

AESTHETIC MONGOLIA: :
A JOURNEY THROUGH CULTURE, LANDSCAPES,
AND WILDLIFE
Sep 19–29, 2026

TRIP SUMMARY



This quest is a journey through Mongolia's most stunning and diverse landscapes, blending culture, adventure, and wildlife exploration. Begin in the wild plains of Hustai National Park to witness the majestic Przewalski's horses, explore the dramatic Elsen Tasarkhai dunes by camel, and relax in the soothing Tsenkher Hot Springs. Traverse sacred mountains, visit ancient Buddhist monasteries like Tovkhon, and immerse yourself in nomadic life with local families. End in the historic capital of Kharakhorum before returning to Ulaanbaatar. This journey offers a unique blend of scenic beauty, cultural exploration, and wildlife watching, from encounters with nomadic families to hiking sacred mountains and marveling at Mongolia's untouched wilderness. Discover the essence of Mongolia through this extraordinary adventure, where the landscapes are as diverse as the experiences you'll have along the way.

ITINERARY

DAY 1, SEP 19: ARRIVAL IN ULAANBAATAR

Arrive at Ulaanbaatar's Chinggis Khaan International Airport, where your guide and driver will welcome you. Transfer to your hotel for check-in and some relaxation. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring authentic Mongolian cuisine.

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

DAY 2, SEP 20: ULAANBAATAR CITY SIGHTSEEING



After breakfast, we'll visit the Chinggis Khan museum which houses a vast collection of artifacts, relics, and exhibits that detail the history, culture, and military conquests of the Chinggis Khan empire and the earlier period. your exploration of Ulaanbaatar with a visit to the Zanabazar Museum of Fine Arts, named after the famous Mongolian sculptor, artist, and Buddhist leader. The museum houses a magnificent collection of Buddhist art, including sculptures, thangkas, and rare artifacts that showcase Mongolia's artistic heritage.

In the evening, experience the vibrant culture of Mongolia with an evening performance showcasing traditional music and dance, including the haunting khuumii throat singing and the soulful morin khuur horsehead fiddle. **Overnight in a hotel. (Hotel Bayangol or similar; B, L, D)**

DAY 3, SEP 21: ULAANBAATAR - HUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we'll drive to Hustai National Park, known for its rolling hills, vast open steppes, and rich wildlife. This park is home to the rare Przewalski's horse (Takhi), a species brought back from the brink of extinction. Named after the Russian Colonel Przewalski, who first discovered it in the late 19th century, this horse is known as the world's only truly wild horse. Once extinct in Mongolia, the species was reintroduced in the 1990s. Today, the park's horse population is nearing 500.



Learn about Mongolia's ecosystem and the conservation efforts for the wild horse. Enjoy a wildlife-watching adventure as you spot these majestic horses roaming free alongside red deer, marmots, and a variety of bird species, including black vultures, saker falcons, and steppe eagles.

In the evening, settle into a rustic ger hostel, run by local nomadic family and enjoy hearty dinner. The evening will offer spectacular views of the sunset over the endless steppe, followed by a star-filled night sky. **(About 3 hours driving; Nomadic family stay; B, L, D)**

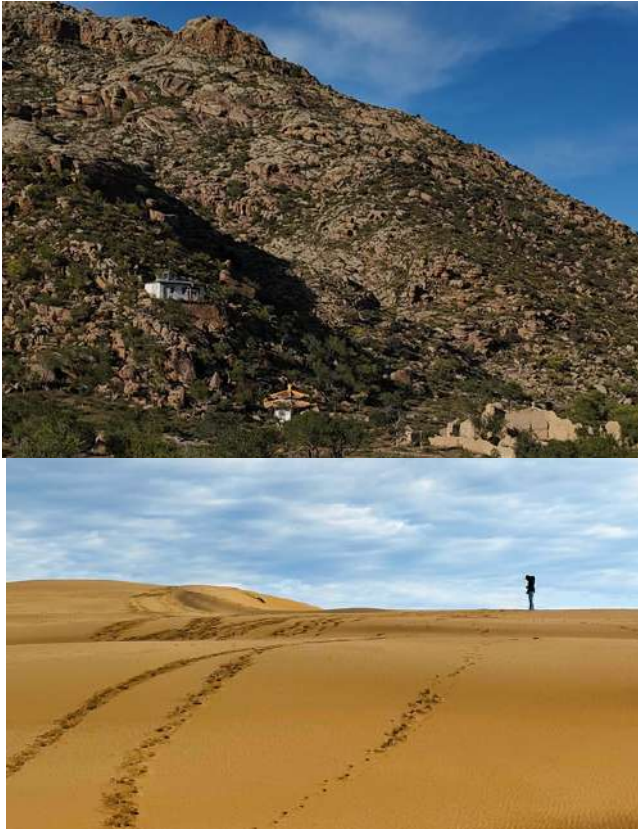
DAY 4, SEP 22: EXPERIENCE NOMADIC LIFESTYLE



Spend the day fully immersed in Mongolia's nomadic culture. Experience a range of traditional activities, from herding and milking livestock to learning how to prepare airag (fermented mare's milk) and making artisanal dairy products. You'll also ride horses through the stunning landscapes of Hustai National Park, a peaceful and scenic journey through wide-open plains framed by distant mountain ranges.

