



2026 Ice Festival Tour



Tour date: Feb 28-March 5, 2026

- ❖ 5 NIGHTS & 6 DAYS TOUR

Accommodation:

- ❖ 5 NIGHTS IN LOCAL GUEST GERS OR GUESTHOUSES

Activities & Highlights:

- ❖ HORSE RIDING/HORSE SLEIGH
- ❖ HIKING/WALKING/ SIGHTSEEING/SLEDGING
- ❖ VISIT TO AMARBAYSGALANT MONASTERY & URAN TOGOO CRATER
- ❖ CRYSTAL CLEAR KHUVSGUL LAKE-ICE FESTIVAL
- ❖ LOCAL NOMAD FESTIVAL VIBES- TRADITIONAL OUTFITS AND CUISINE
- ❖ VAST LANDSCAPE/ PHOTOGENIC SPOTS
- ❖ MILKY WAY, GER STAYS UNDER BILLIONS OF STARS
- ❖ SILENCE AND PEACE IN NATURE



DAY 1. ULAANBAATAR-AMARBAYSGALANT MONASTERY/ 380KM

The tour begins with an early morning pickup in Ulaanbaatar, followed by a quick stop at a supermarket to stock up on supplies. We then head to Amarbaysgalant Monastery in Baruunburen soum, Selenge province—one of Mongolia's three largest Buddhist monasteries, renowned for its blend of Chinese, Tibetan, and Mongolian architectural styles. Lunch will be enjoyed at a local restaurant en route. Dinner is served between 7–8 pm, and we'll spend the night in a guest ger near the monastery.





DAY 2. AMARBAYSGALANT MONASTERY- MURUN CITY/ 460KM

On Day 2, the adventure continues toward Murun, the lively provincial center of the Khovsgol region. It will be a scenic and memorable drive as we push closer to the breathtaking Khuvgul Lake. Along the way, we pass through charming towns such as Bulgan, Khutag-Undur, and Ikh-Uul, each revealing stunning mountain landscapes and ever-changing views. Lunch will be enjoyed in one of these welcoming local villages, offering a taste of rural life.

Upon arriving in Murun, you'll have the chance to explore the bustling black market—an ideal place to pick up cozy essentials like warm hats, scarves, and gloves. After a relaxing dinner, you will settle in for the night at a guesthouse.

Another highlight of the day is a visit to the remarkable Uushgiin Uvur archaeological site near Murun. Here, you'll discover 14 impressive deer stones, ancient square burials, and numerous khirigsuurs (ancient tombs). These fascinating megaliths are carved with vivid symbols and are named for their iconic flying deer motifs. The deer stones of Uushgiin Uvur are considered among the most beautifully and clearly detailed, featuring striking images of deer and other animals, the sun and moon, weapons, tools, shields, horses, and intricate patterns—offering a truly captivating glimpse into Mongolia's ancient past.





DAY 3 & 4 . MURUN- KHUVSGUL LAKE- ICE FESTIVAL/ 100KM

After 100 km of driving, you'll arrive in Khatgal, a village on the southern shore of Lake Khuvsgul. Khuvsgul is Mongolia's second-largest, deepest, and purest lake, containing 70% of the nation's fresh water and 0.4% of the world's supply. Sitting at 1,645 meters (5,397 feet) above sea level, the lake stretches 136 kilometers (85 miles) and reaches a depth of 262 meters (860 feet). Known as Khukh Suvd (Blue Pearl) and "Mother Sea" (Dalai Eej), the lake freezes solid in winter. The Ice Festival, typically held in the first week of March, features an opening ceremony; parades of dog sleds, horse sleighs, and motorbikes; ice sculptures; shamanic rituals; reindeer displays; traditional costume shows; and competitions including archery, ice-break games, horse sledge races, folk concerts, bonfires, wrestling, tug-of-war, and skating. On days 3 and 4, you'll immerse yourself in the festival and explore the surrounding area, experiencing an authentic Mongolian celebration on the lake, with locals dressed in traditional attire. Meals are served at the festival grounds, and overnights are in guesthouses in Khatgal.





Day 5. Khuvsul lake- Uran Togoo Crater/ 350+ km

After enjoying the festival and the stunning landscapes of northern Mongolia, we begin our journey back to the capital. Along the way, we will visit Uran Togoo Mountain, an extinct volcano that last erupted around 20,000 years ago and rises to 1,688 meters above sea level. You will hike to the summit, where sweeping views of the surrounding countryside await. Meals will be provided as scheduled, and overnight accommodation will be at a guesthouse near Uran Togoo or in Bulgan Province.





Day 6. URAN TOGOO CRATER- ULAANBAATAR/ 540KM

As the final day of our tour arrives, the team will make their way back to Ulaanbaatar. Covering a total distance of 540 km, we'll stop for lunch en route. Upon reaching Ulaanbaatar, the team will be transported to their respective hotels or hostels. This marks the end of our remarkable journey together!



**Things to bring on the tour:**

- ❖ Extra batteries for your devices or solar charger
- ❖ Personal sheet for sleeping bags that we provide
- ❖ Flexible bags, backpack, torch light, caps & sunglasses
- ❖ Sunscreen, toothbrush, wet wipes, toilet roll, and mosquito deed
- ❖ Hiking boots (waterproof) and slippers, long boots for horse-riding*
- ❖ Personal medication- pain killers, bandages, pills for motion sickness
- ❖ Books, cards, music player, and other games for your entertainment
- ❖ Snacks (chips, nuts, dried fruits)

Things included in the tour:

- ❖ Meal: breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ❖ Accommodation: ger guesthouses run by local family, tourist camps, camping
- ❖ Fees for museums, national park entrance, road toll
- ❖ 4x4 off road vehicle, and petrol
- ❖ A tour guide and a driver
- ❖ Sleeping bag
- ❖ Drinking water (bottled)

Things not included:

- ❖ Alcoholic drinks
- ❖ International flights
- ❖ Travel & medical insurance
- ❖ Cost for optional activities
- ❖ Excess baggage fee