

# WILD CATS OF CENTRAL ASIA

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# WHO WE ARE

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Founded in **1993**, Banjara has a deep-rooted presence in the Indian Himalayas when it comes to hospitality and adventure. Through our experiences we hope to share the same spirit of adventure & exploration with everyone and also bring the best of adventure and hospitality together in doing so, wherever we go.



# TRIP LEAD / MENTOR

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Popularly known as the "**Snow Leopard Man** of India", **Ismail Shariff** is an internationally featured nature & wildlife photographer, and fine art print-maker from Hyderabad, India.

Ismail is also a conservationist and works with the Snow Leopard Trust to experience ecosystem realities first-hand to educate on the existence and survival of this keystone species. In 2019, he was invited to the Snow Leopard Conservation Conference in Astana, Kazakhstan to showcase his work and findings.

Ismail's philosophy is to create uncommon images with common subjects while promoting awareness around critical issues of wildlife conservation.



**ISMAIL SHARIFF**



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**ARRIVE ULANBAATAR AND  
STAY**

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**FLY TO KHOVD. DRIVE TO  
THE ALTAI MOUNTAINS**

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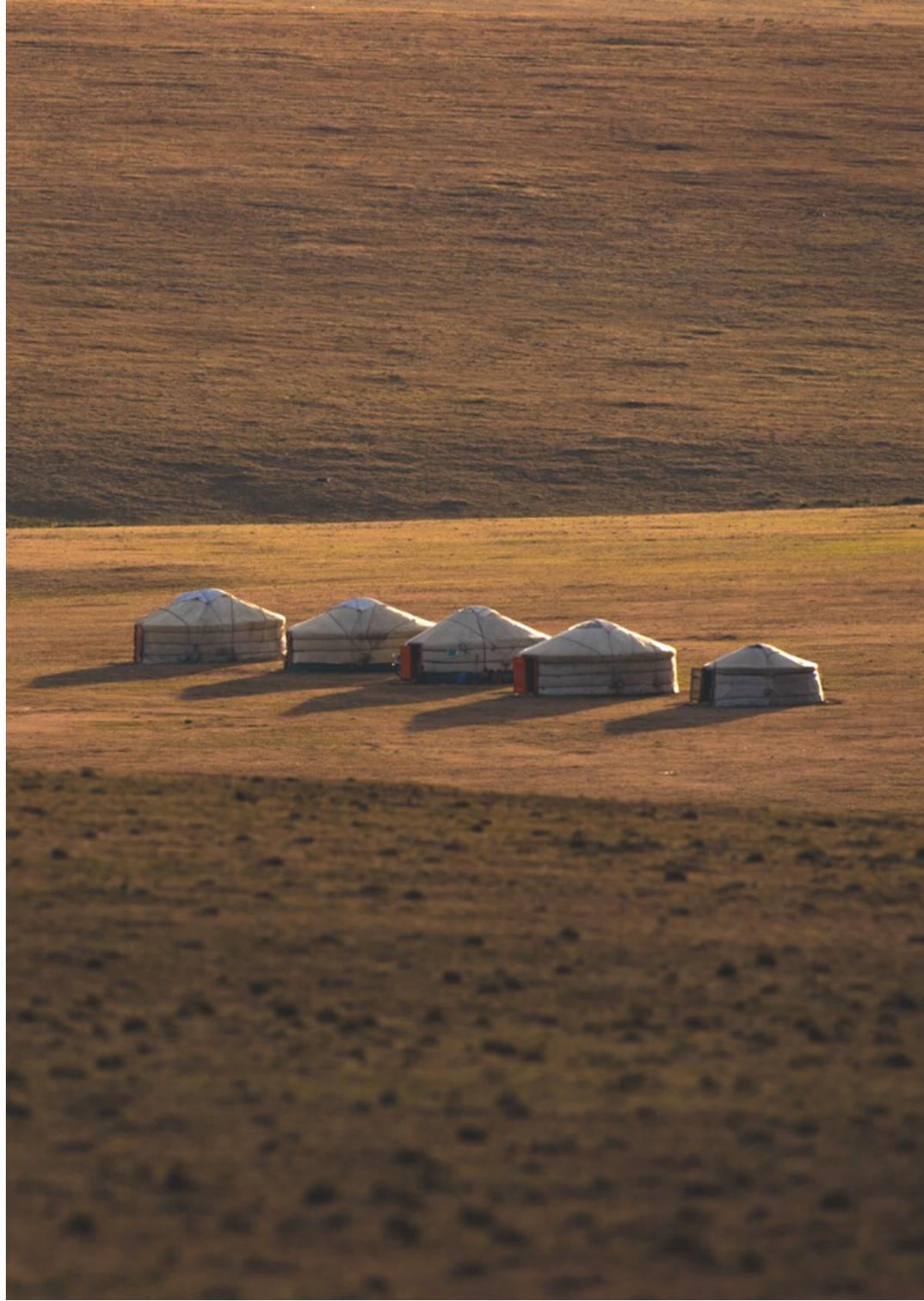
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**DRIVE TO KHOVD. FLY TO  
ULANBAATAR**

