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## **MONGOLIA DISCOVERY TOUR WITH 4WD GOBI DESERT EXPEDITION 10 DAYS- ALL INCLUSIVE!**



***This 10 day tour gets well off the beaten track  
by super jeeps 4WD and into the southern  
regions of the Gobi desert***



**Tour Highlights:** An incredible journey in just ten days. This incredible tour gets well off the beaten track by super jeep 4x4 and into the southern regions of the Gobi desert where your only companions will be the natural habitat and the few nomadic people who still forage the plains as their forefathers have done for thousands of years.

\*Meet local nomads and stay in traditional ger camps.

\*Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.

\* Hike, horseback ride, and Mongolian archery.

\*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.

\* See the Gobi desert, the mountains and lakes.

\* See the nomadic culture, the Mongolian every day live, hiking, camel riding, watching Mongolian sports activities and more.

\*Expedition by super jeeps 4WD to the Spectacular Flaming Cliffs in Gobi desert where many fossilized dinosaur bones and eggs have been found.

\*Visit Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park.

\*Hiking to the Yolyn Am Canyon in Gobi desert.

\*Camel riding safari to Moltsoq Els sand dunes in Gobi desert.



\*Journey Expedition by super jeeps 4WD to Karakorum, the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization.

\*Visit Hustain Nuruu National Park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Observe the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia.

\* This surely is a journey into a rich and varied land. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

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▶ **Trip summary:**

- ▶ **Tour Code:** **SMT-10D**
- ▶ **Meeting Point:** **Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**
- ▶ **Departure Point:** **Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**
- ▶ **Length:** **10 days/9 nights**
- ▶ **Difficulty level:** Easy to moderate.
- ▶ **Private Departure:** **Daily**, from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September, excepted during **Naadam Festival!**

**Ulaan Baatar • Ulaanbaatar city Tour • Gandan Monastery • The Giant Chinggis Khan's statue • Sacred Tuul river Nomad's Valley • Terelj National Park • Middle Gobi • Gobi Desert • Ongii temple in Middle Gobi • Karakorum • Erdene zuu monastery • Hustain National Reserve • Ulaanbaatar**

Tour days	Short Tour	Board	Accommodation
Day 1	Ulaanbataar	D	Hotel
Day 2	Gandan monastery-Nomad's Tuul River Valley-Meet Nomadic family	B,L,D	Chinggis Tourist Camp
Day 3	Terelj National Park-Tortoise rock-Arrayabal Temple	B,L,D	Chinggis Tourist Camp
Day 4	4x4 to Middle Gobi: Sum Khukh Burd Temple - Bagazarin Chuluu	B,L,D	Tourist Ger Camp
Day 5	4x4 to Gobi desert: Flaming Cliffs-Moltsog sand dunes-Camel Safari	B,L,D	Tourist Ger Camp
Day 6	4x4 to Gobi desert: Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park -Yolin Canyon-Camel family	B,L,D	Tourist Ger Camp
Day 7	4x4 to Middle Gobi: Ongi temple ruins	B,L,D	Tourist Ger Camp
Day 8	4x4 to Karakorum-the 1st Capital of the Mongol Empire	B,L,D	Tourist Ger Camp
Day 9	4x4 to Erdene zuu monastery- Hustain Nuruu-National Reserve-Ulaanbaatar	B,L,D	Hotel
Day 10	Departure Mongolia or Extension	B	<b>TOUR ENDS</b>

▶ **THE MAIN TOUR IN DETAILS:**

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



Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB) city, you will be met at the airport and are transferred to the hotel. Free time at hotel. This afternoon city tour includes a visit to the "Genghis or Chinggis" Khaan's main monument in the Sukhbataar square, the National History Museum, where you will see artifacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. Next stop is the beautiful Winter Palace of the last Mongolian Khan, who ruled until 1924. Lastly, visit to Zaisan Hill War Memorial visit to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city. 18:00-Evening National Performers (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). Have welcome dinner at local restaurant "El Latino", featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at hotel.

