

## Kharkhorin, the Capital of Khans — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 1-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

If you are planning to stay 5 days in the land of blue sky, this tour would be perfect for you. You will discover the diversity and wilderness of its wide open space.

On first day, you will leave Ulan Bator to discover the Khustain Nuruu National Park where you will be able to observe Przewalski horses in their natural habitat.

After, you will drive through the steppe to reach the city of Kharkhorin. Nearby are the ruins of the former capital of Empire of Mongolia, Karakorum. This city was built by Genghis Khan in the 12th century on the shore of the Orkhon River. You will visit the monastery of Erdene Zuu with its 108 stupas.

The next day, you will drive to the Khognokhaan National park, a very special area where steppe, taiga and sand dunes meet around the sacred mountain of Khognokhaan. There you will visit a tiny Buddhist monastery. You will stay overnight in a teepee before coming back to the bustling life of the Mongolian capital.

### Highlights

- Overview of the diversity of Mongolian countryside
- Historical and cultural trip in the former Empire of Khans
- Introduction to nomad way of life

### Tour type

NATURE

### Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

### Comfort

Standard — most of nights in comfortable rooms, some nights in tents or rooms with shared WC.

### Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

### Departures

New departures available soon

### Note

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## What's included

### Price includes

- Transfers in Irkutsk
- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Letter of invitation
- Horse and equipment rental

### Price does not include

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Optional activities

## Checklist & Equipment

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

### Recommended checklist

rubber slippers  
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!  
sunglasses  
sunscreen and lip balm  
swimsuit / swim trunks  
towel  
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel  
water bottle/flask  
spray against mosquitoes and ticks (for summer outdoor tours)  
sleeping bag  
trekking telescopic poles  
winter (down) jacket and warm pants (windproof and waterproof) / winter suit  
thermal underwear  
comfortable winter boots (suitable for walking on ice and snow)  
fleece jacket/sweater with collar  
warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves  
comfortable warm hat and scarf (snood)  
ski mask  
winter expedition boots (like Sorel or Baffin)  
moisturizing cream  
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## Meals

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.  
If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

## Laundry

Some hotels and inns offer laundry services for a variable sum of money. It is sometimes possible to use laundry services at homestay (when there is running water) for a fee.

## Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Mongolia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

Documents to provide consular services:

- a visa application form (completed on computer or with a black ballpen),
- a color photo for documents, 3.5 x 4.5 cm, to stick on the visa application form,
- invitation,
- travel insurance, provided by insurance company, which protects you throughout your trip .

For more information, please see "Do I need a tourist visa to travel to Russia or Mongolia?" of our FAQ.

## Money

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## Tipping

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

## Health

No compulsory vaccination.

You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

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If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

### Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber)

In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

### Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402.

Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

### Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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