Birding Safari
for Siberian Wintering Birds

Siberian Jay, Siberian Tit, Pallass's Rosefinch and more!



Adventure birding in the cold winter of Mongolia tends to attract lots of birders to the destination. That's because it has the beautiful snow-covered landscapes filled with many sunny bright days. Cranes, geese, harriers, and the other summer breeders all already left the country. But big flocks of Mongolian and Shore Larks, Small Snowfinch, Snow and Lapland Buntings and lots of other small passerines gather to feed on the big open grasslands of Mongolia and yet the soaring raptors including adult Saker Falcon, Upland Buzzard and Cinereous Vulture stay and guard their places. From the north, the winter visitors such as Rough-legged Buzzard, Bohemian Waxwing and Common Redpoll have already come for winter. Pallas's Rosefinch, Siberian Jay, Siberian Tit, Brown and Alpine Accentors have come down to the lower grounds.

Join us for this fabulous adventure and meet Mongolian nomads who have also settled in their wintering places. Make your dreams come true travelling in wonderful land filled with glorious wildlife!

Trip Highlights:

- Benefit low season price
- Many sought-after species – Siberian Jay, Siberian Tit, Pallas's Rosefinch, Snow & Lapland Buntings and more
- Nomadic family visit and stay in comfortable tourist ger camps
- Grey Wolf, Mongolian Gazelle, Siberian Ibex and Argali Sheep
- Sublime sceneries of snow covered mountains, steppes, and forest

Tour Code: BM-WB1

Price per person: US$ 1500 **Deposit:** US$ 450

Date: 25 Feb – 2 Mar, 2018; 1 – 7 Nov, 2018; (7 days) **Group size:** 4 -8 persons

The price **includes** all transport and accommodations within Mongolia, and meals, expert bird guide, drinking water, nomad family visit, entrance fees to all national parks, and road tolls.

The price **excludes** international transport, all types of insurance, visa, 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.	Arrive In Ulaanbaatar City
DAY 2.	Bogd Khan Mountain PA
DAY 3-4.	Khustai NP
DAY 5-6.	Gorkhi-Terelj NP
DAY 7.	Departure

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TRIP ITINERARY



Baikal Bullfinch

Day 1. Arrive in Ulaanbaatar
Our crew picks you up at the Chinggis Khaan international airport upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar which is the capital of Mongolia and transfer to the reserved hotel. Optional rest at the hotel. After lunch (in case you arrive before lunch), visit Tuul river forest on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar. Target species include Azure-Winged Magpie, Azure Tit, Long-Tailed and Pallas's Rosefinches, Meadow Bunting, Bohemian Waxwing, Common Redpoll, Siberian and Brown Accentors and wintering Ruddy Shelduck. WELCOME DINNER at one of the most famous restaurants in the city. **Food:** Welcome dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 30 km paved road. (30 minutes' drive)



Ural Owl

Day 2. Bogd Khan Mountain SPA
After breakfast, start driving to Bogd Khan Mountain. Walk along the mountain valley to get bird feeding place which attracts many hungry birds such as Willow, Marsh, And Great Tits, Eurasian Nuthatch, Eurasian Jay at close distance. After lunch, visit another area of the mountain where we find all species of Tits and Woodpeckers, Pine Grosbeak, Common and Two-barred Crossbills, Spotted Nutcracker, Eurasian Jay and possibly Ural Owl. Overnight in a hotel. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 100 km paved road. (2 hours' drive)



Lapland Bunting

Day 3-4. Khustai NP
After breakfast, start driving to the west of Ulaanbaatar to see wintering birds on open grasslands in Khustai NP, which is the place where the reintroduction project of Przewalski's Wild Horse *Equus przewalskii* have been successfully implemented. Under the umbrella of the wild horse's protection, the number of species of wildlife has been increased recently. If the snow covered road condition allows, drive to see Grey Wolf, Red Deer, and Mongolian Gazelle. Target bird species include Saker Falcon, Golden Eagle, Daurian Partridge in winter plumage. Mongolian and Horned Larks, Small Snowfinch and possibly Lapland and Snow

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Siberian Jay



Lapland Bunting & Snowfinch

Buntings on the open grassland. Other raptors include Upland Buzzard, Common Kestrel, and possibly Merlin and Rough-legged Buzzard. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 90 km paved road and 15 km dust road. (over 2 hours' drive)

Day 5 -6. Gorkhi-Terelj NP

After breakfast, drive to the east of the ger camp to get the boreal forest. Upon arrival, check in a tourist ger camp near birding site. The possible birds in the park are Three-Toed and other Woodpeckers, and Hazel Grouse, Eurasian Jay, Siberian Tit and Siberian Jay. The challenging species will be Spotted Capercaillie. Other possibilities are Ural and Great Grey Owls. Overnight in a local tourist ger camp. **Food:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 160 km paved road. (around 3.5 hours' drive)

Day 7. Departure

A transfer to Chinggis Khaan International Airport will be the end of our services in Mongolia.

