



Destination Mongolia - Tailor Made Tours 2011

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## A warm greeting from SND team

The Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) organizes the ecological, cultural and trekking tours all over the Mongolia. The major difference is that we offer ECO & RESPONSIBLE tours in Mongolia and beyond, that DIRECTLY benefits the local community around country's National Parks as an incentive for conservation and where you can be part of both the conservation and the community.

Secondly the company is owned and run by Mongolians who have extensive experience and knowledge in tourism and conservation which allows you to experience the natural and human wonders of the country, as you encounter the beauty, the people, the culture, the nature and the spirit of Mongolia.

Our philosophy is giving back to the community in places we visit to change lives, to protect and conserve our environment and the life of our people. While with us, we will take you to visit most of our projects with the communities and if you have time you can have a hands-on-experience through active participation.

**Welcome to travel in beautiful Mongolia**

## Tailor made tours

Tailor made tours can be the right choice for you to find your ideal tour. Whether you want to concentrate on culture or spending time for observing wildlife, or relax in a secluded beauty spot, our travel experts will help you to discover the joy of a unique trip designed specifically for you. The benefit of tailor-made travel is that your entire journey is designed with concerning your requirements, so you are not tied to the set itinerary of a group. It means you will be content with exploring your interests at your own speed and select your preferred style of accommodation.

We can offer valuable advice and suggestions for things to see and various activities. While you are there, you can be confident and satisfied that your unique itinerary has been created by the travel expert who has extensive knowledge of the places and accommodation according to your itinerary.







## Our approach to travel

- **Travel Team:** We are dedicated to ensuring you receive unparalleled service from the minute you contact Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) until you return from your trip. Therefore, our managers, guides, drivers and cooks are industry's most experienced and talented professionals. Knowledgeable travel managers can answer all your pre-trip questions. University trained, multi-lingual tour leaders guide your journey. From travel managers to guides, from cooks to drivers, you will find our commitment to offering the highest level of service, attention to every detail and friendly, personalized service will ensure your journey is a memorable and rewarding experience.
- **Accommodation:** The variety of our accommodation around Mongolia and North East Asia represents the wide breadth of cultures we encounter - from luxurious, international hotels, 2-3 star hotels, and private apartments to ger camps and tents. We always look for conveniently located, comfortable, clean and friendly places, locally run and with plenty of local character. Often, our chosen accommodation will actually be an essential ingredient of the tour, such as the Altai mountain ger of a Kazakh family in the western part of Mongolia, or a tent camp under a Gobi Desert sky alive with stars, or perhaps even the huts of Reindeer herders at the pristine Khovsgol Lake area.
- **Meals:** Our basic policy is to build as much flexibility into meal arrangements as possible, allowing you the freedom to choose dining in first class restaurants, taste local cuisine or prepare your own meal. All our Tour Leaders can recommend you the best places in town to eat out. As a rule of thumb, breakfast is included in the majority of our accommodations. When meals are included, they will normally offer a choice between local, European or Asian based dishes; there will ways be a vegetarian option. Whilst camping, the majority of meals are usually included, with fresh products purchased mainly from local markets.
- **The group experience:** Smaller groups also mean greater flexibility when it comes to transport. The mode of transport will reflect the essential nature of the tour; 4WD for wilderness expeditions and wildlife viewing and a compact coach for cultural itineraries along a good network of roads. In fact we often use more than one type per trip. You will find yourself moving forward and back in time as you step out of a modern Land Cruiser 4WD at Khovsgol

Lake and take a weeklong ride on horseback in land of Reindeer herders. We also travel by boat or the Mongolian 'ship of the desert' the two-humped Bactrian camel. And, of course, we also travel by foot. On the longer stretches, small group travel is also an ideal way of enjoying the sociable side of your holiday!

- **Value for money:** Holidays can be expensive. But when you take out the soulless 4 star hotels, in-house movies and room service, it's remarkable how much you can actually afford. We're all about thrills not frills. And with so many different tours to choose from with such a wide scope of duration and activity, even the most budget conscious traveler is sure to find something that suits their needs. Our holidays are structured to make the most effective use of time and resources. At the end of the day, it's not just a holiday, it's an experience. And a Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) experience stays with you long after photos have been developed or the tan has faded.
- **Local lifestyles and cultures:** In order to reap the full rewards of exploring these regions of the world, visitors should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility to accept local standards of amenities and services. Infrastructures are still developing and delays or changes in the itinerary and schedules are very likely. Expect to encounter problems with plumbing, bureaucratic service, road conditions, unpaved sidewalks, uneven surfaces and steps, and lack of availability of public restrooms. Transportation is by bus and four-wheel-drive vehicle; most roads are unpaved and can be very rough and dusty; there will be some drives of up to five hours. Meals are hearty, meat based, and simple. Hotel accommodations in Siberia are very simple. In Mongolia, accommodations include traditional nomadic gers and may lack in-house facilities, which are located in a central building. Air transportation includes the use of European made Fokker 50 aircraft. Trip participants should be in good physical condition and able to walk unaided on uneven terrain.

