EAGLE FESTIVAL TOUR
IN WESTERN MONGOLIA



Eagle Festival, Altai Mountains, Siberian Taiga, and Steppes

Mongolia is a well-known destination for the age-old nomadic culture as well as the fascinating birdlife. We are offering the great and inspiring opportunities to our clients for birding in different habitats whilst attending Eagle Festival in the country. Meet Kazakh eagle hunters and learn from their unique way of life. This tour also supports nomadic people through our activities and meets the concept of sustainable and responsible tours.

Price per person: US$ 2,200	**Tour Code:** FeGEF1
Date: 2 – 8 Oct (7 days)	**Group size:** 4 – 14 persons

The price **includes** all transport and accommodations within Mongolia, nomadic family visit, English speaking expert guide, meals (Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner) and drinking water, city tour and shopping, entrance fees to all national parks, museums, monasteries and cultural events, road tolls, invitation letter for visa support if necessary.

The price **excludes** international transportation, all types of insurance, visas, departure tax, alcoholic drinks and items of personal nature, binoculars, telescopes and tripods, extra luggage, and optional tours.

We cannot warranty: Occasional flight delays or cancellations, poor road conditions, items of personal nature, adverse weather conditions, any personal injure.

DAYS	SITES
1	Ulaanbaatar
2	Khustai National Park
3	Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
4	Ulgii Town
5-6	Eagle Festival and return Ulaanbaatar
7	Departure

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Day 1. Arrive in Ulaanbaatar
Guides and drivers will pick you up at the International Chinggis Khaan airport after your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, which is the capital of Mongolia and check in our booked hotel in Ulaanbaatar city. You will have a bit rest at the hotel. After lunch (in case you arrive before lunch), will visit gravel pond to see some common birds and possibly Azure tit. Will have WELCOME DINNER at one of the most famous restaurants in







Ulaanbaatar and return to the hotel.

Food: Welcome dinner at a restaurant
Road: Total coverage 30 km paved road.

Day 2. Khustai National Park

Drive west to Khustai national park, the land of the reintroduced Takhi or Przewalski's Wild Horse (*Equus przewalskii*). Thanks to the good conservation management, the species which was on the brink of extinction has now exceeded well over 300 individuals. Along with other interesting mammals, watch the fascinating birdlife including Daurian Partridge, Cinereous & Himalayan Vultures, Golden & Steppe Eagles, Upland Buzzard, Saker Falcon, Mongolian and Asian Short-toed Larks, Brown Shrike and Meadow Bunting. Overnight in a tourist ger camp.

Food: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
Road: Total coverage 90 km paved road (2 hours).

Day 3. Gorkhi - Terelj National Park

Gorkhi-Terelj NP is a southern end of the Siberian boreal forest (or taiga) where you find picturesque mountain with mixed forest trenched by beautiful valleys. Following arrival in the national park, we will check in our tourist ger camp near birding site. We will find old and big popular trees and find Great Spotted, Lesser Spotted, Grey-headed and Black Woodpeckers, Great and Willow Tits, Red-throated Thrush, Siberian Rubythroat, Taiga



and Asian Brown Flycatchers, Eastern Buzzard (*B. b. japonicus*), Daurian Jackdaw, Red-billed Chough and Pine Bunting. Overnight in a tourist ger camp near birding site.

Food: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
Road: Total coverage 150 km paved road (3 hours).

Day 4. Arrive in Ulgii



After breakfast, you'll be taken to the airport, Chinggis Khaan, to catch the airplane to Ulgii, capital of Bayan-Ulgii aimag, which is located in the extreme west of the country, and shares borders with both Russia and China. After 3 and a half-hour flight to Ulgii, you will be picked up by our driver and English speaking guide at the airport in Ulgii, and will check in a reserved hotel in the aimag center. After lunch, you will visit a well-known museum, and travel around the city.

Food: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Road: Three and a half-hour drive



Day 5-6. Golden Eagle Festival

After breakfast, we'll attend the Eagle Festival. There we see ceremonially dressed-up hunter's parade with eagles, and the interesting competition between hunters as well as eagles catching hares and foxes. Prizes are awarded for speed, agility and accuracy, as well as for the best traditional Kazakh dress, and more. And we will meet some eagle trainers. Flight back to



Ulaanbaatar will be in the evening of 6th day of the trip. After your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, you'll be picked up at the airport and taken to the reserved hotel.

Day 7. Last Day of the Trip

Transfer to the international airport, Chinggis Khaan. The end of OUR SERVICE.

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR TRIP DATES, PRICES, GROUP SIZE AND AVAILABILITY

Your local host organization will be the Mongolica Co. Ltd and Mongolian Ornithological Society. Throughout this tour, we will be assisting them to collect information about the birds of this poorly known country, which will update the Mongolian Bird Database of the Mongolian Ornithological Society.

