



## UW ALUMNI STUDY TOUR - MONGOLIA 2026

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Join [Dr. John Koprowski, Dean of the Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources](#), and fellow alumni for an unforgettable journey through the vast landscapes of Mongolia. With over 20 years of wildlife conservation experience in the region, Dr. Koprowski offers unparalleled insight into Mongolia's diverse ecosystems and communities. From the ancient traditions of Kazakh eagle hunters to the dramatic peaks of the Altai Mountains, this immersive experience blends wildlife, culture, and adventure. Discover the Golden Eagle Festival, meet nomadic families, and learn about snow leopard conservation in one of the world's most remote regions.

### Price:

- Double Occupancy Room: \$4,993
- Optional Single Supplement: \$570

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### Payment and Cancellation Policy:

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing. At the time, we receive written cancellation, the following penalties apply:

- Up to 90 days prior: \$200 per person handling fee
- 89-60 days prior: 20% of trip cost
- 60-45 days prior: 50% of trip cost
- 44-30 days prior: 75% of trip cost
- 29 days or less (or after departure): No refund

### Included:

- Guide and transportation
- Travel with Dr. John Koprowski, expert in the area
- English-speaking national and local guides throughout the trip
- Domestic flights and land transportation
- All entrance fees, including the Golden Eagle Festival
- Airport transfers & bottled water

#### **Accommodations and Meals:**

- Lodging and nearly all meals are included throughout the journey.
- Meals provided each day are noted in the itinerary as **(B, L, D) — Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner**
- Welcome and farewell dinners in Ulaanbaatar

#### **Not-Included:**

- International airfare – trip begins and ends in Ulaanbaatar; participants can make travel arrangements that best suit them around these dates (including arriving earlier and/or staying later)
- Personal travel insurance
- Visa fees and passport fees
- Medical Evacuation charges
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal laundry and beverages
- Gratuities
- Photography and video fees

#### **Itinerary:**

##### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – ULAANBAATAR (D)**

Welcome to Mongolia! Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and meet your local guide before exploring the city's highlights. Enjoy a short orientation and a special welcome dinner with fellow UW alumni.

##### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – HOVD (B, L, D)**

Fly west to Hovd, a region rich in culture and natural beauty. Visit Khar-Us Lake, a bird sanctuary, and explore Tsenkheriin Cave—famous for its 40,000-year-old petroglyphs. Settle into your private camp beneath the vast Mongolian sky.

##### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 – HOVD (B, L, D)**

Spend the day visiting nomadic families who maintain centuries-old traditions. Learn about the region's ethnic diversity and keep an eye out for the rare Saiga Antelope during your journey through the open steppe.

##### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 – ALTAI MOUNTAINS (B, L, D)**

Venture into the Altai Mountains to explore Jargalant Mountain, home to snow leopards and the Manuul cat. Meet with local conservationists to learn about ongoing wildlife preservation efforts before returning to camp for dinner under the stars.

##### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – BAYAN-ULGII (B, L, D)**

Travel deeper into western Mongolia to Bayan-Ulgii, where Kazakh eagle hunters live among breathtaking mountain scenery. Experience the unique blend of Mongolian and Kazakh cultures and prepare for the exciting days ahead.

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-13 - GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL (B, L, D)**

The highlight of your journey! Attend the Golden Eagle Festival, where hunters showcase their centuries-old falconry skills. Watch eagles soar from mountain cliffs, cheer during horseback games, and enjoy live Kazakh music and dance in the evenings.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - OLGII CITY (B, L, D)**

Explore Olgii city's open-air market and visit the local mosque. Enjoy a traditional Kazakh dinner followed by a performance of local songs to celebrate the close of the festival.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - ULAANBAATAR (B, L)**

Fly back to Ulaanbaatar and take the afternoon to explore the city at your own pace—visit museums, shops, or local cafés with fellow travelers.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - ULAANBAATAR (B, L, D)**

Visit Gandan Monastery, home to a massive golden Buddha, and the iconic Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex overlooking the steppe. Reflect on your adventure during a farewell dinner with new friends.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - DEPARTURE (B)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure. As you head home, take with you lasting memories of Mongolia's people, wildlife, and wild beauty.

