# The Blue Pearl Tour

***11-day***

## Day 1. Ulaanbaatar – Amarbayasgalant Monastery

This morning, meet your guide and depart north through the rolling steppe landscapes of Selenge Province. The highlight of the day is Amarbayasgalant Monastery, meaning "Monastery of Tranquil Felicity." Nestled in a secluded valley at the foot of the Buren Khaan Mountains, it is considered one of Mongolia's most beautiful and best-preserved Buddhist monasteries. Built between 1727 and 1736, the monastery served as the spiritual center of northern Mongolia and houses the remains of Mongolia's first Bogd Gegeen, Zanabazar.

**Activities**

- Drive through Mongolia's vast grasslands
- Guided visit of Amarbayasgalant Monastery
- Explore ornate temples and assembly halls
- Learn about Mongolian Buddhism and Zanabazar
- Short hike to panoramic viewpoints above the monastery
- Sunset photography

**Accommodation:** Ger Camp near Amarbayasgalant

**Meals:** Lunch | Dinner



## Day 2. Amarbayasgalant – Uran Togoo Volcano

Driving: 300 km | 5-6 hours

Continue to Bulgan Province, home to fertile grasslands and volcanic landscapes. Uran Togoo Volcano is one of Mongolia's finest extinct volcanoes, rising nearly 1,700 meters above sea level. The perfectly preserved crater provides impressive views across forests, rivers, and open steppe.

**Activities:**

- Scenic drive through northern Mongolia
- Hike to the crater rim of Uran Togoo
- Explore volcanic formations and basalt rocks
- Birdwatching and nature photography
- Enjoy panoramic views from the summit
- Sunset walk around the volcanic area

**Accommodation:** Tourist Camp near Uran Togoo

**Meals:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



**Day 3. Uran Togoo – Lake Khuvsgul**

Driving: 330 km | 6-7 hours

Journey further north toward magnificent Lake Khuvsgul, often called the "Blue Pearl of Mongolia." The lake contains nearly 70% of Mongolia's fresh water and is surrounded by pristine taiga forests and rugged mountains. It is one of Central Asia's most spectacular natural destinations.

**Activities**

- Scenic drive through forested mountain regions
- Arrival at Khuvsgul Lake National Park
- Lakeside walking excursion
- Sunset viewing over the lake

**Accommodation**: Lakeside Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



**Day 4. Khuvsgul Lake Exploration**

Wake up to breathtaking views of crystal-clear waters and forested mountains. Today is dedicated to discovering the beauty of one of Mongolia's largest lakes.

**Activities**

- Boat cruise on Lake Khuvsgul
- Birdwatching and nature photography
- Walking or cycling along the lakeshore/ optional
- Horseback riding along scenic lakeshore trails/ optional
- Relax by the shore

**Accommodation:** Lakeside Ger Camp

**Meals**: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



**Day 5. Khuvsgul Lake Leisure Day**

Enjoy another day exploring the untouched wilderness that makes northern Mongolia famous.

**Activities:**

- 3–5-hour hike to elevated viewpoints overlooking the lake
- Evening campfire by the lakeshore

**Accommodation:** Lakeside Ger Camp

Meals: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



**Day 6. Lake Khuvsgul – Shine-Ider Village**
Driving: 230 km | 5 hours

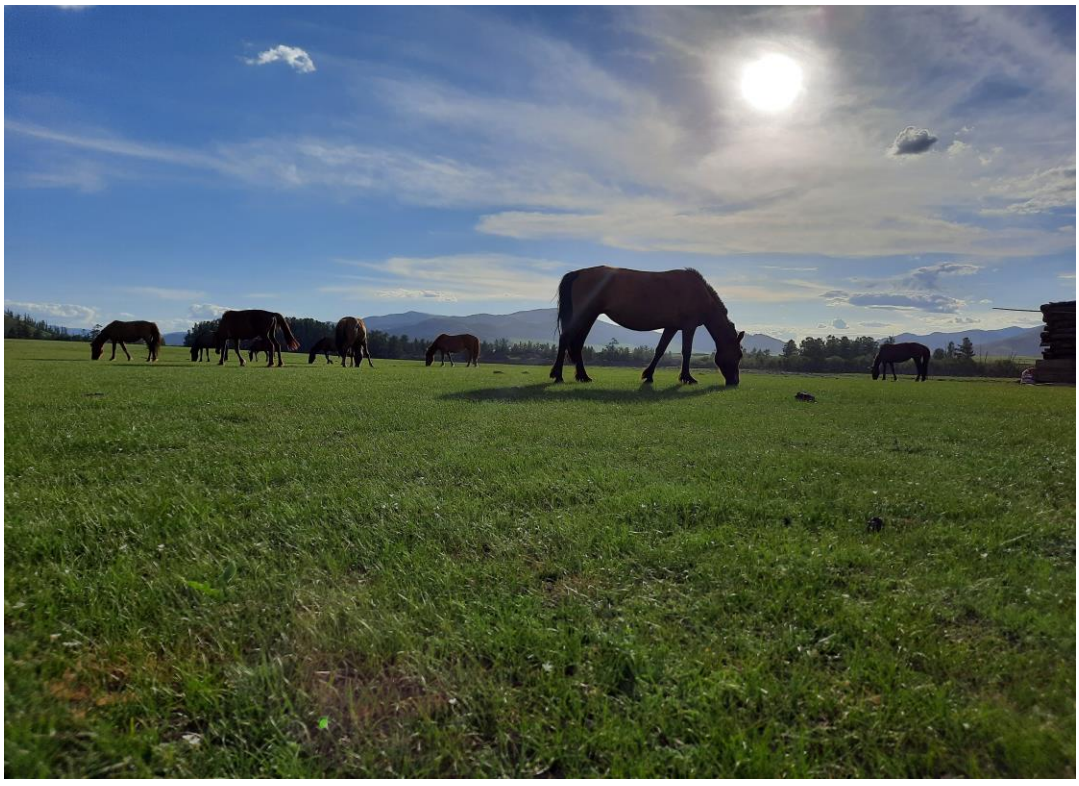
A relaxing transit day through some of Mongolia's lesser-visited countryside, offering authentic views of everyday nomadic life and beautiful open landscapes before continuing to the volcanic region of Arkhangai. Shine-Ider serves as a pleasant stopover on the way to central Mongolia, allowing travelers to break up the long journey while experiencing the peaceful atmosphere of rural Mongolia. Upon arrival, enjoy time to relax and take in the surrounding natural scenery.

