

Happy Camel Travel

Presents

**Trekking in Terelj National Park
(7 days)**

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TREKKING IN TERELJ NATIONAL PARK
(7 DAYS)

7 Days ♦ 5 Nights Tented Camp
♦ 1 Night 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 more.



- ◆ Trekking ♦ Khentii National Park ♦ Terelj National Park
- ◆ Tuul River ♦ Gunjiin Sum ♦ Aryaval
- ◆ Turtle Rock ♦ Gingham Khan Monument
- ◆ Family Stay



Trip Type: Rigorous Trekking in Terelj National Park

QUICK ITINERARY REFERENCE

DAY 1: KHENTII NATIONAL PARK

DAY 2, 3 AND 4: TREKKING IN KHENTII NATIONAL PARK

DAY 5: TREKKING TO GUNJIIN SUM

DAY 6: TREKKING TO TUUL RIVER

DAY 7: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

MAP OF THE ITINERARY



DETAILED TOUR DESCRIPTION

DAY 1: KHENTII NATIONAL PARK

In the morning we will head east of UB and our journey takes us through the valley surrounded on both sides by forested hillsides, and spectacular granite cliffs. The valley is covered by wild flowers & plants and peacefully grazing herds of yaks, horses, goats & sheep. Before noon we will reach horse breeding family. Our host family is located on the river bank of Tuul river. Settle in your Ger. We will have an afternoon 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. Not to miss as well is fermented mare milk. A talented horseman will show his techniques to catch horse from freely roaming herd with Uurag – long wooden stick with ropes fixed at the end.

(Family stay, B, L, D)

DAY 2, 3 AND 4: TREKKING IN KHENTII NATIONAL PARK

The **Khentii Mountains** are a mountain range in the Töv and Khentii Provinces in northern Mongolia. The chain overlaps the Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area and includes Mongolia's sacred mountain, Burkhan Khaldun, which is associated with the origin of Genghis Khan.

The range forms the watershed between the Arctic Ocean (via Lake Baikal) and the Pacific Ocean basins. Rivers originating in the range include the Onon, Kherlen, and Tuul.

After breakfast, we will load our gears on our packhorses. You will be impressed at the strength of the small but sturdy Mongolian horses. We will hike into the valley along the base of the mountain ranges. As we leave civilization behind, you will hear and see ever more ground squirrels, marmots and birds. These three days amazing trek will take us through an area of tundra, which is the habitat of many wild species among others moose. You will soon become an expert at 'moose detection. Our surrounding is a typical Siberian landscape. We will climb up the mountain through deep forest where deer, wolves, moose and bears live. Keep your eyes open!

(Tented Camp, B, L, D)

DAY 5: TREKKING TO GUNJIIN SUM

Today we will reach Gunjiin or Princess Monastery. This once huge monastery was built in the 18th century by Mongolian lord in a memory of his wife. Today, only the main temple and some of the wall remains.

(Tented camp, B, L, D)

DAY 6: TREKKING TO TUUL RIVER

Today as we hike along the Tuul River, you will notice how the landscape changes through silent pine forests where all you will hear is the occasional animal call. Keep your ears open for the sound of woodpeckers and keep your eyes open for golden eagles, soaring far above us hunting for prey. After four hours of hiking, we will arrive at our camping spot, a green and peaceful place.

(Tented Camp, B, L, D)

DAY 7: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

Our adventure through wide valleys, mountains with green forest end today and we will hike back to our arrival point. Enjoy your last day trek and stunning view over the valley longing the **Tuul River**.

After lunch at family some sightseeing visit at Terelj national park is ahead of us. Our first stop will be **Turtle rock** and **Aryaval Monastery**, small meditation monastery at the foot of mountain. Spectacular view from monastery over the park. Further down at the exit of park we will visit the **100 monks' cave**, tiny small

cave where during the purge of Stalinism about 100 monks were hiding from persecution. You can see the cave wall blackened as a result of fire and smoke.

Our last stop will be the **Genghis Khan Monument**. The Genghis Khan Monument is a vast aluminium monument of Genghis Khan on his horse. It's possible to climb to the top of the monument from where you have a beautiful view of the surrounding area. A little museum gives a good overview of great Mongol empire history with its great Khans succession lines and their invasions.

Our team will take you directly to your hotel.

(B, L)

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
- Family stay
- Tented camp stay
- Meals 6B, 7L, 6D
- 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.
- 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.