

Mongolia Adventures

By Mongolia Fixers



Packrafting in Mongolia

JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE ADVENTURE!

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Imagine experiencing some of the most remote and truly pristine environments the world still holds, using natural waterways to traverse a massive landscape... All in an exquisitely small group and via your own packraft!

If you have ever wanted to take part in a truly off the beaten path expedition and would like to see some rarely seen parts of Mongolia, this is the way to do it!

Following is our itinerary. This trip will definitely include nights of rugged camping, a fair bit of driving in our vehicles and lots of time on the water. We think the adventure is an important part of the experience, so expect your boots to get muddy!





Day 1.

Ulaanbaatar - We'll meet in the morning, grab a coffee, break out the maps to go over our route plan and then take care of any last minute purchases & stock up on supplies. Dinner together at one of the nicer places in the city, since things from here on out may be a bit more... rudimentary. Local sightseeing as time permits.



Day 2-3.

Destination: Murun The drive will take a day and a bit and along the way we'll stop to hike an extinct volcano as well as explore ancient Qidan ruins. We'll get to the quaint mountain village of Bayanzurkh before nightfall on Day 3 and camp near the Beltesiin Gol (below left), which flows into the Delger river. (Page 1 - top)

Day 4.

Let's get to the river! Half a day of rough, but gorgeous, off roading to get to our starting point on the river. It will be well worth it, as we're going where tourists simply don't venture due to the complete lack of infrastructure. We will prep our gear, do final checks and bid our drivers farewell as we embark on our journey downstream. Dinner and camping near the river bank.



What our clients think:

I joined Mongolia Fixers on one of their expeditions recently. They took care of everything extraneous, letting me just focus on the experience and enjoy the moment. The guides, the food, the vehicles, the scenery - everything is amazing. Thanks! I look forward to returning and seeing more of your beautiful country. Ethan B. - USA



Day 5.

Rafting the Upper Delger Murun. We'll encounter Class 1-2 rapids and possibly a few Class 3 sets as well. It's bound to be beautiful, interesting and exciting. We can stop during our journey for photographs or exploration of any unique sites along the way. After two days and 45-50km on the river, we will meet our drivers, resupply and overnight near the confluence of the Delger and Beltesiin rivers. Potential for some stunning sunset photography around Bojloo Rock if the timing works out.

Day 6.

Rafting the Middle Delger Murun. As you'll see, this river just keeps getting better. The river here also changes quite dramatically. Depending on water levels, we can expect numerous class 2 and even some small class 3 rapid sets. In many places, boulders are strewn across the river, creating a unique look, a great obstacle course and stunning photo opportunities. We'll meet our drivers in the evenings, cook dinner and spend the nights under the stars.

Day 7.

Today we'll raft a section of constantly changing scenery, which has numerous Class 2 and a few Class 3 rapid sections that are sure to keep your attention. From steep cliffs to broad valleys, sandy beaches and a river which varies between a slow gentle drift and technical maneuvering in rapids around partially submerged boulders, this day on the river will both excite and tire you out. After meeting our drivers, we'll enjoy a good meal, conversation and a relaxing time around the campfire. During the last two days, we'll have covered another 55-60km of river.



What our clients think:

A truly unique experience far off the beaten path. We paddled down a river in the wilderness of Mongolia, surrounded by stunning mountain vistas, rolling hills and vast plains. Add to that a service far above normal and you have the vacation of a lifetime!
Andres - Sweden



Day 8.

For our last day on the river we'll raft a final 22km to our take-out point, expecting to arrive there by mid-afternoon. We'll load everything into the vehicles and after lunch begin the journey out of the river valley.

Days 9-11.

It wouldn't be right to come so far and not get a chance to see Lake Khövsgöl. Located just a few hours away, this lake is the largest volume lake in Mongolia and contains nearly half a percent of our planet's fresh water supply! It is one of 17 ancient lakes in the world and is stunningly beautiful. We'll take you to one of our favorite tour camps and plan to get some boating in during the afternoon, weather permitting. There will also be opportunities for hiking, horse riding and even diving (if you're certified). We'll take a day to relax and then get underway for Ulaanbaatar on Day10. We'll enjoy one more night of camping, arriving on Day 11. Once we get back to UB, we'll enjoy taking you for a delicious farewell dinner.



A Bit About Us

Gregg Mikolasek

Gregg has managed logistics for expeditions in the USA, Central and South America and Mongolia for purposes ranging from exploration to search and recovery, travel tourism and filming. Over the years he's explored 19 of Mongolia's 21 provinces. Gregg is a pro skydiver, SCUBA + Freediver and occasional skier. He has been traveling to Mongolia since 2007.

Ganerdene 'Gana' Yuljinsenge

Gana has been guiding since 1993. He has traveled and guided in nearly all of Mongolia's provinces. Gana has led dozens of mountain biking trips, numerous trekking groups supported by camel caravan and has been driving/guiding for many expeditions including U.S astronaut Kenneth "Ken" Ham. He specializes in the Gobi, though recently traded in his camel for a packraft, saying something like 'packrafts don't spit at you or smell as bad'.

Travel Details

Pricing for the Khövsgöl Packrafting Expedition is inclusive of airport transfers, all in-country land travel, domestic flight from Ulaanbaatar to Murun (if available), 2X nights in a tourist class hotel in Ulaanbaatar and all countryside accommodations, non-restaurant meals, use of Alpacka packraft, paddle & life vest. Tent and sleeping bag will be provided. Expedition participants provide own sleeping pad (if desired), specialty clothing, wet or drysuit (if desired), drybag and personal effects. Alcohol - let us know what you like and we can quote having your favorite drinks available. ‡ Tents are individual. Hotel rooms are based on double occupancy. Single supplement available for \$200.00.

Dates: June 16 - 26, 2020; Aug 8-18, 2020

Cost: \$3450.00*

Our 2020 river packrafting expeditions will be limited to 6 adventurous souls. We are keeping the groups small and looking for the type of people who want to unplug from the world, have fun and relax. Adventurous spirit? Low maintenance? Packrafting lover? Then this trip is for you! This ain't no tour bus bouncing around the countryside, but fear not, we've got your back. Your backup crew will consist of experienced tour leaders, guides, cook (during days when we meet our vehicles), drivers and translator to be there for you during the journey. Just be ready to pitch your own tent!

*Discount of \$350 available if you supply your own packraft, paddle and flotation gear.

**Join one of our Gobi Desert add-on tours for a very special price when you participate in our packrafting expedition. This tour is a must do if you have the time! Inquire for details.

Roundtrip Airfare to UB - What to expect

Typical RT international airfare during the summer months falls into the \$700.00 - \$1500.00 range (as of 11/10/2019). We are happy to assist in making travel arrangements if needed.



Evacuation Insurance

Our experience in Mongolia has taught us that having Emergency Evacuation and Medical Insurance is an absolute necessity. There are several providers we are familiar with, which service Mongolia adequately. These include Global Rescue and International SOS. You must get us your insurance details in advance of the trip, as we will have them on file with the local provider.

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