MONGOLIA BIRDING:
Magnificent Raptors of Mongolia



Rolling Steppes, Siberian Taiga Forest, Saxaul Trees, and Gobi Altai Mountains

Mongolica team collaborating with Mongolian Ornithological Society arranges professional birding holidays to the genuinely fantastic birding sites in Mongolia. You can see a many species of raptors in different natural habitats during this trip, driving through a variety of natural landscapes from Mongolian rolling steppes to the Siberian taiga forest in the country made famous by the Great Chinggis Khaan. Experience these natural habitats found in Mongolia with excellent company and professional guides for to find international star raptors including Saker & Amur Falcons, Lesser & Common Kestrels, Upland & Long-legged Buzzards, Cinereous, Bearded & Himalayan Vultures, and Steppe, Golden, and Booted Eagles and many more!

Tour code: BM-RWT1

Price per person: US$ 2,159 **Deposit:** 30%

Date: 15 - 23 AUG 2018; (9 days) **Group size:** 4 -14 persons

The price **includes** all transport, food and accommodations within Mongolia, nomadic family visit, Expert bird guide, camel/horse trek, city tour & shopping.

Excludes international transportation, all types of insurance, visas, departure tax, alcoholic drinks and items of personal nature, binoculars, telescopes and tripods, sleeping bags, extra luggage, optional tours.

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

DATE	WILDLIFE SITES
Day 1.	Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (Tuul River Valley & Marshlands)
Day 2.	Khustai NP (Land of Przewalski's Wild Horse)
Day 3.	Ulaanbaatar
Day 4-5.	Yolyn Am (Gobi Altai Mountains)
Day 6.	Bayanzag (The Flaming Cliffs)
Day 7.	Gorkhi-Terelj NP (Siberian Taiga Forest)
Day 8.	Ulaanbaatar (Optional City Tour & Shopping)
Day 9.	Departure

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TOUR ITINERARY



Upland Buzzard



Lesser Kestrel


Saker Falcon

Day 1. Arrive In Ulaanbaatar
Our crew will pick you up at the Chinggis Khaan International airport after your arrival in Ulaanbaatar which is the capital of Mongolia and check in a hotel. You will have a bit rest at the hotel. After lunch, visit Tuul river forest near Ulaanbaatar. We will see Azure Tit, Long-tailed Rosefinch, Azure-winged Magpie, White-crowned Penduline Tit, Upland Buzzard and possibly Hen Harrier and Peregrine Falcon. 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 (30 minutes' drive).

Day 2. Khustai National Park
After breakfast, we will drive to Khustai National Park which is a home for re-introduced Przewalski's Wild Horse (*Equus przewalskii*). Interesting raptors in the park are Golden Eagle, Saker Falcon, Cinereous Vulture, Himalayan Vulture, Common Kestrel, Amur Falcon, Eurasian Hobby, Lesser Kestrel, Black Kite, Upland Buzzard possibly Bearded Vulture and Long-legged Buzzard and also Daurian Partridge, Mongolian Lark, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush and Meadow Bunting. In the park's comfortable restaurant we will have a dinner with Mongolian cold beer. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 80 km on paved and 15 km dust roads (2-3 hours' drive).

Day 3. Ulaanbaatar
Transfer to Ulaanbaatar in late afternoon. Relax and prepare for the busy birding in Gobi region. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 80 km paved and 15 km dust road (2-3 hours' drive).

Day 4-5. Yolyn Am (Gobi Altai Mountains)
Upon arrival in Dalanzadgad town, we drive straight to the high mountain and check in a tourist ger camp. In this hotspot we see many birds of prey including Upland Buzzard (dark

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Steppe Eagle



Himalayan Vulture



Long-legged Buzzard

morph), Bearded & Himalayan Vultures, Saker Falcon along with Kozlov's and Brown Accentors, Mongolian Finch, Crag Martin, White-winged Snowfinch, Black Redstart, and Beautiful Rosefinch and Godlewski's and Grey-necked Buntings. Down the desert steppe, we find the pretty Oriental Plover. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 50 km paved road (1 hour' drive and 1 hour' flight).

Day 6. Bayanzag (The Flaming Cliff)
The first place which yielded eggs of giant dinosaurs. Steep red cliffs are suitable nesting place for lizard-eating Lesser Kestrel. Visit endemic saxaul trees and find Long-legged Buzzard. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 120 km dust road (3-4 hours' drive).

Day 7. Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
Upon breakfast, we will drive to the airport in Dalanzadgad town to catch the flight to Ulaanbaatar city, which will be around 30 munites' drive. After landed in Ulaanbaatar city, we will drive straight to the Terelj NP which is the southern end of Siberian boreal forest. We will see Eastern Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Eurasian Sparrowhawk and Northern Goshawk. Meantime, we will see Olive-backed Pipit, Pine Bunting, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Rosefinch, Taiga flycatcher, Yellow-browed Warbler, and Red-throated Thrush. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 60 km paved road (1-2 hours' drive & 1 hour flight).

Day 8. Ulaanbaatar
In the evening we will return in the Ulaanbaatar city. Shopping and farewell dinner. Overnight in a hotel. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 60 km paved road (4-5 hours' drive).

Day 9. Departure
Transfer to Chinggis Khaan international airport will be the end of our services in Mongolia.

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

Your local host organization will be Mongolica Travel 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 National Bird Database run by Mongolian Ornithological Society.

List of raptor species to be seen during the trip:

No	Common name	Scientific name	Notes
1.	Lesser Kestrel	*Falco naumanni*	Breeding visitor
2.	Common Kestrel	*Falco tinnunculus*	Breeding visitor
3.	Amur Falcon	*Falco amurensis*	Breeding visitor
4.	Eurasian Hobby	*Falco subbuteo*	Breeding visitor
5.	Saker Falcon	*Falco cherrug*	Breeding visitor & resident
6.	Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus*	Breeding visitor? (very rare)
7.	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	*Pernis ptilorhyncus*	Breeding visitor? (very rare)
8.	Black Kite	*Milvus migrans*	Breeding visitor
9.	Lammergeier	*Gypaetus barbatus*	Resident
10.	Himalayan Vulture	*Gyps himalayensis*	Summer visitor
11.	Cinereous Vulture	*Aegypius monachus*	Breeding visitor
12.	Eastern Marsh-Harrier	*Circus spilonotus*	Breeding visitor (rare along this route)
13.	Northern Harrier	*Circus cyaneus*	Breeding visitor (rare)
14.	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	*Accipiter nisus*	Breeding visitor
15.	Northern Goshawk	*Accipiter gentilis*	Breeding visitor
16.	Grey-Faced Buzzard	*Butastur indicus*	Vagrant
17.	Eastern Buzzard	*Buteo buteo japanensis*	Breeding visitor
18.	Long-Legged Buzzard	*Buteo rufinus*	Breeding visitor
19.	Upland Buzzard	*Buteo hemilasius*	Resident
20.	Steppe Eagle	*Aquila nipalensis*	Breeding visitor
21.	Golden Eagle	*Aquila chrysaetos*	Resident breeder
22.	Booted Eagle	*Hieraaetus pennatus*	Breeding visitor

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