

Golden Eagle Festival



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This journey will immerse you into untouched beautiful nature and rich cultural heritages of western Mongolia. A great opportunity to meet the various ethnic minorities like Muslim Kazakh people who practice their unique tradition of training of Golden Eagle Festival is a part of highlights along this journey.

- **Tour category:** Event tour
- **Travel places:** Day1.Ulaanbaatar – Day2.Ulgii town/community Ger – Day3.Kazakh family - Day4-5.Eagle Festival days – Day6-7.Ulaanbaatar
- **Activities:** Exploring varied natural landscapes, visiting cultural heritage sites, experiencing nomad culture, hiking, Golden Eagle festival
- **Duration:** 6nights / 7days
- **Covering distance:** 3360kms
- **Number of participants:** Min-3, max-12
- **Season:** September – October

Day 1 Welcoming day

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar the capital city of Mongolia. Transfer to the hotel. in the evening enjoy a traditional art performance and welcome dinner at a restaurant.Stay overnight in the hotel***. **D**



Day 2 Flight to Bayan-Ulgii

Morning transfer to airport, take a flight to Ulgii town, the center of Bayan-Ulgii province by domestic airline. Our local staff will greet and welcome you at the airport. Today we will sightseeing in Ulgii town. We will visit ethnographic museum and local market. Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon move to community Ger. Stay overnight in community Ger. **BLD**

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Day 3 Visit Kazakh family

Today we will visit Kazakh families in their settlement. Their Gers are slightly larger than Mongolian Gers, and are decorated with brightly colored rugs. We will enjoy their hospitality and friendliness and learn more in deep about their culture. You will see their traditional technology to make colorful rug. Evening we are up to a highlight of the day to have “bisparmak” which are real Kazakh dishes prepared for respectful guests! Stay overnight in community Ger. **BLD**



Day 4 Golden Eagle Festival!

Morning drive to Eagle Festival point. Enjoy the Opening ceremony of the festival, commences as the participants join the parade on horse ride with their eagles. The competition begins with each Kazakh displaying his hunting outfit and accessories. The most elaborate and beautiful clothing and accessories are given the highest points. In the afternoon, the Golden Eagles will be evaluated for their speed and

agility. Stay overnight in community Ger. **BLD**



Day 5 Golden Eagle Festival!

Prepare for some exciting action today! The Golden Eagles will be released from a cliff to attack fox skins that will be dragged by their owner on horseback. The eagles will be judged on their success of grabbing the “fox”, their speed, and “gripping” technique. As the points for the competitions are being tallied, the Kazakhs will compete in their traditional game called “kekbar”- passing goat skin which tests one’s horse riding skills,

strength and agility. In the late afternoon, the winners of the festival will be announced at the awards ceremony. Stay overnight in community Ger. **BLD**

Day 6 Flight back to Ulaanbaatar

Morning transfer to local airport for taking flight back to Ulaanbaatar. Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and transfer to your hotel. Visit city shops and malls for souvenirs or cashmere. Farewell dinner. Stay overnight in hotel. ***** BLD**

Day 7 Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport for departure. **B**

Included: All activities described in the itinerary, twin/double basis hotel*** accommodation (2 nights) in Ulaanbaatar, community Ger stay (4 nights) in countryside, Local English speaking guide service, entrance fees to Protected Areas and sightseeing costs, Eagle Festival fee, RT Domestic flight, all transfers by minibus in the city and by 4WD Russian minivan in the countryside. Meals of breakfast, lunch, and dinner as mentioned per day itinerary.

Excluded: International transportation to and from Mongolia, travel insurance, mineral bottled water and alcoholic drinks, tips and gratuities, laundry and items of a personal nature.