

# SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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## ***MONGOLIA HORSEBACK ADVENTURES 10 DAYS, from \$ 1,499 per person All Inclusive!***




***An incredible horseback riding journeys  
through the vast Mongolian green grassland.  
That's one of the most exciting and challenging  
adventure tour in the area***

**Tour Highlights:** -Explore the vast beauty of this the land-based nomadic culture of its people, and natural places.

-Horses are bred mainly to supply the nomadic family with their own riding horses.  
-Mongolians are given their first horse when they are still children so that they learn to handle the animals at an early age. The owner of a big herd of horses can pround, the symbolic value of possessions is more important than their actual monetary value.



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- The life of a Mongolian revolves around his horse. The Mongolians spend the greater part of time on the back of their horses, which belong to a small but resistant and tireless race.
- Have your first ger camp experience in "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.
- Take some amazing photos to the 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp.
- Horseback ride through the vast Tuul river Valley to the old temple of Manchurian Princess. Visit Gunjiin Sum Buddhist temple. Here lies the grave of Queen of the Mongolian 'Ephu' king Dondovdorj, who was married to the sixth daughter of a Manchu king. Dondovdorj built the temple in 1740 after the death of his queen. It is his monument to the woman who had once been awarded the title of "Diligent and Kind", and who was poisoned by the Manchus after she displeased them with her support of the Mongolian people.
- Enjoy the view of this dense pine forest of Siberian Taiga area, rich in wildflowers and berries during summer season.
- Our outdoor adventure for riders & or non-riders. Vegans are welcome with delicious vegetarian cuisine!.
- Join us!. We are Horse riding Specialist, since 1997!.**

▶ **Trip summary:**

- ▶ **Tour Code:** SMT-HRV-10D
- ▶ **Meeting Point:** Ulaanbataar, Mongolia
- ▶ **Departure Point:** Ulaanbataar, Mongolia
- ▶ **Group size:** Minimum 3 adults or more participants-This tour operates on a minimum of 03 and a maximum of 12-16 participants.
- ▶ **Length:** 10 days/9 nights
- ▶ **Difficulty level:** Easy to moderate.
- ▶ **2009 Regular Tour Calendar:** [Please, see below.](#)
- ▶ **2009 Private Tour Calendar:** [Daily departure, from June-September.](#)
- ▶ **Note:** We ask you to remember that when we visit the nomadic people, we are guests in their homes, so it is appropriate to offer them small gifts in return for their hospitality.

Short Tour Description	Accommodation	Food
Day 1-Ulaanbaatar	Hostel or Hotel	D
Day 2-Gandan monastery-Tuul River Nomad's Valley	Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Day 3-Horseback in Tuul River Nomad's Valley	Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Day 4-Horseback to Terelj-Turtle Rock-Arryabal Temple	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 5-Horseback to Bagabayan	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 6-Horseback to Manchurian Princess Temple	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 7-Horseback to Ar Tuul river	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 8-Horseback to Chinggis Tourist Camp	Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Day 9-Ulaanbaatar	Hostel or Hotel	B+L+D
Day 10-Departure Mongolia or Post tour	<b>END OF OUR SERVICES</b>	<b>B</b>

**THE MAIN TOUR IN DETAILS:**

 **Day 1 Arrive in Ulaanbaatar (D)**

Upon arrival in UB, you will be met at the airport or at the Ulaanbaatar Railway Station and are transferred to the Mr. Gomez Hostel or to the Hotel (2 options). Free time. Evening National Performers (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). Have a welcome dinner at local restaurant "El Latino", featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at Mr. Gomez Hostel or at Hotel (2 options).

