

Khuvsgul Lake Ride

You will fly on a domestic flight to Murun, the aimag capital of Khuvsgul. Once getting in Murun, you will be transferred to the first field camp Khurkhuree Am which located in the southern east edge of the Khuvsgul lake and 125 km from Murun. Picnic lunches always will be provided on the way. You will experience mountains, steppes, forests, camping along the rivers.



Day 1: Ulaanbaatar

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar you will be met by our horse guide and transferred to your hotel. There will be a tour briefing and dinner.

Day 2: To Khurkheree Am

Transfer to the airport and fly on a domestic flight to Murun, a capital of Khuvsgul province. You will head out to Khurkheree Am tented camp via Hatgal town, that is 125 km from Murun. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way. After 5 o'clock tea at the camp, you will have brief meeting to get some instruction regarding riding and meet your horse guide and other staff. Then you can make short ride in order to become familiar with your horse. Dinner at the camp.



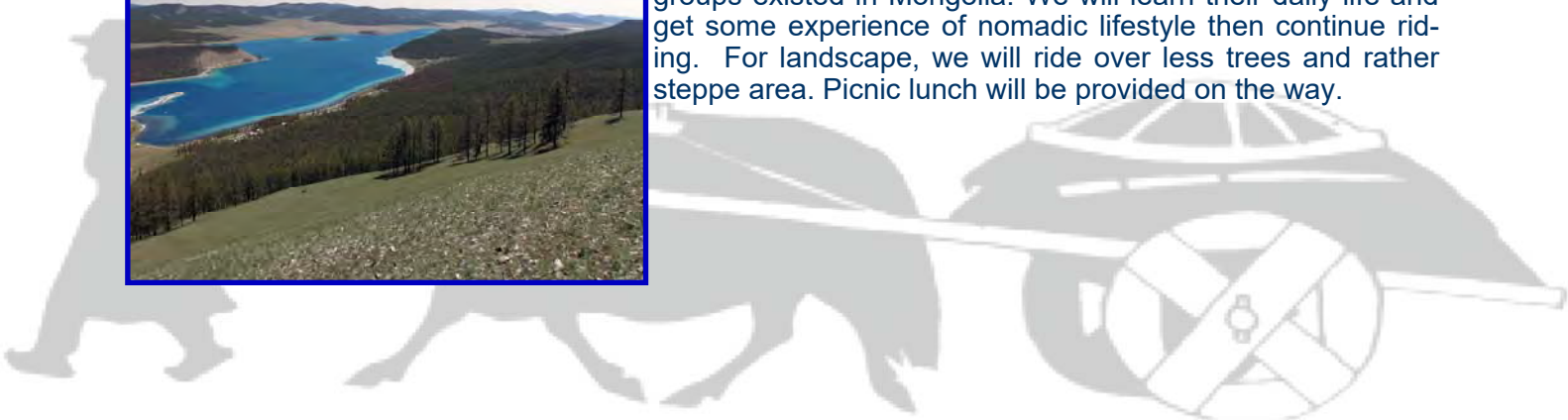
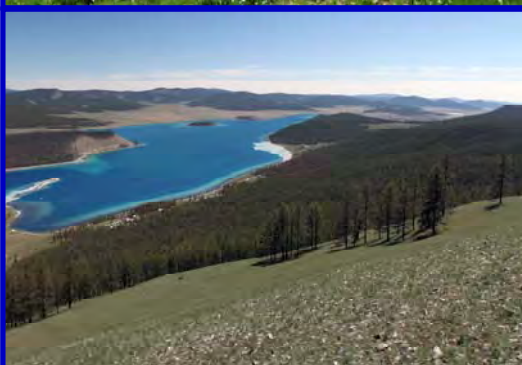
Day 3: To Nariin Davaa

We will ride across rather hilly terrain with occasional patches of Siberian larch forest. Throughout the ride we will see the grandeur of nature and the edge of the lake and come across a couple of clean water rivers such as Nariin, Halkh, Kheekhter rivers. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way. Our camp support structure is free from vehicles. Our all provisions, camping equipment and luggage will be loaded onto horse. We will arrive at the camp just before 5 o'clock tea. After the tea, relax and we can walk around the camp.



Day 4: To Wolves Pass

We will have another nice day of riding. At noon, we will visit nomadic family from Uriankhai ethnic group, which is located near by Khukhuu tolgoi. Uriankhai (also written as "Uriyangkhai", or Uryangkhai) is a Mongolian term applied to several neighbouring "Forest" ethnic groups such as the Altai Uriankhai, Tuvans and Yakuts and is one of 21 small ethnic groups existed in Mongolia. We will learn their daily life and get some experience of nomadic lifestyle then continue riding. For landscape, we will ride over less trees and rather steppe area. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way.



