

ALTAI GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL 2026

10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
SINCE 2016.

BAYAN-ULGII, MONGOLIA
5DAYS/4NIGHTS

TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS

Witness Authentic Eagle Hunting Competitions

Experience real-time hunting demonstrations where Kazakh hunters release their golden eagles to hunt from mountain ridges—no staging, just raw tradition.

Meet Legendary Kazakh Eagle Hunters

Spend time with master hunters, learn about their techniques, and understand the deep bond between human and eagle.

Explore the Remote Altai Mountains

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Live Like a Local (Homestay Experience)

Stay with an eagle hunter's family, share traditional meals, and experience authentic daily life in Western Mongolia.

Stay in a Community-Run Ger Camp

Sleep in handcrafted gers built by local families, supporting sustainable tourism directly.

Be Part of a Real Community Festival

Join a small-scale, locally organized celebration in Ölgii, where traditions are preserved—not performed.

Experience Kazakh Culture & Heritage

Discover traditional clothing, music, crafts, and customs unique to Mongolia's Kazakh community.

Unmatched Photography Opportunities

Capture dramatic moments of eagle flights, traditional attire, and stunning Altai landscapes.

Horse Riding & Nomadic Lifestyle Experience

Ride across open cretpe landscapes and understand the nomadic way of life.

Disconnect & Experience True Wilderness

No crowds, no commercialization—just vast nature, star-filled skies, and cultural depth.



TOUR OVERVIEW

Experience the Golden Eagle Festival like never before. The Altai Town Golden Eagle Festival Tour 2026 (September 11–15) offers a rare opportunity to witness authentic eagle hunting in Mongolia—far from staged, commercial events. Set in the remote Altai region near Ölgii, this intimate festival brings together only 40–50 Kazakh eagle hunters, making it one of the most genuine cultural experiences in Mongolia.

Unlike larger festivals, this is a community-led celebration where traditions are lived daily. Organized in partnership with the local Eagle Hunters Association, your visit directly supports the families preserving this ancient heritage.



Tulga CEO OF NOMADIC TRAILS

I'm Tulga, founder of Nomadic Trails, and I've spent over 30 years working in tourism across Mongolia. From the Gobi Desert to the far north taiga, I've dedicated my life to exploring, guiding, and sharing the true spirit of this country. Over the years, I've learned that Mongolia is not just a destination, it's an experience shaped by its people, nomadic traditions, and vast, untouched landscapes. That's why I started Nomadic Trails: to create journeys that go beyond sightseeing and bring travelers into real connection with Mongolia.





ITINERARY

Day 1 – Ulgii → Altai Town | Into The Eagle Hunter's World

Arrive in Ulgii and meet your guide before driving into the remote Altai region. The journey itself is part of the experience—passing through sweeping valleys, nomadic camps, and the rugged beauty of the Altai Mountains. Upon reaching the small Altai town, settle into your eagle hunter homestay or community ger camp. In the afternoon, meet your host hunter and witness a hands-on introduction to eagle hunting—observe how the eagle is trained, handled, and cared for. Enjoy a warm, home-cooked Kazakh dinner and a quiet evening surrounded by nature.

Day 2 – Eagle Festival Day 1 | Opening Ceremony & Traditions

Head to the festival grounds for the opening day of this intimate, local gathering. Unlike large commercial festivals, this setting allows you to be close to the action and the people behind it.

Watch the opening parade of eagle hunters on horseback, dressed in traditional attire with their golden eagles perched on their arms. Throughout the day, experience:

- Eagle calling from mountain slopes
- Horseback skill competitions
- Traditional Kazakh performances

Take time to interact with hunters, ask questions, and capture powerful, up-close moments.



Day 3 – Golden Eagle Festival Day 2 | Peak Action & Cultural Immersion

After breakfast, say farewell to your host family and begin the return journey to Ulgii. Arrive in town and check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free—explore local markets, visit a museum, or simply relax after the past days of deep cultural immersion.

Day 5 – Ulgii → Ulaanbaatar | Departure

“ Authentic, raw, and unforgettable.
The Golden Eagle Festival experience felt truly local, highlighted by staying with an eagle hunter family near Ulgii.

The second day brings the most exciting competitions, where hunters demonstrate precision, speed, and deep connection with their eagles.

Beyond the competitions, explore the cultural side of the festival—local crafts, traditional clothing, and authentic Kazakh cuisine.

This is also your chance for deeper connection: take portraits with hunters, learn about their daily lives, and hear personal stories that keep this tradition alive.

Return to camp for a peaceful final night in the Altai wilderness.

Day 4 – Altai Town → Ulgii | Reflection & Return

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Ulaanbaatar.

Your journey ends with unforgettable memories of Mongolia's most authentic eagle hunting festival—far from crowds, deeply connected to local life.



2026 PRICING (SMALL- GROUP FOCUS)

- Group of 5: \$1,500 per person
- Group of 5: \$1,550 per person
- Group of 4: \$1,650 per person
- Group of 3: \$1,750 per person

Prices based on double occupancy. Final quote may vary slightly with preferences.

Included

- All meals mentioned accordingly /"B"-breakfast, "L"-lunch, "D"-dinner/
- All transportation mentioned
- Local domestic flight if mentioned
- All accommodation listed
- Professional Tour Leader/Guide - English speaking
- Airport transfers
- Staff meals, accommodation and other expenses where applicable
- Entrance fees to museums, concerts, monasteries, national parks included in the itinerary. /Road charges for tourists, staff, and vehicles are also included/

Excluded

- Single rooming supplement
- International flights and cost for visas
- Inoculations and personal insurances
- Toiletries
- Video recording or photography fees at sights
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Golden Eagle Festival Tour?

A cultural and adventure experience in Western Mongolia's Altai Mountains, where you'll witness Kazakh eagle hunters, traditional competitions, and nomadic life.

2. When and where does the festival take place?

In Western Mongolia's Altai Mountains, with 2026 departures on 11–15 September.

3. How long is the tour and what does it include?

Typically 4–5 days, including festival access, cultural experiences, scenic drives, and stays with local families.

4. What activities can I expect during the festival?

Opening parades, eagle hunting competitions, horsemanship games, cultural performances, and opportunities to meet eagle hunters.

5. What is the group size and booking process?

Small groups of 6–10 people. Booking is recommended 7+ months in advance.

6. Can the trip be customized?

Yes. In addition to fixed festival departures, you can request a personalized itinerary tailored to your travel dates, interests, and preferred travel style.

7. What kind of accommodation is provided?

A mix of ger camps, community camps, and nomadic family stays, offering an authentic but comfortable experience.

8. What should I bring and is special gear required?

No special equipment is needed. A detailed packing list is provided, and all essential sleeping gear is included.

9. Are meals and dietary needs accommodated?

Yes, all meals are included. Most dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, halal, gluten-free, etc.) can be accommodated with advance notice.

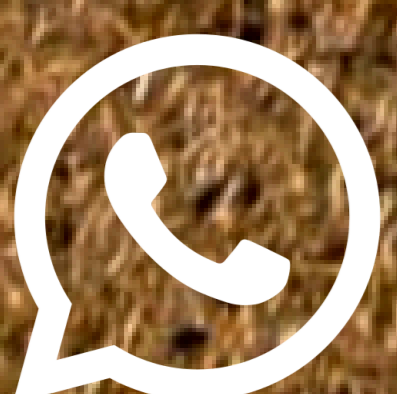
10. Is the tour physically demanding and responsible?

Moderate activity level. The tour supports local communities and follows ethical, sustainable travel practices.

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