

What are you reviewing?

What's your overall opinion about this place?

What details will be interesting for your friends? What was the best part/the biggest attraction? What was the greatest disappointment?

Do you recommend this place? To whom?

Last summer I went on a trip to Mongolia.

To get there I had to take the train from Moscow to Irkutsk first. It's an amazing experience and I wholeheartedly recommend it to those who feel adventurous. The journey takes 3 days to complete and it was actually one of my favourite parts of the trip. From Irkutsk it's another 20 hours by train to Ulan Bataar. On the way there you'll get to see the beautiful lake Baikal for almost an hour. Unfortunately, you also have to be prepared to be awakened at night by the border patrol controlling everyone's luggage, visas and passports.

Once you're in Mongolia, you definitely have to take some time to go sightseeing around the capital, Ulan Bataar. I was pleasantly surprised by the varied architecture of the city. You should also take the opportunity to drive out to the ancient capital of Kharkhorin to see the fascinating monastery, greatly inspired by Chinese and Tibetan temples. Spending a night or two in the yurts out in the wilderness is also a great idea, although it gets quite cold at night, so pack some warm clothes if you want to survive. If you're feeling adventurous, you can also ride out into the desert on a camel. The lowest point of the whole adventure was the Mongolian cuisine, which almost entirely consists of mutton.

In short, if you don't mind cold, terrible food, awful roads and you're itching for an adventure, Mongolia is definitely a good place for you. Just keep an open mind and make sure to pack wisely.