Day 5: Hot spring of Bulnai Mountain

We will ride up-and down and cross a couple of forested small and high mountain passes through thick forested area. It means today's riding a little bit slower than previous days. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way. After relaxing, we will reach to hot spring of Bulnai Mountain which is 40 km in north of Chandmani-Undur soum, elevated 1600 meter and located among big mountains covered larch forested and granite cliffs. There are many geysers, of which temperature is between 27-45 degrees Centigrade. The springs are situated in little wooden huts and are basically just a triangular hole cut in the wooden floor containing very hot water. The sulphat, chloride, sodium and calcium had been explored as chemical composition of the spring was analyzed in 1971. This spring is widely used for healing the neurogenic and pituitous disorders. We will explore the spring area for a while.

Day 6: Camp Borsog

Today we will ride through again the thick forested area and rather long and by the obstacle course. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way. However we will have today little bit slower riding, and might see some wild animals such as boar, roe deer, red deer, and moose. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way.

Day 7: Camp Dalbaa

We will ride through the larch forests, up the slopes of the mountains and to follow ridges that have views of superb scenery. Some places the forests will suddenly start to appear and disappear and we are riding towards the Khuvsgul lake. There we will see huge water of the lake and some piece of sand dunes which means it is a fascinating combination of Khangai and Gobi zone. Also we will have a great chance to see almost whole lake. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way.

Day 8: Camp Alagtsar

We In the morning we can make a short hike or can ride horses until lunch time. In the afternoon, after saying thanks and goodbye to the field camp staff and horse guides, we will get on a motor boat to head out to Alagtsar ger camp located at the northern east edge of the lake. Picnic lunch will be provided on the way.

While boating, we will stop by two small islands and see the lake from the middle of the lake. Generally, there are 4 islands among the lake; Khadan Khui, Modon Khui, Baga khui, and Dalain khui. Khadan khui is a very high mountain cliff where many birds gather. Modon khui is beauty nature and transparent to depth of 24.5 meter. After arriving at the ger camp, we can have hot shower, relax and pack for tomorrow.

Day 9: To Ulaanbaatar via Murun

In the morning we will drive back to Murun and fly to Ulaanbaatar. Check into the hotel and see the capital city on your own. We will have a farewell dinner in local restaurant and entertainment.

Day 10: Departure

Transfer out back home or on to your next destination.





Practicalities

We emphasize the quality of human contacts and encounters with local people and respect for the horse and local equestrian traditions, from which many lessons can be learnt. Traveling with Nomadic Journeys means a shared adventure with horses in the great outdoors, choosing the life of the nomad.

Transport: On this tour, apart from the short drive to the starting point of our horse riding adventure and back to the city we will not rely on any motor vehicle support. Instead we utilize traditional wooden carts, that Mongolian families still use moving from one pasture to another. Here we travel by pack horses and riding horses.

Accommodation: During the horse riding trip we will stay in spacious tentpits, with foldable bed-cots. Bring your own sleeping bag. We take along a Mongolian tent to serve as our mobile restaurant, as well as showers and compost toilets housed in traditional Mongolian marquee style tents. For one night we stay at ger camp. Two nights in Ulaanbaatar at a centrally located hotel. All accommodation in double occupancy.

Staff: A Mongolian English speaking guide will accompany the group at all times. A cook will follow with the camel cart caravan. In addition, the services of local herdsmen will be employed along with their animals. The horsemen follow a traditional lifestyle in the areas where we will be riding. If the group consists of four riders or more, we will also have a Mongolian doctor come along as part of the crew.

Meals: Our cook will prepare the meals. We pride ourselves in having excellent cooks adept at both western and Mongolian cooking on our trips. There is no problem accommodating vegetarians on our trips. We can usually buy fresh milk and yogurt from local herdsmen.

Minimum riding ability: You should be a competent rider, fit and capable of riding horse at all paces confidently. We will cover varying terrain, and will be in the saddle for several hours on most days.

Naadam Games: There is a Naadam Festival extension possible 10-12 Jul. There will be horseraces with almost 1000 race horses on the plains outside the city. As well as wrestling and archery. The cost is additional USD 720 per person.

Reversal of trip: Riding tours may be done in the reverse for operational reasons.

There are other language guides such as Russian, French, German, Italian, Korean etc. available at additional cost, booked and confirmed ahead of time.

PRICE ex Ulaanbaatar:
2 - 6 members: **USD 3800 per person**
Single supplement (9n): **USD 360**

Includes: English speaking guide, breakfast every day in Ulaanbaatar, welcome and farewell dinner. All meals outside Ulaanbaatar. All overnights in hotels (2n.) gers (1n.) and tents (6n.) in shared double, camping equipment and all local transport

Excludes: Beverages, laundry, lunch in Ulaanbaatar. Air or train tickets in and out of Mongolia. Bring your own sleeping bag, riding helmet and short chaps.

DATES 2018 ex Ulaanbaatar:
Mid June to mid August.