Take in the beauty of the surrounding nature, and for birdwatching enthusiasts, you might catch glimpses of demoiselle cranes and other raptors soaring through the clear skies. **(Nomadic family stay; B, L, D)**

DAY 5, SEP 23: KHUGNU-TARNA NATIONAL PARK & ELSÉN TASARKHAI DUNES



Today, journey to the diverse landscapes of Khugnu-Tarna National Park, where lush grasslands meet forested mountains and stretch into sweeping sand dunes. Visit the secluded Ovgon Monastery, nestled in a scenic valley surrounded by rugged cliffs. The area is rich in history and offers spectacular views.

Continue to the Elsen Tasarkhai sand dunes, one of Mongolia's most visually striking areas. These dunes, surrounded by mountainous terrain, offer a unique desert experience, perfect for a camel ride or a leisurely hike as the golden sands shimmer under the Mongolian sun. Capture the beauty of this surreal landscape that contrasts sharply with the verdant steppes. (Nomadic family stay, B; L; D)

DAY 6, SEP 24: TSENKHER HOT SPRINGS



Travel through the beautiful Khangai Mountains to reach the tranquil Tsenkher Hot Springs, a natural retreat known for its healing, volcanic hot water source. Spend the afternoon soaking in the outdoor pools, surrounded by forested hills and rugged cliffs, a perfect place to unwind after days of adventure.

The Tsenkher area is also rich in birdlife, and you may spot species such as Daurian Jackdaw, Great tits, and Three-toed woodpeckers in the surrounding forests.

(Ger Camp; B, L, D)

DAY 7, SEP 25: TSENKHER HOT SPRINGS

Spend a leisurely day exploring the surrounding area and visiting a local nomadic family. Enjoy optional activities such as horseback riding or relaxing in the Tsenkheryn Hot Spring.

Overnight in a ger camp. (B; L; D)

DAY 8, SEP 26: VISIT KHARAKHORUM / ERDENE ZUU TEMPLE

Today, we'll journey to Kharakhorum, the former capital of the Mongol Empire. Discover the fascinating history of this ancient city, which once stood as the hub of one of the world's greatest empires. Visit the nearby Erdene Zuu Monastery, Mongolia's first Buddhist monastery, built from the ruins of Kharakhorum. The monastery, surrounded by white stupas, offers a glimpse into Mongolia's rich religious past and showcases beautiful Buddhist art.

Overnight in a ger camp. (B, L, D)



DAY 9, SEP 27: TOVKHON MONASTERY

This morning, we'll head up to Tovkhon Monastery, located high in the Khangai Mountains. The monastery, built as a meditation retreat by Mongolia's first religious leader and artist Zanabazar, offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and mountains. The peaceful setting makes this a perfect spot for reflection and taking in the untouched beauty of Mongolia's wilderness.

Spend the afternoon hiking through the mountain trails, taking in the stunning autumn scenery, or engaging in a short meditation session in this sacred space.

Overnight in gers. (Overnight in a ger camp; B, L, D)



DAY 10: SEPTEMBER 28 – RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

After breakfast, we'll make our way back to Ulaanbaatar. Enjoy the scenic drive through Mongolia's wide-open steppe, where the shifting colors of the landscape provide a constant visual feast. You'll have some free time in the city to explore, shop for souvenirs, or relax before our farewell dinner.

(Hotel Bayangol or similar; B; L; D)

DAY 11, SEP 29: 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:	\$2,750 per person , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 3-6 participants:	\$2,540 per person , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 6-9 participants:	\$2,355 per person , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 10+ participants:	\$2,155 per person , standard twin occupancy;

LAND PRICES INCLUDE:	LAND PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:
• Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary based on using a cruiser jeep; • Accommodation at Rustic ger hostels, camps, and hotels as indicated • Meals as indicated (B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner) • Horse and camel riding fees • Museum fees • Concert • All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary; • English speaking guide throughout your stay;	• International 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.

TRAVEL NOTES

How to get to Mongolia

The official Mongolian international civil flight carriers Mongolian Airlines or MIAT. Currently it serves flights between Beijing, Seoul, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Frankfurt. Other popular airlines include Asiana, Pusan and Turkish airlines. South Korea is the most common international gateway city to Ulaanbaatar. Mongolian Airlines and Turkish Airlines fly daily to/from Istanbul. If you are coming from Europe, you may also find Turkish Airlines a convenient connection. During the summer season, if no seats are available on any of these major carriers, there are ways to fly to Mongolia through local cities in China and Russia. Please contact us for more information. The seats are usually in high demand and booking needs to be done well in advance.