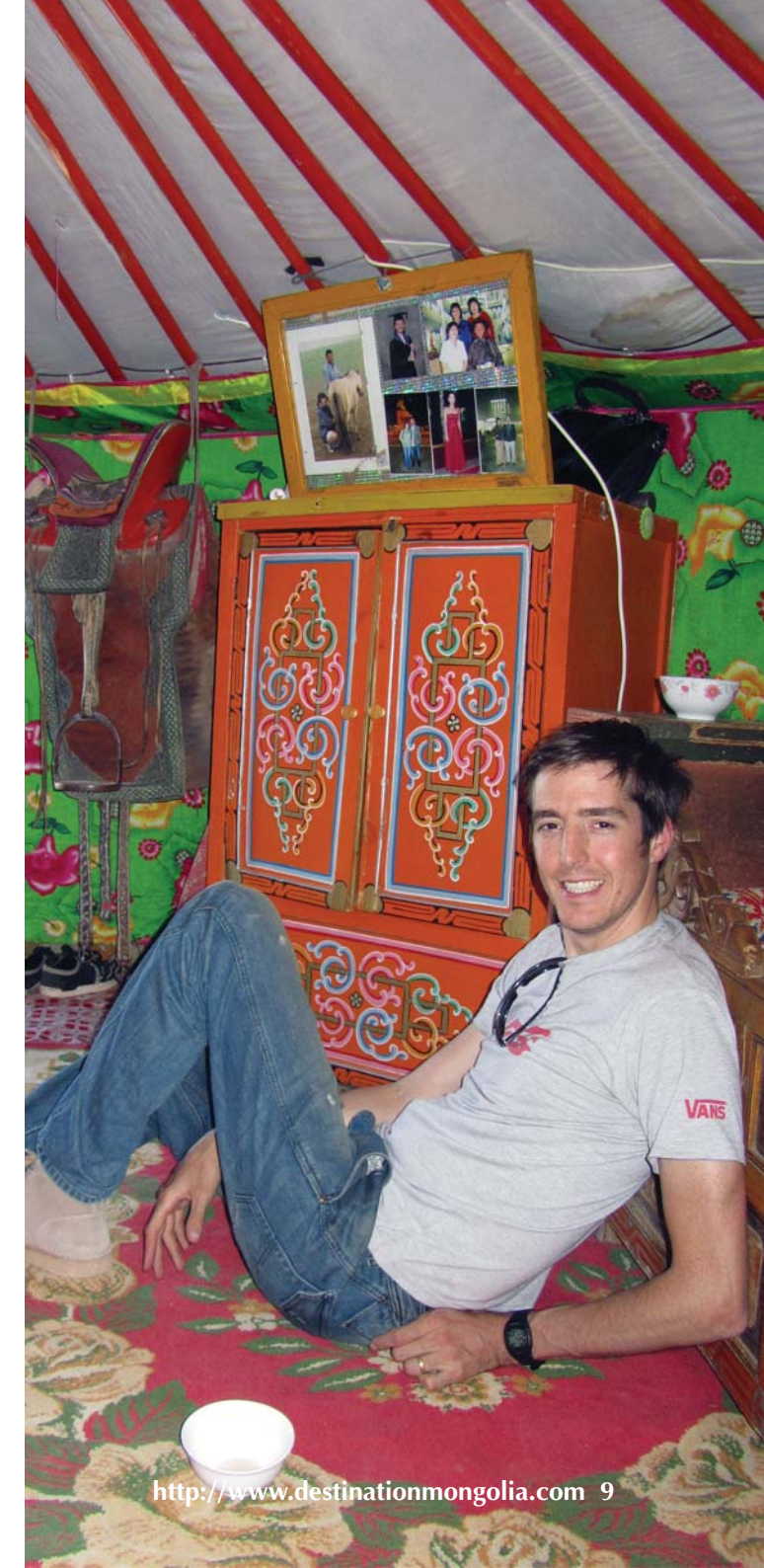






## Experience on Tour

- **What is a tour with SND like?:** First and foremost it's about people: your traveling companions, the SND team, an enduring friendship you strike in a remote wilderness. A trip with SND is also a relaxed but carefully planned ecological, cultural and adventure holiday, with none of the hassle associated with independent travel - nor the impersonal regime of mass tourism. Travel in Mongolia and North East Asia requires an exceptional level of organization- to research your trip locally put all the arrangements in place, find the right flights for you, inform you about the latest product - and to lead you through a very special adventure. While highly trained Tour Leaders are running expeditions all over the Mongolia, the backstage crew back in the France, Italy and Germany contribute a vast pool of skills to ensure the whole operation runs smoothly.
- **Can I extend or combine itineraries?:** Planning the Journey of a Lifetime? SND offers several combos designed to combine contrasting experiences within a particular area: the South Gobi Desert, for instance, can be linked with an adventurous trek in Khovsgol Lake. Or if you're simply looking for the icing on the cake of your tour, why not tag on an extension? After a classic journey in Karakorum city, treat yourself to a one night stay in a ger camp at Terelj National Park.
- **Can I come alone? Can I come with a friend?:** On average, about half of our group members are independent or single travelers with many regulars among them. It's a fact being within a group and in the hands of a tour leader relieves any concerns about feeling conspicuous in unfamiliar locations. It's also a much more sociable fun way of getting about, whether you're a couple, a group of friends or traveling solo.
- **Can you accommodate private groups?:** Do you have a group of friends or family with similar interests who want to travel together? With no one else but your private group on board, your trip is yours to enjoy, and customize however you want with the help of one of our experienced trip guides. Every year we arrange many such expeditions for groups of friends and relatives, or for schools and special interest parties. Mostly they will travel on one of our existing programs; but if you have a specific request in mind or would like to discuss one of our itineraries, we'd be delighted to discuss that with you.
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## Our Travel Commitment

- **Tourism with a purpose: Our Commitment to Responsible Tourism:** Being a positive and sustainable alternative to mass tourism is easier said than done. But Destination Mongolia (SND Co.ltd) believes passionately in local tourism and is proud to be amongst the leaders in this field. Our dedication to Responsible Tourism colors all our major decisions - from the concept that “Small Groups Leave Fewer Footprints” to the choice of local staff and resources, right through to our Community Based Tourism scheme, aimed to bring more benefits directly to local herders.
- **Sustainable community tourism:** Throughout the trip, the Tour Leader will encourage the education of our clients on their role in making sure that the local communities benefit from our visit, ensuring that we will always be welcome.
- **Cultural protection:** People are the ultimate focus of all our endeavors to ensure sustainable tourism development. We believe that all people have the right to a healthy and productive life, living in harmony with nature. Where practical, we will involve and cooperate with local communities and people, encouraging the purchase of local products and use of available skills.
- **Our Tour Leader:** When recruiting Tour Leaders, we assess their environmental credentials, and then train them to our own standards. All Tour Leaders are required to complete a Responsible and Community Based Tourism Audit before their tour.
- **Support:** Using locally owned suppliers wherever possible to provide and run services, we ensure that the local economy benefits directly. We also expect local suppliers to meet our standards, with particular consideration for the needs of our guests.







# Sparkling Naadam Festival

Tour date | from 09 July 2011 to 15 July 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar city

Upon your arrival, Destination Mongolia's crew will meet you at Chinggis Khaan International Airport for your private transfer to hotel. City sightseeing includes the National museum of Mongolian history, Sukhbaatar square and Zaisan monument where you can see the panoramic view of the city. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Preparation day of Naadam Festival

As Mongolia gears up for the Naadam Festival, competitions get underway in some of Mongolia's most ancient traditional sports. Take in the Buryat-style archery competition being held near the Central Stadium, followed by the yearling horse race - in which thousands of child jockeys gallop bareback across the steppe to the west of Ulaanbaatar. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Colourful Naadam Festival

See the fantastic opening ceremony of Naadam festival and watch the first round of Wrestling, and then Archery and Ankle bone shooting competitions. In the afternoon we drive to the horse racing place to enjoy and experience the horse races. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Gun Galuutai Natural Reserve

After breakfast, a short two-hour drive will take us to the stunning Gun Galuut Natural Reserve,

nestled in the Khentii Mountains. Enjoy the rare opportunity to meet with local nomadic families and experience their lives and concerns. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Terelj National Park

Drive to Terelj National Park, magnificent place for enjoying beauty of the nature. The place is suitable for various activities such as hiking, horse riding and visiting nomad family. There we will visit the Aryabal temple and in the afternoon, drive back to Ulaanbaatar. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Departure

Your marvellous trip ends with transferring to the airport for your departure. (B)



## To extend the trip:



## Day 1 | Baga Gazriin Chuluu Mountains

Drive to the great Gobi to join Baga Gazriin Chuluu is huge rock extension area. You will enjoy hiking and climbing.



## Day 2 | Bayanzag Flaming Cliff

We will visit Bayanzag- biggest saxaul forest and flaming cliffs, where you will find the archeology place, when Roy Andrew Chapman discovered fossilized dinosaurs' skeleton and eggs.

## Day 3 | Yol Valley and Khongoryn Els

Hiking discovery the most beautiful oasis of Yol Valley. Afternoon we will drive to Khongoryn els, the largest spectacular sand dunes.

## Day 4 | Khongoryn Els sand dunes

The whole day will be spent so interesting with visiting nomad family and get familiar with their way of life and taste some dairy products. Camel ride is also available.



## Day 5 | Ruins of the Ongi monastery

You will explore the spot - Ongi Monastery ruins, which is one of the oldest monasteries in desert.

## Day 6 | Kharkhorin Town

Today we will visit the Erdene Zuu Monastery, the first Monastery of Mongolia which is built in 1586 on the burial tomb of ancient capital of Great Empire of Chinggis Khaan.

## Day 7 | Khogno Khan Natural Reserve

You will spend the time in beautiful Khogno Khan Area which is combination of Rocky Mountain, vast steppe as well as sand dunes. Discovery by walking the Ovgon Monastery.

## Day 8 | Ulaanbaatar

Return to Ulaanbaatar in afternoon, enjoy the traditional folk concert.



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- Guide
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### Tour excludes:

- International flights
- Single supplement
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# Golden Eagle Festival

Tour date | from 30 September 2011 to 8 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar

Greeting at the airport by Destination Mongolia team. Transfer to hotel and city sightseeing trip including fascinating Sukhbaatar square, Gandan monastery- the biggest and with more than 400 monks, and National History museum that introduces briefly about the great history of Mongolia. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Bayan-Ulgii/ Sagsai area

After a few hours flight to Bayan-Ulgii, the capital of Mongolia's westernmost province, situated amongst the splashing Altai Mountains. We will be met with our drivers at the airport and taken to Tsengel area, home to a population of Kazakh nomads. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Golden Eagle Festival

This unique festival features the fascinating history and techniques of traditional Kazakh eagle-hunting. Highlights of the day include an eagle-call competition, knucklebone and archery contests, eagle trapping, and an exhibition of richly ornamented Kazakh wall hangings and exclusive interviews with eagle hunters. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Golden Eagle Festival

The second day of the Golden Eagle Festival has events showcasing the diversity of local traditions. There are more contests among the eagle hunters

as well as various Kazakh games played on horseback - the "Bushkashi" competition, in which opponents attempt to fight on horseback for a goat skin; Kyz Kuat, a race between men and women; and Tiyn Teru, in which riders race to gather coins from the ground. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Altai Tavan Bogd Mountains

The first part of this day will be spent driving west to Tavan Bogd National Park. The National Park is named for the 5 peak Tavan Bogd Mountains, the tallest in Mongolia. Along the base of these 4370 meter peaks is Mongolia's longest glacier and great views into Russia and China. We will spend the night at the end of the road near the peaks. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Bayan-Ulgii town

Among the way to Ulgii town, we will drive through beautiful scenery and visit extremely hospitable Khazakh family and learn their unique culture. Arrive in Ulgii town in the evening. (B, L, D)

## Day 7 | Ulaanbaatar city

You will take a return flight to Ulaanbaatar city for a visit the folk concert in the evening. (B, L, D)

## Day 8 | Departure

Your splendid journey ends with transferring to the airport for your departure. (B)

## To extend the trip:



### Day 1 | Tolbo Lake and Deluun County

Begin the fascinating trip to Deluun County via beautiful Tolbo Lake in the land of the Kazakh people. We will camp near Chigertei River.