 **Day 2 Ulaanbaatar City Tour- Giant Statue of "Chinggis" Khan-Chinggis Tourist Camp (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, visit to the Natural Museum, where you will see two complete dinosaur skeletons, which were found in the Gobi - the giant flesh-eating Tarbosaurus, 15m tall and four to five tons in weight, and the little duck-billed plant-eating Saurolophus , and displays of Mongolia's geography, flora and fauna and the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, known as one of the best collections of Buddhist art and artifacts in the world. Lunch in local restaurant. Afterward, drive to the "Sacred Tuul river Nomad's Valley" (55kms/27.5miles)-this is a beautiful valley of streams. There are national gers in beautiful natural locations,

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so it's easy to meet with 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, we stop to observe and to take some amazing photos to the Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp. Free time. Welcome dinner with traditional Mongolian barbecue 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 Terej National Park-Tortoise Rock-Arraybal Temple (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Today, we drive to "Terej" National Park for a walking tour to Turtle Rock and hiking to the "Arraybal" Buddhist monastery on the top of the mountain. It is famous for its amazing rock formations, pristine alpine scenery and varied bird life. The Terej National Park incorporates parts of Khenty Mountain Range. The forest consists of Aspen, Larch and Birch trees which support wolf, eagles, birds, and others animals. Picnic lunch is provided. In the afternoon, drive back to "Chinggis" tourist traditional ger camp. Free time for Mongolian archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 4 Middle Gobi (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Drive by super jeep 4x4 to Middle Gobi on the way visit ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple, one of the few monasteries and temples to survive the communist purges in 1930s. Boxed lunch on the way. Next stop is in Bagazarin Chuluu. Free time for photo opportunities. We recommend you take a walk around the Bagazarin Chuluu. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

## **Day 5 Gobi desert-Flaming Cliffs-Moltsog Els sand dunes-Camel Safari (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Today, we drive by super jeep 4x4 to the legendary "Flaming Cliffs"; named for its glowing orange rock that is rich with dinosaur fossils in Bayanzad (dinosaur excavation site) to explore the Gobi Dinosaur Cemetery and to follow the historic trail of paleontologist / explorer Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews. Explore and visit Moltsog els sand dunes. Climb up the towering piles of sand. Bactrian Camel (two-humped) Safari tour. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

## **Day 6 Gobi desert Gurvansaikhan National Park-Yol Valley Protected Area-Camel Family (B, L, D)**



Breakfast. Drive by super jeep 4x4 to "Yol Valley Protected Area in Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan National Park" for trekking and an opportunity to photograph the stunning landscape, the Gobi Glacier and the wildlife of the cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains. Hike through the valley before visiting the local natural history museum for an overview of the flora and fauna of the area. Afterward, drive to visit the camel family. Enjoy Nomad hospitality. Visit a camel-breeding farm to get introduced to their lifestyle and taste the khoormog, camel milk. Optional camel riding. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

## **Day 7 Gobi desert-Ongiin Monastery in Middle Gobi (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Overland journey by super jeep 4x4 through famous Ongiin Steppe to the ruins of the Ongiin Monastery. In the afternoon, walk to visit the ruins of the Ongiin Monastery. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

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## Day 8 Ongiin Monastery-Karakorum (B, L, D)

Breakfast. This morning, we drive by super jeep 4x4 through the grassland toward "Karakorum"-was founded in 1220 at the crossroads of the Silk Road. It was the capital of the Mongol Empire until Kublai Khan moved it to Beijing. Visitors, such as Marco Polo, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. In 1792 the Monastery still had 62 temples and 10,000 lamas. But in 1930 it became a victim of the Stalin's purges. All but three of the Temples were destroyed and most of the monks were either killed or sent to Siberia. Today the restoration of the Monastery is the government's top priority. Erdene Zuu retains much of its ancient glory and is well worth visiting. Arrive and transfer to the tourist base ger camp. Free time. Dinner and overnight in tourist base camp.

## Day 9 Erdene zuu Monastery - Hustain National Reserve-Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)

Breakfast. This morning, visit "Erdene Zuu" monastery, the Tortoise rock and the men's rock. The monastery grounds and several chapels depicts excellent examples of Buddhist iconography dating from the sixteenth century. Next drive by super jeeps 4x4 to "Hustain Nuruu" National Reserve ( ~260kms/130miles) to see the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. The Przewalski horse (*Equus przewalskii* Poliakov) or Takhi as the Mongolians name them are rather small, sturdy animals with a short, strong neck. The earliest written reports of Przewalski horses or Takhi date from the ninth century and in 1226 , a herd of Przewalski horses is said to have caused "Genghis" Khan to fall of his horse. The Hustain Reserve (Hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the bufferzone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 120 kms/60miles west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. Visit the park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Drive back by super jeeps 4x4 to Ulaanbaatar . Transfer to the hotel. Farewell dinner Overnight at hotel.

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

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport. **Departure Mongolia or Post Tour to Hovsgol lake National Park** (on request). **End of our services.**

► **OPTION NO. 1: Bayangol Hotel, 4★☆☆☆**: This landmark 12 storey twin tower hotel is superbly situated amidst seven acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of Ulaanbaatar's business entertainment and shopping district. Only a five minute walk away is the City Centre, main Cultural Centers and State Institutions.

