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Untamed Mongolia

Explore a Vast, Ancient Land Where Wild Nature & Traditional Culture Still Reign

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Trip Details:

Days
11 Days / May–Jun

Price
From $21395 (+Air)

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Few places on the planet remain as open and untrammeled as Mongolia. Under a blue bowl of sky, wild Takhi horses—an ancient equine known as the Przewalski's horse—graze on grass that stretches to the horizon, sharing the landscape with wapiti deer, gazelle and Mongolian wolves. In the eastern Gobi steppe, Argali sheep and Siberian ibex roam while raptors glide overhead. Far to the west, the Altai Mountains rise where Mongolia, China, Russia and Kazakhstan meet. On this genuine adventure, search for wildlife among alpine tundra, granite cliffs and glacier-fed river valleys, and learn about Mongolia's enduring cultures as we meet Kazakh and Mongol nomads who live as they have for centuries.

Trip Highlights

Track Wolves & Wild Takhi Horses in Hustai National Park

From our camp on the edge of the national park's Core Zone, search for native wildlife with exclusive access to areas not open to the public

Strategic Internal Flights Maximize Time in Nature

Carefully chosen flights, including private charters, seamlessly link our three distinct eco-regions, offering more time in the wild rather than in transit

Stay in Nomadic Style at Traditional Ger Camps

Experience centuries-old Mongolian culture at ger camps offering comfortable accommodations in felted yurt-style suites inspired by classic nomad dwellings

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Untamed Mongolia Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

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Day 1

Ulaanbaatar

Step into the legacy of Chinggis Khaan in Ulaanbaatar

- Explore Sukhbaatar Square, Mongolia's civic heart, with monuments to Chinggis Khaan and the nation's modern founders
- Discover more than 10,000 artifacts tracing Mongolia's history at the Chinggis Khaan National Museum
- Join your Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner featuring Mongolian specialties

Arrive in Mongolia's capital of Ulaanbaatar where you'll meet your Expedition Leader and fellow adventurers at lunch. Home to roughly half of Mongolia's population, the city has grown rapidly in recent years as the country's rural population shifts to a more urban one. We'll walk to Sukhbaatar Square for an orientation to the city, viewing its collection of enormous statues, including Damdin Sukhbaatar, father of the 1921 Mongolian revolution, and the colonnade monument to national icon Genghis Khan in front of the Government Palace. Genghis Khan (known as Chinggis Khaan in Mongolia) remains a cultural hero, having united the Mongol tribes and conquered large parts of China and Central Asia in the 13th century.

A highlight of our city overview is a visit to the Chinggis Khaan National Museum, a stunning 9-story building opened in 2022 telling the story of Mongolia's legendary 13th-century emperor and his enduring impact on the country and the world. The state-of-the-art museum has more than 10,000 original artifacts and exhibits, enhanced with interactive technology, which span the Bronze Age to the peak of the Mongol Empire and into the present day. Later this evening, we walk together with our Expedition Leader to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner and orientation to the all the adventures ahead.

Day 2

Hustai National Park

Search for Takhi horses across Mongolia's central steppe

- Look for Takhi, the world's only truly wild horse, in Hustai National Park
- Settle into our private mobile ger camp, offering exclusive access within the park boundaries
- Take an introductory wildlife drive in search of gazelles, wapiti and marmots

Drive west this morning to Hustai National Park, set in mountain steppe at the center of Mongolia. The park was initially established as a Specially Protected Area in 1993 to support the reintroduction of the native Takhi horse (Przewalski's horse), which went extinct in the wild in 1969. Today, it has UNESCO status as a World Biosphere Reserve. In addition to the 450 Takhi horses that roam the park—almost half the total in Mongolia—Hustai is home to some 40 other mammal species, including wapiti, Mongolian gazelle, wild boar, ibex, gray wolf, Eurasian lynx, Pallas's cat, red fox, Eurasian badger and Mongolian marmot. While many are elusive, we'll search for them on wildlife drives. The park has also been designated an Important Bird Area (IBA), with 271 species such as golden eagle, lammergeier, great bustard, whooper swan, black stork and little owl.

