian black vulture, with an 8–10-foot wingspan, among the largest birds of prey in the world. Keep an eye out, too, for graceful lesser kestrels, the subject of ongoing scientific study here. We also witness important geologic and palaeontologic sites, interpreted by our Expedition Leader. Return to camp for leisure time before dinner.

### **Day 5: Exploring Ikh Nart Nature Reserve**

Today is a full day of exploration. Again, wake very early for a nature walk when wildlife is active, and to experience sunrise over the granite rock formations. We may see argali sheep and Siberian ibex. After breakfast in the field, continue exploring with our local guide who unveils an intriguing range of archaeological sites from various eras, including rock petroglyphs, ancient burial sites and temple ruins—all layers of Mongolian cultural history are present in Ikh Nart.

After lunch, we have a chance to meet local nomad families—hardy and hospitable Gobi herders who migrate in and out of the area with their livestock. The desert steppe of the Eastern Gobi is a very different region from the mountain steppe of Hustai, and we'll learn about how variations in climate and habitat affect nomadic ways of life. Time permitting, we'll stop at the research center in Ikh Nart, the base for several conservation projects in the area. After dinner, join an optional night walk to look for jerboas. Two species are found at Ikh Nart, the Siberian jerboa and the northern three-toed jerboa.

### Day 6: Sunrise Overlook Hike / Leisure Time / Private Flight to Ulaanbaatar

Rise early for a light breakfast at camp followed by a sunrise hike to a scenic high point in the reserve, drinking in the stunning expanse surrounding us. Then we head back to the nearby airstrip to board our private chartered Cessna Caravan to Ulaanbaatar. After a midmorning brunch at our hotel, the afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore more of the city on your own. Late this afternoon, we're met by the local guide who joins us for the western portion of our trip, to the Altai region. We'll have an orientation to this very different second part of our journey, with information about western Mongolian culture and the Altai mountain environment. Dinner follows at a local restaurant.





# Day 7: Bayan Ulgii or Khovd / Hiking in Namarjin Valley & Tsambagarav Mountain National Park

Transfer to the airport this morning for our flight to the Altai. Depending on the day of the week, we will fly into one of two cities: either Ulgii, capital of Bayan-Ulgii, Mongolia's westernmost province, or Khovd, capital of Khovd Province. Ninety percent of the western region of Mongolia is ethnically Kazakh, and there will be ample opportunities to meet local families and experience Kazakh culture.

On landing, we drive overland to Three Eagle Camp, a rugged journey of approximately 2.5 hours. Settle into your "ger with a view," followed by lunch at camp and exploring the surrounding area on foot with our Expedition Leader. Our camp is ideally located just 3 miles from boundary of Tsambagarav Mountain National Park. The park covers 3.7 million acres, one of the largest, most scenic and remote national parks in Mongolia. We get an introduction to it this afternoon on a short drive into Namarjin Valley to view Tsast Mountain. Tsast is the park's highest peak at 13,757 feet. It is also an excellent location to spot vultures, eagles and other raptors that favor high-altitude environments.





### Day 8: Yamaat Valley / Archery / Visit with a Kazakh Family

This morning, we explore the Yamaat Valley, whose name means "valley with goats" in the Mongolian language. One of the largest valleys in Tsambagarav Mountain National Park, it holds the source of the Khukh Sair River and is home to Siberian ibex and gray wolves. WWF Mongolia conducted an important survey near here to measure the local snow leopard population, using camera traps throughout the stark mountain environs.

Return to camp for lunch and a traditional archery demonstration. Discover ancient Uriankhai techniques as you meet tribal archers and observe the remarkable precision and strength behind this living tradition.

This afternoon, enjoy a visit with a neighboring Kazakh family. Kazakhs live mostly in Bayan-Ulgii province, with a majority having migrated from Xinjiang (China) to Mongolia around 1910, fleeing civil war and seeking safe refuge. In 1940, a second Kazakh migration to Mongolia began with 400 families whom Mongolian leaders helped resettle in the country's westernmost region. Today, more than 120,000 Kazakhs live in Mongolia, maintaining their traditional Central Asian nomadic lifestyle.

