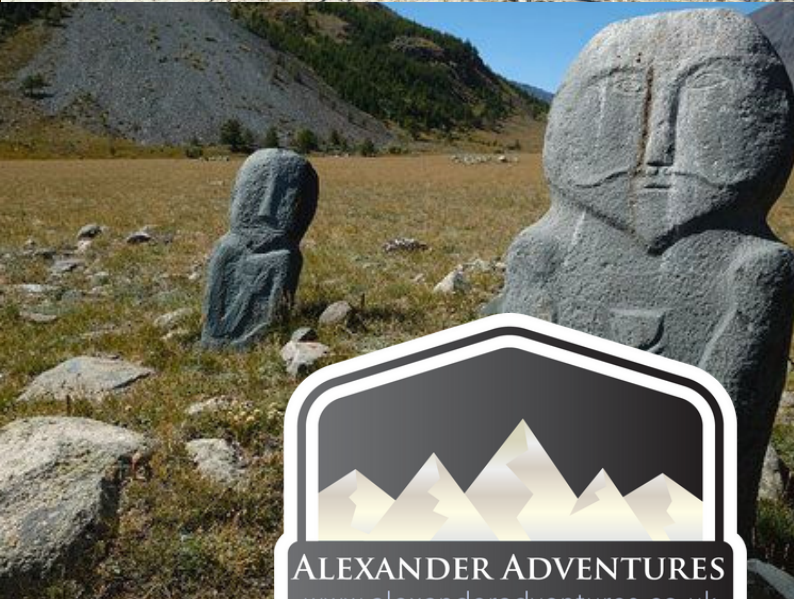


QUEST FOR THE UNCLIMBED PEAK, MONGOLIA

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A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Since Mongolia's opening to the outside world 30 years ago and the advent of modern mountaineering, all of the "Five Kings" have been frequently climbed with 4373m Mt. Khuiten being the most popular peak. However, a few peaks which are not as readily accessible still remain unclimbed.

One such unnamed mountain will be the aim of this expedition – this is a rare opportunity to be part of a team climbing a mountain for the first time!

We will spend the majority of our trek out in the wilderness of the mountains, climbing over glaciers, through tundra-like landscape, lush valleys and alpine pastures where large flocks of yaks, goats and sheep graze. The culture of herding nomads here is authentic and rich, you will be able to experience the incredible culture of the area in local villages to meet the people who call this landscape home, and sample the local cuisine. The area is also known as a treasure trove of human history with many ancient burials and rock art to explore.

This adventure involves trekking alongside the wild white river, traversing a glacier, climbing moraines and negotiating crevices, and that's only to get to the mountain! At the summit, you can pause and take in the stunning views of the landscape, knowing you now have an achievement under your belt that most can only dream of. After that, descend for time spent visiting locals and witnessing the ancient craft of hunting with Golden Eagles. Your last day brings a well-earned farewell dinner to reminisce and take in the magnitude of your accomplishments.



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Day 1 – Arrive in Ulaanbaatar

Upon arriving in Ulaanbaatar you will be met by your guide and transferred to a 3* hotel in the city center. If required we can finalize preparations before welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Fly to Western Mongolia and drive to Tavan Bogd National park

Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport for 2 hours flight to Ulgy town in Western Mongolia. Upon arrival meet with your support team and drive to Tavan Bogd NP. We first drive across mountainous desert and then along a V-shaped mountain valley before establishing our first camp.

Day 3 – Reach the road head at White river valley

We drive further and soon find ourselves traveling along the White River. Its lush valley is the summer pastureland of Tuvan camel herders with whom we liaise to hire pack camels to deliver our camp and gear to the base camp the next day.

Day 4 – Camel supported hike to base camp

Having loaded pack camels with camping equipment, climbing gear and food we hike upstream along the White river. It's a gradual ascent on a single trail that runs past a few summer camps of Tuvan herders. Our planned base camp is separated by the very White river that runs in a rock clad gorge all the way along our route. We hike until the end of the gorge and cross the river. The next goal will be finding a suitable spot for a base camp. The altitude will be around 2700m.

Day 5 – Trek to high camp

5-6km trek to high camp with most of the route lying on edge of the Graneg glacier or along the top of a massive moraine just below a lateral ridge. Although short, a total of 500m of climbing is expected and some crevasses need to be negotiated. We will aim to establish a high camp below the lateral ridge if possible, on a dry ground although finding a spot protected from possible rockfall may not be possible.