### Day 2/3 | Excursion in Sacred Mountains of the Monk-Khairkhan

You will expend a day to the best trek in Monk-Khairkhan Mountains, Mongolia's second highest peak, at 4205 meters above sea level.



### Day 4 | Khoid Tsenkher Cave

Explore the famous Khoid Tsenkher Cave , site of the most ancient known rock paintings in Central Asia, thought to have been produced at least 15,000 years ago.

### Day 5 | Khar Us Lake and Khovd town

Drive to the town Khovd via Khar Us "Black Water" Lake a birds' paradise, Khar Us Lake is home to more than 200 different species of migratory waterfowl in the summer month.



### Day 6 | Ulaanbaatar city

Flight to Ulaanbaatar when we get there we will have free time for shopping and resting. In the evening we will attend the traditional concert and farewell dinner.

## The Kazakh people

The Kazakh - a Turkish word meaning "free man", "adventurer", "separated from the herd" - originally belonged to a confederation of Uzbek tribes from which they separated to from a political unit in northeast Turkestan. The Mongol Kazakh are through to come from the Hereit and Naiman tribes, who are mentioned in the Mongol chronicle, the Secret History of the Mongols. At the end of the 1860s, part of the Kereit settled down on the northern slope of the Altai, and nomadised along an affluent of the Khovd River, in the present Bayan-Ulgii Aimag. After the 1921 Revolution and the agreement over the establishment of frontiers between China, Mongolia, and Russia, the Kazakh herders continued to travel from one country to another, ignoring these new demarcations, until the creation in 1940 of a territory intended specifically for them.



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# My celebration of Mongolian new year

Tour date | from 22 January 2012 to 25 January 2012

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar / Terelj National park

Upon your arrival Destination Mongolia will meet you at international airport. Before going to Terelj National Park, we will visit Gandan Monastery, where many Buddhist people come to obtain blessings for the New Year. In Terelj National Park, which will display the fascinating nature scenery; Turtle rock massive rock statue, high mountains covered by coniferous forest, we will visit nomad family, where you will learn about the rituals and traditions associated with the New Year. You will take unique feeling from their tradition with warm and hospitable atmosphere. (L, D)

## Day 2 | The Lunar New Year - Ulaanbaatar

Lunar New Year is the most important celebration for Mongolians and it has strict traditions on greetings. Usually young people greets old respectfully with blue sashes on hand saying “Amar baina uu?” means “How are you?”. And guests welcomed to table for diverse type of beverages starting by milk tea to traditional food - buuz dumplings. Afterwards the visit of nomadic family we will head to Ulaanbaatar city. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Ulaanbaatar city sightseeing

We will enjoy the city sightseeing by visiting the Bogd Khan’s winter palace museum, Sukhbaatar square and Zaisan hill. In the evening, you will attend a performance of traditional dancing and

khuumii (Mongolian throat singing). (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | International Departure

Your admirable journey ends with transferring to the airport for international departure. (B)



## To extend the trip:



### Day 1 | South Gobi

Flight to South Gobi to experience the interesting events and you will be amazed by beautifully made traditional costumes. During the festival camel carnival, polo, and other performances will be held. (B, L, D)

### Day 2 | Camel festival

The second day of the festival will be spent with full of fun and exciting events such as an amusing camel race, camel breeders’ marathon and Camel award ceremony. (B, L, D)

### Day 3 | Yol Valley / Bayanzag

Drive to Yol Valley and discover a beautiful gorge in Gurvan Saikhan Mountain. (B, L, D)



### Day 4 | Bayanzag flaming cliff

Explore the Bayanzag area for a fantastic discovery the ontological site of Mongolia. In 1920 Roy Andrew Chapman had a big booty like fossilized dinosaur bones and eggs. (B, L, D)

### Day 5 | Ulaanbaatar

Fly back to Ulaanbaatar and lodge in hotel. (B, L, D)



### Tsagaan Sar

Tsagaan Sar is celebrated according to the lunar calendar and is the official New Year for Mongolians. It also marks the end of winter and the beginning of the spring. Tsagaan Tsar is a lengthy celebration and a time for visiting family and friends. Traditionally the first day of the New Year begins by visiting a nearby, ovoo, or site of worship to offer thanks and gifts to the gods of the nature. After this the celebrating begins families first visit the oldest members. Blue silk is used as a formal greeting and gifts are offered, usually money. Each member of the family is visited, from oldest to youngest, followed by other relatives and friends. The whole process can last up to several weeks in the countryside where long distances are travelled to make the visit. The celebration becomes an endless round of eating and drinking. Bortz, or steamed dumplings are constantly on the stove and served to each new guest that arrives. The fattest sheep is killed and great hunks of mutton fat dished out. A fat sheep’s tail will adorn the centre of every family’s dinner table. Vodka is also drunk, toasts made and many songs chanted and sung.

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# Mysterious steppe of Mongolia

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar

Our guide will greet you at the airport for your private transfer to hotel. Explore the highlights of the city with visiting Gandan monastery, Natural history museum which displays the flora and fauna, different species of animals and birds that are living in Mongolia. Also you will have an opportunity to see the complete skeleton of dinosaur that was found from Mongolia. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Khogno Khan Mountain

Today we will spend in top attraction of central part of Mongolia, the Khogno Khan Mountain - the nature is real fantastic with panoramic view from top of 1967 meters above sea level and 200 km vision to vast steppe, snake flowing river through Mongol Els sand dunes and visit old small monastery Ovgon with local nomad family by trekking or horseback ride. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Ugii Lake

Drive to Ugii lake National Park, which popular among travelers by its bird watching and fishing activities. On the way we will see local nomad family who breeding horses, cows, sheep and goats. After arrival in yurt camp we will have short trekking around lakeshore. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Tsenkher Hot Springs

In this day we will arrive in Tsenkher hot spa and

observe by walking the wonderful area surrounded by high mountains, which covered by lush green forest of larch and meadows covered by sparkling colored flowers, where main attraction is hot spa, which produces +86.9 C hot sulphur water and being in open hot bath with looking to sky and stars, will leave an unforgettable impression. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Orkhon Valley

In Orkhon valley we have a sightseeing of great places with ancient lava extend, biggest and longest river - Orkhon and wonderful waterfall, which is in prosper only in summer times and visit enormously concentrated local nomad families, who breeding a horses and yaks by situating along the Orkhon river. And this area is very popular with historically memorable places like findings and shrives of ancient Turkic state; inscribed monuments, rock statues and area involves in Steppe Natural Zone. We will explore the waterfall identifies by huge sound of noise from where water falls from 24 meters and it is truly depends upon rainfalls of current year. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Naiman Nuur

After 2-3 hours trip start driving to Naiman Nuur. It is very beautiful place that has eight lakes surrounded by forested mountains and located on 2500-3000 meters above the sea level. (B, L, D)

## Day 7 | Naiman Nuur

You can go hiking or ride horse around Naiman Nuur and visit nomad family. Later on, we will arrive at Shireet Nuur. (B, L, D)

