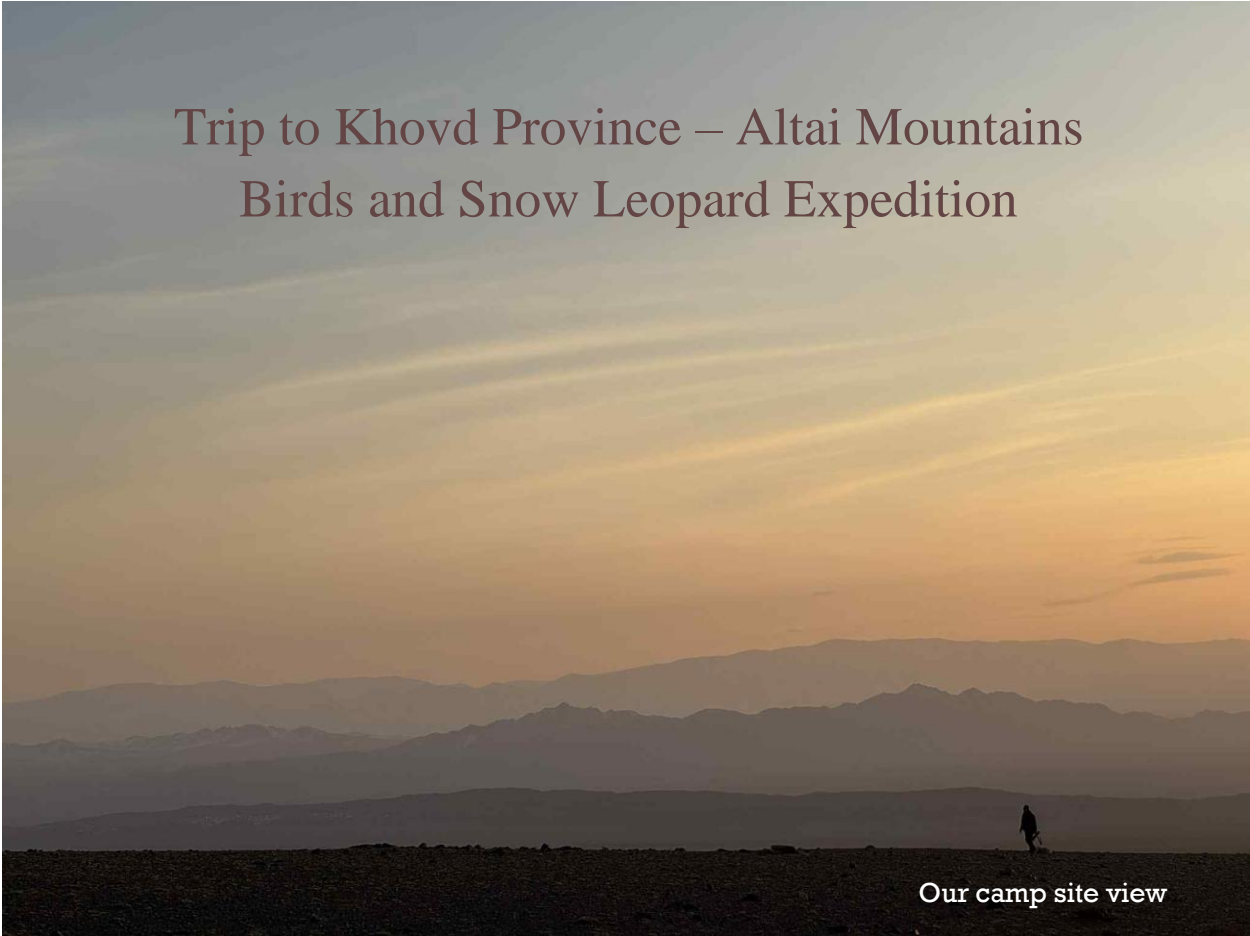


Trip to Khovd Province – Altai Mountains Birds and Snow Leopard Expedition



Our camp site view

Duration: 13 Days + Departure Day

Recommended Price: 4,350 USD

Single Supplement: 500 USD

Deposit: 800 USD

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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB)

- Airport pick-up and transfer to hotel
 - **Accommodation:** Mongolica Hotel
 - **Meal:** Dinner at a Mongolian restaurant
 - There is also (e-Bird hotspot <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L6128400>)
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Day 2: Drive to Khustai National Park

Wildlife highlights:

Saker Falcon, Amur Falcon, Merlin, Common Kestrel, Asian Short-toed Lark, Upland Buzzard, Cinereous Vulture, Siberian House Martin, Little Owl, Przewalski's Horse, Red Deer, Siberian Marmot, and other steppe species.

