



Winter in Jalman Meadows

- Gerscape Journeys

In the uppermost parts of the Tuul River Valley, just a one day ride from the watershed of Asia, is Jalman Mountain and Jalman Meadows, a huge meadow along the Tuul River with a lot of wildflowers in the summer. It is located within the Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area, which is Mongolia's only true wilderness area, extending all the way up to the Russian-Siberian frontier. Terelj National Park is the southernmost extension of that same wilderness area. In Terelj conventional tourism has been allowed to develop. Nomadic Journeys' low impact ger camp, Jalman Meadows Ger Camp, is located next to the Tuul River and Jalman Meadows.

Brief Outline Itinerary

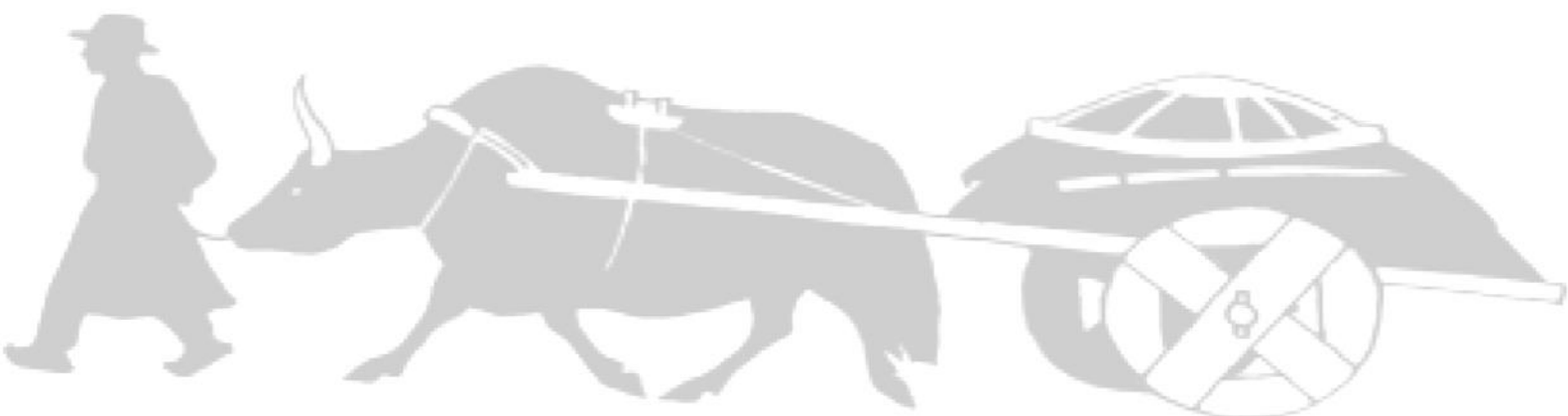
On this short journey we will leave for the Khan Khentii wilderness, near Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar, yet remotely located in the Upper Tuul River Valley with its alluvial wooded meadows. The locals have horses, cows, sheep, goats and yaks. On this journey you will stay at low impact ger (yurt). They are fully collapsible "lodges", built in the nomadic style. We use low-impact indigenous, thus appropriate, technology to offer lodging and sometimes also transportation with the assistance of yak carts or riding horses. Essentially, it means that we can be hosted by the services of the local people living in the area where we travel.

Day 1: To Jalman Meadows

We leave Ulaanbaatar for the Upper Tuul River Valley in the Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area, some 120 km out of town, an 3½ hour drive. We drive one hour on tarmac road out of town, one hour through a beautiful steppe valley, seeing many herdsmen with their livestock. The last hour crossing the ridge at ZamtiinDava and driving up through forests, we reach the Upper Tuul River Valley. These are the winter grazing lands of the local herdsmen, which is why most of them are not in the area in the middle of the summer.

Day 2-3: Jalman Meadows

Two full days of exploring the area. The Hentii Mountains are covered with larch and birch forests. This protected area was established in December 1993 and covers most of the Hentii wilderness, stretching all the way up to the Russian-Siberian frontier. Herdsmen keep their livestock in the southern areas, following a lifestyle that is essentially unchanged since the time of Chinggis Khan. To the north is uninhabited wilderness. Although rarely seen, wolves are numerous in the area. There are also wild boar, moose, red deer (*Cervuselaphus*), marmots and gazelle. Rivers flow during summertime down broad steppe valleys, past wooded and alluvial meadows with broad leaf forests. In the winter they are frozen and easy to cross.



Day 4: To Ulaanbaatar

A.m. after breakfast transfer back to Ulaanbaatar city.

Additional: We can organize hotel accommodation, city tours and transfers in Ulaanbaatar.

Practicalities

Transport: This tour is supported by a jeep or minibus depending on the number of travelers.

Accommodation: For this winter trip you will stay a fully collapsible ger camp, including showers and compost toilets. The gers are each equipped with cot beds (including full linen), chairs and a table, and a wood burning stove.

Staff: A Mongolian English speaking guide will accompany the group at all times. In addition, the services of local herdsman will be employed along with their animals.

Meals: Our cook will prepare the meals. We pride ourselves in having excellent cooks adept at both western and Mongolian cooking on our trips.

PRICE ex Ulaanbaatar:

2 - 8 members: **USD 1450 per person**
Single supplement (3n): **USD 900**

Includes: Guide, all meals outside Ulaanbaatar. All overnights in ger camp. All local transport and entrance fees.

Excludes: Beverages. Transfers and accommodation in Ulaanbaatar. Air or train tickets in and out Mongolia.

DATES 2020 ex Ulaanbaatar:

01st April - 15th May
30th September - 01st November

