

# RIDE WITH JARGAL EXPEDITION

We are truly enthusiastic about representing you the many features of our amazing country that we call home.

Our personal service begins with your first enquiry and extends through your whole trip.

The Horse Ride Mongolia is excited to offer Horseback Trail Ride in Khentii Mountain Range. With us you will enjoy iconic views of the Khentii Mountain Range as you ride to the Asralt Peak. This ride travels across the Khentii Mountain Range of the northeast Mongolia. Explore its impressive landscapes. Wonder across valleys with forests and crystal clear water streams followed by multi-colored mountains.



## **ABOUT US**

We've been around since 2004 and as intentionally we have set up 5 holiday destinations in our main attractive areas in our country. Each is personally designed to suit you to perfection. All the arrangements and horse riding trails are checked to ensure that your holiday runs perfectly. Our tours are for small groups and independent travelers. Through our fixed group and individually created tailor-made itineraries, we aim to share with you the spectacular wilderness areas, fascinating tradition and culture of the nomadic people. We are truly enthusiastic about representing you the many features of our amazing country that we call home.

## **ABOUT HORSE TRAILS**

Being one of the remaining horse-based cultures left in the world, Mongolians deeply preserve their horses. Historically, Mongols built the biggest land empire the world has ever known with the horse as their driven force. Even today, horses are potential to daily life of Mongolian. Mongolia has been a horse based culture for thousands of years so that it is said that Mongols are born on the saddle.

We believe ourselves as generation of horseman or nomadic people so that as imperatively, we are proud of operating horse trails for foreign guests and giving them opportunity to experience about our culture and tradition on horse riding.

Mongolia must be one of the most famous places in the world to go on a riding holiday mainly because of the nomadic culture and wilderness of natural landscape. Our offers of horse riding holidays are suitable for all levels riders.



## TRIP DURATION

14 days

TRIP GRADE

Moderate

HORSE SADDLE

Russian cavalry

PACE

Moderate trots, canters and gallops

TRIP CODE

HR-AF

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Spectacular scenery of the range Explore wild inhabitants including brown bear, moose and red deer Discover beautiful mountain rivers Sightseeing in UB

Enjoy Mongolian traditional folk dance and music

Departs regularly from June to September

Starts from 2590USD

#### BREIF OUTLINE

This fantastic holiday offers horse riding to Asralt peak magnificent peak of the Khentii Mountains and is elevated 2800 meter (9183 ft) above the sea level. You journey on the real natural trails that the local people still use to this day, passing through amazing wilderness. The wilderness of the Khentii Mountain Range is untouched area in Mongolia entitled as a Special Protected Area. It is one of the most remarkable landscapes, with ecological oddities, the watersheds for several river systems such as Onon, Kherlen and Tuul rivers which are draining Eastward and to the Pacific Ocean and Northward to the Arctic Ocean. Therefore, this horse riding destination will cover some of the most remote grassland and forested mountain areas of the range. Along with the beauty of its picturesque landscape, during the trip you will see and experience nomadic herders who make up one of the world's last remaining nomadic cultures. You have to ride through rivers, hard cliff paths, grassland and pastures, flowered untouched landscape which make the area an unforgettable and little-known destination for traveler.

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### ACCOMMODATION ON THE TRIP

One night at a hotel

Two nights in comfortable ger (yurt) camp at Terelj National Park Ten nights in comfortable tent at Khentii Mountain Range

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT OPTION

#### HORSE RIDING TIPS

We recommend you wear a hard hat that meets safety requirement

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Mongolia is generally safe place to travel in terms of health and no specific vaccination are required

#### BASIC GUIDE TO THE LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE

Beginner means person has never sat on a horse or had only limited ride

horse at all page

Intermediate Plus means person fits at all paces, has ridden for a number of years

Experienced means person fit and confident outdoors at all paces on almost

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#### CLIMATE

During whole summer is a great time to ride horse in Mongolia

June is beautiful and is the dry and sunny month and a recommended time to visit, with normal daytime temperatures of 22 - 25°C

July and August are the warmest months with normal daytime temperatures of  $25-28^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ 

Late summer and beginning of autumn bring generally both very pleasant time and settled weather with normal daytime temperatures of 22 - 24°C

#### TOUR FACTS & FEATURES

Transportation All transportation by private vehicle.

