

IN SEARCH OF MONGOLIA'S TWO ELUSIVE CATS NOV 12-27, 2025 & 2026

TRIP SUMMARY



This expert-led expedition is crafted for wildlife enthusiasts and nature photographers seeking rare species in their natural habitats. Traverse Mongolia's diverse ecosystems, from alpine mountains and steppes to wetlands and forests, while staying in traditional gers and remote field camps alongside local herders.

Each day offers exceptional opportunities for wildlife observation and photography, guided by field biologists and local rangers with deep regional knowledge. The itinerary balances immersive adventure with comfort, featuring authentic Mongolian cuisine, cultural insights, and responsible travel practices rooted in conservation.

The journey concludes in Ulaanbaatar, where a curated city experience and farewell dinner offer a reflective close to this unique wildlife adventure



ITINERARY

DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN ULAANBAATAR

Upon arrival at the airport, transfer to the centrally located hotel in downtown Ulaanbaatar. In the evening, we will provide your pre-trip briefing and then host a welcome dinner at a fine local restaurant.

Overnight at hotel. (Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)

DAY 2. KHOVD/ KHAR US LAKE BIRDING



Today, fly to the westernmost 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 campsite is located.

En route, stop for a birding location at Khar Us Lake, one of Mongolia's most important wetland areas for rare and endangered species. Bird species such as Dalmatian Pelican, White-headed Duck, Swan Goose, Pallas's Fish-eagle and kestrel species could be spotted.

Arrive at the tent camp in the evening. Enjoy dinner and overnight in tents or gers. (Approx. 2.5 hours driving; Field camp; B, L, D)

DAY 3-14. SNOW LEOPARD QUEST

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 tents or gers. (Tent camp; B, L, D)**





DAY 9. RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

In the morning, transfer back to the local town for our return flight to Ulaanbaatar and transfer to your hotel located in the downtown. The rest of the afternoon is free for resting at your hotel. Dinner is independent. **(Overnight in Hotel Bayangol or similar; B; L;D)**

DAY 10. DRIVE TO DELGERKHAAN NATURE RESERVE



We will drive to the Delgerkhaan Nature Reserve, which is located in eastern Mongolia. Meet the nomadic lifestyle and our local crew and hear brief guidance from the trip leader. We settle in camp and then enjoy dinner. Overnight in ger hostel.

(Ger hostel; B, L, D, approx. 5 hours driving)

DAY 11-14. SEARCH FOR PALLAS'S CAT IN DELGERKHAAN



Each day, we will set out to locations where sightings of the elusive cat are frequent, in search of opportunities to observe and photograph it. Along the way, we may also encounter and photograph other wildlife. Packed lunches will be provided when necessary, and each evening we will enjoy a hearty dinner back at the base camp. Overnight in a ger hostel. (Ger hostel; B, L, D)

DAY 15. DRIVE BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

In the morning, drive back to Ulaanbaatar and rest at your hotel. Lunch is independent. Enjoy a farewell dinner in the evening. **(Bayangol Hotel or Similar; B, D)**



DAY 16. 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: Based on 3-4 participants: Based on 5-6 participants: Based on 8-7 participants:

Domestic Flights: Optional single supplement: \$5,885 per person, standard twin occupancy;
\$5,260 per person, standard twin occupancy;
\$4,710 per person, standard twin occupancy;
\$4,400 per person, standard twin occupancy;

\$480 per person, economy class; **\$540 per person**

LAND PRICES INCLUDE:	LAND PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:
 Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary based on using a 4x4 van or cruiser jeeps; Private accommodation based on a twin occupancy in a standard room at hotel and private gers and tents in the countryside, with field toilet and shower facility; Airport arrival & departure transfers; All meals indicated as B, L or D; All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary; Mongolia Quest's English speaking guide throughout your stay; Local rangers, herders or biologist to accompany; Supply of bottled and boiled waters throughout the trip; 	 International and domestic airfare; Personal laundry; Drinks not mentioned in the itinerary; Travel insurance; Medical evacuation costs; Excess baggage charges; Visa fees; Gratuities; Photography and video fees Any other item not mentioned as included.



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 airfares 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.

*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.