 **Day 2 Ulaanbaatar-Gandan monastery-Tuul River Nomad's Valley (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. In the morning, visit Gandan Lamasery, the largest Monastery in Mongolia (80 foot tall statue of Buddha, practicing Tibetan Buddhist Lamas), the Buddhist ceremony at 10:00AM and experience the Tibetan-Buddhist tradition. Afterward, drive to the "Tuul river Nomad's Valley" (55kms/27.5miles)-this is a beautiful valley of streams. There are national gers in beautiful natural locations, so it's easy to meet with

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locals and see their daily lives, interact with them. The river Tuul is one of the longest rivers of the country, flowing from the Khentii Mountain Range. The valley of the river has been called sacred for centuries by the nomads as they truly respect the nature especially the rivers and the surface water. In route, stop to observe and to take some amazing photos to the 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp. Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog), which is mutton cooked with hot rock and with vegetables, water, potatoes, and onion. Overnight in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Ger Camp. Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.

## **Day 3 Horseback along the Tuul River Valley (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. After a good breakfast, we will meet the horsemen and will saddle our horses and prepare for the ride, while the packhorses are being loaded. As we start, we will ride along the Tuul river, into the foothills to witness this amazing landscapes and wild lifeand . Meet with Nomadic families and see their daily lives, interact with them, to show you theirs animal training, feeding, milking, food preparation, etc. Enjoy this amazing scenery of wide-open steppe with rolling hills in the background and river. Back late to overnight at the comfortable "Chinggis" tourist camp.

## **Day 4 Horseback to Terelj National Park-Turtle Rock-Arraybal Temple (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Leaving the Tuul river Nomad's Valley and the "Chinggis" tourist camp behind us. You will be accompanied by local horsemen, your guide and cooking staff. We will cross the Tuul river towards to "Terelj" National Park for or tour to Turtle Rock and to the Arraybal Buddhist monastery on the top of the mountain. Throughout the four hour ride (about 25 kms/12,5miles), we will enter dense pine forest of Siberian Taiga. Enjoy the view of this area, rich in wildflowers and berries during summer season. The forest consists of Aspen, Larch and Birch trees which support wolf, eagles. birds, and others animals. Camping in tents.

## **Day 5 Horseback to Bagabayan (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Leaving the nomadic family behind us towards to "Bagabayan" (about 15 km/7.5miles), we will see golden eagles, woodpeckers, and other birds. You will be accompanied by local horsemen, your guide and cooking staff. Camping in tents.

## **Day 6 Horseback to the Old Temple of Manchurian Princess (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Leaving the tents camp towards to "Gunjiin" or "Manchurian Princess" Temple in Khentii National Park . Horseback ride through the vast Valley to the old temple of Manchurian Princess (15 km/7.5miles). Arrive at the Gunjiin Sum Buddhist temple. Here lies the grave of Queen of the Mongolian 'Ephu' king Dondovdorj, who was married to the sixth daughter of a Manchu king. Dondovdorj built the temple in 1740 after the death of his queen. It is his monument to the woman who had once been awarded the title of "Diligent and Kind", and who was poisoned by the Manchus after she displeased them with her support of the Mongolian people. Enjoy the view of this dense pine forest of Siberian Taiga area, rich in wildflowers and berries during summer season. Camping in tent close to Manchurian Princess Temple. Take a rest. Camping in tents.

## **Day 7 Horseback to Ar Tuul river (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. After breakfast, horseback ride to "Ar Tuul" river (about 28 km/14miles). We will set up camp on the bank of the river. You may be invited to share a cup of airag or koumiss (fermented mare's milk) with these friendly and hospitable people. Camping in tents.

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## Day 8 **Horseback to Chinggis Tourist Camp (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Today, on horseback ride we back through the vast Tuul river Nomad's Valley to the "Chinggis" tourist camp (28 km/14miles). Overnight at the "Chinggis" tourist camp (hot water, showers, western style toilets and restaurant are provided).

## Day 9 **Ulaanbataar (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Afterward, drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to the hostel or to the hotel (2 options). Free time and some shopping. Farewell dinner. Overnight at Mr. Gomez Hostel or at Hotel (2 options).

