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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—hough sightings are rare in summer. While southern Gorkhi-Terelj sees conventional tourism, Nomadic Journeys' low-impact ger camp remains completely isolated beside the Tuul River. This self-guided journey is designed for independent travelers who prefer flexibility while keeping costs low. The surrounding area offers excellent opportunities for hiking, river activities, and exploring the Mongolian wilderness at your own pace.

Activities

Day Hikes

Hike to the lookout point at Hevtee Gatsaa for sweeping views over Jalman Meadows and the Tuul River. You can also request a picnic lunch and explore in any direction on your own.

Yak Cart Rafting

Load a lightweight inflatable catamaran or kayak onto a yak cart and trek half a day upstream along the Tuul River, with a herder guiding the cart. Enjoy a picnic lunch before floating back to camp by raft or kayak.

Swimming

The Tuul River here is pristine, clear, and ideal for a refreshing dip—especially pleasant during July and August.

Reading

Relax in our Library Ger, which houses a curated collection of books on Mongolian culture, history, and wildlife. Most are in English, Mongolian, and Swedish, with some in German and French.

Horse Riding

Organize rides with local horsemen—from short 1-hour sessions to full-day treks.

Mountain Biking

Two mountain bikes are available for rent for self-guided rides through the area's trails.



Riverside Sauna

Build your own sauna by the river! A ger is loaded onto a yak cart and transported to the riverbank.

Birdwatching

Spot a wide variety of birds—from tiny azure tits to majestic steppe eagles. A European bird guidebook is available in the library ger, covering up to 80% of Mongolian bird species.

Conferences & Lectures

For groups, we can organize seminars on Mongolian history, culture, natural sciences, traditional medicine, or music

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

Transfers:

Shared transfers operate daily at fixed times. Departure from Ulaanbaatar: 09:00 Return from camp: 14:00. Travel time is approximately 3 to 3.5 hours by jeep or minivan. For added flexibility, a private transfer can be arranged at your preferred time for an additional cost.

Staff: Camp has an English speaker camp manager to assist you for activities around camp

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.

Includes: All meals at camp. All overnights in double occupancy ger. Transfer to and out of camp on scheduled times.

Excludes: Activities at camp. Beverages, Transfers and accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

PRICE ex Ulaanbaatar:

3d/2n: **USD 420 per person**

4d/3n: **USD 560 per person**

5d/4n: **USD 680 per person**

Single Supplement: **USD 50 per night**

Deluxe ger Upgrade: **USD 50 per person**

Private transfer: **USD 120 per vehicle**

Transfer schedule:

from UB: **09:00**

from camp: **14:00**

DATES ex Ulaanbaatar

Daily mid May to end of Sep.

