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WEST MONGOLIA · 11 DAYS



ACTIVE ADVENTURE · ALTAI MOUNTAINS

HORSEBACK EXPEDITION IN ALTAI MOUNTAINS, WEST MONGOLIA - 11 DAYS (EXTENDED EDITION)

The full Altai on horseback: eagle hunters, three great lakes, Aksu and Bear valleys, the Dakilbay “Death Pass” and the Potanin Glacier.

Multi-day horse expedition
Across the Altai Mountains

Eagle hunter families
Learn traditional eagle hunting

Khar, Dayan & Khoton lakes
Ride from lake to lake

Cross the “Death Pass”
Dakilbay Pass to White River

Bear Valley & Heart Lake
Through scenic Aksu Valley

Potanin Glacier base camp
Mongolia's largest glacier

16+ years of local experience

Tripadvisor **Travellers' Choice**

8,400+ guests hosted

Local Mongolian guides

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THE EXPERIENCE

THE FULL ALTAI ON HORSEBACK

The extended edition of our horseback expedition rides on from the lakes into the high Altai: through Aksu Valley to Bear Valley and Heart Lake, over the dramatic Dakilbay “Death Pass” and up to Potanin Glacier base camp, before a farewell concert in Ölgii.

01 ON HORSEBACK

— Multi-day horseback expedition

— Ride across Khar, Dayan & Khoton lakes

— Aksu & Bear Valley (Heart Lake)

— Cross the Dakilbay “Death Pass”

— Potanin Glacier base camp

02 EAGLE HUNTERS

— Stay with Kazakh eagle hunter families

— Traditional golden eagle hunting

— Learn eagle handling

— Ride alongside the hunter

03 CULTURE & CAMP

— Ancient Turkic balbal stones

— The “Five Fingers Feast” (Besbarmak)

— Tuvan gers at the ranger station

— Wilderness camping under alpine skies

— Farewell dinner in Ölgii



Turquoise Altai lakes



River crossing on horseback



Lakeside lunch

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YOUR JOURNEY · PART 1

11 DAYS IN THE SADDLE

An active horseback expedition. Overnights may switch between yurts and tents depending on location and conditions.

01

Fly to Ölgii & into the Altai

Fly from Ulaanbaatar to Ölgii, where we pick you up for brunch at a halal restaurant. Meet your expedition team and take a 3-hour drive into the Altai Mountains to a Kazakh eagle hunter's summer camp in Shar Gobi.

STAY Traditional yurts **MEALS** Lunch & dinner



02

Learn the art of eagle hunting

Ride toward the snow-capped Altai and learn the fundamentals of eagle handling and hunting techniques, riding alongside the hunter. In the evening, share the traditional “Five Fingers Feast” (Besbarmak) with your host family.

STAY Traditional yurts **MEALS** B, L, D



03

Horseback ride to Khar Lake

Begin your multi-day horseback expedition from Shar Gobi toward the Khar Lake summer pasture, across rolling valleys and open grasslands where herds graze freely.

STAY Yurts or camping tents **MEALS** B, L, D



04

Ride to Dayan Lake

Ride through pristine alpine landscapes to the turquoise waters of Dayan Lake, where snow peaks reflect in the water and migratory birds circle above. Camp near the shore.

STAY Camping tents **MEALS** B, L, D



05

Khoton Lake & ancient balbal stones

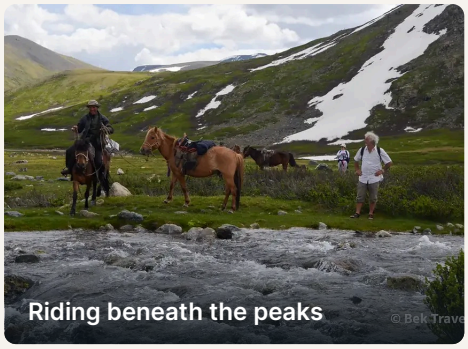
Ride on to breathtaking Khoton Lake in Altai Tavan Bogd National Park. Discover ancient Turkic balbal stones and burial mounds, then arrive at our nomadic base camp with hot showers.

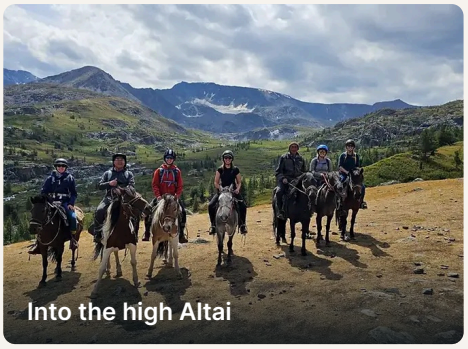
STAY Yurts **MEALS** B, L, D



YOUR JOURNEY · PART 2

INTO THE HIGH ALTAI


Riding beneath the peaks


Into the high Altai


Setting off from camp

06 **Toward the Altai Tavan Bogd region**

Ride deeper into the Altai Tavan Bogd region, visiting Kazakh nomadic families along the way. Camp in remote alpine wilderness.

STAY Camping tents **MEALS** B, L, D

07 **Aksu Valley to Bear Valley (Heart Lake)**

Ride through scenic Aksu Valley toward Bear Valley and visit picturesque Heart Lake, surrounded by rugged ridgelines.

STAY Camping tents **MEALS** B, L, D

08 **Cross Dakilbay (Death) Pass**

Cross the dramatic Dakilbay “Death Pass” and descend into the White River Valley to the ranger station.

STAY Traditional Tuvan gers **MEALS** B, L, D

09 **Ride to Potanin Glacier base camp**

Ride toward the majestic Potanin Glacier, the largest in Mongolia, and settle at base camp among ice fields and towering peaks.

STAY Camping tents **MEALS** B, L, D

10 **Return to Ölgii & farewell dinner**

Ride back to the ranger station and transfer by vehicle to Ölgii for a farewell dinner with throat singing and a Kazakh folk performance.

STAY Hotel in Ölgii **MEALS** B, L, D

11 **Fly back to Ulaanbaatar**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Ulaanbaatar. End of the expedition.

MEALS Breakfast

Flights between Ulaanbaatar and Ölgii are not included — we're happy to help you book them.

ALL-INCLUSIVE IN WEST MONGOLIA

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

Transport

Airport transfers in West Mongolia
4×4 Land Cruiser with driver
Driver & all fuel

Accommodation

All stays in West Mongolia
Camping & cooking equipment
Sleeping bags & blankets

Meals

All meals in West Mongolia
Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free available

Your team

English-speaking guide
Cook & logistics team
Horses & wranglers

Fees & permits

Eagle hunter, event & horse fees
Photos in eagle hunter clothing
Border permits & park taxes

Not included

Domestic flights (we'll help you book)
Everything in Ulaanbaatar, incl. airport transfers

New to riding?
No experience needed — wranglers match you with a suitable horse.

Private departures
Planned around your dates. Minimum two travellers — solo travellers, ask us.

Meet us in Ölgii
We collect you at Ölgii airport and take care of everything from there.

Your language
English, French, German, Italian, Korean and Mandarin.



READY WHEN YOU ARE

PLAN YOUR HORSEBACK EXPEDITION

This tour runs privately, planned around the dates that suit you. Every itinerary is 100% customisable and can be combined with other tours across Mongolia.

Message us for current availability and pricing.

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