We are welcomed into the family's traditional Kazakh ger, heated with a large wood-burning stove, which is distinctive in design and construction from Mongolian gers. Our hosts offer airag, traditional fermented mare's milk tea, and hand-made curd products. Learn about their daily routines as nomadic herders, perpetuating a lifestyle that has existed largely unchanged for centuries. Kazakh women are renowned for their skills in embroidery and applique, and their gers are decorated with colorful textiles. Handcrafted felt carpets line the floor, while delicately stitched tapestries adorn the walls, each design unique to a family. Return to camp by late afternoon, followed by dinner and, weather permitting, a stargazing session with our Expedition Leader—the night skies here are some of the darkest on Earth.

# Day 9: Tekht Valley / Tavan Belchir Waterfall / Kazakh Dinner & Cultural Performance

After an early breakfast, drive about 90 minutes to reach the Tekht Valley in the Nuruut Mountains, an area known for its large population of Siberian ibex. As we scout for wildlife, look also for high-elevation birds like willow ptarmigan and bearded vultures. Return to camp for lunch, then set out on a scenic journey to Tavan Belchir waterfall, where the Uriankhai nomads spend the summer. En route, we stop for a dramatic view at 12,000 feet over the pasturelands of Altantugts. The falls form where the Tavan Belchir River pours off a cliff at the base of Khukh Nurgan Pass, tumbling into the valley below. At camp this evening, enjoy a traditional Kazakh dinner with a local cultural performance.





# Day 10: Fly to Ulanbaataar / Bogd Khaan Mountain National Park—Manzushir Monastery

After breakfast, transfer to airport, about a 2.5-hour drive, for our flight back to Ulaanbaatar, then continue to the Taij Resort outside the city where we'll have lunch on arrival. This afternoon, we tour the ruins of Manzushir Monastery on the south slope of Bogd Khaan Mountain. Part of Bogd Khan National Park, the setting is magnificent, surrounded by pine-scented hillsides, rocky outcrops, flowing streams and lush valleys where wildlife roams. Bogd Khan Mountain has been a protected reserve since the 13th century, while the Buddhist monastery was built in 1773. At one time, more than 1,000 monks lived among the 70 temples on the site. It was destroyed in 1932 during the Communist purges, but the main temple has since been rebuilt. One item from the original monastery that survived is a two-ton bronze cauldron designed to cook food for a thousand monks in a single sitting—it could boil the meat of 10 sheep or two cows at a time. A visit to the small museum on the site offers an overview of the region's natural history, plus religious dance masks, Buddhist thanka paintings, musical instruments, and an artist's rendition of what the monastery looked like prior to its destruction. On a walk through the valley, we reach the reconstructed temple for a look inside. Return to resort for a farewell dinner.

### Day 11: Ulanbaataar / Depart

Our grand Mongolian adventure comes to an end this morning. Depending on the time of your departing flight, breakfast will be either packed to go, or at the hotel restaurant. A transfer to the airport in Ulanbaataar is included, timed for your international flight.



### **Accommodation Details:**

Hustai Mobile Ger Camp

Ikh Nart Rocks Ger Camp

**Three Eagle Camp** 

Shangri-La Ulaanbaatar

**Taij Resort Hotel** 

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/mongolia-adventure/accommodations

# **Untamed Mongolia Accommodations**

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#### **Hustai Mobile Ger Camp**

A private mobile ger camp set within Hustai National Park, shifting with each journey to ensure comfort, authenticity and minimal impact amid Mongolia's sweeping steppe.



### **Ikh Nart Rocks Ger Camp**

Tucked in the high steppes of the Gobi, this secluded ecocamp features traditional gers, handcrafted interiors, Mongolian cuisine, dark skies and a quiet remote setting.