## Day 10 **Departure Mongolia or Post tour (B)**

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport or to the Railway Station. **Departure Mongolia. End of our services.**

### **THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:**

- All transportation in private.
- 2 nights of accommodation at Mr. Gomez Hostel based in triple or quadruple occupancy or at Hotel Tourist Class based on double occupancy (2 options) in Ulaanbaatar city.
- 3 nights of accommodation in Chinggis Tourist Camp, based on double occupancy.
- 4 nights camping in tents, based on double occupancy with camping gear.
- Full board per day.
- Services of English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees to the all specified protected areas and monasteries.
- Sightseeing specified cost.
- Pack Horses, the Horse's local guide and Tack (English, & Russian).
- One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert.
- One Special Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog).
- Road's taxes.
- All expenses at the nomadic family in the "Sacred Tuul River Nomads' Valley".
- All camping materials, tent, kitchen equipments, etc.
- Visa support invitation letter if necessary.

### **NOT INCLUDED FEATURES**

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia or train.
- ❖ We can not rent the fishing equipments.
- ❖ Visa.
- ❖ Sleeping bag.
- ❖ \*We suggest you bring your own riding hat with you, since none are available in Mongolia.
- ❖ Single supplement at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city.
- ❖ Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar.
- ❖ Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Samar Magic Tours cannot take over the responsibility for the National or the International Airlines.
- ❖ Additional meal, services or night at hotel in Ulaanbaatar.
- ❖ Excess baggage. Extra luggage can be stored at hostel or at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city, free of cost.
- ❖ Optional activities: fishing, and the fishing equipments, etc.
- ❖ The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, proper visa, the necessary passport pictures, and the International airfares.
- ❖ Travel insurance.

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- ❖ Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, drinks, extra meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.
- ❖ Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, etc.

## **▶ IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Tour and Tour Information are subject to change.
- Hotels are based on double occupancy in Ulaanbaatar city.
- Check-in at hotels is at 12:00m/Check-out at hotels is at 12:00m.
- Single gers are NOT available, during the high seasonal in Mongolia. Single supplements reflect sharing in gers and \*single rooms in hotels in Ulaanbaatar.
- Mongolia's tourism infrastructure is in its infancy which requires a flexible and adventurous attitude and patience.

## **▶ Payment Schedule and the Reservation Procedures:**

1. Deposit Due by Wire Bank Transfer at the time of confirmation of the reservation: \$500 or 400 Euro per person.
2. The final balance is due **65** working days of the departure date.
3. All cancellation requests are required in writing.
4. We accept payment in US \$ (US Dollars), or equivalent EURO (for clients outside North America).  
**-The following cancellation penalties will be assessed.**  
For cancellations received  
Up to 90-65 days before departure \$500 or 400 Euro per person penalty applies.  
64-30 days before departure 50% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.  
29-0 days before departure 100% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.  
We strongly recommend Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Travel insurance.
5. Price Guarantee: Your tour price is guaranteed once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.
6. If your balance due is not received by the due date before the 65 days of the departure, the reservation will be subject to cancellation without notice. If a booking is made within 65 days of the departure date, full payments are due immediately.



**WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?:** Mongolia is vast! Generally, it is recommended to pay your visit from May to September when the grass is green.

## Dangers/Annoyances

Mongolia is a safe place to be. As a visitor you are unlikely to experience any serious problems. However, like anywhere else there are a few things that visitors should be aware of, things that will need extra care and attention. Pick pocketing and bag slitting is most common in crowded places such as the black market, on buses or at tourist attractions such as Gandan Monastery. Bag-slashers attack "obvious tourists" frequently at the following locations: Black Market (bazaar), outside Post Office, Railway station, and crowded bus lines in Ulaanbaatar city. Valuables should be kept in a money belt and kept underneath your clothing or in the security box at your hotel in Ulaanbaatar city. Be careful about being seen with large amounts of money outside. In the countryside of Mongolia, there is not any problem. The nomadic families are very hospitable.

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