



Birding in the East

Mongolia is a superb birding destination. The Eastern Mongolia is rich with wildlife and endless steppes with lakes, all remote, beautiful, fascinating and full of birds.



It is home to around 497 species of birds which include globally scarce species such as Bar-headed Goose, Swan Goose, Siberian Crane, Hooded Crane, White-naped Crane, Falcated Duck, Asian Dowitcher, Red-necked Phalarope and Great Bustard. Raptors are plentiful in this vast country, with good populations of Black Vulture, White Tailed Eagle, Upland Buzzard, Saker Falcon and Amur Falcon. This trip will be more than just birding tour - it will be a true adventures travel. Our birding journey will go through Ikh Nart Nature Reserve, Gun Galuut Nature Reserve and in the Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area.

Day 1: To Ikh Nart Nature Reserve

We pick you up from your hotel in Ulaanbaatar in the morning and transfer to IkhNart Rocks Ger Camp directly by vehicle. We spend about six hours traveling southeast over the grassland, which gradually turns into more arid Gobi steppe. After arrival at the camp check-in to your ger and have free time to explore the surrounding area for birds.



Day 2-3: Ikh Nart Nature Reserve

Two full day of exploring and sighting the birds in the nature reserve. *Ikh Nart Nature reserve birds: Cinereous Vulture, Steppe Eagle, Saker Falcon, Daurian Partridge, Chukar, Daurian Shrike, Little Owl, Meadow Bunting.*

Day 4: To Gun Galuut Nature Reserve

After breakfast, a half day drive to Gun Galuut. There are high mountains named Baits and Berkh where gray wolf, wild sheep, fox, vole, wide steppe and river- Herlen, lakes- Ayaga and Tsen wetland and where water and wetland birds gather and lay their eggs. There besides birding, also can see some wild animals. Have a packed lunch en route.



Day 5: Gun Galuut Nature Reserve

Full day birding at Ayaga lake, Herlen river and Tseng burd wetland. *Twin lake and Ayaga lake birds: Whooper swan, Swan goose, Bar headed goose, Eurasian spoon bill, Red crested pochard, Falcated duck, Baikal teal, Black throated loon, Stejneger's scoter, Great crested grebe, Slavonian grebe (horned grebe), Little grebe, Red throated grebe, Smew, White headed duck, Mongolian gull, Pallas's gull, Relict gull, Arctic tern, Little tern, Whiskered tern, Black tern, White winged tern, Asian dowitcher, Eurasian curlew, Far east curlew, Little curlew, red necked phalarope, red necked stint, Ruff, Sharp tailed sandpiper, Marsh sandpiper.*



Steppe and Kherlen river birds: Cinereous vulture, Steppe eagle, Upland buzzard, Amur falcon, Merlin, Saker falcon, Eastern marsh harrier, Hen harrier, Osprey, Mongolian lark, Richard's pipit, Tawny pipit, Daurian redstart, Siberian rubythroat, Paddy field warbler, Arctic warbler, Pallas's grasshopper warbler, Common and Leaser whitethroat, Leaf warbler, Black faced bunting, Pallas's reed bunting, yellow breasted bunting, Meadow bunting, Little bunting. Daurian jackdaw*

Tsengiin burd wetland birds: Demoiselle crane, White-naped crane, Hooded crane, Siberian crane, Black stork, Oriental white stork, Japanese quail, Daurian partridge.*



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Day 6: To Jalman Meadows

Ealy morning drive west to Jalman meadow ger camp which is located on the bank of Tuul river and is one of the best eco camp of Mongolia. About 320 km from Khurkh vally to there, but almost a half of which is asphaltic road. Picnic lunch on the way.

Day 7-8: Jalman Meadows

Two full day birding at Tuul river sides and Bugat forested mountain side.

On the pass: Black billed capercaillie, Eastern buzzard, Goshawk, Eurasian hobby, Peregrine falcon, Booted eagle, Ural owl*, Spotted nutcracker, Coal tit, Eurasian jay*

Tuul river side: Black woodpecker, white-backed woodpecker, Greater and Lesser spotted woodpecker, Eurasian three toed woodpecker, Grey headed woodpecker, Grey shrike, Brown Shrike, Azura tit, Daurian redstart, Daurian jackdaw, Common starling, White cheeked starling, Taiga flycatcher, Asian-brown flycatcher, Lanceolated warbler, Pallas's grasshopper warbler,*

Bugat forested mountain side: Black grouse, Hazel grouse, Japanese quail*, Daurian partridge, Eurasian jay, Siberian jay, Red-flanked blue tail, Spotted nutcracker, Northern nuthatch, Little bunting.*

Day 9: To Ulaanbaatar

Early morning birding. After breakfast , depart to Ulaanbaatar.

Practicalities

Transport: This tour is supported by a jeep or minibus depending on the number of travelers. Dependent on flight times and days, the trip may be done in reverse direction.

Accommodation: We stay in Ger (yurt) camps for the duration of this trip. The semi-permanent camps are equipped with a restaurant and shared bathroom and shower blocks.

Staff: An English-speaking Mongolian guide will accompany you at all times. Other language guides such as Russian, French, German, Italian, Korean etc. available at additional cost, upon request.

Meals: The meals will be provided in the ger camps, or as picnic lunches.

Including: All meals outside Ulaanbaatar. Local guide. Cook. Camping equipment. Bus for max 12+1 persons. Support vehicle from 8+1 pax. All entrance fees to national parks and monuments. All night accommodation in shared double ger camp accommodations.

Excluding: Beverages. Visa, air or train tickets in and out Mongolia. Meals and hotel accommodations in Ulaanbaatar. Arrival and departure transfers.



PRICES ex Ulaanbaatar:

2 - 12 members: **USD 2220 per person**

Single supplement (8n): **USD 320**

Dates ex Ulaanbaatar:

Mid May to Mid June.

Mid August to Mid September.