Some horse riding tours cannot be supported by car because some tours are organized through Special Protected Area

Meals All meals covered except in UB

Guide Services of professional tour leader &

English speaking tour guide

Group size Maximum 4-8 people

Age range 12+

Horse saddle Russian type saddle with a sheepskin

top

5-7 hours moderate trots, canters and

Torses

Mongol horses are semi-wild so that we choose some to selectively train, while others go for long periods of time without being ridden

Method of riding

Broken to the neck-reining method. They are sure footed and well-mannered. The riding can be fast and exciting and you should be competent at all paces and a confident rider. But all selection of horse riding holidays are suitable for all levels riders



# ITINERARY 2020

Day 1 Ulaanbaatar transfer to Terelj National Park

You will be transferred by mini-van to Terelj National Park. This 90 km transfer will take approximately 1.5 hours located right in the middle of the Khentii Mountain Range. Settle into your room at a traditional ger (yurt) tourist camp in Terelj. After lunch, riders are scheduled to have a briefing with our staff including riding guide who will lead your horse trekking and exercise short practice of riding.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 2 Start our ride going to North Beauty

After breakfast we will drive to meet our horses. We start our ride going North and we will reach Inner Beauty before lunch. Having some rest after lunch, we will ride across the forested valley to the Outer Beauty. After adventurous full day horse ride, traditional gourmet dinner will be served and you can enjoy talking with your friends under deep blue night sky before sleeping.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 3 Full day ride to Lifted Stone through Bugat

The day will begin by continuing further north to the beautiful natural landscapes of the Khentii Mountains. On our way we will ride through real natural beautiful landscape called as Bugat and have a lunch in here then head North until we reach the steep Lifted Stone slopes where you will enjoy a magnificent natural view. Then enjoy your evening tasting a picnic dinner and finally a cup of mountain tea is very relaxing for a clam and healthy sleeping.

Meal: B, L, D

## Day 4 Ride to Asralt summit

This morning you will leave the Lifted Stone to continue to main point of the tour Asralt summit of the Khentii mountains. The route will pass through mountain landscape quite challenging. Forests and small rivers will offer you special feelings of escape and real moments in the saddle. Our picnic lunch point will be the Blue village. Later in the afternoon we will ride to Asralt summit magnificent peak of the Khentii mountains and is elevated 2800 meter (9183 ft) above the sea level. In the dark with the fire low near Asralt summit, sleep will come after a long riding day.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 5 Reach to Old Man Peak

Today we will depart again early and will be riding during all day at the edge of the beautiful Brown Horse natural landscape and the open mixture of mountain and grassland where forest and vegetation hosts an incredible number of bird species. There is plenty of wildlife and flora to see. After a relaxing picnic lunch, we will ride for a few more hours pioneering our way through the wild flower filled rough mountainous and grasslands before finally reaching the Old Man Peak where we will camp at night. In the dark with the fire low near the peak, sleep will come after a long riding day.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 6 Ride to Red low ridge with a waterfall

Today we will continue our ride, passing through several tiny villages, following Mergen low-mountain pass with great panorama views, to reach Red low ridge with a waterfall, where we stay overnight.

Meal: B, L, D



Day 7Ride takes us to the end of Red low ridge

The ride today takes us to the end of Red low ridge. Good possibilities for trot and canter.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 8 Ride to Ninth hot spring natural spa

Today we ride our horses along another beautiful part of the Khentii mountains crossing the forested Red meadow and we arrive at the Ninth hot spring natural spa and take full day rest near the hot spring spa.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 9 Ride to beautiful Hag Black lake

Riders mount up, and ride the twenty kms to Hag Black lake. This lake, located in the center of open, grassy ridges topped with high peaks, has become a favorite of many of our riders. Wildlife is commonly seen and photographed in this area. Lunch will be along the Khalzan Hill.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 10 Ride to Tuul River

A full days ride takes us to our destination - the Tuul River. Riding across the Hag High Plains, descending down into the Khongor River then following its downstream to reach Tuul River.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 11 Ride to Bayan River

After another hearty campfire breakfast we break camp and head for Bayan River via Dorgonot small village. Once through the pass we drop down into the Battlement. Most of this day is spent in wide open country with spectacular Big Sky views.