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Your local host is Mongolica Travel in cooperation with Mongolian Ornithological Society. Your careful checklist for the trip will help collect data on the migratory birds of this poorly known country, which will update the Mongolian National Bird Database run by Mongolian Ornithological Society.

No	Scientific name	English name	Note
1	*Tadorna ferruginea*	Ruddy Shelduck	
2	*Anas platyrhynchos*	Mallard	
3	*Bucephala clangula*	Common Goldeneye	
4	*Mergus merganser*	Common Merganser	
5	*Buteo hemilasius*	Upland Buzzard	
6	*Buteo lagopus*	Rough-legged Buzzard	
7	*Aquila chrysaetos*	Golden Eagle	
8	*Haliaeetus albicilla*	White-tailed Eagle	Very rare
9	*Aegypius monachus*	Cinereous Vulture	
10	*Falco cherrug*	Saker Falcon	
11	*Falco tinnunculus*	Common Kestrel	
12	*Lyrurus tetrix*	Black Grouse	Rare
13	*Tetrao parvirostris*	Black-billed Capercaillie	Rare
14	*Tetrastes bonasia*	Hazel Grouse	Rare
15	*Perdix dauurica*	Daurian Partridge	
16	*Columba livia*	Rock Pigeon	
17	*Columba rupestris*	Hill Pigeon	
18	*Surnia ulula*	Northern Hawk Owl	illusive
19	*Strix uralensis*	Ural Owl	illusive
20	*Athene noctua*	Little Owl	
21	*Picus canus*	Grey-faced Woodpecker	
22	*Dryocopus martius*	Black Woodpecker	
23	*Dendrocopos major*	Great Spotted Woodpecker	
24	*Dendrocopos leucotos*	White-backed Woodpecker	
25	*Dendrocopos minor*	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	
26	*Picoides tridactylus*	Three-toed Woodpecker	Rare
27	*Melanocorypha mongolica*	Mongolian Lark	
28	*Eremophila alpestris*	Horned Lark	
29	*Lanius excubitor*	Great Grey Shrike	Rare
30	*Garrulus glandarius*	Eurasian Jay	
31	*Perisoreus infaustus*	Siberian Jay	
32	*Cyanopica cyanus*	Azure-winged Magpie	Rare

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33	*Pica pica*	Black-billed Magpie	
34	*Nucifraga caryocatactes*	Spotted Nutcracker	
35	*Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*	Red-billed Chough	
36	*Corvus dauuricus*	Daurian Jackdaw	
37	*Corvus frugilegus*	Eurasian Rook	
38	*Corvus corone*	Carrion Crow	
39	*Corvus cornix*	Hooded Crow	
40	*Corvus corax*	Northern Raven	
41	*Prunella montanella*	Siberian Accentor	
42	*Prunella fulvescens*	Brown Accentor	
43	*Prunella collaris*	Alpine Accentor	Rare
44	*Turdus atrogularis*	Black-throated Thrush	
45	*Aegithalos caudatus*	Long-tailed Tit	
46	*Parus palustris*	Marsh Tit	
47	*Parus montanus*	Willow Tit	
48	*Poecile cinctus*	Siberian Tit	
49	*Parus ater*	Coal Tit	
50	*Parus cyanus*	Azure Tit	
51	*Parus major*	Great Tit	
52	*Regulus regulus*	Goldcrest	
53	*Sitta europaea*	Wood Nuthatch	
54	*Passer domesticus*	House Sparrow	
55	*Passer montanus*	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	
56	*Petronia petronia*	Rock Sparrow	
57	*Pyrgilauda davidiana*	Small Snowfinch	
58	*Fringilla montifringilla*	Brambling	Rare
59	*Spinus spinus*	Eurasian Siskin	
60	*Acanthis flavirostris*	Eurasian Twite	
61	*Acanthis flammea*	Common Redpoll	
62	*Uragus sibiricus*	Long-tailed Rosefinch	
63	*Carpodacus roseus*	Pallas's Rosefinch	
64	*Coccothraustes coccorhraustes*	Hawfinch	
65	*Loxia curvirostra*	Red Crossbill	
66	*Loxia leucoptera*	Two-barred Crossbill	
67	*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*	Eurasian Bullfinch	
68	*Pyrrhula cineracea*	Baikal Bullfinch	
69	*Pinicola enucleator*	Pine Grosbeak	
70	*Emberiza cioides*	Meadow Bunting	
71	*Calcarius lapponicus*	Lapland Longspur	
72	*Plectrophenax nivalis*	Snow Bunting	

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