Day 6 – Climbing route scouting

A possible route seems to be climbing further up the Graneg glacier edge and crossing it at its head towards a saddle between the unnamed peak and its neighbor on the right, a 3800m sharp peak. From the bottom of the saddle to its top is a 300m climb with a 100m elevation gain followed by a 500m ridge walk with a respective 150m ascent. But all of these need to be checked.

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Day 7 - Ascent day

Day 8 - Leeway day

Day 9 - Leeway day

Day 10 - Return trek to base camp

Having summited the unnamed mountain, we pack up and trek back to base camp and enjoy a night on a dry ground. Local guides and pack camels will arrive this evening.

Day 11 - Return trek to roadhead at White river

Once across the White river again we travel downstream to the roadhead. This evening we can visit a Tuvan family- most likely that of one of the camel drivers that had accompanied us during the previous day. Tuvans also known as Uriankhai is an ethnic group of Turkic origin that has historically been moving around southern Siberia. Traditionally these herding nomads practiced shamanism - a worship of ancestral and natural spirits but today their belief is a strong blend with Tibetan Buddhism.

Day 12 - Drive to Ulgy town

Getting back to Ulgy takes 7-8 hours of driving. Along the way we stop at a Kazakh family that practices an ancient craft of hunting with Golden Eagles. The once nearly forgotten tradition had been preserved by Mongolia's Kazakh minority and today it's being actively revived with even women trying their luck in training eagles. Actual hunting is done in winter but still you may learn about the craft and feel the weight of the massive birds by holding them on your arm. On arrival we settle in a seasonal accommodation comprised of Mongolian gers. A traditional Kazakh dinner accompanied by music and songs will be fitting final to your travels.

Day 13 - Return flight to Ulaanbaatar, farewell dinner

After breakfast transfer to Ulgy airport for flight to Ulaanbaatar. On arrival transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your own disposal. Nevertheless, you may consider doing more city visits or souvenir shopping as your guide will still be available on standby. At dinner we celebrate our adventure.

Day 14 - Departure day

Transfer to airport for your return flight home.

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PREREQUISITE (WHAT EXPERIENCE SHOULD I HAVE)

Suitable for ages 18+

You will have training provided for all the specific skills you will need when climbing, but experience with this would help.

A huge range of people will be comfortable taking on this challenge, with no specific experience needed we do expect you to be mountain-fit and capable of trekking all day through moderately difficult terrain. There will be a series of steep climbs, which paired with the altitude, require a good level of fitness.

FITNESS TRAINING

We recommend you work towards this trip with the aim of being capable of multiple days out on the hill carrying a pack of up to 10kgs.

People with a good level of cardiovascular fitness generally have few problems. For example, if you're active in the hills you should have the level needed.

If you need some extra training, swimming, circuit training and working on a HIIT programme are greatly recommended. Eating, drinking and sleeping well and keeping healthy at altitude are equally as important. Our programme allows everyone to build their mountain fitness' before going high and acclimatising not just to the height but also the climate and new surroundings. Fitness is mental as well as physical, so we like to promote a happy and positive team spirit before rushing to the top!

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- We provide you with all needed safety equipment
- 2 nights in a 3* hotel in Ulaanbaatar on twin share basis (BB)
- 1 night in a ger camp in Ulgy (twin shared)
- Experienced local guides
- English speaking guide
- Complete camping equipment for 10 nights
- Expedition cook for whole trip until base camp
- Mountain stoves, pots, pans and fuel to be used above base camp
- 3 person tents and sleeping mattresses
- All meals & drinking water
- National park fees
- Border area permit fees
- Overland transport: Russian 4x4 van(s) including gasoline
- All internal Airport transfers (Airfare Ulaanbaatar-Ulgy-Ulaanbaatar)
- Pack animals
- GoPro pictures and footage from your adventure



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WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International Flights to Ulaanbaatar
- Travel insurance
- Climbing gear
- Thermarests to be used above base camp
- Excess baggage fee on local flights
- Meals while visiting towns and villages
- Drinks while visiting towns and villages
- Gratuities

AIRPORT AND ARRIVAL DETAILS

Arrival and Departure via Chinggis Khaan airport.

Before booking flights, please talk to us about the transfer times.

PRIVATE TRIP

Talk to us about scheduling your own private trip. With a minimum of 6 guests, you can choose a date and time to suit you!



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£350 DEPOSIT

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