### ACCOMMODATION SERVICES:



- 209 rooms: 190 standard rooms, 19 suites.
- Air-conditioning
- International direct-dial telephone phone
- Bathroom with shower
- TV (satellite Star TV)
- Mini-bar
- 24-hour room service.

### RESTAURANT SERVICES:

- Restaurant Bayangol with 300 seats offers you the delights of Eastern and Western cuisine as well as the traditional Mongolian food.
- Nomin restaurant for 30 seats (European and Mongolian cuisine).

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- Night Bar.
- Banquet room (cocktail parties for 40-50 people).

▶ **OPTION NO. 2: Chinggis Khan Hotel, 4★☆☆☆**: opened in 1995, renovated in 2003. 11 floors. Chinggis Khan hotel located downtown, within easy reach of the main tourist attractions and the business center of the city. 30-minute drive to the International airport and 15-minute drive to the railway station.

## ACCOMMODATION SERVICES:

- 182 comfortable rooms (105 twin, 33 single, 42 suites, 2 presidential suites)
- Check-in time 13.00, Check-out time 12.00.
- Air conditioner (SOMETIMES IS NOT WORKING!)
- TV with remote control, cable movie channels
- Telephone w/message light
- Full bath amenities
- Iron, ironing boards on request
- FM radio
- Mini bar
- Bathrobes
- 24-hour room service

## RESTAURANT SERVICES:

- Western-style restaurant (international cuisine).
- Mongolian restaurant (Mongolian national and oriental cuisine).
- Bar
- Coffee shop

## ▶ THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:



- 2 nights at your selected hotel in Ulaanbaatar city, based on double occupancy.
- 7 nights in tourist class ger camps throughout the tour city, based on double occupancy.
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.
- Private transport transfers (included the patrol).
- All Admission fee as specified: Terelj National Park, Arryabal Temple, Erdene zuu monastery, Gandan monastery, the all specified museums, monuments, Sum Khukh Burd , Ongii and Uvgun Temples, Flaming Cliffs, Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan National Park, Yolym Am Canyon , Hustain National Reserve, etc.
- Full Board as mentioned (**B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner)
- One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in UB.
- One Special Welcome dinner with traditional Mongolian barbecue meal (khorkhog) at the Chinggis Tourist Camp.
- 2 hours of Camel Safari in Moltsoq sand dunes in South Gobi desert.
- Road's taxes.
- All expenses at the nomadic families.
- Visa support invitation letter if necessary.

## ▶ NOT INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ❖ Visa.
- ❖ Single supplement at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city.

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- ❖ Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbataar.
- ❖ 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 Ulaanbataar.
- ❖ Excess baggage. Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in Ulaanbataar, free of cost.
- ❖ Optional activities.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, 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.

## SOME COMMENTS ABOUT MONGOLIAN TOURS

- 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.
- Accommodation in the countryside of Mongolia: Outside Ulaanbaatar, accommodation is in traditional Gers which are circular tents. Facilities are fairly basic, each Ger contains 2 beds, a wood stove, bedding, and a simple chest. Hot water is not always available.
- Mongolia's tourism infrastructure is in its infancy which requires a flexible and adventurous attitude and patience.
- Your tour involves some days of travelling off the beaten track, with long road journeys by 4WD transport over difficult terrain.
- 1 **Free Pax** based on twin room (8 Twin rooms) only, for every 16 persons (\*do not include the national air fare).

### -CHARGE FOR CHILDREN:

**0-3 years old: free**

**from 4-11 years old: 70%** at the regular adult price.

**from 12 years old and above: 100%** at the regular adult price.

-Tour and Tour Information are subject to change.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND THE RESERVATION PROCEDURES

- We request a 50% of guarantee advance payment immediately to hold your reservation and payment in full 35 days prior to departure.
- If a booking is made within 35 days of the departure date, full payments are due immediately.
- We accept payment in US Dollars, or in EUR.
- PRICE GUARANTEE:** Your tour price is guaranteed once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.

**CANCELLATION & REFUNDS:** All cancellation requests must be done through fax or mail. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

**-The following cancellation penalties will be assessed.**

**-All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.**

**-Air or train cancellation terms are additional.**

**-For cancellations received**

**Up to 90-65 days before departure:** US \$ 600.00 or 500.00 Euro per person penalty applies.



**64-16 days before departure** 50% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.

**15-0 days before departure:** 100% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.

-We strongly recommend Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Travel insurance.

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## 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.

**-Please note when you choose your clothes:**

**April to May, or on September:** warm days and cool nights around (6-10°C).

**June, July to August:** is summertime, days around (15°C-30°C), nights around (10/20°C).

## 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. 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.

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