

"Photo tour with Yu Yamauchi the WESTERN MONGOLIA" new programme Trip Details at-a-Glance

Day1.

26th August. Friday

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar Chinggis Khaan airport. Meet manager Erjan. Transfer to hotel Platinum by Korean minibus. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.





Manager Mr. Erjan



Hotel Platinum

Day 2. 27th August. Saturday.

Drive to Chinggis Khaan airport early. Flight time will be scheduled on that date. Flight to Ulgii will be done by Fokker 50 type plane of "Aeromongolia" airline. One person can take 15 kg of luggage with him/her and extra luggage has additional charges that will by paid by the him/herself.

Arrive at Ulgii. Drive to Tsagaan gol. Lunchpack (Lunch will be packed so that you will stop to have your packed lunch) Overnight at Tsagaangol. **B.L.D**

We will drive on Toyota Land Cruiser 80 which has seat for 4 people and the driver.





Our car Tsagaan gol

Overnight at tents (The North Face tents). 2 people in each tents. Dinner will be served inside Cabela's wall tent. You will be supplied by matrasses which are suitable for weather conditions. Bring your own sleeping bags.





Sleeping tent and dining tent

Day3 28th August. Sunday. Tavan Bogd mountains

Hike from Tsagaan gol to Altai Tavan Bogd mountains. Luggages and food will we carried by camels. Hiking till Altai Tavan Bogd is suitable, but if you insist on riding a horse, we can hire horses. If riding a horse is preferred, a horse riding guide will ride with you, and you have to follow all the instructions he said strictly. If someone falls from the horse because of his/her own fault, we will not be responsible. **B.L.D**



Day4

29th August. Monday

Hike around Tavan Bogd mountains and take photos. B.L.D

Day5

30th August. Tuesday

Hike following Potanin glacier. Arrive at Tsagaan gol river. Visit a Tuvan family. Drive from Tsagaan gol to Khoton and Khurgan lakes. **B.L.D**

About Khoton and Khurgan lake



Khoton Lake is gorgeous alpine lake, located in Bayan-Ulgii province. It is fresh water lake nestled in a mountain depression surrounded by high mountains with forests. A large numbers of beautiful gulls and migrant birds live at the Khoton lake in summer. It has a maximum depth of 8.58m. Khurgan Lake is also surrounded by glacial moraines. It is 23 km long, 6 km wide and its shoreline is 71 km long. The depth of the lake relatively lower than Khoton lake's and the deepest point reaches at 28 m. 60% of the total surface are the lake is more deeper than 4 m and 10% constitutes more than 12 meters in depth. Volume of the water is 536 million cubic meter and its shoreline has largely been cut. Landscape around the lake is very beautiful and picturesque, surrounded by snow-capped mountains, its shoreline has ancient moraine depressions and hills and its east shore has forest trees. The shoreline of Khurgan Lake is curved and its northern shore has full of peninsulas and bays. There are about 20 bigger and smaller islands of which the largest one Zaan Island cover 1.7 square km area. The islands are all moraine hills, 10-30 m higher than the lake surface. The lake water temperature is relatively low, 8.1° - 10.1°C in June because of the lake is fed by snow, ice and glacial water. The lake water freezes in October through June with 1.3-1.6 m ice thickness.

Khurgan and <u>Khoton lakes</u>, the second largest, are located in an intermontane tectonic depression in the northern part of Mongol Altai mountain range and joined by a 3 km long and 100-150 m wide channel called Sargaal. Geographically, <u>Khoton Lake</u> stretches from the northwest to southeast direction in the west side of Khurgan Lake while Khurgan Lake is located along the latitude.

Khoton and Khurgan lakes are also home to many species of red listed birds: whooper swan, goose, eagle, hooded crane and various species of ducks. During the migration, 1% of the flyway population of the birds: pelican, ruddy shelduck, northern lapwing and common goldeneyes regularly arrive to the site. The lakes belong to <u>Altai Tavan Bogd National Park</u> area and have been gained under state protection since 1996 according to decree number 4 of Mongolian State Great Khural.



Tuva people

Day6 31st August. Wednesday Khoton and Khurgan lakes- Ulgii

Take photos. Drive to Ulgii, visit the eagle hunters family on our way to Ulgii. Introduce Kazakh peoples lifestyles. Overnight at ger camp the near Ulgii. Kazakh farewell dinner and family concert.

Day7

1st September. Thursday Ulgii-Ulaanbaatar:

Flight back to Ulaanbaatar. City tour including the Natural National History Museum and the Chinggis Khan square. Shopping. Farewell dinner in a restaurant. Overnight at the hotel. **B.L.D**





*Day7 Ist September. Thursday*After breakfast drive to airport. Departure.

Single supplement: \$300

The tour fee Includes

- Domestic airfare
- Ground transportation in Mongolia as described in the itinerary based on Toyota Land Cruiser in the Altai Mountains
- Group transfers on arrival and departure
- All accommodations based on twin occupancy (standard rooms at hotel Platinum and Ulgii ger camp)
- Meals as noted in the itinerary
- All excursions, entrance fees, and visits as described in itinerary
- A bottled water per person per day

The tour fee excludes

- International airfare
- passport and visa fees
- medical and trip insurance & evacuation costs
- airport taxes; excess baggage charges
- photography and video fees
- food and beverages not included in the group meals
- tips to drivers or guides
- items of a personal nature, including alcoholic beverages, laundry and telephone calls
- other items not specifically mentioned as included.

More Information

Mongolia has one of the most dramatic climates a traveler might encounter on a journey. Temperatures during the festival can range from summer to artic like conditions all in the same day especially in the Altai! Western Mongolia holds some of Asia's most beautiful and unspoiled wilderness, where the snow-capped Altai Mountains tower above remote forests, lakes, and rivers. Teeming with wildlife, including endangered snow leopards and antelope, this region contains the most impressive of Mongolia's mountain scenery.

Ulgii ger camp

Each ger will come with a stove and a bed with clean blankets and sheets. We also provide sleeping bags to provide more warmth in case it gets cold at night, especially after the stove fire goes out. Some guests prefer to sleep in the sleeping bag, using the blankets provided as extra covers that might be more comfortable depending on your choice.

Transportation

While in Western Mongolia we use Land Cruiser. The driving distances are considerably not so far during your journey.

Food

Our chef will provide hearty meals each day and you will have an opportunity to try traditional Kazakh cuisine, which is reputed to be excellent. Please note that because of the remoteness of the region, there is limited supply of vegetables.

Others

Last day for ordering the trip is 10th of July, 2016. On that day, number of tourists coming will be told and %50 of the cost of the tour must be paid. On the trip, Tumee and Yu will not pay any price and Altai Tour will not pay them any payment. During the tip, broking down of the car or other unexpected delay occurs Altai Tour will be responsible and solve the problem instantly. One car will carry 4 people except than the driver.