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Mongolian Grassland Camper Tour - 9 Days

Drive from Beijing to Inner Mongolia, this campervan route gives you a chance to touch and feel the nature and history of Northern China. This tour features the top attractions in Beijing and Chengde. Meanwhile, Hexigten Geopark and Saihanba National Forest Park will not fail to impress you.

Driving Route: Beijing – Chengde – Chifeng – Hexigten – Saihanba – Beijing
Driving Distance: 1600 kilometers
Best Season: July – August every year



Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing Arrival	Arrival at Beijing, meet your guide at the airport and take a visit to the **Summer Palace**. The Summer Palace (UNESCO) is the largest imperial garden in the world. Emperors of successive dynasties created a summer retreat of Chinese gardens and pavilions, around the tranquil waters of Kunming Lake. In the evening, you will enjoy a traditional welcome dinner - **Peking Duck Dinner**. Overnight in the local hotel.

2	Day 2 Beijing	Today, enjoy a full-day tour of the Tian'anmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven by tourist bus. The **Tian'anmen Square** is the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. **The Forbidden City** (UNESCO) is the imperial place where the emperors of the Ming and the Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards, and private quarters. **The Temple of Heaven** (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests, demonstrates the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture. Pick up the campervan and get to know its functions. After dinner, enjoy stunning **Kung Fu show or Acrobatic show** tonight. Overnight in the local hotel.
3	Day 3 Beijing - Chengde (260 km)	After breakfast, check out from the hotel, move your luggage onto the campervan, and purchase ingredients from a large local supermarket. Then start to drive to Chengde. During the way, stop at the **Jinshanling Great Wall**. Featuring various watchtowers, the Jinshanling Great Wall is one of the few parts to keep the original conditions of the Great Wall in the Ming Dynasty. It's also a good place for hiking. Continue to drive to Chengde and park at a local parking lot near Putuozongcheng Temple. Overnight in the campervan.
4	Day 4 Chengde - Chifeng - Yu Long Sand Lake Scenic Area (300 km)	In the morning, you will visit the Chengde Mountain Resort and the Putuozongcheng Temple. The **Chengde Mountain Resort** (UNESCO) is characterized by its glorious architectural complex and grand landscape, which is a combination of palaces, gardens, lakes, forests and grasslands. The **Putuozongcheng Temple** was modeled after the Potala Palace in Tibet, which is notable for the combination of the Han and Tibetan architectural styles. In the afternoon, drive via Chifeng to **Yu Long Sand Lake Scenic Area**. It is a comprehensive tourist zone integrating prairies, deserts, lakes, hills and the Mongolian customs. Famous Neolithic Hongshan cultural symbol - the first dragon of China - was unearthed in this area. Overnight in the campervan.
5	Day 5 Yu Long Sand Lake Scenic Area - Linxin - Hexigten Geopark (260 km)	Morning is free at leisure in Yu Long Sand Lake Area. You may join desert activities such as desert surfing, sand sliding, camel riding, etc. In the afternoon, drive to **Hexigten Geopark** and part at the local parking lot. You will find many landforms of great geographical relics in the geopark, including lakes, rivers, wetlands, valleys, glacier, granite landforms, volcano, hot springs, sand landscapes, etc. Overnight in the campervan.
6	Day 6 Hexigten Geopark - Dalinuoer Lake (130 km)	After breakfast, visit **Asihatu Stone Forest** - the core scenic spot om Hexigten Geopark. In the afternoon, drive by Gongger Grassland and arrive at **Dalinuoer Lake**. It's famed as the third largest Swan Lake in China. Each summer hundreds kinds of birds come here for breeding. Camping by the lake and enjoy sunset here. In the evening, **whole roasted lamb** and **local fish from the lake** are served as your dinner. Overnight in the campervan.

7	Day 7 Dalinuoer Lake - Saihanba National Forest Park (210 km)	After breakfast, drive to Hexigten for more ingredients. Afterwards, drive through Wulanbutong Grassland and go off to **Saihanba National Forest Park** – the largest forest park in Northern China. It used to be a famous royal hunting ground in the Qing Dynasty because of the vast expanse of grassland and the crystal-clear plateau lake. Overnight in the campervan.
8	Day 8 Saihanba National Forest Park - Fengning - Longwan Camping Park (380 km)	In the morning, visit Saihanba National Forest Park, then set off to and camp at Longwan Camping Park. Tonight, have a **bonfire party and farewell dinner**. Overnight in the campervan.
9	Day 9 Longwan Camping Park – Beijing Departure	Today, visit **Longqing Gorge**, the scenery here can be compared with the Three Gorges of the Yangtze River or the Li River in Guilin. Afterwards, drive back to Beijing and return the campervan. In the afternoon, transfer to Beijing Capital Airport. Service ends.

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