Our private mobile ger camp lies within the buffer zone, offering us special access to the park's core zone generally reserved only for researchers. En route to camp, stop for a traditional Mongolian lunch prepared by nomad neighbors who are partners in conservation work at Hustai. Mutton is a staple, and we have a chance to try *buuz* (mutton dumplings) and *hushuur* (mutton pancakes), although arrangements can be made for guests with other dietary preferences. Our hosts will share about their traditional nomadic lifestyle, including their important relationship with their livestock and horses. Horses have been integral to life in Mongolia for centuries, with many Mongolian children learning to ride as young as 3 or 4.

Once we reach our camp by mid-afternoon, settle into your classic felt ger—a traditional nomad yurt-style dwelling. Then load up in Land Cruisers for our first foray into the park, visiting sites of archaeological interest such as a 4,000-year-old deer stone associated with burial mounds. On our first wildlife drive, look for Takhi horses, Mongolian gazelle, wapiti and marmots. Takhi, the Mongol name for the Przewalski's horse, is the world's only remaining truly wild horse, more closely related to zebras than horses. It was successfully reintroduced to Mongolia in the early 1990s after individual animals were donated from zoos across the world.

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Day 3

Hustai National Park

Track wolves and discover Mongolia's conservation story

- Join a senior park biologist at dawn to search for denning Mongolian wolves in Hustai's core zone
- Share a traditional lunch with a nomadic family while learning about Mongolia's enduring horse culture
- Meet the livestock guardians of the Mongolian Bankhar Dog Project before searching for jerboas after dark

Rise before dawn for an early-morning game drive into the core zone of Hustai National Park. Traveling in Land Cruisers beyond the standard tourism zone, we are accompanied by a senior park biologist who leads us in tracking Mongolian wolves. Because we are visiting in May and June, with access to the expertise of a local researcher, we have good odds to view wolves in the morning when they are near their dens, nurturing new pups. We'll also look for other species, too, returning to camp by mid-morning for a full breakfast followed by optional activities such as a guided birding walk or a visit to prehistoric monuments nearby.

Then learn firsthand about the Mongolian Bankhar Dog Project, including the breed's history in Mongolia, its close connection with the traditional nomadic lifestyle, and the group's work to preserve it. We'll meet some of the dogs that have not yet completed their training in order to be paired with a nomadic family. Later this evening, return to the park for another wildlife drive with a chance to spot nocturnal jerboas, enigmatic kangaroo-looking rodents with disproportionately large ears.

Day 4

Ikh Nart Nature Reserve

Enter the granite landscapes of the Eastern Gobi

- Fly by private charter into remote Ikh Nart Nature Reserve
- Search for cinereous vultures soaring above cliffs and rocky valleys
- Explore ancient geological formations and dry riverbeds with your Expedition Leader

Wake very early again for another drive into the core zone of the park to look for wolves. After a light breakfast in the field, return to camp to collect our luggage and head for the private airstrip where we meet our chartered flight to Ikh Nart Nature Reserve in the Eastern Gobi. The journey by air takes only an hour. Once we land, it's a little over a half-mile walk or drive to our new ger camp. Brunch is served on arrival, then settle in to our individual gers with time to relax, take a walk, or borrow a mountain bike to explore our environs.

Later this afternoon, board Land Cruisers to scout for wildlife and get a first glimpse of Ikh Nart's unique rock formations up close on walks into the rocky terrain and along dry riverbeds. Species to look for include enormous cinereous vultures, also known as the Eurasian black vulture, with an 8–10-foot wingspan, among the largest birds of prey in the world. Keep an eye out, too, for graceful lesser kestrels, the subject of ongoing scientific study here. We also witness important geologic and palaeontologic sites, interpreted by our Expedition Leader. Return to camp for leisure time before dinner.

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Day 5

Ikh Nart Nature Reserve

Search for argali among Ikh Nart's granite outcrops

- Look for argali sheep and Siberian ibex at sunrise
- Discover ancient petroglyphs, burial sites and temple ruins
- Meet nomadic Gobi herders and learn how families live in this rugged desert landscape

Today is a full day of exploration. Again, wake very early for a nature walk when wildlife is active, and to experience sunrise over the granite rock formations. We may see argali sheep and Siberian ibex. After breakfast in the field, continue exploring with our local guide who unveils an intriguing range of archaeological sites from various eras, including rock petroglyphs, ancient burial sites and temple ruins—all layers of Mongolian cultural history are present in Ikh Nart.