## Day 8 | Karakorum

On this day we'll arrive in Karakorum city - ancient capital city of Mongol Empire from where Great Chinggis Khaan conquered and ruled the world and visit to Erdene Zuu monastery, ancient monastery built by Abtai Sain Khaan in 1586, will leave an unforgettable cultural impression with white 108 stupas, walls and temples by walking (B, L, D)

## Day 9 | Khustai National Park

Early in the morning, we will leave Karakorum and drive to Khustai National Park. We can have chance to see Przewalski horses. There we can walk around the protected area and see the rare animals such as deer and wolves. (B, L, D)

## Day 10 | Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar for a visit Fine Art Museum that has very interesting exhibits such as beautiful sculptures made by Saint Zanabazar in 17<sup>th</sup> century. In the evening you will attend a traditional folk concert. (B, L, D)

## Day 11 | Departure

Your journey through Mongolian steppe will be concluded with transferring to the airport. (B)



## Mongolia: A glimpse

Located in the landlocked plateau between Russian Siberia and the plains of northern China, Mongolia presents a geographically and culturally dramatic impression. Within this enchanting country's borders, you can to enjoy boundless wonders of nature. Mongolia's pristine mountains, unspoiled Gobi Desert and sweeping grasslands are home to a vast natural heritage - snow leopards, wild horses and camels, Gobi bears, wild sheep and goats, antelope and more. The crystal clear rivers and astonishingly blue lakes are abundant with fish and hundreds of species of endemic and migrating birds. If you are in search of a retreat or a creative charge, you will surely find it in the peace and serenity of the Buddhist culture and rich heritage of the nomadic lifestyle.



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# Under blue sky, eternal

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar city sightseeing 🚗

Destination Mongolia team will greet you at International Airport "Chinggis Khaan" and transfer to a hotel. City sightseeing begins with visiting Gandan Monastery, a center of Mongolian Buddhism. Lunch will be served in Mongolian restaurant specialized in barbecue. We will also visit the Zaisan hill and Museum of Natural History, exhibiting the skeletons, bones, eggs of dinosaurs. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Trekking in Yol Valley 🏠

You will take a flight to South Gobi, a land of Rocky Mountains, sand dunes, and vast plains. We will explore by trek the Yol Valley, fantastic place with high, Rocky Mountains, where it has cooling ice and glaciers till in hot time of Gobi desert and it is situated in Gobi Gurvan Saikhan Mountain, which is tale of great Altai Mountain Ranges. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Bayanzag Flaming Cliff / Khongor Sand dune 🏠

Excursion on foot the Bayanzag a sandy cliff is one of the places famous for its booty such as skeletons, dinosaur eggs of the team of Roy Chapman Andrews, American scientist (1920). We will join Khongor sand dunes in the evening. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Sand dune Khongor 🏠

We will spend the day in Khongor sand dune area which extends 180 km long. The early morning climb upthe dune to enjoy the beautiful color of orange sunrise to make the picture of the river that borders the sand dune. Afternoon, we will visit camel breeding family and get familiar with their lifestyle and taste their delicious dairy products. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | White Cave / Valley of Rock Paintings 🏠

Today we will drive to the Valley of Rock Paintings. On the way to get there we will stop by White Cave which is 40 meters long and famous for its beautiful crystal and trace of ancient people who were living about 650000 years ago. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Ikh Bogd Mountain 🏠

Travel around Ikh Bogd Mountain which is 3957m above the sea level. Visit nomad family to experience their lifestyle. In the evening we will set up our tents in the desert area under the starry sky. (B, L, D)

## Day 7 | Bayankhongor Province / Hill Khul Saya 🏠

On the way to the hill Khul Saya, you will discover the capital Bayankhongor province. Visit the small local museum and the Buddhist monastery. Arrival in Hill Khul Saya in the afternoon, enjoy a pristine

beauty of the river Tui and we will have an opportunity to spend an unforgettable time with the nomads in their specialties tasting dairy products at their home. (B, L, D)

## Day 8 | Tamir River 🏠

We will continue the road to the valley of Tamir River, a remarkable place, a few yurts of nomads in the steppe at the foot of green mountains, covered by larch forests. Hiking and multiple activities are available. (B, L, D)

## Day 9 | Zaya Gegeen Monastery / Tsenkher Hot Spring 🏠

Visit the ethnographic museum in the building of Zaya Gegeen monastery which located in capital city of Arkhangai province, where a monument attests to the antiquity of Buddhism in Mongolia. Continue our journey to join the Tsenkher hot spa. The camp offers tourists by a delicious spa bath surrounded by wild nature. (B, L, D)

## Day 10 | Orkhon Valley / Waterfalls 🏠

Our journey continues through the Orkhon valley. This area is full of historically significant places. There have been many archeological findings, especially of ancient Turkic shrines, inscribed monuments, and rock statues. This area has therefore been internationally protected as Steppe Natural Zone. Afternoon hiking around famous Orkhon valley and take a great impression of the waterfall was formed by a unique combination of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes about 20,000 years ago. (B, L, D)

## Day 11 | Karakorum city / Erdene Zuu Monastery 🏠

In the morning we'll drive to Karakorum city. Historic Karakorum city was founded by the Chinggis Khaan during the 13<sup>th</sup> century. We will visit the Erdene Zuu monastery, the first Buddhist monastery of Mongolia which built in 1586. (B, L, D)

## Day 12 | Khogno Khan 🏠

The journey takes us to remarkable place Khogno Khan, where there is sand dune, lake and extremely splendid rocky mountain.During our extraordinary trek around the mountain, we will visit the ruins of a Buddhist Monastery which was built in 17<sup>th</sup> century. Mountain climbing and horse riding is available. (B, L, D)

## Day 13 | Ulaanbaatar 🚗

When we back in Ulaanbaatar, visit Bogd Khan's Winter Palace Museum, exposed statues, paintings of gods, created by Mongolian artists late in 19th century and many interesting gifts received by Bogd Khan. Enjoy traditional show in the evening and farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

## Day 14 | Departure

Your marvelous trip ends with a transfer to the airport for your departure. (B)



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- Meals

### Tour excludes:

- International flights
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# My journey with nomadic people

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar city sightseeing

Upon your arrival our crew will meet you at Airport for transfer to hotel. We will visit Sukhbaatar Square, Zaisan Hill - a monument for Soldiers and the Natural History Museum which contains complete skeletons of ancient dinosaurs and an entire display of wildlife found in Mongolia.

## Day 2 | Baga Gazryn Chuluu

Today, we will drive to Gobi desert through Baga Gazryn Chuluu. We will have picnic lunch near the sacred Mountain Zorgol Khairkhan. Explore the intriguing rock formations at Baga Gazryn Chuluu, discovering the secret caves and openings in which Buddhist monks hid during the religious persecutions of the 1930s.

## Day 3 | South Gobi

Driving through Gobi desert will give you an exotic view of the desert - with boundless view of horizons, rare species of mammals and plants. On the way you can take photos of wonderful spots, running gazelles, grassing camels, and real live vision of nomads.

## Day 4 | Yol Canyon

Hike through the remarkable Vulture’s Gorge, situated amongst the magnificent Gobi Gurvan Saikhan Mountains, discovering an oasis of green meadows and dense glaciers located deep within

the arid Gobi.

## Day 5 | Khongoryn Els sand dunes

In the morning start driving to Khongoryn Els sand dunes, which is a marvelous place where sand dunes singing. Also it extends over 180 km. Lunchbox in wild nature. On the way we will have a chance to visit local nomad family to experience their lifestyle.

## Day 6 | Khongoryn Els sand dunes

After breakfast, we will explore the area of Khongoryn Els sand dunes and Sevrei Mountain. Picnic will be provided as lunch. Visit the local nomad family to experience their lifestyle, discover traditional dwelling - ger and taste traditional dairy products; yogurt, camel milk, tea and cheese and have enjoyable camel riding - camel rent is available in local place.

## Day 7 | Bayanzag Flaming Cliffs

Road to Bayanzag for an exploration of the biggest saxaul forest and flaming cliffs, where you will find the archeology place, when Roy Andrew Chapman discovered fossilized dinosaurs skeleton and eggs in 1920s.