Meal: B, L, D

# Day 12 Ride to Terelj National Park

The last leg of our journey finds us descending along the twisty trails passing forest, meadows and torrential streams. We ride through a forest and hills for 15km before arriving at Terelj NP and enjoying a brief rest before completing the last few miles of our journey. This is a long day home.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 13 Transfer from Terelj to UB

After breakfast drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Visit Bogd Khan Palace, shop Gobi cashmere shop before enjoying an evening concert of National Folklore. Overnight at the hotel.

Meal: B, L, D

Day 14 Departure

After breakfast airport transfer and services ends.

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## **INCLUDED**

Horse (spare horses taken), tour leader English speaking guide, chef, assistance team, 3 meals per day, snacks and water on rides, all nights' accommodation including hotel in UB, national park/private reserves etc. entrance fees, transpor to and from Terelj NP. All travel equipment for journey. Camping equipment and first aid kits for people and horses. Iridium satellite phone for emergency calls. All others indicated in program.

## NOT INCLUDED

Personal expenditure such as bar bills, international flights, insurance, personal

#### **OUR SUGGESTIONS**

- We prefer that all persons, when mounted wear protective head gear.
- We recommend that you bring your own protective riding hats.
- We also recommend that riders wear long riding boots or short boots with half chaps to prevent chaffing on the legs.

In the interest of general safety, the guide's decision in any given situation is final as the well-being of the horses and riders is paramount.

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

We'll pick you up from UB International airport and take you into the Tereli National Park. The riding starts and ends at Terelj NP. All services are listed in the itinerary fully covered including accommodation, transportation and meals. We do not have problem accommodating vegetarians on this trail because upon your request our cook will prepare dish for vegetarians. There is no issue with altitude for this horse riding trip and no acclimatization required. This ride is suitable for all level riders but it is vital that guests give us accurate riding detai while booking. Although these horse riding are designed for all level riders, you need to be confident cantering and riding in open spaces at speed. All our tours are offered on private or group basis.

#### HORSES

#### PRIVATE TRIP

#### DAYS OF RIDING

#### HOW TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY

LOGO

### SAFETY FOR CONTROLING HORSES

#### HANDLING HORSES

We know that horses can be unpredictable and accidents can happen. However, if safety precautions are used then serious mistakes can be avoided.

Always approach the horse from the right side.

Never stand directly behind a horse, as this is the horse's blind spot. To pass around behind, keep your hand on his rump, stay close to his body and quickly and calmly walk from one side to the other.

Don't make loud noises or sudden movements around horses.

When walking round the back of the horse leave enough of peace space.

Always carry a rope or rope and halter when you are around horses.

If you are not sure horse controlling, ask for help.

Always wear sensible footwear around horses.

Always make sure loose clothing is buttoned / zipped up and cannot flap and frighten your horse.

Handle the horse so that it wants to trust and respect the human. It will gradually learn to ignore what's going on around it.

## SAFETY FOR RIDING

When working around horses be calm and methodical. The horse is always observing how you react to him and your surroundings. If you are confident, you are likely to instil confidence in the horse.

We recommend you wear a hard hat that meets safety standard. Even if your guide or other riders are not wearing a hard hat, this should not influence your decision. On most rides hard hats are compulsory.

Always listen to the guide's instructions and obey them.

Never ride off until all riders are mounted and ready.

When riding in a group, be aware of the other riders. Do not allow your horse to get too close to the horse in front or you might get kicked.

Do not suddenly cut in front of other horses, especially when cantering and jumping, or pass them at speed.

Horses can be startled by sudden movements. Don't throw things (ie hats, cameras) to or from a horse. Always dismount to remove or put on coats and jumpers etc.

Hats and sunglasses should be firmly secured.

Always ride in boots that you would be happy to walk a long distance in.

Horse riding is a physical activity. The fitter you are, the less tired you will become and the more you will enjoy your holiday.

Clothing and Equipment

If you are going to ride, you need to wear clothing that is appropriate for the activity and use the proper equipment:

# Handling:

- gloves
- closed-toed/protective boots
- long sleeved shirt
- durable pants

# Riding:

- helmet
- boots with a heel to prevent foot from getting caught in the stirrups
- breeches/tall boots to prevent chaffing
- properly fitted and well-maintained tack