

2019 Altai Eagle Festival Tour Trip in Mongolia Itinerary

Day 1 Sept. 6 Arrive in Ulaanbaatar (UB)

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar. You will be met at the Chinggis Khan International Airport by our staff and transferred to our hotel, located within walking distance of Sukhbaatar Square, museums and shops. We will have dinner at a restaurant near the hotel. *Overnight in hotel, Dinner*

Day 2 Sept. 7 Full day in UB

After breakfast in our hotel, we will spend the morning going to see with the 210-ton steel statue of Chinggis Khan, outside UB. After lunch there, we will return and view the city from above at the Zaisan Memorial, and also visit the Gandan Monastery. In the evening we will watch Tumen Ekh, a cultural performance of Mongolian traditional arts, and enjoy Mediterranean cuisine for our welcome dinner. *Overnight in hotel, B,L,D*

Day 3 Sept. 8 Tavan Bogd National Park

We will take a 5-hour drive (150 km) to Tavan Bogd National Park where we will meet racehorse trainer/breeder, Auez and his family, staying in nearby private gers. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 4–5 Sept. 9–10 Horse riding and hiking, Hoton and Hurgan Lakes

We will spend two days with Auez's family. Day hiking in the surrounding mountains will give us great views of Hoton and Hurgan Lakes. A horse riding option will be available for those who want to ride. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 6 Sept 11 Dayan Lake and archeological sites

A full day drive (110 km) to Dayan Lake through Hoton and Hurgan Lakes and the dramatic landscape of snow-capped peaks. We will visit petroglyph complexes and several Turkic Stone Men, Babals, ranging in size from 2 feet to over 6 feet in height and weighing several hundred pounds. In the evening we will arrive at eagle hunter, Shohan's, family place. We will meet Tabai, Shohan's father. Tabai is in his mid-seventies and he will tell us about his life experiences during the Soviet time. We will stay in private gers next to the family. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 7–8 Sept 12 Eagle Hunter Family

At Shohan's house we will get an introduction to eagle hunting, enjoy the routine of daily life and watch Shohan's last day of training before the Eagle Festival. We will stay in private gers. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 9 Sept 13 Arrive at Eagle Festival site

We will drive with Shohan to Altantsogst and stay in a private ger camp next to the Hovd River. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 10–11 Sept 14–15 Altai Eagle Festival

We will spend two days enjoying the Altai Eagle Festival. Starting with the Opening Ceremony, we will enjoy the festival for two days of activities including eagle competitions, costume

awards, mounted horse games, camel races, archery competitions and more, including traditional music and concerts during lunch times. We will stay in a private ger camp along the Hovd River. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 12 Sept 16 Return to UB

We will travel an hour to the Ölgii airport and fly back to UB. After lunch at a local restaurant we will enjoy a casual walk through Sukhbaatar Square to the Museum of Natural History and Zanabazar Fine Art Museum. In the evening we will dine at a local Irish Pub. *Overnight in hotel, B,L,D*

Day 13 Sept 17 Last Day in UB

Enjoy your last day in Mongolia. We will make our way to the Antiques Museum and Choijen Lama Museum, and perhaps explore the Black Market. Following lunch we will do any remaining shopping and sightseeing, including the Gobi Cashmere Factory! For our final dinner, we will enjoy a traditional Mongolian meal of khorhog at Modern Nomads Restaurant. *Overnight in hotel, B,L,D*

Day 14 Sept 18 Depart UB

Leave Ulaanbaatar for home. *B*