**Activities**

- Scenic drive through Khuvsgul Province
- Photo stops along mountain and river valleys
- Observe nomadic herding lifestyle along the route
- Short walk around the surrounding grasslands
- Enjoy a quiet sunset over the steppe

**Accommodation:** Tourist Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



**Day 7. Shine-Ider – Khorgo-Terkh National Park**
Driving: 260 km | 5-6 hours

Continue into the heart of the Khangai Mountains and arrive at the spectacular Khorgo-Terkh National Park, one of Mongolia's most scenic natural areas. The park combines volcanic craters, lava fields, forested mountains, and the beautiful waters of Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake.

**Activities**

- Visit Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake
- Explore volcanic lava formations
- Walk along the lakeshore
- Birdwatching opportunities
- Sunset views over the lake

**Accommodation**: Lakeside Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner.



**Day 8. Khorgo-Terkh National Park Exploration**

A full day to enjoy the geological wonders of the national park.

**Activities**

- Hike to the summit of Khorgo Volcano
- Explore the volcanic crater
- Visit lava caves created by ancient eruptions
- Horse riding along the lake/ optional
- Wildlife observation
- Enjoy breathtaking sunset views over the lake

**Accommodation:** Lakeside Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



**Day 9. Khorgo-Terkh – Tsenkher Hot Springs**
Driving: 210 km | 4 hours

Travel into the heart of the Khangai Mountains, a region famous for its forested scenery and natural hot springs. Tsenkher Hot Springs produce mineral-rich water naturally heated underground and emerging at temperatures exceeding 80°C.

**Activities**

- Scenic drive through mountain landscapes
- Arrival at Tsenkher Hot Springs
- Relax in outdoor thermal pools
- Short forest hikes
- Evening soak under the stars

**Accommodation:** Hot Spring Resort Ger Camp

**Meals**: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Day 10. Tsenkher – Erdene Zuu Monastery – Khugnu Tarna National Park

Driving: 330 km | 6 hours

Today's journey combines Mongolia's history and natural beauty. Visit Kharkhorin, the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire founded by Chinggis Khan in the 13th century. Explore the famous Erdene Zuu Monastery before continuing to the dramatic dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai, often called the "Mini Gobi."

**Activities**

- Visit Erdene Zuu Monastery
- Learn about the Mongol Empire
- Walk among the sand dunes of Elsen Tasarkhai
- Camel riding
- Visit local horse and camel herding families

**Accommodation**: Ger Camp at Elsen Tasarkhai

**Meals**: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Day 11: Khugnu Tarna National Park – Ulaanbaatar

Driving: 280 km | 4-5 hours

Enjoy a final morning among the dunes before returning to Mongolia's capital. The route offers a final glimpse of the country's endless grasslands and nomadic lifestyle.

### Activities

- Sunrise by Elsen Tasarkhai dunes
- Scenic drive back to Ulaanbaatar
- Drop off service

**Meals:** Breakfast | Lunch

End of Services



**Accommodation Summary**

1 Night Amarbayasgalant Ger Camp

1 Night Uran Togoo Ger Camp

3 Nights Khuvsgul Lakeside Ger Camp

1 Night Shine-Ider Guest Ger/Camp

2 Nights Khorgo-Terkh Lakeside Ger Camp

1 Night Tsenkher Hot Spring Resort

1 Night Elsen Tasarkhai Ger Camp

**Meals Included**

- 10 Breakfasts
- 11 Lunches
- 10 Dinners

## 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(optional)
- 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 and soft drinks
- International flights
- Travel & medical insurance
- Cost for optional activities
- Excess baggage fee