## Day 8 | Ruins of Ongi Monastery

We will continue our trip to the site of Ongi Monastery - formerly home to a community

of more than 500 Buddhist monks – whose ruined structures testify to the devastating religious purges of the 1930s.

## Day 9 | Orkhon Valley

After breakfast drive to the Orkhon waterfall - whose thundering cascades can be heard from far away. Explore this area of crevices and other volcanic formations, stopping along the way to examine relics and historic sites associated with the ancient Turkic state, whose empire once extended across Central Asia. On the way we can explore landscape of current region and meet local horse breeding family.

## Day 10 | Orkhon Waterfall

Today we will trek in Orkhon Valley to discover the Orkhon waterfall – wonderful place, which falls from 24 meters and originated from volcano where lava flown like river and across the river Orkhon - biggest river in Mongolia, as well.

## Day 11 | Tsenkher Hot Spa

Travel to the Northern side by crossing the long wooden bridge leading to the Tsenkher Hot Springs, where water flows out of the ground at a scalding 86.9°C.

## Day 12 | Erdene Zuu Monastery & Karakorum Town

Driving through Orkhon Valley and get to Karakorum county. Afterwards we will visit religious museum that was the first Buddhist monastery “Erdene Zuu” which was built in 1586.



## Day 13 | Khogno Khan Mountain

The unique place Khogno Khan Mountain is famous for its landscape composition, where you can explore sand dunes, steppes, forest and high mountains at the same time. Explore small Ovgon monastery. We have varieties of activities such as horse riding and walking and climbing on the mountain.

## Day 14 | Ulaanbaatar via Khustai National Park

After breakfast, we will drive to Ulaanbaatar. On the way to get there we will visit Khustai National park, where we’ll explore Przewalski wild horse and local beauty natural scenery. Arrive in Ulaanbaatar late in the afternoon and check in hotel.

## Day 15 | Departure

After breakfast, we will transfer to the airport or the train station.

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# My journey in the historical land of Millen-nium Man

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar city sightseeing 🏠

Our crew will greet you at international airport for your private transfer to Bogd Khan National Park. Firstly we will lodge in ger camp which located in beautiful zone of Bogd Mountains. After having lunch we will visit Gandan monastery, the center of Buddhism in Mongolia and Choijin Lama Museum and get familiar with their history and interesting religious objects. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Terelj National Park discovery 🏠

Today we will enjoy the Terelj National Park, splendid place with beautiful nature surrounded by extraordinary rock formation and rich with flora and fauna. When we get there, we can go hiking around the big turtle rock and visit Aryabal meditation monastery. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Visit the Ruins of Princesses temple 🏔️

We will drive through beautiful Khentii Mountain covered with pine forest and colorful flowers to visit the ruins of Princess temple. Our guide will tell you an interesting heroic story about the princess who was affectionate about Mongolia in detail. Continue our journey to Kherlen River and stay in tent on the river bank. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Bayangol River 🏠

After breakfast drive to the east, and have lunch around Khukh Nuur which is mentioned in the secret history of Mongolia that tells about Chinggis Khaan. In the evening we will stay in ger camp that is located nearby Bayangol River. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Horse ride in Khentii Mountain Range 🏔️

After a substantial breakfast, we will saddle our horses and ride into the valley along the base of Khentii mountain ranges. This trip is entering the wilderness - birds, marmots and other ground squirrels nestle in the surrounding area. Along the way we will have lunch and get closer to Khangal Lake. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Ride to Bereeven Monastery 🏔️

Today, as we follow the Bayangol River, we enter dense pine forest, at the southern tip of Siberian Taiga. Throughout riding excursion, we will see golden eagles, wood peckers, and other birds. In the evening, we will take a walk to 13 Sansar Mountain, where Bereeven monastery ruins. (B, L, D)

## Day 7 | Homeland of the Buryat people 🏠

Drive to Binder County which located at the confluence of the Balj River and Onon River. Binder

County is the place that an ethnic group Buryats inhabited in. You will visit local Buryat family and explore their unique way of life. In the evening we will hike around the river bank. (B, L, D)

## Day 8 | Gun Galuut Natural Reserve 🏠

Driving will lead us to stunning Gun Galuut Natural Reserve that surrounded by Khentii Mountains and has astonishing Kherlen River that is rich with rare fish such as Taimen, Lenok, Silurid Catfish and Pike. In the afternoon we will drive to the nearest river point for fly fishing and in the evening drive back to ger camp. (B, L, D)

## Day 9 | Ulaanbaatar city 🏠

After breakfast we will drive to Ulaanbaatar and go city sightseeing including Natural history museum. In the afternoon we will enjoy the traditional folk concert. (B, L, D)

## Day 10 | International departure

Your unforgettable journey in Mongolia will be ended with transferring to the airport for your international departure. (B)



## Gun Galuut Natural Reserve

The reserve covers a total of 15000 hectares, with only a fifth of its territory open to visitors. On the southern side of the Khentii Mountains, and in the basin of the River Kherlen, the reserve is home to thousands of species, including Argali Sheep, Grey Wolves and Golden Eagles, White Napped Crane, Siberian White Crane, Bearded Vulture, Relict Gull and Swan Goose. We may be lucky enough to spot some native wildlife during an afternoon hike. In order to conserve these rare species and the delicate ecosystem of the Kherlen River basin, Destination Mongolia and Gun Galuut Local Community established the Nature Reserve. We actively work on nature conservation, developing community based, and environment-friendly responsible tourism in the area and support the local community basing on their involvement in the activities.



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# Inspiring voyage to the magnificent Khuvsgul Lake

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar 🛏

Upon your arrival, you will be met with your guide at the airport. City tour starts with visiting Fine art museum which will give you an exotic feeling about exclusive work of art made by Saint Za nabazar and other artists and visit National history museum that introduces an exciting and brief history of Mongolia. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Amarbayasgalant Monastery 🏠

Today we will drive to Amarbayasgalant Monastery which was built in 1727 in memory of Saint Zanabazar. It will take about 6-7 hours to get there. Breathing the fresh air and enjoying the beauty of the nature will give an exotic feeling. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Uran Togoo volcano 🏔

Travel to UranTogoo National Park, a spectacular area of extinct volcanoes covered in coniferous woods. Hiking excursion around Uran Togoo Mountains. Red deer, Argali, and Siberian Ibex are found in this area. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Crossing the Khangai Mountain and visit nomad family 🏠

Today we will drive through beautiful Khangai Mountain and enjoy the fascinating view of meadows, forest and vast plain on the way to

reach Murun, the capital of Khuvsgul province. Spend the unforgettable day with visiting the nomad family and get familiar with their hospitality and friendliness. We will stay in tent by the river Delgermurun near Murun city.(B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Inspiring Khuvsgul Lake 🏠

Drive by 4x4 vehicle to Lake Khuvsgul, situated in a pristine alpine setting of forests, mountains and meadows. Spend the night in a Mongol ger - the traditional, felt-covered dwelling that will provide you with an authentic and memorable taste of Mongolian culture. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Excursion in Lake Khuvsgul 🏠

Spend the day exploring Lake Khuvsgul, one of the largest and deepest lakes in the world - with 2% of the world’s freshwater resources - situated amongst breathtaking alpine scenery. Enjoy a variety of activities, ranging from hiking and horseback riding to ice fishing and a visit to a family of nomadic reindeer herders. (B, L, D)

## Day 7 | Relaxing in Jargalant hot spring 🏠

Head north to the Jargalant hot springs, crossing deep river basins and beautiful mountain passes, and visit nomad families along the way. (B, L, D)

## Day 8 | Wild life observation in Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake 🏠

We will continue our road to the TerkhiinTsagaan Lake, situated 2200 metres above sea level, which reaches a depth of 200 metres. Enjoy excellent opportunities during the rest of the day for bird-watching, hiking, horseback riding or fishing. (B, L, D)

## Day 9 | Hiking excursion in Khorgo volcano 🏠

Today we will have a wonderful trek to the extinct volcanic crater Khorgo which is 2300m above the sea level. Khorgo is the youngest volcano that erupted about 9000 years and its crater is 100m deep and has a radius of 300-400m and the slope of 50 degree. Hike up to the summit of the volcanic crater for a breathtaking view of the surrounding landscape, before settling at the ger camp on the nearby lake.(B, L, D)

