

Happy Camel Travel

Presents

**Tavan Bogd Trekking
(10 days)**

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TAVAN BOGD TREKKING
(10 DAYS)

10 Days ♦ 1 Night Hotel ♦ 6 Nights Tented Camp
♦ 1 Night Family Stay ♦ 1 Night Gers



Happy Camel invites you to discover the natural and cultural wonders of Mongolia, one of the last remaining seldom-explored countries. Largely inaccessible to the Western world until only recently, Mongolia offers a rare glimpse into an ancient nomadic culture that has changed little over the centuries.

The traveller will discover this untouched country by exploring the rare combination of ancient traditions of Buddhism, nomadic horse-based culture and natural beauties such as the high mountains, the grasslands and more.



♦ Trekking ♦ Tavan Bogd Glacier ♦ White River
♦ Khurgan and Khoton Lakes ♦ Malchin peak
♦ Family Stay



Trip Type: Rigorous Tavan Bogd Trekking

QUICK ITINERARY REFERENCE

DAY 1: FLIGHT TO BAYAN OLGII

DAY 2 : DRIVE TO TAVAN BOGD NATIONAL PARK

DAY 3: TREK TO BASE CAMP

DAY 4: MALCHIN PEAK 4050M

DAY 5: TREK ALONG WHITE RIVER

DAY 6: KHURGAN AND KHOTON LAKES

DAY 7: TREK NEAR KHURGAN AND KHOTON LAKES

DAY 8: VISIT EAGLE HUNTERS

DAY 9: BACK TO BAYAN OLGII

DAY 10: FLIGHT BACK TO ULAANABAATAR

OPTIONAL DAY: KHUITEN PEAK CLIMB EXTENSION

OTHER OPTION: DRIVE ONE WAY BETWEEN ULAANABAATAR AND BAYAN OLGII

MAP OF THE ITINERARY



DETAILED TOUR DESCRIPTION

DAY 1: FLIGHT TO BAYAN OLGII

This trek will take you to a destination few people have experienced. The Western parts of Mongolia are a cultural mix of Muslim and Mongolian traditions. Trekking through this wild countryside will bring in varied experiences and make for an exciting trip of discoveries.

Today we will take the plane for **Olgii**, capital city of **Bayan Olgii province**. Our vehicles will be waiting for us at the airport. Unlike the rest of Mongolia, which is dominated by Khalkh Mongolians, about 90% of Bayan-Olgii's population are Kazakh, almost all of them Muslims. Olgii has even its own little mosque.

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our local team and drive further to west into National Park. We will set up our tented camp on a truly idyllic spot.

(Tented Camp L, D)

DAY 2 : DRIVE TO TAVAN BOGD NATIONAL PARK

Altai Tavan Bogd is 636,161 hectares of pristine landscape along the border of the western part of Ulaan Khus, Tsengel, Sagsai and Altai soums of Bayan-Olgii aimag. It was placed under protection in 1996. The national park with its amazing beauty embodies the special characteristics of high mountains, icy crystal rivers, mountain valleys, steppe landscapes and ecosystems. Also, it is a habitat and last refuge for mammals like argali, ibex, maral and deer, and bird species like snowcock, eagle and lammergeyer. The national park includes very high peaks, with eternal snow and glaciers in the far west of Mongolia. The highest point is the peak of Khuiten Uul on the mountain of Altai Tavan Bogd, reaches 4374 meters above sea level. Tonight we will camp in a picturesque spot.

(Tented camp B, L, D)

DAY 3: TREK TO BASE CAMP

Today we will trek about 12 km to the base camp of Potanium glacier. The landscape is spectacular. Upon arriving at base camp, we will be settled in our Gers and get prepared for next day trekking to Malchin peak.

(Gers B, L, D)

DAY 4: MALCHIN PEAK 4050M

After a good breakfast, we will set off for our expedition to the **Tavan Bogd Glacier**. We will trek through a high mountain terrain of rocks and wetlands. We will have a beautiful perspective of the 5 mountain peaks of the Tavan Bodg Mountain and of its glacier. In front of you, you will have the absolute top of the Altai Mountain Chain and the highest mountain

peak of Mongolia. Our final destination of today is the smallest of Tavan Bogd's mountain peaks, the Malchin peak (4050 m).

(Tented Camp, B, L, D).

DAY 5: TREK ALONG WHITE RIVER

We will start trekking along the **White River**. The White River is one of the many rivers that find its sources in the melting ice of the Tavan Bogd glaciers.

The White River valley is covered with many flowers. If you are lucky you might see a Mongolian wild goat named Ibex.

(Tented Camp, B, L, D).

DAY 6: KHURGAN AND KHOTON LAKES

Today we will be driving on a rough but scenic road into the **Khurgan and Khoton Lakes**. On the way we will see some petroglyphs dating back from the Bronze Age.

Khurgan and Khoton Lakes are pretty lakes at an altitude slightly over 2.000 meters' altitude. South of the lake, into the direction of China you will see the snow-capped Altai Mountain Chain.

During our ride we will pass many Kazak nomad families. Sometimes we will stop at a family and share a meal or tea with them. We will also pass well preserved ancient burial sites.

(Tented Camp, B, L, D)

DAY 7: TREK NEAR KHURGAN AND KHOTON LAKES

We will spend full day trekking around lakes. Truly breath-taking scenery and one of the fine trekking destination.

