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# Jalman Meadows

## Gorkhi Terelj National Park & Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area

Just a three-hour drive northeast of Ulaanbaatar lies Jalman Meadows, a remote summer pasture bursting with wildflowers. Located on the edge of Gorkhi-Terelj National Park and bordering the Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area, this is true wilderness, stretching to the Russian-Siberian frontier. The landscape marks the transition from open steppe to Siberian boreal forest, with larch and birch woodlands, river meadows, and steppe valleys. Wildlife includes wolves, lynx, brown bears, red deer, moose, and wild boar—though sightings are rare in summer. Activities include hiking, horseback riding, rafting, kayaking, or relaxing in a riverside ger sauna. While southern Gorkhi-Terelj sees conventional tourism, Nomadic Journeys' low-impact ger camp remains completely isolated beside the Tuul River.

### Day 1: To Jalman Meadows

We drive northeast through steppe valleys dotted with gers and livestock, crossing the Zamtiin Pass into the Upper Tuul River Valley, a traditional winter pasture where few families stay in summer—allowing edelweiss and other wildflowers to flourish. On arrival, yak carts meet us to carry luggage, and we settle into comfortable gers.

### Days 2–3: Khan Khentii

Explore at your own pace—on foot, on horseback or by river using catarafts or inflatable kayaks. The area features forests, steppe valleys, and meandering rivers, with vast solitude and scenic beauty. The Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area, established in 1993, preserves much of Mongolia's wilderness. The southern region is lightly inhabited by herders, while the north remains untouched. Enjoy a refreshing swim, ride mountain bikes, relax in a ger sauna, or unwind in the library ger.

### Day 4: Return to Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast, we return to Ulaanbaatar. See the capital city on your own. Distances in the city are short, and most points of interest are walkable.



### Low-Impact Ger Camp

Nomadic Journeys is committed to sustainable tourism, creating local jobs rooted in traditional livelihoods. These include the use of yak carts, packhorses, riding horses, and other herder services. The camp also purchases milk and dairy products from nearby herding families. Jalman Meadows Ger Camp accommodates up to 30 guests in double-occupancy gers. Vehicles are parked a short walk away, maintaining the peaceful natural setting. Fully collapsible and it is designed to leave minimal environmental impact. The camp uses EcoLoo composting toilets, using a special blend of natural bacteria to break down waste, and shower gers where water is heated on wood-burning stoves. Electricity for the kitchen and refrigerator is generated by solar panels. All waste is separated and managed responsibly. The camp's footprint is no greater than that of a traditional herding family-making it a true model of low-impact travel.

### Practicalities

#### Transport:

Private jeep or minibus, depending on group size.

#### Staff:

An English-speaking guide accompanies you. The camp team includes a manager, cook, and local staff. Herders assist with horses and yak carts.

### Meals:

Served three times daily in the restaurant ger: Buffet breakfast, 2–3 course lunches and dinners, tea and coffee are available throughout the day. Packed lunches for excursions can be pre-ordered.

### Upgrade:

Guests may upgrade to a deluxe ger with an en-suite bathroom for added comfort.

### Additional Services:

We can arrange Ulaanbaatar hotels, city tours and transfers.

### Includes:

- English-speaking guide throughout
- All meals outside Ulaanbaatar
- Accommodation in double occupancy gers
- All local transfers
- All activities in the camp

### Excludes:

- Beverages
- Accommodation and transfers in Ulaanbaatar.

### Price ex Ulaanbaatar:

2 members: **USD 1050 per person**

Single Supplement (3n): **USD 150**

Deluxe ger Upgrade (3n): **USD 150**

### per person

Group discount available on request for 4

### DATES ex Ulaanbaatar

Daily mid May to end of September