### **Three Eagle Camp**

A remote high-country camp in Mongolia's secluded westernmost province with private gers, en suite baths, communal dining and lounge gers and locally sourced meals.



### **Shangri-La Ulaanbaatar**

A 5-star retreat in the heart of Ulaanbaatar, this luxury hotel blends contemporary design, mountain views and worldclass wellness with refined rooms and local flavors.







### **Taij Resort Hotel**

A serene boutique hotel in Ulaanbaatar's quiet valley with mountain views, Mongolian cuisine, spacious rooms, fitness center with gym and modern amenities, just 25 miles from the airport.





# The Ultimate Mongolia Encounter for Those Passionate About Nature

Mongolia is a fascinating destination for adventurers keen on discovering the unique and less-traveled. From its 5,000-year-old nomadic herding culture to its 800-year veneration of Genghis Khan, its human history is remarkable—but its natural features may hold even more allure for the nature traveler. On this one-of-a-kind itinerary, explore varied landscapes from alpine heights to desert steppe, track wolves, see the world's last true wild horses, and more. Here's what sets this trip apart:

A Unique Itinerary No One Else Offers

Over a year in the making, our itinerary has been meticulously researched and planned to highlight rare experiences in nature, a conservation focus, and small-scale authentic cultural interactions with local people. Your experience of Mongolia with Nat Hab will be very different from anything a standard commercial tour operator provides.

- Travel with Just 10 Guests

  Your small coterie of fellow adventurers and outstanding guides ensures an exclusive, intimate and enlightening journey. Our group is limited to no more than 10 travelers, with a top Expedition Leader at the helm throughout—plus an expert local guide in each of our three main locations.
- Internal Flights, Including Private Charters, Maximize Your Time in Nature

  Mongolia is vast and larglely undeveloped. Only recently has an international highway connecting Mongolia with Russia and China been completed to facilitate trade, and there is still no paved road that crosses Mongolia from west to east. Overland travel is typically rugged and slow. That's why we've included strategic flights, including two private charters, to avoid long hours of rough driving—giving you more time for what you came for, exploring Mongolian nature.
- Experience Three Distinct Biomes

  A biome is a large geographic region defined by its climate, vegetation and wildlife, and our itinerary encompasses three that contrast dramatically: the mountain steppe of Hustai National Park, a region of high-altitude grasslands; the Eastern Gobi steppe, an arid realm of rocky desert and shrublands; and the Altai Mountains of western Mongolia, encompassing mountain subdesert and steppe, conifer forests, and alpine meadow and tundra.





Exclusive Access to the Inner Sector of Hustai National Park

From our private ger camp located in the national park buffer zone, bordering the core zone that is typically the province only of researchers, we have been granted special permission to access to this area of Hustai that is off-limits to regular tourists. This means virtually private wildlife viewing, and a greater chance to see more species deep within the park.

Track Gray Wolves with a Local Biologist Researcher

We've made special arrangements through our local connections to join a wolf biologist in a quest to view gray wolves. We've timed our departures for the very best time of year to see them, and with our high-powered spotting scopes in tow, our odds are very good for sightings.

- Small & Exclusive Accommodations in Remote Locations

  Steeped in local character, our traditional ger camps offer authentic Mongolian and Kazakh design and decor while providing essential comforts, from en suite self-contained mobile port-a-potties to hot showers and hearty meals. Get a taste of rustic nomad-style life while being assured of the amenities you need. One of the three ger camps we use is private for Nat Hab guests alone.
- Search for Native Wildlife at Optimum Times
  We choose accommodations for their proximity to wild, natural places, and we arrange our schedule to be there when wildlife is most active. This means some very early mornings, but we think you'll agree it's worth it. And we slot in some downtime so you can rest and recoup from your sunrise outings.
- Authentic Encounters with Two Unique Nomadic Cultures