After lunch, we have a chance to meet local nomad families—hardy and hospitable Gobi herders who migrate in and out of the area with their livestock. The desert steppe of the Eastern Gobi is a very different region from the mountain steppe of Hustai, and we'll learn about how variations in climate and habitat affect nomadic ways of life. Time permitting, we'll stop at the research center in Ikh Nart, the base for several conservation projects in the area. After dinner, join an optional night walk to look for jerboas. Two species are found at Ikh Nart, the Siberian jerboa and the northern three-toed jerboa.

Day 6

Ikh Nart / Ulaanbaatar

Watch sunrise over Ikh Nart before returning to Ulaanbaatar

- Hike to an overlook as first light reaches the granite landscape
- Fly by private charter to Ulaanbaatar for an afternoon at leisure
- Prepare for the next stage of your expedition in the Altai Mountains

Rise early for a light breakfast at camp followed by a sunrise hike to a scenic high point in the reserve, drinking in the stunning expanse surrounding us. Then we head back to the nearby airstrip to board our private chartered Cessna Caravan to Ulaanbaatar. After a mid-morning brunch at our hotel, the afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore more of the city on your own. Late this afternoon, we're met by the local guide who joins us for the western portion of our trip, to the Altai region. We'll have an orientation to this very different second part of our journey, with information about western Mongolian culture and the Altai mountain environment. Dinner follows at a local restaurant.

Day 7

Ulgii or Khovd / Tsambagarav Mountain National Park

Enter Mongolia's Kazakh homeland in the Altai Mountains

- Fly west and settle into a ger camp beside Tsambagarav Mountain National Park
- Learn about Mongolia's Kazakh heritage in the country's westernmost province
- Scan alpine valleys for eagles, vultures and other high-mountain raptors

Transfer to the airport this morning for our flight to the Altai. Depending on the day of the week, we will fly into one of two cities: either Ulgii, capital of Bayan-Ulgii, Mongolia's westernmost province, or Khovd, capital of Khovd Province. Ninety percent of the western region of Mongolia is ethnically Kazakh, and there will be ample opportunities to meet local families and experience Kazakh culture.

On landing, we drive overland to Three Eagle Camp, a rugged journey of approximately 2.5 hours. Settle into your "ger with a view," followed by lunch at camp and exploring the surrounding area on foot with our Expedition Leader. Our camp is ideally located just 3 miles from boundary of Tsambagarav Mountain National Park. The park covers 3.7 million acres, one of the largest, most scenic and remote national parks in Mongolia. We get an introduction to it this afternoon on a short drive into Namarjin Valley to view Tsast Mountain. Tsast is the park's highest peak at 13,757 feet. It is also an excellent location to spot vultures, eagles and other raptors that favor high-altitude environments.

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Day 8

Yamaat Valley

Share the traditions of Mongolia's Kazakh nomads

- Explore the broad valleys of Tsambagarav Mountain National Park, home to Siberian ibex and snow leopards
- Watch a demonstration of traditional Uriankhai archery
- Visit a Kazakh family's ger to share local hospitality, textiles and handmade foods

This morning, we explore the Yamaat Valley, whose name means "valley with goats" in the Mongolian language. One of the largest valleys in Tsambagarav Mountain National Park, it holds the source of the Khukh Sair River and is home to Siberian ibex and gray wolves. WWF Mongolia conducted an important survey near here to measure the local snow leopard population, using camera traps throughout the stark mountain environs.

Return to camp for lunch and a traditional archery demonstration. Discover ancient Uriankhai techniques as you meet tribal archers and observe the remarkable precision and strength behind this living tradition.

This afternoon, enjoy a visit with a neighboring Kazakh family. Kazakhs live mostly in Bayan-Ulgii province, with a majority having migrated from Xinjiang (China) to Mongolia around 1910, fleeing civil war and seeking safe refuge. In 1940, a second Kazakh migration to Mongolia began with 400 families whom Mongolian leaders helped resettle in the country's westernmost region. Today, more than 120,000 Kazakhs live in Mongolia, maintaining their traditional Central Asian nomadic lifestyle.