## Day 10 | Travel to Tsenkher Hot Spa 🏠

Travel to the south-east through beautiful forested valleys and meadows, stopping by at exceptional spots such as the magnificent Chuluut River Gorge. Along the way visit the museum in Tsetserleg, located in the former Zaya Gegeen Monastery, and examine the fascinating displays of authentic ethnographic and religious objects. Cross the long wooden bridge leading to the Tsenkher Hot Springs, where you can take a bath in Hot Spa.(B, L, D)

## Day 11 | Cultural exploration in Erdene Zuu Monastery 🏠

Visit Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery, established on the ruins of Karakorum in 1586 by AbtaiSain Khan. At its peak Erdene Zuu was home to more than one



thousand monks; today only a handful of the temples remain standing, but the vast extent of this religious complex, surrounded by a great wall linking together 108 stupas, gives a sense of its former importance. Continue through a fascinating landscape of high mountains, grassy steppe and sand dunes, towards the majestic Khogno Khan Mountain. (B, L, D)

## Day 12 | Camel ride excursion in Khogno Khan Mountains 🏠

Early in the morning, start the trekking to the monastery which was built in 16th century and destroyed in 17th century. In the afternoon, we will visit camel breeding family for experiencing their lifestyle and ride camel for 1-2 hours around the sand dune. (B, L, D)

## Day 13 | Traditional folk concert in Ulaanbaatar city 🛏

The off-road journey concludes with returning to Ulaanbaatar, with the remainder of the day free for rest or shopping. In the evening, enjoy a performance by traditional dancers and khuumii (throat) singers. (B, L, D)

## Day 14 | International departure

Your journey will end with transferring to the airport for your departure. (B)

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# Horseback riding in Orkhon Valley

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar 🏠

Upon your arrival, Destination Mongolia team will greet you at the airport. City sightseeing includes Gandan monastery, National Museum of Mongolian History which introduces an exciting history of Mongolia. Also we will stop by Sukhbaatar square and Zaisan Memorial. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Khogno Khan 🏠

This morning we will drive to amusing Khogno Khan Mountain where you can enjoy the wild nature with observing the interesting rock formation, sand dunes, and boundless steppe in one place. Explore Ovgon monastery by trekking to the mountain and visit nomad family for learning about their unique culture. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Karakorum 🏠

Today we will drive to Karakorum County and visit religious museum that was the first Buddhist monastery “Erdene Zuu” which was built in 1586. There you will get a precious impression about the monastery and its exhibits. (B, L, D)

## Day 4/5 | Tuvkhun monastery 🏠

Today horse trek begins with meeting your horses and experienced horse guide. Prepare for the horse trekking to legendary Tuvkhun monastery in Khangai Mountains. Arrive in Tuvkhun in the evening of the day 5. You will enjoy the wild nature

and you can feel the special energy there. (B, L, D)

## Day 6 | Tuvkhun monastery 🏠

We enjoy a full day relaxation here allowing our horses rest. The monastery was built by saint Zanabazar in 1651 and located on the top of larch forested mountains. (B, L, D)

## Day 7/8 | Orkhon waterfall 🏠

We will saddle our horses to continue riding to Orkhon waterfall; arrive at the magnificent waterfall that is created from volcanic eruption and magma flows. It flows down from 24 meters. We will arrive at waterfalls in the evening of day 8. (B, L, D)

## Day 9 | Orkhon waterfall 🏠

Under the blue sky, galloping through green valleys with a gentle breeze will be too exciting and give a real taste of freedom. Visit nomad families to take a little rest and witness their hospitality, and ride in vast valley of Orkhon River. (B, L, D)

## Day 10 | Khogno Khan 🏠

After saying goodbye to our horses and a guidewe will drive to splendid Khogno Khan Mountain which is worshipped by the local people since ancient times. We will take a rest there with climbing on the mountain and enjoying the scenery. (B, L, D)



## Day 11 | Khustai National Park 🏠

This morning we will drive to Hustai National Park, enjoy hiking or optional horse riding to view the Przewalski wild horses in the wilderness. (B, L, D)

## Day 12 | Ulaanbaatar 🏠

Back in Ulaanbaatar and visit Natural History Museum. Shopping in the city or take a rest. In the evening we will enjoy traditional folk concert including dance, contortion, and khuumii (throat singing). (B, L, D)

## Day 13 | Departure

Your adventure will be concluded with transferring to the airport for your departure. (B)



## The Mongols and their horses

The history of the “empire of the steppes”, like that of nomadic pastoralism, is indissolubly linked to horses. According to a Mongol saying, “a Mongol without a horse is like a bird without wings”. Mobility was the key concept and the most important strategic doctrine of the Turco - Mongol tribes - the tactics and logistics of their armies were entirely determined by the horse. Horses were broken in through long hunts organized since the time of the Hunnu in which up to 10.000 horsemen took part. In the Mongol period, each autumn, the khan organized large hunts to help train his cavalry. The Mongol horse is small, being about height of a double pony (1.3 meters at the shoulder) and relatively light (between 300 and 350kilos on average).



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# Camel ride tour in Golden Gobi Desert

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar City 🚗

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, city sightseeing: Gandan Monastery, Museum of National History and the Chinggis Khaan Monument on Sukhbaatar Square. (L, D)

## Day 2 | South Gobi 🏠

Flight to South Gobi. Hiking excursion in most beautiful oasis of Yol Valley. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Flaming Cliffs 🏠

Drive to Bayanzag Flaming Cliffs and extraordinary sand dune Khongoryn Els. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Camel Breeders 🏠

We spend the day visiting a family of nomadic camel breeders, learning about their lifestyle and daily activities. Camel riding, on one of Mongolia's two humped Bactrian Camels. (B, L, D)

## Day 5/8 | Camel Trek 🏠

We begin our tour four day camel trek at the ger camp and travel first to Adag Lake near the sand dunes. From here we continue to Chono Shurguul - a grove of trees in the middle of the vast desert terrain. As we travel through the remote and unspoiled area, we will see several interesting sites including sand dunes, a hidden valley of Saxaul trees, and nomadic families. On the day 8 we conclude our trek in the Sevrei Mountain range

and enjoy some free time for hiking or relaxing. (B, L, D)

## Day 9 | Shivertei Valley 🏠

We continue the riding to Shivertei Valley. After the camel trek, we'll spend the day hiking and exploring the Shivertei Valley. (B, L, D)

## Day 10 | Ulaanbaatar City 🚗

We fly back to Ulaanbaatar. Sightseeing: Bogd Khan's Palace Museum, Buddha Park and Zaisan Memorial. Folk concert and farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

## Day 11 : Departure

Our adventure together ends with your transfer back to the airport for your departure. (B)



## Landscape

Mongolia can be divided into six zones; desert, mountain, mountain taiga, mountain forest steppe, steppe and taiga. The mountain belt of the Mongol Altai, Khangai and Khenty Mountainous regions, with their perpetual snow, glaciers, traces and signs of ancient ice covers, has been well preserved due to a constantly cold climate and strong winds. The area is inhabited by some endangered animals (such as the Argali sheep, Ibex, Snow Leopard, Rock Ptarmigan and Altai Snowcock) and plants (such as the Dwarf Siberian Pine and White Gentiana). The mountain taiga belt comprises about 5% of the Mongolian territory in the Khenty and Khovsgol mountain regions in the northernmost part of the country and experiences a relatively cold and humid climate.



