

# THE QUEST FOR SNOW LEOPARDS OF MONGOLIA

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Winter: Dec 1-12, 2025, Feb 2-13, 2026  
Summer: May 1-12, 2026, June 2-13, 2026



## TRIP SUMMARY



Of the estimated 4,500-6000 left snow leopards left in the world today, scientists have recorded the largest numbers in China and Mongolia, of which the latter has the easiest access both politically and logistically.

This expedition takes you deep into the Altai mountain range, characterized by steep cliffs, rocky outcrops, and extreme altitudes, creating ideal conditions for snow leopards to hunt, move, and remain unseen.

Joining the journey is a local biologist who will serve as the trip leader, accompanied by local herder-rangers with extensive knowledge of the terrain. With deep field experience in snow leopard ecology and tracking, the biologist will guide daily activities based on fresh signs, camera trap data, and environmental conditions.

During the trip, you will encounter Argali sheep, and Siberian ibex. This tour is a rare opportunity to witness one of the world's most elusive cats while exploring one of Mongolia's most awe-inspiring ecosystems.

## TRIP LEADER



**Khuderchuluun Gantumur**  
MSc/BSc,  
National University of Mongolia

Khuderchuluun is a young and promising Mongolian biologist, actively contributes to research and field studies while advocating for responsible wildlife-watching tourism.

Since 2017, he has gained extensive hands-on experience in biodiversity research and wildlife monitoring across Mongolia, working with national parks and leading conservation organizations such as World Wildlife Fund and The Nature Conservancy.

His fieldwork spans a wide range of species from small mammals to Argali sheep and the endangered Saiga antelope.

As your trip leader, Khuderchuluun will offer expert guidance, insightful instruction, and scientific context to deepen your understanding of Mongolia's remarkable wildlife and ecosystems.

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN ULAANBAATAR

Upon arrival, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel. After settling and resting in your hotel room, we will enjoy a welcome dinner at a fine local restaurant.

**Overnight at hotel. (Hotel Kempinski or similar; D)**

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### DAY 2. WESTERN MONGOLIA

Today, we will fly to the western most part of Mongolia. We will meet our local crew and after a quick stop at a local market, begin driving to the Altai mountains where our camp site is located. Enjoy dinner and overnight in tents or gers.

**Overnight in field camp.**

**(B, L, D, Approx. 7 hours driving)**



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### DAY 3-9. ALTAI MOUNTAINS

In the morning, we will hear a brief introduction on the region's conservation projects for snow leopard and other rare species. We will set out each day to one of the frequently sited valleys in search of the elusive cat. Packed lunch will be provided and we will enjoy dinner at the base camp by a warm fire site.

**Overnight in field camp. (B, L, D)**



## DAY 10. HOVD CITY

In the morning, transfer back to the local town, Hovd, for our return flight back to Ulaanbaatar the next morning. **Overnight at local hotel. (B;L;D. Approx. 7 hours driving)**

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## DAY 11. ULAANBAATAR SIGHTSEEING



After our return flight back to Ulaanbaatar, transfer to your hotel located in the downtown. The rest of the afternoon is free for resting at your hotel or last-minute shopping. Lunch is independent. We will enjoy farewell dinner at a fine local restaurant. **Overnight at hotel. (B, D. Approx. 2 hours driving)**

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## DAY 12. DEPARTURE

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

**B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner**

**Ger camp = The traditional portable, circular, wooden dwelling used by the nomadic peoples.**

**Field camp = A bit more sophisticated camping/glamping, more permanent in nature.**

**Tent camp = Expedition style, often moving regularly and smaller in size and scale.**

**MONGOLIA QUEST RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE ABOVE ITINERARY IF DEEMED NECESSARY.**

## LAND PRICES

Based on 2 participants:	<b>\$5,480 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 3-5 participants:	<b>\$4,890 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 6+ participants:	<b>\$3,830 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Domestic Flights:	<b>\$480 per person</b> , economy class;
Optional single supplement:	<b>\$1,050 per person</b>

**\*Please note:** As a part of our effort to support international and Mongolian research and conservation efforts, Mongolia Quest may decide to subsidize the trip cost for one or two students or scholars in joining this expedition. **They will not influence the tier pricing and only fully paid participants will determine the final per person price.**

LAND PRICES INCLUDE:	LAND PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round-trip domestic airfare</li> <li>• Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary based on using a 4x4 van or cruiser jeeps;</li> <li>• Private accommodation based on a twin occupancy in a standard room at hotel and private gers in the countryside, with field toilet;</li> <li>• Airport arrival &amp; departure transfers;</li> <li>• All meals indicated as B, L or D;</li> <li>• Park entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary;</li> <li>• Mongolia Quest's English speaking guide throughout your stay;</li> <li>• Local biologist to accompany;</li> <li>• Contribution to local ecosystem research projects;</li> <li>• Supply of bottled and boiled waters throughout the trip.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International airfare;</li> <li>• Personal laundry;</li> <li>• Drinks not mentioned in the itinerary;</li> <li>• Travel insurance;</li> <li>• Medical evacuation costs;</li> <li>• Excess baggage charges;</li> <li>• Visa fees;</li> <li>• Gratuities;</li> <li>• Photography and video fees</li> <li>• Any other item not mentioned as included.</li> </ul>

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## HOW TO BOOK THIS TRIP

You may book any trip with us by filling out our Trip Application Form, which you can download using Adobe Acrobat Reader and can send to us as an electronic file via e-mail at

- **Info@MongoliaQuest.com**

All reservations are subject to deposit of \$400 per person. Deposits are refundable until 90 days prior to the start of the program less a \$250 administrative fee. Please arrange a wire transfer to Mongolia Quest bank account as per following instructions:

**Beneficiary name:** MONGOLIA QUEST LLC

**Beneficiary's address:**

Suite #1205, Dalai Tower, 1st Horoo, 13th Sud-district, Sukhbaatar District,  
Ulaanbaatar 14230, Mongolia;

**Tel:** (976) 7000 9747

**Email:** info@MongoliaQuest.com

**Beneficiary's account number:** 3005111070

**Beneficiary's bank name:** Golomt bank

**Beneficiary's bank address:**

Monnis branch

3rd floor, Monnis tower, Chinggis avenue

Khoroo #1, Sukhbaatar district

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

**Beneficiary's bank swift code:** GLMTMNUB

Once we receive your trip application form, we will send you information about how to wire your deposit to us, and a confirmation letter with information related with visa and international airfare reservations. You will also receive our pre-departure Travel Guide, which will include information on weather, suggested reading list, a list of items to pack, etc.

About 4 weeks prior to your arrival date, we will send you Final Departure Information which will include your final itinerary along with any other necessary updated information regarding the logistics of your trip.

## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

As mentioned above, a deposit of \$400 per person is required to reserve space for the trip that you have chosen. Full payment is due 90 days prior to the start of the trip. In the case of a cancellation, please contact us in written form.

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by Mongolia Quest. At the time, we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- **Up to 90 days** prior to departure: **\$250 per person** handling fee;
- **89-60 days** prior to departure: **20% of the trip cost** per person;
- **60-45 days** prior to departure: **50% of the trip cost** per person;
- **44-30 days** prior to departure: **75% of the trip cost**, per person;
- **29 days** prior to departure, or after the trip starts: **no-refund**.

Some fares may be nonrefundable. Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from MQ for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

### Tier pricing

Our prices are based on tier pricing. At the time of booking, we will bill you for the amount based on the confirmed number of trip participants. In case the number of travelers increases at the last moment, we will reimburse the balance of your payment in accordance with the corresponding tier pricing, after you return home.

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