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**DRIVE TO CAMPSITE IN  
EASTERN MONGOLIA**



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**DRIVE BACK TO  
ULANBAATAR AND STAY**

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**FLY OUT OF ULANBAATAR**





## ARRIVE ULANBAATAR

Arrive into the capital city of Mongolia, Ulanbaatar and check into your hotel. Use this day to organise yourself, bond with the group and get briefed about the days ahead.



Day 1



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# FLY TO KHOVD. DRIVE TO ALTAI MOUNTAINS

A short domestic flight (15 kg allowance) followed by a couple of hours of driving will take us to our base within the spectacular wilderness of the Altai mountains. The desolate beauty of this landscape is awe inspiring!



Day 2



6 hrs





**WELCOME TO  
ALTAI MOUNTAINS**

# SNOW LEOPARD SEARCH



Days 3 to 6

Aided by professional trackers and local guides, search for the snow leopard in the magnificent landscape of the Altai Mountains for the next four days. Most of the observation areas are within 5 to 12 km from our base and can be driven to in a 4x4 SUV. This might be followed by a short walk usually over flat terrain. Occasionally it will entail a short to medium length walk that will demand basic fitness and an ability to walk on rocky, uneven and /or steep terrain.



# OUR BASE

## MONGOLIAN GERS

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We will camp in a traditional Yurts; 3 beds in a Yurt, common camp showers and an eco-loo.

Each unit is provided with a stove heater that will be lit up every night.

