



Khovsgol Horse Trek

3-5 passengers \$3175, 6-12 passengers \$2900
plus internal air (approximately \$375)

Day 1: Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia (called “UB” by locals and visitors alike). After immigration and customs, you will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel. Referred to as “The City of Contrasts”, where modern constructions stand beside traditional dwellings and ancient monasteries, UB is a rapidly growing and developing city with a population of nearly a million people. Conveniently located in downtown UB, your hotel is within walking distance from Sukhbaatar Square, museums, theaters, and shops. Depending on an arrival time, you may enjoy a short city orientation tour before dinner. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2: Airport transfer for your flight to Muren. Drive to Khatgal, the gateway to Khovsgol National Park. Lake Khovsgol is 100 miles long and the deepest in Central Asia. The lake holds 2% of the world’s fresh water resources. Visit Park Information Center. Overnight at a ger camp on Lake Khovsgol. (Hot shower is available)

Day 3: Today you will have five hour boat ride on Lake Khovsgol to the base of Jigleg Pass located halfway up the western shore of the lake. Local guides will welcome you at Jigleg Camp. Overnight in tents. (Hot shower is available)

Day 4: This will be the first day of the horseback riding adventure through Darhat Valley. Shakedown ride, meet horses and wranglers. Ride 15 miles toward Renchinlumbe. Overnight in tents.

Day 5: Continue riding to the town of Renchinlumbe in the Darhat Valley. Vehicle supported. Overnight in Saridag ger camp. (Hot shower is available)

Day 6: Ride (approximately 15 miles) through the Darhat Valley towards Hogrog. Overnight in tents.

Day 7: Ride 20 miles. Arrive at Hogrog, jumping off point to visit the Reindeer People. Overnight in tents.

Day 8-10: Pack trip into the northern mountains to the summer camp of the Tsaatan (Reindeer people). Ride approximately 15 miles per day, depending on location of Tsaatan camp. Camp out with packhorse support.

Day 11: Free day at the Boojum Lodge at Shishgid/ Tengis confluence. This is a day of leisure to fish, relax or ride horseback along the Shishgid River. (Hot shower is available)

Day 12: Ride halfway to Renchinlumbe. Overnight in tents.

Day 13: Short ride to Renchinlumbe. Rest day. Overnight in ger camp.

Day 14: See Naadam festivities. Naadam or “Festival”, has occurred for centuries in Mongolia as an exhibition of horse racing (racers are generally aged 7-11 and race 15-30 kilometers), wrestling (men only) and archery (women and men). Overnight in ger camp. (Hot shower is available)

Day 15: Ride towards Ulaan Uul, in the southern part of the Darhat Valley. Overnight in tents.

Day 16: All day drive to Muren. Overnight in ger camp. (Hot shower is available)



Day 17: Return flight to UB. City tour. Overnight in hotel.

Day 18: A full day of guided sightseeing in UB. Visit Sukhbaatar Square and Zaisan Memorial. Zaisan Memorial is a landmark of UB built on the Bogd Khan Mountain, and is the best place to view the whole city. Farewell dinner. Overnight in hotel.

Day 19: Airport transfer for your return flight home.

Total trip cost: \$3,175 per person for 3-5 passengers plus internal air, or \$2,900 per person for 6-12 passengers. Currently, RT Muren flight is \$375.

What's Included: Meals beginning and ending in UB (dinner on arrival day thru breakfast on departure day), all transportation upon arrival in UB, hotel in UB and gear accommodations, tents and camping gear, horses and tack, guides.

What's Not Included: Roundtrip international airfare to/from UB, airport taxes, internal flights, gratuities, excess baggage fees and items of personal nature. Alcoholic beverages, sodas and bottled water when not part of a fixed meal are not included.

Please be aware that once we start riding, our route and the length of each day's ride can depend entirely on unforeseen conditions including weather, flooded rivers, horses condition, location of the Tsaatan camp, etc. We strive to include all aspects of the itinerary but must put safety and a timely arrival in UB to meet homeward bound flights as our top priorities. Also, flights schedules in Mongolia are highly capricious with many schedule changes. Neither we, nor anyone in Mongolia, know what actual flights we will have to and from Muren until a few weeks before the flight date. Thus, an evening flight from Muren to UB at the end of the trip gives us extra time for a flexible and more leisurely trip to Muren. A morning flight on the same day requires that we may drive long hours or lose as much as a full riding day in order to catch our flight. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Note: Depending on the domestic flight schedule for summer 2010, there will be some minor changes in the itinerary. We reserve the right to surcharge clients when internal flights increase by more than 5% from the cost of the air ticket at the time the trip deposit was paid. Air ticket prices and flight schedules are often hard to determine until just a month or two before travel and price and schedule changes are capricious.

Driving hours and distance in the countryside will vary depending on road and weather conditions. Oftentimes roads are dusty, bumpy and very challenging.