



**Itinerary for The West Mongolia
Trails tour**

Day 1. Flight from UB- Khovd town/ overnight stay near Khar- Us lake

As you land in Khovd, the driver and the guide will pick you up from the airport. You will have lunch and explore the town and get supplies from the supermarket. You will then drive to Khar- Us lake and stay with a local nomadic family or at a tourist ger camp.

Khar-Us is a lake in western Mongolia in the Great Lakes Depression. It is the upper one in a system of the interconnected lakes: Khar-Us, Khar, Durgun , Airag and Khyrgas.

Water level: 1,160.08 m; Surface area: 1,496.6 km²; Average depth: 2.1 m; Volume: 3.12 km³.

Time	Activities
--:--	Pick up service from the local airport and depart from Khovd (supermarket stop)
--:--	Driving to and visiting Khar- Us lake
--:--	Stay overnight by the shore of Khar-Us lake



Day 2. Drive to Tolbo Lake

Today you will head to the territory of Bayan-Ulgii province, visiting and enjoying Tolbo lake. Overnight stay in a ger with local nomad family or tent.

Tolbo is a fresh water lake in Mongolia. It covers an area of 185 sq.km. Tolbo is also known as a historic battle side of Russian Civil War in 1921 between the White Russians and allies of Bolshevicks and Mongolians. Approximately 220km driving

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast and depart from Khar-Us lake
10-12 pm	Driving / interaction with the guide and the driver
1 pm	Lunch break
2-4 pm	Driving (short breaks for photos and toilet) and reaching Tolbo lake
4-6 pm	Exploring the site- walking
7-8 pm	Reaching accommodation and having dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 3. Stay with Kazakh/ Eagle owners/ family/ in Ulaankhus village

Today, we will pass through Ulgii for supplies, and go to Ulaankhus village where most of eagle hunters live. We will then stay with a local family who own eagles for the whole day, blending into their lifestyle and culture through answers and questions. Fun activities like taking photos of you wearing traditional costumes and holding eagles. Trying traditional cuisines etc. Approximately 80km driving

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast and depart from Tolbo lake
10-12 pm	Driving / stop in Ulgii town for supplies & continue driving and reaching the eagle hunter's family in Ulaankhus.
1 pm	Lunch
2-7 pm	Interactions with the eagle hunters, learn about their tradition, free time
7-8 pm	Dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 4-5. Altai Tavan Bogd National Park

Day 4 will mostly be driving and handling tough road to Altai Tavan Bogd Park. It has some of the most stunning scenery in all of Mongolia with splendid snow capped mountains, pristine lakes, large lush valleys. The park has two main regions, the Tavan Bogd Mountains in the northwest and the Lakes Region to the southeast. Glacial melt and annual snow fall supplies three large lakes inside the park that form the source of Hovd River. Tavan Bogd Mountains are the highest mountains in Mongolia, with Khuiten Uul ('Cold Peak') at 4374 m (14,201 ft) being the highest. These permanently snow capped mountains form a bowl around the Potanin Glacier, which covers 23 square km. The other peaks are Nairamdal ('Friendship', 4180 m), Malchin ('Herder', 4050 m), Būrged ('Eagle', 4068 m) and Olgii ('Cradle', 4050 m). From the peak of Kuiten Uul, it is possible to see Kazakhstan 30 km away on a clear day.

Day 5 will be a no driving day, and more of a trekking day as follows:

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast
10-12 pm	Drive a bit to the starting point and start walking in the Altai Tavan Bogd Park
1 pm	Lunch
2-4 pm	More exploration of the park: glacier and etc
7-8 pm	Coming back to accommodation and having dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 6. From Altai Tavan Bogd to Ulgii town / 250km of driving

Now that you have reached the very west point of Mongolia, it is time to gradually head back to where we all started. Today, the destination will be Ulgii town. It will be a long driving day for us.