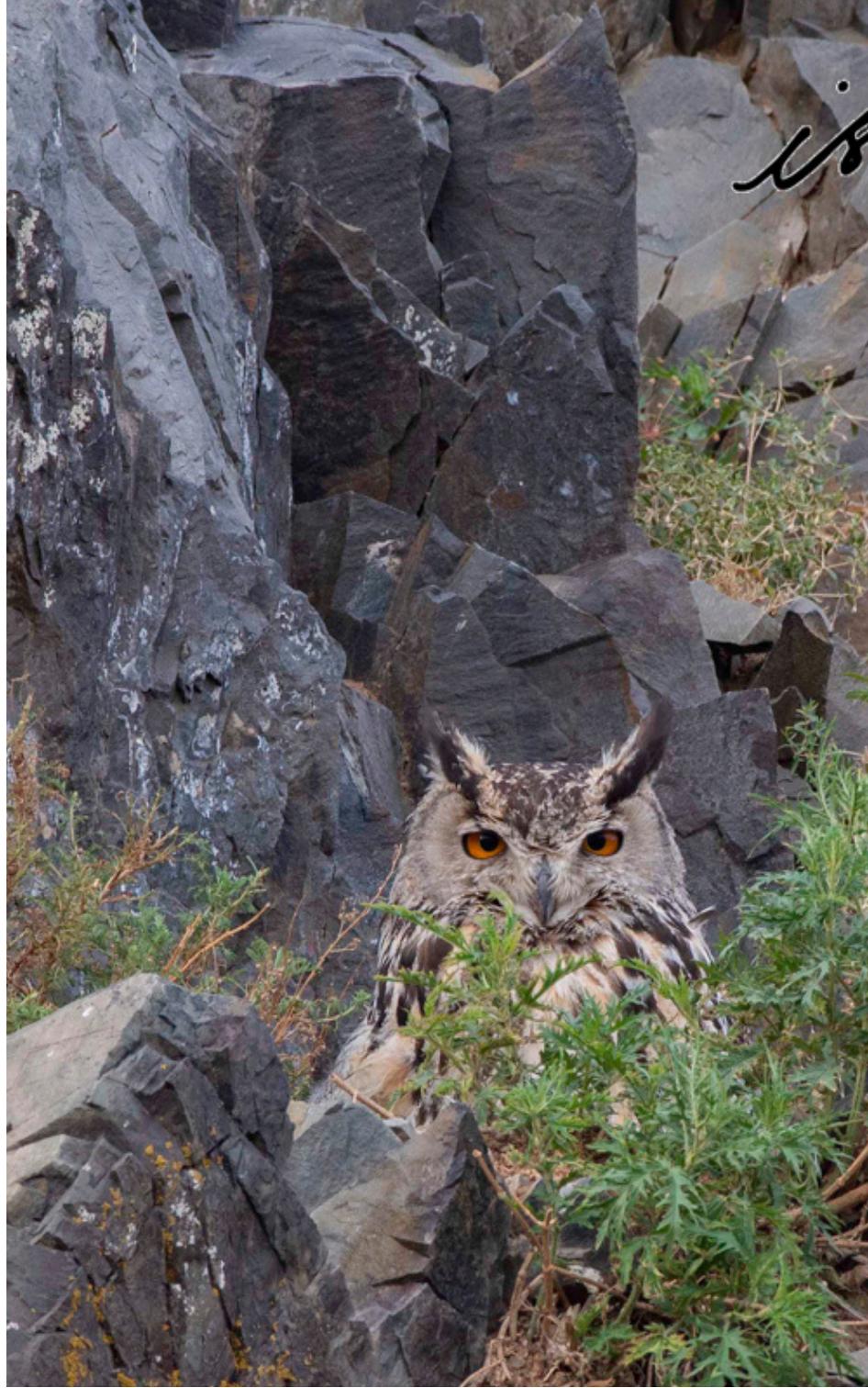


# MOMENTS AND TIMES FROM THE FIELD

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## RETURN TO ULANBAATAR

We drive to the airport for the return flight to Ulanbaatar. Enjoy the urban comforts and take this time to look back at your experience in the Mongolian wilderness before we set off for the next leg of our adventure.



Day 7



6 hrs

## DRIVE TO EASTERN MONGOLIA

Depart Ulaanbaatar and drive towards Eastern Mongolia (500 km paved road and 70 km earth road from Ulaanbaatar). It will be a 6-7 hour drive that will take us to our base camp in the Pallas Cat territory.



Day 8



6 hrs



# PALLAS CAT'S SEARCH



Days 9 to 11

We drive about 7 km from our campsite into the Pallas's cat territory. Our tracking team will search for the elusive Pallas's cat den within the rocky hillsides and lands dotted with marmot burrows.

Avi fauna such as, oriental plover, eagle owl, steppe eagle, and other small birds that inhabit this area can also be spotted. Once spotted, one can observe the Pallas's cat till sunset.





## RETURN TO ULANBAATAR

We drive to Ulanbaatar today. Enjoy the comfort of your hotel and prepare for our return home the next day.



Day 12



6 hrs

## INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for 3 nights in Ulanbaatar on twin / double share
- Accommodation in Yurts for 9 nights on triple share.
- Internal flights and transportation
- 4 x 4 Jeep for movement within the Altai region on spotting days
- All meals from dinner on Day 01 to breakfast on Day 13
- Qualified team lead & mentor
- Wildlife permits and fee
- Local support for spotting and guiding
- Drinking water

## EXCLUSIONS

- 5 % GST
- 5% TCS will be applicable
- Insurance
- Visa
- International flights to Mongolia and back
- Single room supplement in Ulanbaatar.
- Tips / gratuities
- Excess baggage on flights
- Alcoholic / additional beverages)

**US\$ 6,250/-**

Group size: 6 PAX



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