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# Travel in heart of Mongolia

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar

When you land in Ulaanbaatar, your guide will greet you at the Airport and transfer to a hotel. You will enjoy city sightseeing by visit the National Museum of Mongolian History and Sukhbaatar square. In addition, we will visit Fine Art Museum which displays very beautiful works of art such as tankas, embroideries and sculptures made by Saint Zanabazar and other artists. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Khogno Khan

Today we will drive to extraordinary Khogno Khan Mountain where you can enjoy interesting rock formation and adorable landscape of the surrounding area. We can trek around the mountain to explore a small monastery. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Khogno Khan

Continue the journey to Karakorum where Chinggis



Khan built the capital of his empire. Visit Erdene Zuu Monastery, the first Buddhist monastery which is built in 1586. Taste the beauty of the nature around Orkhon River. In the afternoon we will drive back to Khogno Khan and visit nomad family. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Khustain Nuruu National Park / Ulaanbaatar city

Drive to Ulaanbaatar via Khustain Nuruu national park, the stunning natural oasis where you can observe rare species such as Wild horse, wolves and birds. The landscape is more hilly giving staggering view of the entire area. In the evening we will attend traditional folk concert in Ulaanbaatar city. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Departure

Transfer to the airport for your departure. (B)



# Discovery Mongolian wildlife

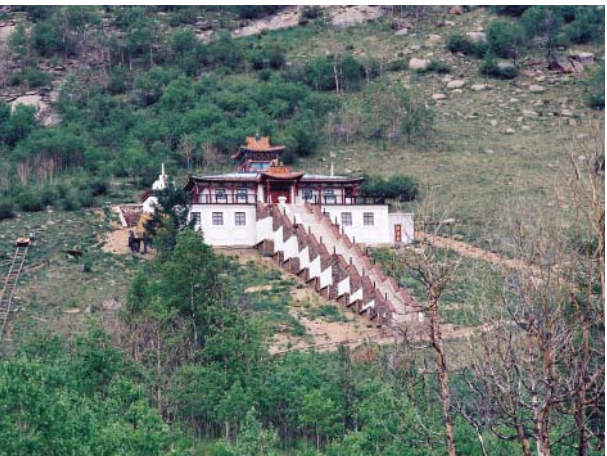
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## Day 1 | Khustai National Park

After you land in Ulaanbaatar we will drive to splashing Khustai National Park. We can have a chance to see Przewalski horse and enjoy the beauty of the scenery while we are having a trek. (L, D)

## Day 2 | Terelj National park

Today we will drive to fantastic place Terelj National Park which has an extraordinary rock formation. Hiking excursion around a big Turtle Rock and examine the flora and fauna. Visit Aryabal Meditation Monastery as well as nomad family. You will take unique feeling from their tradition with warm and hospitable atmosphere. (B, L, D)

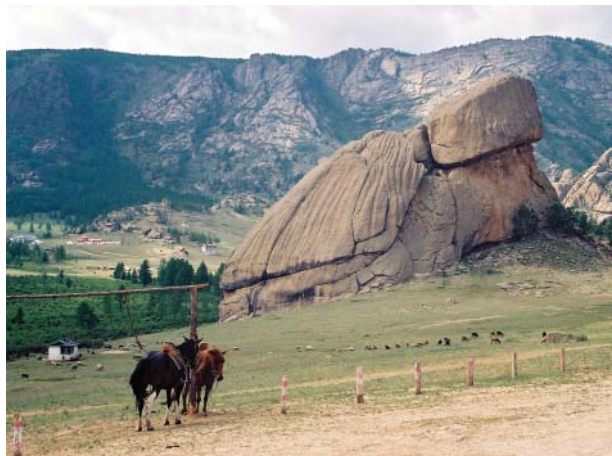


## Day 3 | Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar and start the city tour with visiting Gandan monastery, Sukhbaatar Square and Zaisan Memorial. Later on we will visit National History Museum that introduces a great history of Mongolia. The rest of the day will be free for shopping or rest. In the evening we will attend traditional folk performance and farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Departure

Your journey will end with transferring to the airport for your departure. (B)



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# Discovering the XIII century of Mongolia

Date availability | from 1 May 2011 to 31 October 2011

## Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar city 🚗

Greeting at the airport and transfer to hotel. Afterwards, Gandan Monastery - center of Buddhism in Mongolia with giant 26 meters Megjid Janraisag god and the Natural History Museum - displayed complete skeletons of ancient dinosaurs and an entire presentation of all the species of mammals, insects, birds and flora and fauna that are existing in Mongolia, Sukhbaatar Square - heart of city and Zaisan Hill. (B, L, D)

## Day 2 | Discovery the 13<sup>th</sup> century of Mongolia 🏠

In the morning we will drive to the 13<sup>th</sup> century complex which completely displays intriguing characteristics of nomadic community of the Great Empire. While we are having a splendid time over there, we will keep the precious memory with visiting a palace of artists, conference palace, and king's palace as well as palace of shaman and library to get familiar with Mongolian tradition and custom. In the evening we will reach Gun Galuutai Natural Reserve. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 | Gun Galuutai Natural Reserve 🏠

We will spend a day in stunning Gun Galuutai Natural Reserve that surrounded by high Mountains of Khentii Range and has astonishing Kherlen River that rich by rare fishes such as Hucho Taimen, Lenok, Silurid catfishes and Pike. In the afternoon will drive to the nearest river point for fly fishing and in the evening drive back to traditional dwelling - ger (B, L, D)

## Day 4 | Kherlen River / Ulaanbaatar city 🚗

During the first part of day we will visit local nomad family by horseback riding and wonder the stunning nature of Khentii Mountain area. Afterwards, we will head back to Ulaanbaatar city. In the evening, enjoy a performance of traditional dancers and khuumii (throat) singers. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 | Departure

For your international departure we have private transfer to international airport from hotel.

### Kherlen River

Kherlen River takes its origin in southern slope at elevation of 1750 m and flows to south first and then gradually turns to east and ultimately joins Dalai Lake in the territory of China. With its watershed area of 116455 km<sup>2</sup> and length of 1090 in the territory of Mongolia, the river has 20.1m<sup>3</sup>/s of mean annual discharge at Choibalsan station.





# How to book?

1. If you are interested in traveling to Mongolia, you can select your tour through our website or you can plan a trip that reflects your ideas and preference with contacting our managers by e-mail or phone and will be provided with free information related to your tour.
2. Once you have chosen the tour, you are required to pay non-refundable deposit of \$150 or 100 euro and fill traveler's application form in order to confirm your booking.
3. You can pay the deposit with transferring to our organization's bank account or it is possible to make online payment with international **VISA** or **MASTER** card.

Please take the time to read and understand the conditions of booking set out below prior to booking a trip with Destination Mongolia. We strongly recommend that you also read the details of Travel Certificate relating to your trip prior to booking to ensure that you understand the itinerary and style of the trip you are undertaking.

**1. Validity**

Dates, itineraries and prices are valid from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2012.

**2. Deposit requirement**

You are obliged to pay a non-refundable deposit of USD \$150 for your booking to be confirmed (please note that special deposit requirements apply for some trips). If your booking is made within 30 days of the departure date then the full amount is payable at the time of booking.

**3. Acceptance of booking and final payments**

Acceptance of your booking will be confirmed by us in written form. Please refer to your booking confirmation invoice for details regarding final payments. Payment of the balance of the trip price is due 30 days before the departure date. If this balance is not paid 14 days of departure, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled. If you have selected self-drive and motorcycle tours, you need to pay the balance 30 days of departure.

**4. Late bookings**

For any bookings or additional services accepted within 15 days of departure we reserve the right to charge a \$50 late fee to cover our additional administration costs.

**5. Cancellation by the traveller**

A cancellation will only be effective when we receive written confirmation of the cancel.

**If you cancel a trip:**

- 22-30 days prior to departure, we will retain the deposit;
- between 15 - 21 days prior to departure, we will retain the deposit or 50% of the total booking cost; whichever is greater, and
- less than 14 days prior to departure, we will retain 100% paid by you in connection with the booking.

Note that more lenient cancellation conditions apply to some of our Self-drive and motorcycle tour - please ask your booking consultant for details. Different fees may apply to airline tickets depending on the carrier being used. You are strongly advised to take out cancellation insurance at the time of booking which will cover cancellation penalties in certain circumstances.

If you leave a trip for any reason after it has commenced we are not obliged to make any refunds for unused services.

**6. Cancellation by Destination Mongolia**

We may cancel a trip at any time up to 60 days before departure, subject to a lack of people in group departure. In case of fewer people

than expected numbers, proper tariff is offered for consumers when the booking is not able to be canceled. We may cancel a trip at any time prior to departure if, due to terrorism, natural disasters, political instability or other external events it is not viable for us to operate the planned itinerary. If we cancel a trip you may choose between us applying the amounts paid toward an alternative trip or receiving a full refund. We are not responsible for any incidental expenses that you may have incurred as a result of your booking such as visas, vaccinations or non-refundable flights.