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast and depart from Altai Tavan Bogd
10-12 pm	Driving
1 pm	Lunch
2-5 pm	Driving and reaching Ulgii town
6-8 pm	Free time & Dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 7. From Ulgii to Khyrgas Lake/ approx. 330km driving

Khyrgas Lake is the most unique lake in Mongolia as it features impressive white rocks (KhetsuuKhad) on the east shore. It was originated from tectonics at 1023 m above sea level in Uvs province. Khyrgas lies in the south of Khan Khukhii mountain range, covering 1405sq.km, 74km long, 34km wide, 40-80m deep.

Khetsuu had on the eastern shore of the lake is the most popular spot for both international and domestic travelers.

Number of fishes such as pike and Mongolian grayling inhabit in the lake.

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast and depart from Ulgii town
10-12 pm	Driving
1 pm	Lunch
2-5 pm	Driving and reaching Khyrgas lake
6-8 pm	Exploring and enjoying the lake & dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest

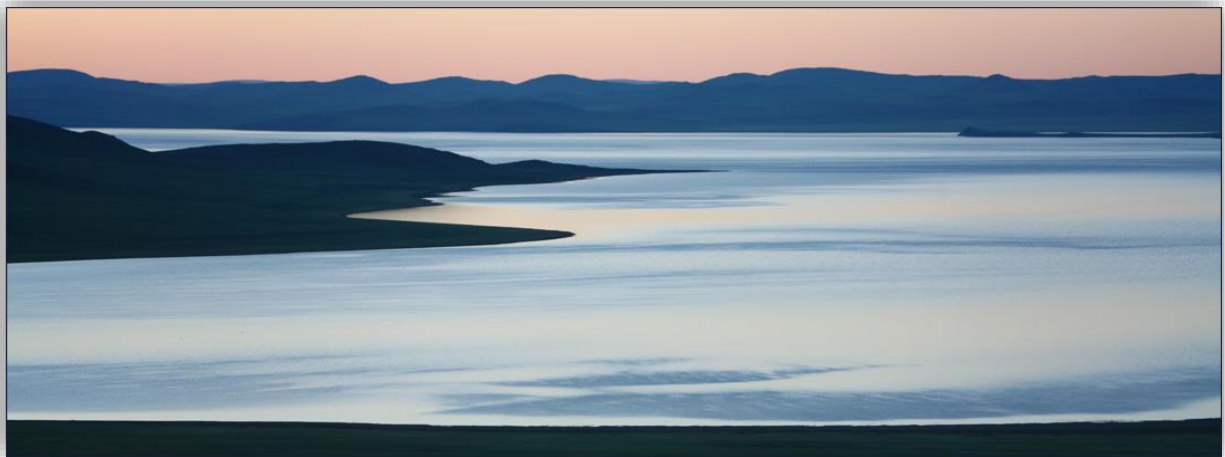


Day 8. Telmen Lake / approx.400km driving

Telmen is a saline lake (6.49-7.61%) located in Zavkhan province. There are three main islands in the lake which are home to many migratory birds. Overnight in a tent or ger.

Area: 194 sq.km; Altitude: 1,789m; Length: 28km; Width: 16 km; Volume: 2671 km³

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast and depart from Khyargas lake
10-12 pm	Driving
1 pm	Lunch
2-5 pm	Driving and reaching Telmen Lake
5-8 pm	Exploring and enjoying Telmen/ Dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 9-10. Khorgo-Terkh National Park / approx.330km driving

The Khorgo-Terkh national park is located in Tariat sum, Arkhangai province. Khorgo is a volcano, which exploded 8000 years ago. The volcanic crater lies at 2210m above sea level. The legend says in the past, some brave men would murder the corrupted aristocrats and help poor people by sharing. These men used to hide in this crater. Thus, the crater was given the name Khorgo, meaning to hide or sneak. The depth of the crater is around 90m, while its diameter is around 200-250m. Terkhiin Tsagaan nuur (or the great white lake) is a fresh water lake about 16km long, 20m deep and 5 km wide. The lake is 2100m above sea level. The activities for “Day 8” are driving to the national park and reaching accommodation by the lake Terkh. You will then have free time to explore the area around and rest. On Day 9, you will do hiking to the crater Khorgo. Accommodation is a same place for 2 nights. Shown below is a timetable for “Day 9”:

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast
9-12 pm	Hiking to Khorgo Volcano / Horse riding is available
1-2 pm	Lunch
3-7 pm	Free time for more hiking, swimming, walking by lake Terkh
7-8 pm	Dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 11. The hot springs of Tsenkher / 200 km

The hot springs of Tsenkher is located in Tsenkher sum, Arkhangai province. From the provincial center, Tsetserleg, it is only 30km of driving to the hot springs. The hot springs flow at a rapid rate around 10litres per second at 86 degrees in Celsius. The spring consists of chemical elements such as sodium, calcium and sulfur. Mongolians believe the concentration of this hot spring is good for health especially for skin, bones and nerves. Near the hot spring, there are many tourist camps, which have indoor or outdoor baths, with the hot spring being transferred in pipes from the main source. The surrounding nature and the medical treatment of the spa offer a very relaxing time.

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast
9-12 pm	Driving to Tsenkher hot springs
12-1 pm	Lunch
1-7 pm	Spend the whole day relaxing in the outdoor hot spa
7-8 pm	Dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 12. Erdene-zuu temple &Khugnu-Tarni National Park/ 200 km

Khugnu-Tarni National Park is located in Rashaant sum, Bulgan province. This area was taken under state protection in 1997. It offers amazing scenery with river, mountain, trees, and sand dunes all in one place. Wild animals like vulture, deer, foxes, hares, eagles, wolves and migratory birds like swans and cranes inhabit here. The ElsenTasarhai is one of the main characteristics of the national park. Also known as the Mini-Gobi, it is part of the great Mongolian sand dunes, which extends about 80 km. Hiking or riding camel in here makes one feel like they are in the Gobi desert. In the northern side of the park, lies the impressive mountain range of Khugnu-Khan. These granite rock mountains can get as high as 2000m above sea level.

Time	Activities
8-9 am	Breakfast and leave Tsenkher
9-12 pm	Driving to Erdene Zuu temple in Kharkhorin
12-1 pm	Lunch
1-2 pm	Visit Erdene zuu temple
2-4 pm	Getting to the Mini Gobi
4-6 pm	Exploring the Gobi: camel and horse riding available
7-8 pm	Dinner
After 8 pm	Free time & rest



Day 13. Driving back to Ulaanbaatar / approx.270 km driving

Time	Activities
7-8 am	Breakfast
9-12 pm	Driving
12-1 pm	Lunch
1-4 pm	Getting to Ulaanbaatar/ drop off the hotel/hostel/ airport/ train station
The end of the tour	



Things to bring on the tour:

- Extra batteries for your devices or solar chargers
- 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 (vegetarian dishes available)
- Accommodation: ger guesthouses run by local & nomad families
- Fees for museums, national park entrance, road toll
- 4x4 off road vehicle, and petrol
- A tour guide and a driver
- Sleeping bags
- Drinking water (bottled)

Things not included:

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

Please note that the timetables above are not fixed, and could change depending on the circumstances.

Tips:

August will be pretty cold in west Mongolia (especially at nights) already so I suggest you to bring some warm layers of clothes- jacket, caps and gloves. Good boots are always an advantage.

Electricity is not provided in all accommodations as we go to very isolated areas so be sure to bring enough batteries or power banks, solar chargers etc.

Mongolian tours always require some off road driving (3-4 hours a day). If you have motion sickness, please bring some medicine.

If you are a vegetarian, please let us know in advance so we can arrange meals for you.

Shower and toilet situations are little different. We mostly have outhouses for toilet. You may have to tolerate few days without shower.

Thank you for choosing to travel with Magnificent Mongolia Tour!