

TAIMEN LODGE • NORTHERN MONGOLIA

PRIVATE LATE-SEASON DEPARTURE • 2027

LAST WEEK BEFORE THE FREEZE • HEADWATERS EXPEDITION

TAIMEN OF THE UPPER TENGIS

Seven nights on the Shishged and Tengis rivers, chasing taimen, the world's largest salmonid, in the wild north of Mongolia. Our week runs after the lodge's last scheduled trip of the year, when taimen are feeding hard before the rivers freeze. Four nights at Taimen Lodge, then three nights of tent camping on the remote headwaters.

OCTOBER 3 – 11 2027

GROUP RATE	REGULAR
\$4,500	~~\$6,500~~



HUCHO TAIMEN • SHISHGED RIVER

PROGRAM Oct 3 – 11 Arrive UB Oct 2, fly home Oct 12	NIGHTS ON THE RIVER 4 at the lodge, 3 tent camping 2 per cabin · 2 per tent
BOATS 2 anglers per boat Jet boats with a pro guide	SPECIES Taimen Lenok and Arctic grayling

WHY THIS WEEK

THE WEEK THE GUIDES KEEP FOR THEMSELVES

Taimen Lodge's scheduled fall trips are fully booked. This one isn't on their calendar. It runs after the last scheduled group of the year, in the week the owner and the guides usually set aside to go fishing themselves. They've opened it to us.

There's a reason they save it. By early October the larch on the hillsides has turned gold, the nights drop well below freezing and the first shelf ice starts forming along the banks. The taimen know what's coming. Before the rivers lock up and they settle in under the ice for the long Mongolian winter, they go on a feeding binge, chasing lenok, grayling and anything else that moves to put on as much weight as they can.

That makes the last open-water week the best fishing of the season: the biggest, heaviest fish of the year, feeding aggressively, on water that has been rested since the last guests went home. A few weeks later the whole system is frozen solid.

- SUMMER – FALL

Scheduled lodge season. Fully booked
- END OF SEASON

Last scheduled group heads home
- OCT 3 – 11

OUR WEEK. TAIMEN FEEDING HARD BEFORE FREEZE-UP
- WEEKS LATER

Rivers freeze over until spring

Early winter

IT WILL BE VERY COLD

October in northern Mongolia is early winter. Expect hard frosts, icy mornings on the boat and cold days on the water. Proper winter gear is required, not optional, especially for the three nights of tent camping on the headwaters. See the gear list below.

GETTING THERE

FROM THE CAPITAL TO THE EDGE OF THE MAP

The journey is part of the trip. A short domestic flight north, then a full day by 4x4 across open steppe, mountain passes and empty valleys.



Day 0 • Oct 2

ULAANBAATAR

Met at the airport by a lodge representative. Hotel night in the city.



55 min flight

MURUN

Early hotel pickup and a morning flight to northern Mongolia.



~8 hrs by 4x4

SHISHGED CAMP

Off-road drive to Taimen Lodge. Dinner and river briefing on arrival.



Upriver

TENGIS HEADWATERS

Three nights of tent camping on the most remote water.

Optional charter: a charter flight can go from Ulaanbaatar directly to camp in about 3 hours, skipping the Murun flight and the long drive.



THE LODGE FLEET AT FIRST LIGHT

DAY BY DAY

Oct 2
ARRIVAL

TRAVEL

ARRIVE IN ULAANBAATAR

A Taimen Lodge representative meets you at the airport and transfers you to the hotel. The team coordinates with you in advance over WhatsApp. City meals (lunch and dinner) are on your own.



Oct 3
DAY 1

FLIGHT + 4X4

NORTH TO THE SHISHGED

Hotel pickup for the domestic flight to Murun, then about 8 hours by 4x4 to camp on the Shishged River. Arrive late afternoon or early evening, settle into your cabin (2 guests per cabin), then a warm meal and a briefing on conditions and strategy.



Oct 4 – 5
DAYS 2 – 3

FISHING

FISHING THE SHISHGED

Two full days by jet boat, 2 anglers per boat, on different sections of the river system. You'll work prime water for taimen, lenok and grayling with the lodge's professional guides.



Oct 6 – 9
DAYS 4 – 7

HEADWATERS

THE UPPER TENGIS

Head up to the Tengis headwaters for three nights of tent camping, 2 guests per tent. The camp crew cooks, and the food out here is as good as at the lodge. This is the heart of the trip, where everything becomes twice the size and twice the numbers. The final evening is

back at Taimen Lodge to share stories and celebrate the week.



Oct 10

DAY 8

4X4

BACK TO MURUN

Transfer back to Murun by 4x4. Overnight in a hotel.



Oct 11

DAY 9

FLIGHT

RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

Morning flight back to Ulaanbaatar. Overnight in a hotel.



Oct 12
DEPARTURE

TRAVEL

FLY HOME

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.



WHY THE HEADWATERS

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BIGGER FISH. MORE OF THEM.