We are welcomed into the family's traditional Kazakh ger, heated with a large wood-burning stove, which is distinctive in design and construction from Mongolian gers. Our hosts offer airag, traditional fermented mare's milk, and hand-made curd products. Learn about their daily routines as nomadic herders, perpetuating a lifestyle that has existed largely unchanged for centuries. Kazakh women are renowned for their skills in embroidery and applique, and their gers are decorated with colorful textiles. Handcrafted felt carpets line the floor, while delicately stitched tapestries adorn the walls, each design unique to a family. Return to camp by late afternoon, followed by dinner and, weather permitting, a stargazing session with our Expedition Leader—the night skies here are some of the darkest on Earth.

Day 9

Tekht Valley / Tavan Belchir Waterfall

Search the Altai highlands for ibex and alpine raptors

- Search mountain slopes for Siberian ibex, bearded vultures and other alpine wildlife
- Take in high-country views before visiting remote Tavan Belchir Waterfall
- Celebrate your final evening in the Altai with traditional Kazakh music and cuisine

After an early breakfast, drive about 90 minutes to reach the Tekht Valley in the Nuruut Mountains, an area known for its large population of Siberian ibex. As we scout for wildlife, look also for high-elevation birds like willow ptarmigan and bearded vultures. Return to camp for lunch, then set out on a scenic journey to Tavan Belchir waterfall, where the Uriankhai nomads spend the summer. En route, we stop for a dramatic view at 12,000 feet over the pasturelands of Altantugts. The falls form where the Tavan Belchir River pours off a cliff at the base of Khukh Nurgan Pass, tumbling into the valley below. At camp this evening, enjoy a traditional Kazakh dinner with a local cultural performance.

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Day 10

Ulaanbaatar / Bogd Khan National Park

Explore Mongolia's oldest protected landscape

- Fly back to Ulaanbaatar, then visit the ruins of 18th-century Manzushir Monastery
- Discover Buddhist artifacts and the massive bronze cauldron that once fed more than 1,000 monks

After breakfast, transfer to airport, about a 2.5-hour drive, for our flight back to Ulaanbaatar, then continue to the Taij Resort outside the city where we'll have lunch on arrival. This afternoon, we tour the ruins of Manzushir Monastery on the south slope of Bogd Khaan Mountain. Part of Bogd Khan National Park, the setting is magnificent, surrounded by pine-scented hillsides, rocky outcrops, flowing streams and lush valleys where wildlife roams. Bogd Khan Mountain has been a protected reserve since the 13th century, while the Buddhist monastery was built in 1773. At one time, more than 1,000 monks lived among the 70 temples on the site. It was destroyed in 1932 during the Communist purges, but the main temple has since been rebuilt. One item from the original monastery that survived is a two-ton bronze cauldron designed to cook food for a thousand monks in a single sitting—it could boil the meat of 10 sheep or two cows at a time. A visit to the small museum on the site offers an overview of the region's natural history, plus religious dance masks, Buddhist thanka paintings, musical instruments, and an artist's rendition of what the monastery looked like prior to its destruction. On a walk through the valley, we reach the reconstructed temple for a look inside. Return to resort for a farewell dinner.

Day 11

Ulaanbaatar

Depart Ulaanbaatar after your Mongolia expedition

- Enjoy a final breakfast before transferring to the airport

Our grand Mongolian adventure comes to an end this morning. Depending on the time of your departing flight, breakfast will be either packed to go, or at the hotel restaurant. A transfer to the airport in Ulaanbaatar is included, timed for your international flight.

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Untamed Mongolia Accommodations

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Hustai Mobile Ger Camp

A private mobile ger camp set within Hustai National Park, shifting with each journey to ensure comfort, authenticity and minimal impact amid Mongolia's sweeping steppe.



Ikh Nart Rocks Ger Camp

Tucked in the high steppes of the Gobi, this secluded eco-camp features traditional gers, handcrafted interiors, Mongolian cuisine, dark skies and a quiet remote setting.



