3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS · FROM ULAANBAATAR

Central Mongolia Budget Tour

Kharkhorin & the Semi-Gobi



Ancient history, open steppe and a taste of nomadic life. Explore Erdene Zuu Monastery, ride a two-humped camel in the Semi-Gobi and spend two nights in traditional Mongolian gers.

3 days
2 nights in shared gers

Local guide
English-speaking

From US$300
Per adult

Your route
Ulaanbaatar / Kharkhorin / Elsen Tasarkhai & Semi-Gobi / Khugnu Tarna / Ulaanbaatar

A short, affordable introduction to Central Mongolia. Check current dates, availability and your final price before booking.

YOUR JOURNEY, DAY BY DAY

History, dunes & nomadic life.

01

Ulaanbaatar to Kharkhorin

Hotel pickup is normally between **8:30 and 9:00 AM**. Stop at a supermarket for drinking water and snacks, then cross the steppe to Kharkhorin, the site of Mongolia's former imperial capital. The journey is approximately **370 km, around six hours**, depending on road and traffic conditions. Visit **Erdene Zuu Monastery and Kharkhorin Museum**.

Stay: shared ger guesthouse · Meals: lunch & dinner

02

Semi-Gobi & Elsen Tasarkhai

After breakfast, travel to the Semi-Gobi and Elsen Tasarkhai area, where dunes meet grasslands and mountains. Meet a **local nomadic family**, learn about everyday countryside life and enjoy a ride on a **two-humped camel**. Spend the night in a traditional ger at the family's encampment.

Stay: basic nomadic-family ger · Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner

03

Khugnu Tarna & return to Ulaanbaatar

Visit the Khugnu Khaan Mountain area for approximately **45 minutes of horse riding** in the Khugnu Tarna mountains. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar for hotel drop-off. Planned arrival is around **3:00-4:00 PM**; traffic, roads and vehicle delays may affect timing. Avoid a tight onward connection.

Meals: breakfast & lunch



Camel riding in the Semi-Gobi · Photography from Central Mongolia Tour's website

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

The practical details.

Included

- Hotel pickup & drop-off in Ulaanbaatar
- Transport by car & English-speaking guide
- 2 nights in shared traditional gers
- 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 2 dinners
- Camel ride & about 45 minutes of horse riding
- Entrance fees: Kharkhorin Museum, Erdene Zuu Monastery & Khugnu Tarna National Park

Not included

- Travel insurance
- Airport pickup & drop-off
- Drinking water & snacks
- Alcoholic drinks

What to bring

Bring drinking water, snacks and your own towel. Tell our team about dietary, accommodation or mobility requirements before booking.

Simple accommodation, clearly explained

Night 1: A shared ger guesthouse, usually 4-5 beds per ger, with separate arrangements for men and women. Shared showers and toilets, electricity and Wi-Fi are available outside the ger.

Night 2: A basic nomadic-family ger with an outdoor squat toilet, no shower and no electricity. If you need a seated toilet or more comfort, contact us before booking. Upgrades cost extra and depend on availability; the more comfortable ger option generally operates May-September and may fill up in July-August.

Seasonal arrangements & payment

The tour operates year-round with changes for winter conditions. Nomadic families may move into nearby mountains, so camel riding may take place near the family's ger rather than on the dunes. Our team confirms pickup details before departure.

Pay in person on the day the tour begins, by cash or card. Private departures are available on request; itinerary, availability and price are confirmed with our team.

Ready for your Mongolia journey?

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