- **Lunch:** At Khustai National Park
 - **Dinner:** At a restaurant in Ulaanbaatar
 - **Accommodation:** Hotel
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Day 3: Flight to Khovd – Drive to Snow Leopard Base Camp

- Flight to Khovd, Western Mongolia
 - Drive to the Snow Leopard Camp located in the Altai Mountains
 - On the way, we will do birdwatching at Khar Us Lake (eBird hotspot: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1447733/bird-list?rank=lrec>)
 - **Accommodation:** Snow Leopard Ger Camp
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Days 4–12: Snow Leopard Tracking in the Altai Mountains

- Explore prime snow leopard habitat with experienced local trackers
 - Daily hikes and scanning sessions
 - Birdwatching opportunities throughout the mountain valleys and ridges
 - Even though our main focus is searching for the Snow Leopard, we will also be birdwatching in the Snow Leopard Valley, looking for species such as Altai Snowcock,
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Pallas's Sandgrouse, Mongolian Accentor, and more. There is also a chance to see Pallas's Cat, Red Fox, Corsac Fox, and other wildlife

Day 13: Return to Ulaanbaatar Travel back to Khovd town

- Fly to UB
 - **Accommodation:** Hotel
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Day 14: Departure

- Transfer to Chinggis Khaan International Airport



Tour information

Our Team

- **Professional Biologist** – Wildlife guide and snow leopard/bird researcher.
- **Local Trackers** – Expert Altai trackers with deep knowledge of leopard habitats.
- **Drivers** – Professional 4x4 drivers with experience.
- **Camp Chef** – Prepares hot meals, snacks, and supports camp kitchen.
- **Local Guide** – Assists with translation, community connection, and field support.
- **Camp Coordinator** – Manages camp operations, logistics, and guest comfort.



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Possible key species:

- ✓ Ground Jay
- ✓ Altai Snowcock
- ✓ Bearded Vulture
- ✓ White-winged Snowfinch
- ✓ Saiga Antelope
- ✓ Siberian ibex
- ✓ Siberian Marmot
- ✓ Ground Squirrel
- ✓ Other high-altitude and steppe bird species



Accommodation



Throughout the trip, accommodation will primarily be in ger camps. In urban areas, we will stay in comfortable hotels. In remote locations. All sleeping bags, bedding, and necessary camp equipment will be fully provided.



Mini-yurt restaurant



Dinner prepared at our camp restaurant, offering warm and delicious meals after a day of wildlife tracking

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Transportation

We use reliable 4x4 off-road vehicles suitable for mountain and desert terrain. All our drivers have 15–20 years of professional field experience, ensuring safe and comfortable travel throughout the expedition.

The route includes approximately 80 km of paved road and 20 km of unpaved mountain and steppe tracks. Our vehicles are fully equipped for remote travel, including:



- High-clearance suspension
- Spare tires and essential tools
- Radios and communication devices
- Experienced drivers familiar with wildlife areas and local conditions
- Luggage space for camping gear and personal equipment

Travel may involve river crossings, rocky valleys, and steep mountain roads, but our team is highly skilled in navigating these environments safely.

What's Included

Accommodation

- Hotel in Ulaanbaatar (Day 1 & Day 2)
- Snow Leopard Ger Camp in the Altai Mountains (Days 3–12)
- Hotel Ulaanbaatar on return (Day 13)

Meals

- All meals during the tour (breakfast, lunch, dinner, **vegetarian options available**)
- All meals during the tour: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Snacks and drinking water provided throughout the trip

Transportation

- All ground transportation in 4x4 vehicles
- Professional drivers with 15–20 years of experience
- Airport transfers (arrival & departure)
- Domestic flights (UB–Khovd–UB)

Guiding & Activities

- Professional wildlife guide throughout the trip
- Experienced local snow leopard trackers
- Daily snow leopard tracking sessions
- Birdwatching activities in UB, Hustai, and Altai Mountains
- Nature walks and mountain hikes (6–10 km per day)

Logistics & Equipment

- Camping equipment at Snow Leopard base camp (gers, beds, heaters)
- Field spotting scopes and binoculars (if provided by you—optional to remove)
- Field first-aid kit

Park & Conservation Fees

- All entrance fees to protected areas
- Local community and conservation support fees

Support

- 24/7 assistance during the tour
- English-speaking guide