Three Eagle Camp

A remote high-country camp in Mongolia's secluded westernmost province with private gers, en suite baths, communal dining and lounge gers and locally sourced meals.



Shangri-La Ulaanbaatar

A 5-star retreat in the heart of Ulaanbaatar, this luxury hotel blends contemporary design, mountain views and world-class wellness with refined rooms and local flavors.



Khubilai Hotel

In Ulaanbaatar's Yarmag district, this modern hotel features opulent interiors, marble interiors, spacious guest rooms, an indoor swimming pool and a restaurant serving traditional Mongolian and Asian cuisine.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/mongolia-adventure/accommodations.

The Ultimate Encounter with Mongolian Nature & Nomadic Culture

Untamed Mongolia

Mongolia is an entrancing destination for adventurous travelers keen on discovering the unique and less-discovered. From its 5,000-year-old nomadic herding culture to its 800-year veneration of Genghis Khan, its human history is remarkable—but its natural features may hold even more allure for the nature traveler. Here's what you'll find on Nat Hab's distinctive adventure:

1. **A Unique Itinerary That's Ours Alone**
   We have meticulously researched, scouted and arranged this itinerary to highlight rare experiences in nature, a conservation focus, and authentic interactions with local people. When you explore Mongolia with Nat Hab, you'll find a more intimate, personal encounter with its cultures and wild creatures.

2. **Experience Three Contrasting Biomes**
   A biome is a large geographic region defined by its climate, vegetation and wildlife, and our itinerary encompasses three that contrast dramatically: the mountain steppe of Hustai National Park, a region of high-altitude grasslands; the Eastern Gobi steppe, an arid realm of rocky desert and shrublands; and the Altai Mountains of western Mongolia, where we find conifer forests, and alpine meadow and tundra.

3. **Exclusive Access to the Inner Sector of Hustai National Park**
   From our private mobile ger camp located in the national park buffer zone, bordering the core zone that is typically limited only to researchers, we have been granted special permission to access to this area of Hustai that is off-limits to regular tourists. This means virtually private wildlife viewing, and a greater chance to see more species deep within the park.

4. **Track Gray Wolves with a Local Biologist Researcher**
   Through our local connections, we have made special arrangements to join a wolf biologist in a quest to view gray wolves. We've timed our departures for the very best time of year to see them, and with our high-powered spotting scopes, our odds are very good for sightings.

5. **Authentic Encounters with Two Nomadic Cultures**
   Nomadic herding culture in Mongolia dates back 5,000 years, although it is now in decline due to a complex mix of environmental, economic and social factors. The number of nomadic or semi-nomadic Mongolians still numbers around 40%, though, and we learn about this traditional way of life during visits with two different nomad families, one Mongol and one Kazakh. While they share similarities, including living in portable, round felt dwellings called gers, they differ in language, religion and other cultural aspects.

6. **Travel with Just 10 Guests**
   Our small group ensures a more rewarding and enlightening experience. You'll explore with no more than 10 travelers, with our Expedition Leader at the helm throughout, plus an expert local guide in each of our three main locations.

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7 **Internal Flights, Including Private Charters, Maximize Your Time in Nature**

Mongolia is vast and largely undeveloped. Only recently was an international highway connecting Mongolia with Russia and China completed to facilitate trade, and there is still no paved road that crosses Mongolia from west to east. Overland travel is typically rugged and slow. That's why we've included strategic flights, including two private charters, to avoid long hours of rough driving—giving you more time for what you came for, exploring Mongolian nature.

8 **Intimate Nomadic-Style Accommodations in Remote Locations**

Exuding centuries of heritage, our traditional ger camps reflect authentic Mongol and Kazakh design and decor, with essential modern comforts, from en suite self-contained mobile port-a-potties to hot showers and hearty meals. Get a taste of rustic nomad-style life while being assured of the amenities you need. One of the three ger camps we use is private for Nat Hab guests alone.

9 **Search for Native Wildlife at Optimal Times**

We choose accommodations for their proximity to nature, and we arrange our schedule to be out there when wildlife is most active. This means some very early mornings, but we think you'll agree it's worth it. And we slot in downtime so you can rest and recoup from your sunrise outings.