  Mongolia nomadic herding culture dates back some 5,000 years, although it is now in decline due to a complex mix of environmental, economic and social factors. The number of nomadic or semi-nomadic Mongolians still numbers around 40%, however, and we learn about this traditional way of life during visits with two different nomad families, one Mongol and one Kazakh. While both share similarities, including living in portable, round dwellings called gers, they differ in language, religion and other cultural aspects.
- Travel with Peerless Expedition Leaders

  Our Nat Hab Expedition Leaders are outstanding naturalist guides who are passionate about Mongolia, its history, nature and wildlife. In addition, you'll travel with a local Mongolian guide at each of our primary destinations, ensuring an optimal balance of scientific knowledge, authentic cultural insight and attentive personal service. Furthermore, our Expedition Leaders have the benefit of additional training and resources from WWF's renowned scientists and researchers. See Expedition Leader bios and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.





- Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Mongolia Adventure
  With Nat Hab, you receive our exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. Read our important promise.
- Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

  We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home.

  Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.
- Natural Habitat Adventures Is WWF's Travel Partner

  Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!







# **Dates & Pricing Summary:**

Prices: From \$\$18995

**Group Size:** Limited to 10 Travelers

# **Untamed Mongolia Dates, Pricing & Info**

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 23, 2026	Jun 2, 2026	\$18995 USD (+internal air)
May 27, 2026	Jun 6, 2026	\$19395 USD (+internal air)
May 30, 2026	Jun 9, 2026	\$18995 USD (+internal air)
Jun 3, 2026	Jun 13, 2026	\$18995 USD (+internal air)

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Prices a	and dates n	ot confirmed for 2027
May 24, 2027	Jun 3, 2027	\$18995 USD (+internal air)
May 28, 2027	Jun 7, 2027	\$18995 USD (+internal air)
May 31, 2027	Jun 10, 2027	\$18995 USD (+internal air)
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### **Pricing**

See https://nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/mongolia-adventure/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

### **Included**

- ➤ Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, drivers, all meals from lunch on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- > Internal air cost includes: All flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and Nepal visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

### **Important Information About This Trip**

This nature journey offers an adventurous experience exploring Mongolia's vast wild landscapes. Here are some important aspects of the trip you should be aware of.

#### Remote Ger Camps

Our remote ger camps in Mongolia offer the most comfortable and authentic way to immerse yourself in the country's vast, wide-open landscape while ensuring our presence does not disturb wildlife or disrupt the traditions of local nomadic herders. Some camps are private to our group, while others may host additional travelers, but all provide a quiet and respectful base for exploring the landscape. Accommodations are simple but welcoming, with traditional felt gers outfitted with Queen or Two Twin beds, warm bedding, and wood stoves for heat. Facilities include en suite portable toilets, shared tented shower and composting toilets. Due to their remote location, there is limited or no cell phone service and limited Wi-Fi access at camp that may be limited to certain times of day. While adventurous, a stay in our ger camps offers a rare chance to experience Mongolia in a way that balances comfort, traditional practices, and respect for the land and its people.

#### Wildlife Viewing Experience in Mongolia

Mongolia offers an extraordinary opportunity to search for some of the planet's most elusive wildlife against a backdrop of immense, wide-open landscapes. Unlike an African safari, where animals are abundant and often in close range, wildlife here is dispersed across vast distances and requires time, patience, and persistence to observe. Much of our experience involves long drives across rugged terrain in Toyota Land Cruisers, with no more than three guests per vehicle to ensure comfort and visibility. Our Expedition Leader will rotate among the vehicles during drives, while we stop frequently to set up scopes and scan the horizon for wildlife. These searches can mean extended periods of driving, and other times of waiting and watching, but the reward of spotting rare species in such a remote and wild setting makes the effort deeply worthwhile. Understanding that wildlife encounters here are earned—rather than guaranteed or constant—will allow you to fully embrace the adventure and the immense beauty of Mongolia's natural world.





### **Mandatory Insurance**

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

### **Getting There & Getting Home**

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar by 8 am on Day 1 in order to participate in a group lunch and tour beginning at approximately 11 am. You are free to depart Ulaanbaatar any time on the final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.





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