

Happy Camel Travel

Presents

**Trekking in Khuvsgul Lake
(11 days)**

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TREKKING IN KHUVSGUL LAKE
(11 DAYS)

11 Days ♦ 1 Night in Hotel ♦ 7 Nights Tented Camp
♦ 2 Nights Family Stay



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 the more.



- ◆ Trekking ♦ Khuvsgul Lake ♦ Uushig Deer Stone Complex
- ◆ Monasteries ♦ Museums ♦ Family Stay
- ◆ Egiin River ♦ Tsaatan Family
- ◆ Reindeer



Trip Type: Rigorous Trekking in Khuvsgul Lake

QUICK ITINERARY REFERENCE

DAY 1: FLIGHT TO MURUN

DAY 2: A DAY WITH NOMADS

DAY 3, 4, 5 AND 6: TREKKING ALONG EGIIN RIVER

DAY 7, 8 AND 9: TREKKING ALONG KHUVSGUL LAKE

DAY 10: DRIVE BACK TO MURUN

DAY 11: FLIGHT BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

OPTION: ONE OR TWO DAYS' DRIVE BETWEEN ULAANBAATAR AND MURUN

MAP OF THE ITINERARY



DETAILED TOUR DESCRIPTION

DAY 1: FLIGHT TO MURUN

By plane from Ulaanbaatar we will reach **Murun**, capital city of Khuvsgul province. At airport you will be picked up by our team and start driving to trekking point about 40 km north east of Murun. We will arrive at our host family. **Khuvsgul Lake** is a huge 2.760 square km alpine lake (130 km in length and 40 km in width), surrounded by mountain chains of more than 2.000 meters high, thick pine forests and lush meadow with grazing yaks and horses. More than 100 small rivers and streams feed the lake with crystal clear water. Water exits the lake through only one river, the **Egiin**, whose waters eventually reach the Baikal Lake. The lake contains about 1.5% of the world's fresh water (excluding water contained in the icecaps). The lake and rivers are full of fish. Around a dozen species of fish inhabit the lake and rivers. The most well-known are the sturgeon, grayling, lennok, salmon, taimon, etc.

(Family staying, L, D)

DAY 2: A DAY WITH NOMADS

Today we will spend full day with our hosts and get involved in many variety of daily activities of herders pursue daily. Bring animals to camp in the evening, milk horses, yaks, goats, and sheep. Process milk, make butter, yogurt and cheese. Savour delicious, fresh dairy products you help producing. Fresh yak cream and fresh yogurt are the best you have ever tasted anywhere in the world.

(Family staying B, L, D)

DAY 3, 4, 5 AND 6: TREKKING ALONG EGIIN RIVER

After breakfast we will start our trekking. We will load our gears on pack horses. During the whole trip we will be supported by horsemen and packhorses. The horsemen will be responsible for the horses and, being from the region, they will be our guides.

We'll start hiking along the Egiin River. During the whole trek we will have time for fishing or swimming. Please bring you fishing equipment. For four more days we will trek along the **Egiin River**. On the way we will visit many gers and experience the nomadic life of Central Asia. Our translator will help us to forge contact with the local population.

(Tented Camp, B, L, D)

DAY 7, 8 AND 9: TREKKING ALONG KHUVSGUL LAKE

For three more days, we will ride along the western shore of the Khuvsgul Lake enjoying the view over the Mongolian blue pearl.

There is a big chance that we will cross some Tsaatan families settled long the shores of the Khuvsgul Lake. The remote & wild region is home to

Mongolian minor ethnic group known as Tsaatan or Dukha, one of the last remaining reindeer herders of the world. Their unique way of life is centred and structured around reindeer and guided by Shamanism, ancestral spiritual practice based on nature worship.

(Tented Camp, B, L, D)

DAY 10: DRIVE BACK TO MURUN

We will drive back to reach Murun. On the way we will visit the **Uushig Deer Stone complex**. A complex of deer stones dating back to prehistoric time. Evidence of Prehistoric people's art work known as deer stones and burial mounds. Overnight in local hotel.

(Hotel, B, L, D)

DAY 11: FLIGHT BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

Flight back to Ulaanbaatar. We will drive back to Ulaanbaatar, the capital city. 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.

(B, L)

OPTION: ONE OR TWO DAYS' DRIVE BETWEEN ULAANBAATAR AND MURUN

It is possible to drive one or two ways between Ulaanbaatar and Moron. There are two roads, the northern road that takes 3 days and the southern road that takes 5 days. The southern road passes through Karakorum, former capital city of the Mongolian empire.

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 the local flights if any.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Airport transfers
- Land transportation
- Domestic flight
- Hotel stay
- Tented camp stay
- Family stay
- Meals 10B, 11L, 10D
- 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

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.

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If interested we also offer during your countryside trip a family stay. In some cases, (because of cold or lack of Ger Camp) you will have to overnight in a Mongolian nomad family.

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.