No	Scientific Name	English Name	Note
1.	*Cygnus cygnus*	Whooper Swan	
2.	*Tadorna ferruginea*	Ruddy Shelduck	
3.	*Tadorna tadorna*	Common Shelduck	
4.	*Anas platyrhynchos*	Mallard	
5.	*Anas crecca*	Common Teal	
6.	*Anas strepera*	Gadwall	
7.	*Anas penelope*	Eurasian Wigeon	
8.	*Anas acuta*	Northern Pintail	
9.	*Anas guerguedula*	Garganey	
10.	*Anas clypeata*	Northern Shoveler	
11.	*Aythya ferina*	Common Pochard	
12.	*Aythya fuligula*	Tufted Pochard	
13.	*Bucephala clangula*	Common Goldeneye	
14.	*Mergus merganser*	Common Merganser	

15.	*Accipiter gentilis*	Northern Goshawk	
16.	*Accipiter nisus*	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	
17.	*Buteo hemilasius*	Upland Buzzard	
18.	*Buteo buteo*	Common Buzzard	
19.	*Hieraaetus pennatus*	Booted Eagle	Rare
20.	*Aquila nipalensis*	Steppe Eagle	
21.	*Aquila chrysaetos*	Golden Eagle	
22.	*Gypaetus barbatus*	Lammergeier	
23.	*Aegypius monachus*	Cinereous Vulture	
24.	*Gyps himalayensis*	Himalayan Griffon	Rare
25.	*Falco cherrug*	Saker Falcon	
26.	*Falco subbuteo*	Eurasian Hobby	
27.	*Falco naumanni*	Lesser Kestrel	
28.	*Falco tinnunculus*	Common Kestrel	
29.	*Lyrurus tetrix*	Black Grouse	Rare
30.	*Tetrao parvirostris*	Black-billed Capercaillie	Rare
31.	*Tetrastes bonasia*	Hazel Grouse	Rare
32.	*Perdix dauuricae*	Daurian Partridge	
33.	*Larus mongolicus*	Mongolian Gull	
34.	*Columba livia*	Rock Pigeon	
35.	*Columba rupestris*	Hill Pigeon	
36.	*Bubo bubo*	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	
37.	*Athene noctua*	Little Owl	
38.	*Picus canus*	Gray-faced Woodpecker	
39.	*Dryocopus martius*	Black Woodpecker	
40.	*Dendrocopos major*	Great Spotted Woodpecker	
41.	*Dendrocopos leucotos*	White-baked Woodpecker	
42.	*Dendrocopos minor*	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	
43.	*Picoides tridactylus*	Three-toed Woodpecker	Rare
44.	*Calandrella cheleensis*	Asian Short-toed Lark	
45.	*Melanocorypha mongolica*	Mongolian Lark	
46.	*Eremophila alpestris*	Horned Lark	
47.	*Lanius cristatus*	Brown Shrike	
48.	*Lanius isabellinus*	Rufous-tailed Shrike	
49.	*Sturnus cineraceus*	White-cheeked Starling	
50.	*Garrulus glandarius*	Eurasian Jay	
51.	*Cyanopica cyanus*	Azure-winged Magpie	Rare

52.	*Pica pica*	Black-billed Magpie	
53.	*Nucifraga caryocatactes*	Spotted Nutcracker	
54.	*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*	Red-billed Chough	
55.	*Corvus dauuricus*	Daurian Jackdaw	
56.	*Corvus frugilegus*	Eurasian Rook	
57.	*Corvus corone*	Carrion Crow	
58.	*Corvus corax*	Common Raven	
59.	*Monticola saxatilis*	Rufous-tailed Rock-Thrush	
60.	*Turdus ruficollis*	Red-throated Thrush	
61.	*Aegithalos caudatus*	Long-tailed Tit	
62.	*Parus palustris*	Marsh Tit	
63.	*Parus montanus*	Willow Tit	
64.	*Parus ater*	Coal Tit	
65.	*Parus cyanus*	Azure Tit	
66.	*Parus major*	Great Tit	
67.	*Sitta europaea*	Wood Nuthatch	
68.	*Passer domesticus*	House Sparrow	
69.	*Passer montanus*	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	
70.	*Petronia petronia*	Rock Sparrow	
71.	*Pyrgilauda davidiana*	Small Snowfinch	
72.	*Uragus sibiricus*	Long-tailed Rosefinch	
73.	*Coccothraustes coccorhraustes*	Hawfinch	
74.	*Emberiza leucocephala*	Pine Bunting	
75.	*Emberiza cioides*	Meadow Bunting	
76.	*Emberiza schoeniclus*	Reed Bunting	
77.	*Emberiza pallasi*	Pallas' Bunting	
78.	*Emberiza pusilla*	Little Bunting	
79.	*Emberiza spodocephala*	Black-faced Bunting	