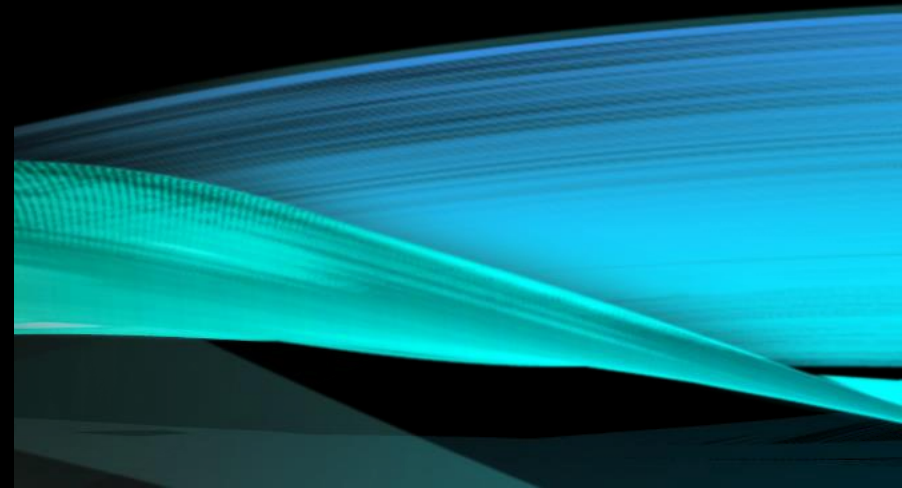




INNER MONGOLIA ETHNIC MINORITY GROUP

内蒙古



Introduction



- Full name – Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
In Chinese - 内蒙古 (Nèiménggǔ)
Han Chinese outnumber the Mongols
Largest minority group – Mongols

- 3 dialects of Mongolian are spoken
They are phonetically, morphologically and syntactically almost the same as the Khalkha Mongol dialect of Mongolia to the north.
A writing system of the Mongol language usith the Cyrillic alphabet was introduced in 1955, but the traditional Mongolian alphabet was later reintroduced
Traditional Mongolian script is used for writing
- Most Mongols follow Tibetan Buddhism, many Mongol families have a son in a monastery.

Work Traditions



- Herding tradition
- Climate change, industrialization and overgrazing have taken a toll on the grasslands that are vital to their way of life.
- Some Inner Mongolians have given up their traditional herding culture for work in distant cities.
- Others remain on the prairie, clinging to a threatened lifestyle.
- Herding banned in 2008 by government due to dry and damaged prairie and strong sandstorms.
- Some herders couldn't afford to live on the prairie without herding so some get 30,000 yuan a year as compensation from the government, but it's very little compared to how much they can make from herding.
- Now the government has eased the ban.
- Horses are an important part of the Mongolian culture, both men and women are accomplished equestrians, Mongolian horse races are very popular.

Clothing



- The clothing for both male and female Inner Mongolians are very similar
- Dress in many layers due to the colder climate
- Under garment – long sleeved, loose fitting robe, goes down to the floor.
- Dels – Silk robes lined with sheepskin
- Terlig – thinly lined robe for warmer weather
- On top - a long sleeved garment hitting below the waist/a long sleeveless garment with slits either on the sides or front and back (accommodates horseback riding).
- The sleeveless robe is called a Guji and is more commonly worn by women than by men.
- Hats and boots are worn for warmth as well as for decoration.
- Wear boots called gutuls with horseriding in mind.
- Usually choose bright and bold colours for their clothing.



Khorkhog – Mongolian BBQ



Buuz – A variation of dumpling



Airag – National drink
(Mare milk)



Boodog – A traditional roast
(Sometimes marmots used)



Tsuivan – A noodle stew



Boortsog – Mongolian biscuits

Homes



- Known as nomads
- Live in ger/yurts made of heavy white canvas, decorated with blue accents wrapped around a lattice work of wooden supports.
- Yurts are easily transported and have recently become more permanent residences for the Mongolians along the pastures.



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Music

Batzorig Vaanchig

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rmo3fKeveo>

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