10 **Travel with Peerless Expedition Leaders**

Our Nat Hab Expedition Leaders are outstanding naturalist guides who are passionate about Mongolia, its history, nature and wildlife. In addition, you'll travel with a local Mongolian guide at each of our primary destinations—ensuring a rich mix of scientific knowledge, insight from a local perspective, and attentive personal service. Our Expedition Leaders also have the benefit of additional training and resources from WWF's renowned scientists and researchers. **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

11 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Mongolia Adventure**

With Nat Hab, you receive our exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

12 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

13 **Natural Habitat Adventures Is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!

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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $21395 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 10 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
May 20 - May 30, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
May 24 - Jun 3, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
May 27 - Jun 6, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
May 31 - Jun 10, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
Jun 3 - Jun 13, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
Jun 6 - Jun 16, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
Jun 9 - Jun 19, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	
Jun 17 - Jun 27, 2027	**$21395** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
May 20 - May 30, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
May 24 - Jun 3, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
May 28 - Jun 7, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
May 31 - Jun 10, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
Jun 4 - Jun 14, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
Jun 7 - Jun 17, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
Jun 10 - Jun 20, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
Jun 13 - Jun 23, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
Jun 16 - Jun 26, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	
Jun 20 - Jun 30, 2028	**From $20895** +internal air	

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Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, drivers, all meals from lunch on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and Nepal visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: All flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

This trip offers adventurous encounters with Mongolia's vast wild landscapes and native wildlife. Here are some important aspects of the trip you should be aware of:

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Remote Ger Camps

Our remote ger camps in Mongolia offer the most comfortable, immersive and authentic experience of the country's vast, wide-open landscape. Yurt-style gers are the traditional nomadic dwellings of Mongolia, and those that have been established for tourism ensure your comfort at a basic but higher level. Some camps are private to our group, while others may host additional travelers, but all provide a quiet and respectful base for exploring the land and its wildlife. Accommodations are simple but welcoming, with traditional felt gers outfitted with one queen or two twin beds, warm bedding, and wood stoves for heat. Facilities include en suite portable toilets or composting toilets, and shared tented showers. Due to their remote locations, ger camps have limited or no cell phone service, and limited Wi-Fi access that may be limited to certain times of day. While rustic, a stay in a ger camp offers a rare chance to experience Mongolia in a way that balances comfort, tradition and low impact on the land.

Wildlife Viewing in Mongolia

Mongolia offers an opportunity to search for some of the planet's most elusive wildlife against a backdrop of immense, wide-open landscapes. Unlike an African safari, where animals are abundant and often viewed at close range, wildlife here is dispersed across great distances and requires time, patience and persistence to observe. Much of our experience involves long drives across rugged terrain in Toyota Land Cruisers, with no more than three guests per vehicle to ensure comfort and visibility. Our Expedition Leader will rotate among the vehicles during drives, while we stop frequently to set up scopes and scan the horizon for wildlife. These searches can mean extended periods of driving, and other times of waiting and watching, but the reward of spotting rare species in such a remote and wild setting makes the effort deeply worthwhile. Understanding that wildlife encounters here are earned—rather than guaranteed or constant—will allow you to fully embrace the immense beauty of Mongolian nature.

Internal Flight Schedules

Mongolia's tourism infrastructure is still developing, which is part of what makes this less-traveled destination so appealing. The domestic airline servicing our itinerary typically releases its seasonal flight schedules just 2–3 months in advance, and since routes do not operate daily and timing can vary from year to year, the sequence of destinations on our itinerary may adjust based on confirmed flight schedules. All featured locations, activities and included experiences will be maintained; however, the order of travel may differ by departure date, as flight schedules mandate. The overall experience will remain consistent, and adaptability is simply part of exploring a unique and emerging destination like Mongolia. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility!

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Ulaanbaatar. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive the night before Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, our recommended hotel will be included in your pre-departure materials.

If you plan to arrive on Day 1, you must arrive in Ulaanbaatar by 8 am in order to participate in a group lunch and tour beginning at approximately 11 am.

You may depart Ulaanbaatar any time on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.

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