(Tented Camp, B, L, D)

DAY 8: VISIT EAGLE HUNTERS

We will visit Kazakh families in their traditional Ger bigger than Mongolian Gers and brightly decorated with hand-made rugs. We will enjoy a cup of tea, share with our hosts delicious Kazakh dishes such as Kuz "salted and smoked horse meat" Bisbarmak while chatting and deepening our knowledge of rich Kazakh culture and custom. Afternoon we will go trekking in nearby mountain valley and riding on horseback together with hunters through scenic landscape.

(Family stay B, L, and D)

DAY 9: BACK TO BAYAN OLGII

Our trek in Wild West ends today. We will load everything in our vehicles and drive back to **Bayan Olgii**.

(Hotel B, L, D).

DAY 10: FLIGHT BACK TO ULAANABAATAR

Flight back to Ulaanbaatar. Our team will take you directly to your hotel. You may enjoy the free afternoon to catch up all the places you haven't visited yet. You might as well check the beautiful cultural show enjoy the colourful and rhythmic Mongolian dance, throat singing & admire the contortionists

OPTIONAL DAY: KHUITEN PEAK CLIMB EXTENSION

For those of you looking for a challenging extension to your trekking in Western Mongolia, we invite you for our 2 days **Khuiten peak climb extension**.

We will leave from our base camp and climb the steep and challenging Mount Khuiten (4374m). Depending on the snow we will climb for 4 to 6 hours. Once we get to the top we will be able to look down into Russia, China and Mongolia. The landscapes of all three countries are distinctly different.

OTHER OPTION: DRIVE ONE WAY BETWEEN ULAANABAATAR AND BAYAN OLGII

You could take the 6 days' trip to drive one way between Ulaanbaatar and west Mongolia. You will discover a variety of landscapes and sceneries on the way. It's a great option for people who have more time in Mongolia.

RESERVATION

Your trip will be confirmed after a deposit of 35% of the due amount is paid to our bank account. Once the payment is done, we will start organizing your trip and book accommodation.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Land transportation
- Domestic flight
- Airport transfers
- Hotel stay
- Family stay
- Tented camp stay
- Meals 9B, 10L, 9D
- Tour guides
- Camping and kitchen equipment
- National park entrance fees/Museum and Monasteries entrance tickets

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Hotel in Ulaanbaatar

- City touring
- International transport
- Passport and visa costs
- Medical, trip insurance and evacuation costs
- International airport taxes, excess baggage charges. Local flights are limited to 10 kg
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Laundry
- Telephone calls
- Items of personal nature
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included
- Airport transfer

DELAYS

We are not responsible for any additional charges incurred arising from the delay or extension of a trip due to weather, equipment failure, illness, or other causes beyond our control. No refunds can be made for any unused services or accommodations on the trip.

TRANSPORT

Toyota Land Cruisers series 80, 100, 105 - have 4 passenger seats. Comfortable on our bumpy road, forward facing seats equipped with seat belts and has air condition and plenty space for luggage in trunk and on roof track.

Delica -Japanese 4X4 van. Delicas have 5 passenger seats. Comfortable on our bumpy road, bit slower on off-road than Land Cruisers. Forward facing seats equipped with seat belts and has air condition. Panoramic view windows. Having not much space in trunk, luggage mostly put on roof rack.

Furgon -Russian military van. Furgons have 7 passenger seats. Mostly forward facing seats. It has plenty space. Furgons have no air condition and not equipped with seat belts. If you are in group and looking for adventure on tight budget it might be a good solution. Excellent vehicle on rough off-road condition. However less comfortable than Land Cruisers and Delicas.

FOOD

Traditional Mongolian food based on different type of meat: mutton, beef, goat, horse and camel. As well as we eat dairies and usually heavy meals due to our radical climate of cold long winter and hot dry summer. However nowadays our food culture is becoming more diverse and you can easily find international food in restaurants and buy diverse imported food at supermarkets. We will do our best to accommodate your food

requirement. Please let us know in advance if you have any special food requirement.

ACCOMMODATION

In Ulaanbaatar we can book your hotel. We offer accommodation from guesthouse to the most prestigious 5 star hotels with suites.

All hotel we recommend are centrally located and in walking distances from restaurant, shops and museums.

While in the countryside, depending on the trip you choose, you will overnight in Ger Camps, Family Stay and Tented Camp.

Gers from Ger Camp are the traditional felt tents of nomadic herders. Each ger is furnished with a wood stove and beautifully painted furniture such as beds, a table and stools. Gers are based on double occupancy. Each ger camp has its restaurant, western style toilet and hot water showers. Most visitors find their stay in gers, which provide an authentic taste of Mongolian culture and adventure, their most enjoyable experience in Mongolia.

Family Stay. In summer time many nomads build extra Gers next to theirs and welcome guests. You will have mostly your private Ger. However, facilities stay basic and simple

Tented Camp is a camp build on a nice spot. The travellers will sleep in Western style tents. We will however do our best to offer you the best available service. We pride ourselves on the level of comfort we provide while camping in these remote areas, but camping is not for everyone. It is important to remain open-minded and physically willing.

REMARK

Mongolia is a developing country in terms of infrastructure. The standard of the roads is very low, with no tarmac outside the capital. As a result be prepared for bumpy and dusty rides.

Travelling in a seldom-explored country, with very little infrastructure requires flexibility, tolerance, a spirit of adventure and respect and understanding for cultural differences. The trip itinerary is subject to changes due to weather, trail conditions, government restrictions, or other reasons beyond our control. We will however do every attempt to adhere to the given schedule.

PAYMENTS

Your trip will be confirmed after a non-refundable deposit of 35% of the due amount payable by bank transfer or visa. The rest payment is due to settle once you are in Mongolia before your trip starts.