

Excursion 1: Gorkhi - Terelj National Park, Genghis Khan Statue Complex and 13th Century Park

Friday September 20th – Saturday September 21st

Gorkhi – Terelj National Park



Turtle Rock I

80 km north-east of Ulaanbaatar (UB) is [Gorkhi-Terelj National Park](#). Gorkhi-Terelj National Park is the most popular destination as well as the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. At 1600 meters the alpine scenery is magnificent. The park is well known for its fascinating rock formations including the most famous formations [Turtle Rock](#) and the Old Man Riding a Book. The park offers other adventurous opportunities including hiking, rock climbing, rafting, horse riding or for the more adventurous, swimming in icy waters.

**Genghis Khan Equestrian
Statue and Genghis Khan
Statue Complex.**



Known for the famous [Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue](#) the Genghis Khan Statue Complex is located on the bank of the Tuul River 54 km east of UB. According to [legend](#) Genghis Khan found a golden whip at this location and is symbolically pointed east towards his birthplace. At an astonishing 40 meters tall the statue stands atop of the Genghis Khan Statue Complex where visitors can see a replica of the legendary golden whip, sample traditional cuisine of horse meat and potatoes and visit the exhibition hall where visitors can actually walk through the horse statue to see the astonishing views it provides. The statue complex also holds museums with exhibitions relating to the Bronze age and Hunnic archaeological cultures in Mongolia.



13th Century National Park

100 km East of UB [13th Century National Park](#) is a living museum allowing visitors to get a glimpse of life as an ancient Mongol during Genghis Khan's reign. The park is divided into 6 camps, each show a different cultural aspect of 13th century life in Mongolia. At this living camp visitors learn about the world's first postal system, the state of affairs during that century, the everyday life of a typical 13th century Mongolian, shamanic culture, Mongolian calligraphy and scripts and craftsmanship in the 13th century.

Cost: \$70, \$60, \$50 depending on the type of ger

Participants should book return flights after 3 PM on Saturday September 21st