Visa Information

U.S, Canadian, Japanese, Australian and citizens of most European counties are allowed to enter Mongolia without a visa for up to 30 days. All other nationals are required to get a visa before entering Mongolia.

THE LIST OF THE COUNTRIES TO BE EXEMPTED FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS TO VISIT MONGOLIA UP TO 30 DAYS IN THE YEARS OF 2023-2025

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Czech Republic• Republic of Austria• Kingdom of Belgium• Hungary• Hellenic Republic• Kingdom of Denmark• Kingdom of Spain• Italian Republic• Republic of Latvia• Republic of Lithuania• Swiss Confederation• Republic of Bulgaria• Republic of Ireland• Republic of Philippines | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principality of Liechtenstein• Grand Duchy of Luxembourg• Republic of Malta• Kingdom of the Netherlands• Republic of Poland• Portuguese Republic• Slovak Republic• Republic of Slovenia• Republic of Finland• Republic of Croatia• Canada | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kingdom of Sweden• French Republic• Republic of Estonia• Kingdom of Norway• Republic of Iceland• Republic of Cyprus• Romania• Principality of Monaco• United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland• Commonwealth of Australia• New Zealand |
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Weather

Mongolia enjoys over 280 sunny days a year. However, because Mongolia has a continental weather pattern, weather can fluctuate drastically during any given day. We recommend packing warm clothes even if you are coming during the hottest months. Our pre-departure information will provide details regarding the weather along with a suggested packing list. Layering is the best plan to be ready for a wide array of Mongolian weather patterns.

Accommodation



Newly renovated Soviet era hotels are located at some of the best locations in downtown Ulaanbaatar. They offer comfortable rooms and friendly services. There are also newer hotels like Kempinski Khan Palace, Ramada Ulaanbaatar and Best Western Inn. The countryside accommodations are arranged in “ger camps,” which provide authentic nomadic felt tents with centralized bathroom and toilet facilities located nearby. They offer clean, comfortable beds and plentiful meals.

Safety

Mongolia is devoid of any political, religious and ethnic sectarian conflicts and is considered one of the safest countries in the world for international travelers. However, like in any other country, crimes do happen, so a good sense of caution and respect shown to the locals can help to avoid unnecessary confrontations. Mongolians are generally hospitable people who love to interact with foreigners.

Food



Mongolia’s capital, Ulaanbaatar, hosts an excellent collection of fine restaurants of international cuisine. In the countryside, tour establishments offer hearty meals with a balance of meat and vegetables. Meat in Mongolians excellent in that the whole country is essentially “free-range” terrain. Even your strictest dietary restrictions can now be met with proper information in advance and preparation by us.

Information about Currency and Payment Methods

Mongolia's national currency is called tugrik and the exchange rate is about 3,400 tugrik to a US dollar. Major currencies can be exchanged at the hotels and pawnshops, and ATM machines are widely available throughout Ulaanbaatar and provincial centers. However, Australian dollars can usually only be exchanged at banks. Traveler's checks can be cashed at banks and major credit cards are accepted at most places in the capital, but only Mongolian cash is accepted in the countryside. We recommend that you travel with Mongolian national currency equal to at least \$200 when touring in the countryside.

Souvenirs

Like any other places, Mongolia offers great souvenirs ranging from camel wool sweaters to cashmere scarves and traditional wooden puzzle games. Mongolian vodkas can be an excellent gift. At several stores, you can also find a range of traditional Mongolian musical instruments such as the famed Morin Khuur or "horse headed fiddle." Bargaining is not very customary; most items are sold for the price on their labels. If you plan to shop for souvenirs, we recommend purchasing locally as many items as possible since your purchases will be a direct contribution to the local community.

Travel Insurance

With Mongolia stretching over 1.5 million square kilometers and its population concentrated in the cities, we will be traveling through some remote areas away from good roads and medical facilities. We strongly recommend that you consider getting standard emergency medical evacuation insurance as a means to protect yourself from unexpected accidents that can happen during any trip. Nothing is better than traveling with peace of mind knowing that you have prepared for the trip as much as possible in advance.

Traveling with Mongolia Quest

Because it is still a developing country, traveling in Mongolia requires a sense of humor and patience. New roads and bridges are being built every year, but the paved road system is still limited in the countryside. You may experience flight delays and find road conditions bumpy and dusty. But the experience of traveling in Mongolia will far exceed some personal compromises in comfort. We like to say that the best part of traveling in Mongolia is spontaneous events and interactions, which lead to unexpected interactions, discoveries, and experiences that will make your trip unique and memorable. At Mongolia Quest, we ensure the integrity of your overall itinerary but at the same time, will go out of our way to make necessary changes in order to enrich your travel experience with us.

ENJOY YOUR TRIP!