

Best of Mongolia

The Gobi Desert and Central Mongolia, 10 days

Day 1. Arrival

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar, you will be greeted by your guide and driver. Transfer to a hotel. If time permits optional half or full day city sightseeing is available on request.

Day 2. Baga Gazriin Chuluu (220 km)



In the early morning, begin your journey to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, roughly translated as lesser Rock formation. Visit old temple ruins located by the formation and explore the area. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp (LD).

Day 3. Tsagaan Suvarga (230 km)

After breakfast visit the ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple. Continue driving to Tsagaan Suvarga, a fascinating white limestone cliff which resembles a Stupa. To some, it may even remind the ancient ruins of Petra. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp (BLD).



Day 4. Yol Valley (220km)



Drive further south. Arrive at the Three Beauties of Gobi mountain range. Spend the day on an excursion to Yol Valley, hiking and enjoying stunning photographic opportunities. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp (B/L/D).

Day 5. Khongor Sand Dunes (220 km)

After breakfast, drive to Khongor Sand Dunes also known as the Singing Dunes. After settling at the camp, visit a nomadic camel- breeding family and experience the hospitality of Mongolian nomads. Reach the sand dunes upon the backs of two humped camel. A climb up to the sand dunes will be rewarded with breathtaking views. In the evening observe a spectacular sunset, please prepare your cameras. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp (B/L/D).



Day 6. Bayanzag (170 km)

Drive to the world-famous Flaming Cliffs (Bayanzag), rich in saxaul trees of Gobi. Explore the site of the first paleontological discoveries in Mongolia which immortalized the name of Roy Chapman Andrews, (January 26, 1884 – March 11, 1960), an American explorer, adventurer and naturalist. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp (B/L/D).

Day 7. Ongi Monastery (185 km)

After breakfast drive north, visit the ruins of the once great Ongi Monastery, one of the three olden major Monastic centers of Mongolia. Visit the ancient monastery grounds and visit the site undergoing a slow rebuilding process Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp (B/L/D).

**Day 8. Karakorum, Erdene-Zuu Monastery (300 km)**

Early morning after breakfast drive to Karakorum, once the capital of the 13th century Great Mongol Empire. Visit the Karakorum museum housing artifacts dateable to even the Turkish period (VII century). Visit Erdene-Zuu Monastery, the first and the largest monastery in Mongolia built on the ruins of the ancient capital. Tour the monastery and visit several temples with excellent examples of Buddhist Thangka paintings and statues dating back to the

17th century. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp (B/L/D).

Day 9. Ulaanbaatar (380 km)

After breakfast, head towards Ulaanbaatar. Lunch along the way. Transfer to Hotel upon arrival. Optional half day tour/ folk arts concert available. (B/L).

Day 10. Departure

Transfer to the airport or the train station for international departure. (B)

Departure dates:

- GROUP 1: 20st of June – 29th of June/2019
- GROUP 2: 18th of July – 27th of July/2019
- GROUP 3: 15th of August – 24th of August/2019
- GROUP 4: 5th of September – 14th of September/2019

1. Group size:

Minimum 3pax

Maximum 15pax

2. Tour includes:

- Transfers upon arrival and departure
- English speaking guide at all times
- In the countryside all lodging will be in Ger camps
- All meals are provided as stated in the itinerary
- Ground transportation: in the countryside by a chauffeur-driven 4WD vehicle, minivan or bus in the city area
- Park entrance fees
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- 1 liter of drinking water per day per person

3. Package price DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Accommodation in a hotel or hostel in Ulaanbaatar, hotel extras, such as telephone calls, bar bills and laundry services, travel insurance, medical insurance, visa application fees, alcoholic beverages, personal expenses such as items of a personal nature, gratuity to local guides and drivers, international airfare or train tickets, airport taxes, excess baggage charges (over 33 pounds / 15 kilograms), changes of arrival/departure flights, additional services, any charges of force majeure beyond our control (e.g. imposition of quarantine restrictions, etc.), optional excursions unless stated in your itinerary, etc.