Trekking Tour in Altai Mountains, West Mongolia - 13 days (extended edition)

Trekking in Tavan Bogd National Park. Meet Eagle Hunters. Sleep under the stars and in gers.



DURATION
13 days / 12 nights

START
Ölgii airport

END
Ölgii airport

INTENSITY
Active Adventure

Book this tour →

THE TREK

What this trek is about

13 days through Tavan Bogd National Park and remote West Mongolian valleys. Climb Malchin Peak, ride with eagle hunters and stay with nomadic families. The extended edition adds days to trek on to the Three Rivers Junction and to visit Khairakhti Valley, with its Bronze Age rock art and balbals, and the Khoton and Khurgan lakes.



Challenge yourself

Trek Tavan Bogd, climb Malchin Peak

- Multi-day trek in Tavan Bogd
- Climb Malchin Peak (4,050 m)
- Cross Takhilt “Death Pass”
- Horse treks across open steppe
- Camp under the stars



Explore remote places

Offbeat trails in the high Altai

- Potanin Glacier up close
- Heart Lake & Bear Valley
- Tsagaan Us Valley
- Three Rivers Junction
- Bronze Age rock art
- Khoton & Khurgan lakes



Live nomadic culture

Authentic experience with nomads

- Stay with eagle-hunter families
- Call an eagle onto your arm
- Tuvan throat singing
- Five Fingers feast
- Local nomadic wedding (if available)

Is this for me?

Active Adventure
Intensity 4 of 5

Built for trekkers. Most days are spent on foot through Tavan Bogd and remote valleys, while camels carry the gear.

Malchin climb requires reasonably good fitness levels. About 6–8 hours on your feet, with around 800 m of uphill walking on loose rock. No technical skills or climbing equipment needed.

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DAY BY DAY

13-Day Itinerary in the Altai Mountains

DAY 01

Fly to Ölgii & Drive to Tavan Bogd Ranger Station

Take a morning flight from Ulaanbaatar to Ölgii, where we pick you up at the airport and take care of everything. After brunch at a halal restaurant we drive west for 5–6 hours in specially equipped 4WD vehicles, across mountain ranges and rivers, to the Tavan Bogd Ranger Station at 3,000 m. Visit Tuvan families and settle into traditional gers.

Stay: **Traditional gers** Meals: **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

You need to fly to Ölgii. Domestic flights are not included, but we're happy to help you book them.






DAY 02

Horseback Ride to Tavan Bogd Base Camp

Explore Mongolia the way nomads do, on horseback. No riding experience needed: our wranglers pick a suitable horse and guide you, and experienced riders can ride on their own. It's a relaxed 5–6 hour ride to Tavan Bogd Base Camp, with plenty of stops, while camels carry the gear. Pass pristine alpine lakes fed by snowmelt and explore the Potanin Glacier.

Stay: **Camping tents** Meals: **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**





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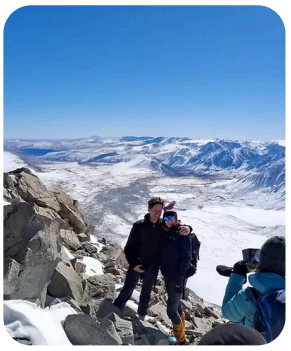
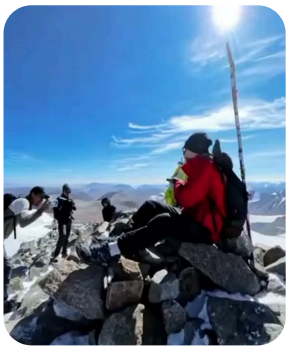
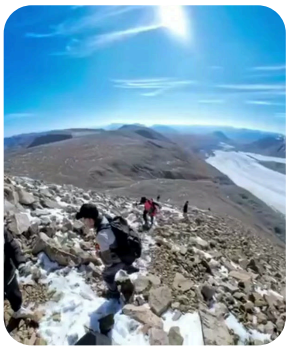
03

Climb Malchin Peak (4,050 meters)

Climb Malchin Peak, about 4,050 m (13,287 ft), one of the five peaks of the Tavan Bogd massif. The climb needs no technical skills or climbing equipment, but a good fitness level is expected. Take in the sweeping panoramic views from the top, where you can see the convergence of four countries, then descend back to Base Camp.

Malchin climb requires reasonably good fitness levels. Expect a long day: about 6–8 hours on your feet, with around 800 m of uphill walking on loose rock, in thin mountain air. If you can comfortably hike uphill for most of a day with short breaks, you're ready for it.

Stay: **Camping tents** Meals: **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

DAY
04

Ride Back to Ranger Station

Ride from Base Camp through the Milky River Valley, the river rushing beside you, loud and wild. The trail is easy: ride or walk, as you like.

Stay: **Traditional gers** Meals: **Breakfast, lunch, dinner**

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05

Trekking in Takhilt (Death) Pass

Trek from the Ranger Station toward Bear Valley via Takhilt Pass, the only route linking the high mountain zone to the lake region. Camp overnight in Khar Ayrag Valley.

