

2019 Foxhunting / Golden Eagle Festival Tour Trip in Mongolia Itinerary

Day 1 Sept 25 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 26 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 Monestary. 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 27 Full day in UB

From our hotel, we will enjoy a casual walk through Sukhbaatar Square to the Museum of Natural History and Zanabazar Fine Art Museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will make our way to the Antiques Museum and Choijen Lama Museum. In the evening we will dine at a local Irish Pub. *Overnight in hotel, B,L,D*

Day 4 Sept 28 Fly to Ölgii, drive to Tsambagarav National Park, afternoon on horses

We'll catch an early morning flight to Ölgii. After a quick breakfast upon arrival, we will drive 1.5 hours to Tsambagarav National Park. We'll arrive at our first ger camp and meet local Eagle Hunter, Botei, and his assistant. Here we will get introduced to our riding horses and equipment and have a short ride around the camp in the afternoon. We will have a traditional Kazakh dinner with Botei's family. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 5 Sept 29 25 km ride to Khipshal Valley

We will spend most of the day in the saddle, riding about 25 km with Botei to his sister's place in Khipshal Valley. We will stay in private gers there with all meals provided. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 6 Sept 30 All day Eagle / Fox hunting

Following breakfast, we will go out for a day of riding and fox hunting with Botei and his eagle, and will return to our ger camp for dinner. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 7 Oct 1 25-30 km ride to ger camp at Botei's fall location

After breakfast we'll ride most of the day to Botei's fall place and try some hunting along on the way. In the evening we will have dinner in our ger camp. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 8-9 Oct 2-3 Hunting and Golden Eagle Festival prep

Following breakfast, we'll hunt again, as Botei prepares for the Golden Eagle Festival. We will return to our ger camp for dinner. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 10 Oct 4 25-30 km ride to Festival location with hunting

After breakfast we'll ride towards Ölgii with Botei and other eagle hunters for the Golden Eagle Festival, trying some hunting on the small hills on the way. We will stay in a private ger camp by the Hovd River, 5 miles east of Ölgii where all the eagle hunters will be staying, so in the evening we'll experience first-hand, their last-minute preparations for the festival. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 11-12 Oct 5-6 Golden Eagle Festival

We will ride to the festival site with the eagle hunters each day. 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. *Overnight in ger, B,L,D*

Day 13 Oct 7 Fly to UB and last day in UB

Early this morning we will travel to the Ölgii airport and fly back to UB. After a rest and shower at our hotel, we will have lunch and then explore the Black Market, perhaps searching for some Mongolian tack and other local items. We will also go to the Gobi Cashmere Factory! This is our chance to do any remaining shopping and sightseeing. For our final trip dinner, we'll enjoy a traditional Mongolian meal of khorhog at Modern Nomads Restaurant. *Overnight in hotel, B,L,D*

Day 14 Oct 8 Depart UB

Leave Ulaanbaatar for home. *B*