The upper Tengis sees almost no pressure. The lodge's guides describe it simply: up here everything is twice the size and twice the quantity. Three nights camping on the river puts you on that water at first and last light.

TAIMEN

The world's largest salmonid and a bucket-list fish for every serious angler. The fish of a lifetime, and the reason for the trip.

LENOK

Spotted, hard-fighting cousin of the taimen, found throughout the system.

GRAYLING

Arctic grayling with the big sail fin. Steady action between taimen.



07:00

Breakfast

At the lodge or around the camp stove.

Morning

On the water

A full day of fishing by boat with your guide.

Midday

Shore lunch

Served riverside or out in the field.

~18:00

Back to camp

Rest, dinner and the evening briefing.



PHOTOS FROM OUR LAST TRIP • AUGUST 2024

WE'VE FISHED THESE RIVERS BEFORE

Taimen, lenok and grayling, shore lunches and long days on the water from our group's August 2024 trip with Taimen Lodge. Great fishing, great company, and an awesome host and guides. We can't wait to go back.







OCTOBER 3 – 11, 2027

LODGE'S 2027/28 RATE \$6,500

OUR GROUP RATE \$4,500

YOU SAVE \$2,000

DEPOSIT TO RESERVE

\$1,500

BALANCE BY JUL 3, 2027

\$3,000

Per angler in USD. All-inclusive in Mongolia: 4 nights at Taimen Lodge, 3 nights tent camping on the upper Tengis, all domestic flights, hotels and transfers. Balance is due 3 months before the trip begins. Group rate applies to this departure only.

INCLUDED

- ✓ All hotels in Ulaanbaatar and Murun
- ✓ All domestic flights, Ulaanbaatar to Murun and back
- ✓ All transfers in Mongolia, from airport pickup to airport drop-off
- ✓ Lodge cabins at base camp, 2 guests per cabin
- ✓ Headwaters tent camp with tents and sleeping bags, 2 guests per tent
- ✓ All meals at the lodge and on the camping trip
- ✓ Guided fishing by jet boat, 2 anglers per boat

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare to and from Ulaanbaatar
- Travel, medical and evacuation insurance (required)
- Meals in Ulaanbaatar on your own
- Excess baggage fees and the optional charter flight
- Gratuities for guides and camp staff
- Fishing tackle and personal winter gear

TACKLE, GEAR AND PACKING

DRESS FOR WINTER, PACK FOR A BUSH PLANE

Bring two outfits: a light one for lenok and grayling and a heavy one for taimen. You'll also need real cold-weather clothing, all inside a strict 15 kg limit. Wear your bulkiest layers on the flight.

FLY FISHING

3 – 4 wt Lenok and grayling

9' 9 – 10 wt Taimen

SPINNING

Ultralight Lenok and grayling. Great fun on light gear

8 ft rod Casting from shore

5 – 6 ft rod Drifting from the boat

WINTER GEAR REQUIRED

- ✓ Breathable waders with fleece pants and thermal base layers underneath
- ✓ Wading boots with felt or rubber soles, and thick wool socks
- ✓ Insulated waterproof jacket plus a down or synthetic puffy
- ✓ Warm hat, neck gaiter or balaclava, and a hood
- ✓ Fishing gloves plus warm insulated gloves or mittens
- ✓ Hand and toe warmers, headlamp, polarized sunglasses

DOMESTIC FLIGHT LIMITS

10 kg Checked bag (22 lb)

5 kg Carry-on (11 lb)

15 kg Maximum total including paid excess (33 lb)

Small aircraft, strictly enforced. Excess baggage is paid in cash at the airport in Mongolian tugrik (MNT), subject to airline approval and cargo space on the day. Paying does not guarantee your bag flies.

INSURANCE AND TRIP TERMS

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel insurance is required, including medical cover and emergency evacuation from a remote area. The camp is a long day's drive from the nearest hospital. Trip cancellation and interruption cover is strongly recommended.

PASSPORT AND VISA

Your passport must be valid for at least six months after your return date. Check Mongolia's entry and visa requirements for your nationality well before departure.

WEATHER AND CHANGES

This is remote, late-season travel. Weather, river conditions and small-aircraft schedules can change the plan, and the lodge and guides may adjust the itinerary for safety. Costs from delays outside the lodge's control are not included.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Expect a full day of rough 4x4 travel, long cold days in a boat and cold nights in a tent. Tell us about any medical conditions in advance and bring enough personal medication for the whole trip plus spare.

FISHING

Taimen are protected in Mongolia and all taimen are released. Follow your guide's instructions on hooks and fish handling.

WAIVER

All guests sign the lodge's liability release before fishing. Adventure travel carries inherent risks, and you take part at your own risk.

BOOK YOUR TRIP

RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE RIVER

Spots are limited to the boats and tents available for this one late-season week. A \$1,500 deposit holds your place, and the \$3,000 balance is due by July 3, 2027.

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