Stay: Camping tents **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner





DAY
06

Cross Death Pass to Bear Valley

Cross Takhilt Pass and stop at the stunning Heart Lake, then descend into Bear Valley through wide open landscapes. Camp in the valley.

Stay: Camping tents **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner





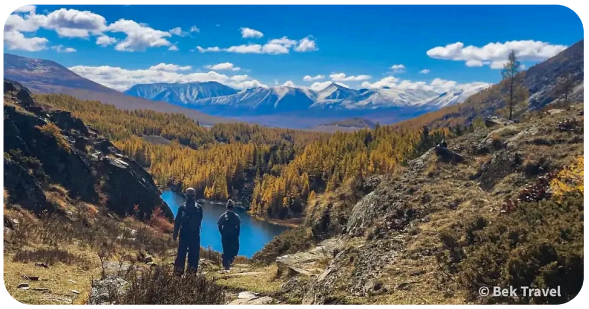
DAY
07

Trek Deep into Remote Tsagaan Us Valley

Trek deeper into Tsagaan Us Valley through remote mountain scenery, reaching the halfway point of the valley by afternoon.

Stay: Camping tents **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner





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08

Trek to Lower Tsagaan Us Valley

Follow the river down the Tsagaan Us Valley toward its end, a gorgeous trek across vast open steppe.

Stay: Camping tents **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner





DAY
09

Trek to the 3 Rivers Junction

Trek to the junction of three river systems, where the landscape opens up dramatically. Say goodbye to the camels and meet the driving support team.

Stay: Camping tents **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner





DAY
10

Drive to Khairakhti Valley. See Bronze Age Rock Art. Visit Khoton and Khurgan Lakes.

See 3,000-year-old rock art and balbal stone statues in Khairakhti Valley. Swim in the pristine Khoton and Khurgan lakes, then meet a Kazakh eagle hunter and share a traditional “five fingers” feast.

Stay: Kazakh yurts **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner









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11

Hike to Baga Turgen Waterfall. Meet the Eagle Hunters

Hike to Baga Turgen Waterfall, then learn eagle hunting, a tradition passed down the generations. Watch demonstrations, call the eagle to land on your arm and take photos in traditional clothing. Showers and rest at the yurt camp.

Stay: Kazakh yurts **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner







DAY
12

Return to Ölgii. Listen to Tuvan Throat Singing

Drive back to Ölgii with a stop in Tsengel for Tuvan throat singing. In the evening enjoy a Kazakh family concert and farewell dinner.

Stay: Hotel in Ölgii **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner




DAY
13

Fly Back to Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast we drop you at Ölgii airport for your flight back to Ulaanbaatar.

Meals: Breakfast

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OUR REVIEWS

Our Guests Love Trekking with Us

Sunnyside egg
★★★★★
We went on a 9day Altai Mountain trip with chinggis bek/Serik/BerikBol. ChinggisBek cooks great, even better than UB cooks. ... We summited Malchin peak, horse-riding through valleys/plains, stayed in tents/Qazaq ger, visited a Qazaq family, is an awesome trip...

Ken Hagen
★★★★★
We had a great experience with Bek Travel in Western Mongolia! Our guide Aika, driver Yedo, and cook Bota was a dream team. They were very attentive to our needs and made our experience one to remember. If you're looking for a non touristy adventure in beautiful landscapes...

J Lacson
★★★★★
I traveled with 2 close friends from USA for a trip of a lifetime through Western Mongolia. Bek is very responsive to any questions I had in the early trip planning process.

Chieko Frank
★★★★★
Our 10 days journey through Western Mongolia with Beck was an unforgettable experience. The landscapes were simply breathtaking—glaciers, endless steppes, towering mountains, and the unique nomadic lifestyle made every day feel like a new adventure. Our guide, Ai Bo, was outstanding...

Ally Chong
★★★★★
Very satisfied with Bek Travel team arrangement for making this an amazing trip of Western Mongolia!

Clara Choi
★★★★★
We spent a total of 8 days in Mongolia covering Ulannbaatar and Olgii. Our activities included a hike to Khoton and Khurgan lakes, a stay in the yuks and a visit to the capped Altai mountains...

David Ben Hamo
★★★★★
The trip was excellent, nothing was missing, we always

Roee Cohen
★★★★★
Amazing experience! Mongolia is the land of nothing and everything. We want for 10 days horse ride from ulgi to Altai mountains. We had an amazing experience. The staff was very kind and patient from the horse men's to the guides...

Jocelyn Ngu
★★★★★
Bek Travel made our 10-day adventure through western Mongolia an absolute breeze. Traveling to remote areas can be tough, especially with limited phone reception, but Bek Travel took care of everything. We didn't have to lift a finger – they handled all the logistics...

Adva Yogev
★★★★★
Beyond Expectations – An Incredible Experience in Mongolia! I cannot say enough good things about my recent horse riding adventure in Mongolia. The overall experience was truly beyond what I had imagined!

Chiao Yuen Lim

Emma Brown

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