

Eagle Festival

TENTATIVE ITINERARY: INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL

Experience Mongolia's annual International Golden Eagle Festival that celebrates the ancient art of eagle hunting—a tradition proudly carried by the nomadic Kazakhs. Set against the backdrop of the Altai Mountains in early October, the festival brings together eagle hunters and their magnificent birds, showcasing their bond and skill. Visitors are treated to a display of hunters clad in traditional attire, competing in contests of agility, precision, and speed, demonstrating the deep-rooted symbiosis between human and eagle. Amidst the festival, immerse yourself in rich cultural offerings, including traditional music, dances, and a bazaar brimming with local crafts. This unforgettable journey is not just a festival—it's an immersion into a unique heritage that has been carried on through generations. Join us to witness this extraordinary celebration of culture, nature, and the age-old spirit of the eagle hunt.



Sept 29

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar

Lodging in hotel in UB

We will gather you from the airport and transfer to hotel in Ulaanbaatar. While you settle in, you may rest in the hotel, or we can begin venturing out to see local museums and markets in the capital city of Mongolia. Dinner at local restaurant.

Sept 30

Fly 2.5 hours to Ulgii

Lodging in ger with detached bathroom at Kerim Tour Ger Camp

Arrive in Ulgii city via plane. Visit local markets and museum. Visit local restaurants for lunch and dinner. Spend the night in Kerim Tour ger camp in Ulgii.

Oct 1-4

Eagle Hunt

Lodging in ger camp

We will begin to learn about western Mongolia and the Kazakh way of life with a drive through the beautiful mountainous region via Tolbo lake.

We will then drive approximately 4 hours to meet a local eagle hunter and his family. We will be hosted in a ger for the next 4 days. Each day we will embark on horseback with our local guide/eagle hunter to hunt for small game including rabbit and fox.



Oct 4

Return to Ulgii

Lodging in ger at Kerim Tour Ger Camp

Return to Ulgii by the evening and stay in Kerim Tour Ger Camp. We will rest and prepare for the Eagle Festival starting the next day.

Oct 5-6

Eagle Festival

Lodging in ger at Kerim Tour Ger Camp

We will depart each morning at 9:00 am and spend the day enjoying the Eagle Festival.

Oct 7

Depart Ulgii to return to Ulaanbaatar by plane

Lodging at Hotel in UB

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and settle into hotel. Local tours and events as allowed by time.

Oct 8

Last day

Depending on your flight time we can visit local museums, cultural events, and markets. Opportunity to tour nearby Genghis Khan Memorial and the Black Market.

Transfer to airport as needed for flight and depart the country.



Included

- Breakfast, lunch, some dinners
- Domestic flight
- All accommodations
- Transport with SUV including gasoline
- Local guide
- Cook
- Permits and fees for the national park
- Visa support

Not Included

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Charges for excess baggage (more than 15 kg on domestic flights)
- Airport taxes
- Individual equipment
- Drinks and extra charges in hotels
- Restaurant meals
- Alcoholic drinks



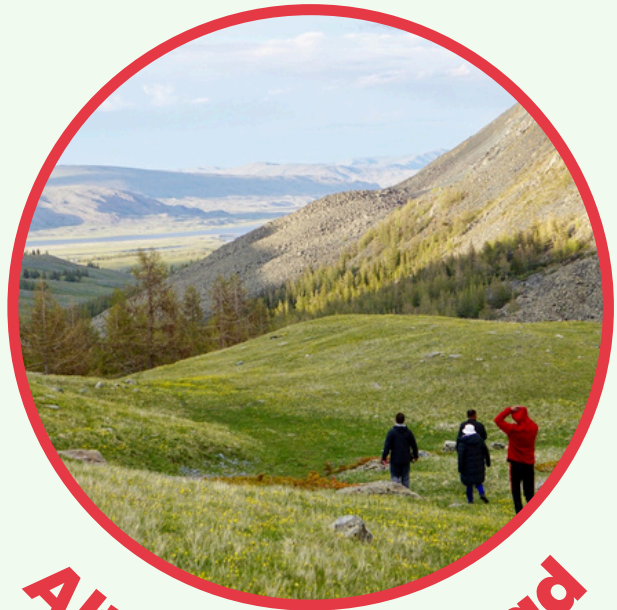
Eagle Hunters



Ger Camp



Horseback Riding



Altai Tavan Bogd

About me

I am a wildlife and restoration ecologist and a part-time hunting and tour guide. I work for several organizations including non-profit Primero Conservation. I mainly work in southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico where I lead wildlife habitat restoration projects and support wildlife conservation research projects on mountain lions, jaguars, and river otters. After my first visit to Mongolia I met, who has become my Kazakh brother, Khairol, who operates Kerim Tours (named after his young son) (western Mongolia is primarily ethnic Kazakh). We wanted to create a partnership to bring tourists to experience the beauty and incredible uniqueness that is Mongolia and especially Western Mongolia.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How much does it cost?

A: This 10-day Eagle Festival Tour begins at \$3,600. Discounts for larger groups available. Prices will vary slightly depending on the tour, time of year, and the needs of the group. We are always willing to meet your needs as a traveler and provide custom experiences.

Q: Will there be a translator?

A: Yes. While communicating efficiently in a foreign country is always difficult, there will always be somebody available to help translate and communicate.

Q: Is Mongolia Safe?

A: Mongolia is one of the safest countries in the world. Our guided tours are meticulously planned for safety, ensuring a secure experience. With knowledgeable local guides at the helm, you'll navigate the vast landscapes and vibrant culture of Mongolia with confidence. From the bustling streets of Ulaanbaatar to the serene expanse of the the country, our team provides constant support and insight, while adhering to the highest standards of safety. Rest assured, your adventure through the heart of Central Asia will be as safe as it is unforgettable.

Q: What is the food like?

A: In Mongolia, you'll dine on a diet rich in meats like mutton and beef, complemented by hearty dumplings ('buuz') and savory pastries ('khuushuur'), with traditional dairy products like the fermented mare's milk 'airag' enhancing your meals. The food is simple, sustaining, and reflective of Mongolia's nomadic heritage.

Q: What if I don't eat meat or have other dietary restrictions?

A: While meat and dairy are important foods in Mongolia, we are happy to meet any dietary restrictions you might have.