

TOUR DETAILS

Tour dates: 14 May – 03 June 2024 (22 days)

Main tour: 14 – 29 May 2024 - 04 June = 22 days in total

Tour size: 6 – 8 participants

Total distance: Main tour 2600km + extension 800km

Pricing:	Size:	Tour price:
	6 – 8 pax	\$5500
Ground crew:	Local guide	Bolormunkh (Bogi)
	Drivers	3
	Chef	1
	Assistant	2

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THIS TOUR:

- Ground transportation in Russian van (including airport transfers) and fuel cost
- 1 Local guide and 1 assistant for setting up camps
- A chef and an assistant
- Camping gear (tents, sleeping bags, mattresses, chairs, tables etc.)
- All lodgings (hotel stay in the city and 4 nights at Ger camps. Camping out in the tent and staying with nomadic herders in remaining days)
- All meals – 3 meals a day and snacks
- Protected area entry fee
- Farewell dinner
- Domestic one-way flight airfare from Ulaanbaatar to Dalanzadgad

NOT INCLUDED:

- Round-trip airfare from your home country to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance including any fees that result from emergency medical or evacuation needs.
- Any beverages

Single room supplement: \$500 (supplement relates to tent, ger camp and hotel nights)

THE ITINERARY SUMMARY

Khentii mountain	Lodgings
Day 1. 14 May. Arrival at Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. Birding along the riparian forest of Tuul river and few small lakes to find early spring migrants.	Hotel
Day 2. 15 May. After morning birding, head east to Terelj national park. Variety of habitats to be searched for birds ranging from riparian poplar forest to larch, pine and birch covered hill side and mountain top and narrow valleys and meadows bisected by wild and rugged rivers.	Tent
Day 3. 16 May. Terelj national park. In the morning observe typical taiga species such as Black-billed Capercaillie, Hazel grouse, Jays, Woodpeckers, and Tits etc. Return to Ulaanbaatar in the evening.	Tent
Day 4. 17 May. Early morning flight to Dalanzadgad in the Gobi, southern Mongolia, if this flight is available. If there is no domestic flight is scheduled on this day, we are left with no other options except driving all the way to Dalanzadgad (590km) for 8 hours.	Ger camp or Hotel
Gobi and steppe lakes	
Day 5. 18 May. Transfer to Zuun saikhan mountain in Gobi gurvan saikhan national park. Full day exploration of Yolyn am gorge. Many resident and summer breeding birds such as Altai snowcock, Himalayan griffon, Bearded vulture, Golden eagle, Beautiful rosefinches, Mongolian accentor, Wallcreeper, White-winged snowfinch and buntings to be seen here. The gorge also act as a migrant trap and the stream flows through the bottom of the canyon and rough grass could hold thrushes, warblers and buntings.	Tent
Day 6. 19 May. The day will be spent trekking along two smaller mountain valleys that resemble Yolyn am gorge. Mongolian finch and Grey-necked bunting.	Ger camp
Day 7. 20 May. Driving through Gobi plateau and check out number of tree plantations as every tree and bush act as a magnet to tired migrating passerines that passing through this arid land. Search for Oriental plover.	Ger camp
Day 8. 21 May. Long drive through stunning desert scenery to Baga Bogd mountain. On the way birding in the Saxaul forest, search amygdalus bushes for Mongolian groundjay. Long-legged buzzard, Pallas's sand grouse, Saxaul sparrow, Steppe grey shrike, Asian desert warbler, Hill pigeon, Lesser kestrel etc.	Tent
Day 9. 22 May. Morning birding around Orog lake and ascend Gobi Altai mountain (Ikh Bogd).	Tent
Day 10. 23 May. Gobi Altai mountain, looking for Altai snowcock, Hodgson's bushchat, Asian rosy finch, Altai accentor and Guldenstad's redstart.	Tent
Day 11. 24 May. In the afternoon, drive down to Orog lake depression and reach Kholboolj lake.	Tent
Day 12. 25 May. Morning birding around Kholboolj lake and drive northward to Khangai mountain. Asian dowitcher, Relict gull, Swinhoe's snipe, Bar-headed goose, Greater and Mongolian sand plover, Broad-billed, Marsh and Terek sandpiper, Long-toed stint etc.	Tent

Day 13. 26 May. Set off for Ogi lake. Swan Goose, Siberian Scoter, Black-throated loon, thousands of White-winged terns, Demoiselle crane and Falcated duck.	Tent
Day 14. 27 May. Morning birding around Ogi lake and explore Bayan lake in the afternoon.	Ger camp
Day 15. 28 May. Morning birding at Bayan lake and drive to Khustai national park. Eastern marsh harrier, Oriental reed warbler, Paddyfield warbler, Pallas's reed bunting and Bearded reedling.	Tent
Day 16. 29 May. Khustai national park. Amur falcon, Daurian partridge, Meadow bunting and raptors. In the evening return to Ulaanbaatar.	Hotel
The trip extension: Khurkh valley, a Ramsar site and North east Asian crane network site	
Day 17. 30 May. Travel east from Ulaanbaatar to Khurkh valley.	Tent
Day 18. 31 May. Khurkh valley. Search series of steppe lakes and wetlands for cranes such as White-naped, Siberian, Hooded, Common crane and waterfowls.	Tent
Day 19. 01 June. Khurkh valley and adjacent riparian forest in Bayangol valley. Great bustard, Amur falcon, Japanese quail, Brown-cheeked rail, Grey nightjar, Yellow-breasted bunting, Thick-billed warbler and Pallas's grasshopper warbler	Tent
Day 20. 02 June. Travel from Khurkh valley to Gungaluut nature reserve.	Tent
Day 21. 03 June. Morning exploration of lakes and wetlands of Gungaluut nature reserve for more cranes, waders and mammals such as Grey wolf and Argali sheep. Return to Ulaanbaatar in the afternoon.	Hotel
Day 22. 04 June. Departure	