**7. Booking amendments**

If you wish to transfer from one trip to another or transfer your booking to a third party and notify us at least 30 days prior to the proposed departure date, it is free to change except for airline ticket or train ticket penalty. If you notify us less than 30 days prior to the proposed departure date the refund policy applicable to cancellations will apply. Transfers to a third party are only permitted where the transferee meets all the requirements in relation to the trip, and transfers to another departure can only be made to a departure within the current validity period. Amendments to any other arrangements made in conjunction with your trip will incur \$50 or 35 euro administration fee per booking per change. No amendments are permitted to your booking within 10 days of departure.

**8. Inclusions**

The land price of your trip includes:

- All accommodation as listed in detail of Travel Certification
- All transport listed in detail of Travel Certification
- Sightseeing and meals as listed in detail of Travel Certification
- The service of a Destination Mongolia crew as described in Travel Certification
  - » Guide / Interpreter
  - » Driver
  - » Local guide etc.

**9. Exclusions**

The land price of your trip does not include:

- International flights unless specified
- Personal items
- Airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified
- Meals other than those specified in detail of Travel Certification
- Visa and passport fees
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic drinks in restaurant
- Optional activities and sightseeing and all personal expenses

**10. Prices & surcharges**

Our trip prices are based on currency exchange rates as at September 2010. We reserve the right to impose surcharges up to 30 days before

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departure due to unfavorable changes in exchange rates, increases in airfares or other transportation costs, increases in local operator costs, taxes, or if government action should require us to do so. In such instances we will be responsible for the first 2% of the additional costs and you will be responsible for the balance. If any surcharge results in an increase of more than 10% of the trip price you may cancel the booking within 14 days of notification of the surcharge and obtain a full refund. We will not surcharge any booking for travel within the validity of this brochure once paid in full.

**11. Age**

**Minimum: General Policy:** For the majority of our trips the minimum age for children is 12. All travellers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for the child's day to day care. Please note we cannot guarantee triple or joining rooms for families; accompanying adults may be required to share with others in the group on a twin share basis. **Variations:** A minimum age of 18 applies to many of our Overland Adventures, while a minimum age of 5 applies to our Family trips.

**Maximum: General Policy:** For the majority of our trips we have no upper age limit though we remind you that our trips can be physically demanding and a relevant health insurance is required for all passengers 70 years and over.

**12. Small groups & combination trips**

Our trips are guaranteed to depart once they have one fully paid traveller (unless minimum group size specifically states otherwise); this means at times we can have very small groups. Many of our trips are designed to fit with other departures to create a longer "combination" trip; this means that some of your group may have already been travelling together for some weeks when you commence your trip. If you would like to know how many people are booked on your trip or any combination trip it is part of please ask prior to making your booking.

**13. Passport and visas**

You must carry a valid passport and have obtained all of the appropriate visas, permits and certificates for the countries in which you will visit during your trip. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the duration of the trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas, permits and certificates for your trip. We are not responsible if you are refused entry to a country because you lack the correct passport, visa or other travel documentation.

**14. Travel insurance**

Travel insurance is compulsory for all Destination Mongolia travellers and should be taken out at the time of booking. Your travel insurance must provide cover against personal accident, death, medical expenses and emergency repatriation with a recommended coverage of US\$10.000 for each of the heads of cover. We also strongly recommend you to get insurance in your country on cancellation, curtailment, personal liability

and loss of luggage and personal effects. You must provide proof of your travel insurance on the first day of your trip; you will not be able to join the trip without it.

**15. Flexibility**

You appreciate and acknowledge that the nature of this type of travel requires considerable flexibility and you should allow for alternatives. The itinerary provided for each trip is representative of the types of activities contemplated, but it is understood that the route, schedules, itineraries, amenities and mode of transport may be subject to alteration without prior notice due to local circumstances or events.

**16. Change of itinerary**

While we endeavor to operate all trips as described we reserve the right to change the trip itinerary. Please refer to our website before departure for the most recent updates to your itinerary.

**Before departure:** If we make a major change we will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before departure. The definition of a major change is deemed to be a change affecting at least one day in five of the itinerary. When a major change is made you may choose between accepting the change, obtaining a refund of money paid on the land portion of the trip only or accepting an alternative tour offered.

**After departure:** We reserve the right to change an itinerary after departure due to weather condition, natural disasters, political instability or other external events it is not viable for us to operate the planned itinerary. In such emergency circumstances, the alternative itinerary will be offered by us in order to keep your satisfaction.

Please note we are not responsible for any incidental expenses that may be incurred as a result of the change of itinerary such as visas, vaccinations or non-refundable flights.

**17. Authority on tour**

Our trips are run by a travel expert guides who are well experienced. The decision of the travel expert is final on all matters likely to affect the safety or well-being of any person participating in the trip. You must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited, and you also agree to travel in accordance with our responsible travel guidelines.

**18. Acceptance of risk**

You acknowledge that the nature of the trip is adventurous and participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where requires physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made in light of consideration of this information and you accept that you assume the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

**19. Limitation of liability**

We contract with a network of hotels, ger camps, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our trips as agent for these

third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties.

To the fullest extent permitted by law:

- any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a trip, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;
- you release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a trip; and
- any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions, is excluded.

**20. Optional activities**

Optional activities not included in the trip price do not form part of the trip or this contract. You accept that any assistance given by your tour guide or local representative in arranging optional activities does not render us liable for them.

**21. Claims & complaints**

If you have a complaint about your trip please inform your tour guide or our local representative at the time in order that they can attempt to rectify the matter. If satisfaction is not reached through these means then any further complaint should be put in writing to us within 14 days of the end of the tour.

**22. Privacy policy**

Any personal information that we collect about you may be used for any purpose associated with the operation of a Trip or to send you marketing material in relation to our events and special offers. The information may be disclosed to our agents, service providers or other suppliers to enable us to operate the Trip. We will otherwise treat your details in accordance with our privacy policy (available for viewing on our Website).

**23. Consumer protection**

All money received as payment for your holidays is immediately deposited in a Clients' Trust Account. The Destination Mongolia Client Trust Account, held in Mongolia, is bound by regulation and independently audited. Your money remains there until your holiday is completed or the services comprising your holiday have been paid for by us. So you can relax and enjoy your holiday as your money is safeguarded.

**24. Registered address**

**SND Co.,Ltd**  
202, MAXH building, Sukhbaatar street,  
Baga Toiruu, 6<sup>th</sup> sub-district,  
Sukhbaatar district, Ulaanbaatar city



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Through our website, you can easily choose the appropriate tour that fits your interest and preference. You can select your own tour from various kinds of itineraries such as group, adventure and tailor made tours to many attractive spots in Mongolia depending on your pretention. Also, with visiting our website, you will get full enough authentic information about Mongolia and your chosen itinerary. According to your request by contacting us, our travel experts will provide you with all needed more information related to your intrigued tours.

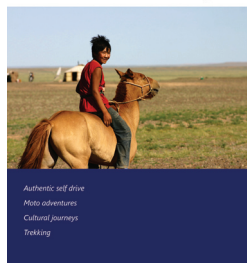


### **Destination Mongolia - Classic Cultural**

We are very happy to offer you to travel in small groups. It is a great opportunity to get familiar with Mongolian tradition and culture, an interesting nomadic way of life and extremely wild nature with magnificent view. While you are traveling with us in exotic environment and atmosphere, you will feel freedom in your mind with enjoying the stunning composition of landscapes, meeting the hospitable nomads and admiring the unique arts will give you a complete concept of the real Mongolia in the heart of Asia.

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Adventure tours offered by us will give you an exotic feeling and strong energy with provision of excellent service including well experienced team, qualified equipment and satisfied arrangements. Our itineraries recommend you to see the most beautiful places in Mongolia and you will be fully content with driving through vast steppe, boundless desert and beautiful high mountain passes will definitely touch your heart and your travel will remain as your precious memory for your life. In addition, trekking adventures through splendid Altai Mountain will absolutely fascinate you and would be the right choice for the people who are seeking soft adventure and physical challenge.