

Destination Mongolia 2011

one trip - many adventure



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Dear travelers,

It is my great pleasure to introduce to you, not only about our company, but also regarding the great history and heritage of Mongolia, a fascinating land of adventure in the heart of Asia.

I remember my first Self-Drive tour package which was organized and started back in 2006. It was the beginning of my tour business, and at the same time it was a very unique type of tour package in all history of Mongolian travel industry, really out of the beaten tracks.

Self-Drive tour packages are now the pride of our tour packages, so far only possible through our channels.

You just choose out of our various transportation possibilities, such as 4x4 off road vehicles (mostly modern, up to date Toyota Land Cruisers), motorbikes and if you wish to do so, also camel trekking and horse riding tours are offered. Self-Drive packages are designed to provide a unique way to explore the history and culture of the destination you choose.

Our goals are: to provide you with our best service; to anyone who is looking after an unforgettable adventure in the far remote places of Mongolia. And we do support and finance social development of local provinces and villages of Mongolia. Keep in mind; we do know our country and all the hidden treasures from North to South and from East to West!

Year by year, we are accumulating more working experiences and offering much better quality of services. Convenience and safety are our top priorities, so you just enjoy and we do all the rest for you!

Hundreds of inspiring and wonderful comments and thank you letters and emails from all around the world are encouraging us to do even more for you and your visit to our beautiful country.

I am truly proud of my well-experienced and professional team, a guarantee for excellent service ever. Every trip will be an unforgettable one and you will travel back to your home with marvelous memories of Mongolia.

WELCOME to MONGOLIA, your future destination of great history and cultural heritage!

Sincerely,
Davaadorj Jargalsaikhan
CEO/ Managing director



Destination Mongolia

Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) was established in 2006 by Davaadorj Jargalsaikhan. Our company has taken Government Business Registration and International Tour license from Mongolian Government officially.

We will be pleased for quoting your individual trip as well as your group tours accompanied by professional team including multi-lingual guides, friendly and experienced drivers and cook.

Through our well established tour operating, you will enjoy your planned trip and take advantage of an exciting and unique adventure with the quality and safety services in Mongolia.

Adventure travel in Mongolia

Mongolia is one of the most desirable destination for those seeking adventures and sport challenges.

While you are driving, riding and trekking across thousands of kilometers through untouched mysterious land, you can explore and enjoy seeing various kinds of wild animals, lifestyle of nomadic people, ancient pre-historic sites, ruins and much more.

The most important thing is, that Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) takes you to the past historic time of Mongolia with the best convenience and safety of the present modern time.

Discovery journeys

You can have your wonderful tour in Mongolia at any time of the year with your family and friends. We offer custom made itinerary only for you. Just contact us - we are fully at your disposal.

Please visit our website at <http://www.destinationmongolia.com> and choose your tour package among many proposals and see the wonders of wild nature, culture and tradition of Mongolian people, and comments from all around the world.

Self drive tours

Do you want to enjoy camping with your family and friends? Do you want to enjoy the wilderness, combined with a wild and tough off-road drive? We are at your service.

We provide you with 4 wheels drive Land Cruiser vehicles, all camping gears with highly professional chef, mechanics and tour guides.

Moto - adventure

In addition, we welcome everyone who would like to enjoy Moto-sport. Challenge your driving skills and talents on Mongolia's rough roads with Yamaha 450VR Motorbike.

Small group Moto Tour Package is available 4 times a year. We also recommend you private and custom made tour packages if requested.

Trekking

Mongolia is one of the world's few countries, where land and nature still remains wild and pristine.

Anyone who likes exploring a nomadic lifestyle of Mongolian people in genuine nature, may choose a camel trekking, horse riding and a hiking tour package.

Any tour package proposal (for FIT clientele, your small or larger group) can be custom made and changed to your desire and preference.

Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) is always updating all tour packages regularly in order to serve on a maximum level our valued customers from all around the world.

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Our Travel Philosophy

Travel Philosophy

Custom made tour package

The tour package can be adjusted by customer's request. We welcome your comments and suggestions on our tour packages for our further best service for you. We appreciate your comments and cooperation.

Small-Group

A small group tour package consists of 8 to maximum 15 participants.

This is the most efficient number for visiting local nomadic families. It represents also best value for price.

Family travel

Self-Drive, Trekking and Discovery Journey tour packages are especially also suitable for family vacations. We offer the following discounts. For children under 12 years old-20% on land service. And for children under 3 years old-free of charge.

Please contact us for more information.

Travel team

We believe that a good crew is vital to any adventure and cultural tours. This is why we carefully select our guides, drivers and cooks for their knowledge, organizational skills, energy, friendliness, and travel experience. All of our crew members undergo an extensive training program that includes First Aid and more sophisticated training for specialized adventure tours. Destination Mongolia (SND Co.,Ltd) has the belief that the local crew is essential to creating a positive image of our travel service and we take care of our local team by providing complete and standardized facilities such as good vehicles, and other equipment for the whole trip.

Travel facility:

Accommodations

Finding lodging to match your needs is our priority. We carefully select based on quality, location and friendly hospitality. This ranges

from delightful 4 star hotels to exotic Mongolian traditional dwellings such as ger camps. In more raw natural environments, we also use world - wide known brands of outdoor camping gear: tents, mats, foldable tables, chairs, toilet covers, sunroofs and mobile cooking kits.

Meals

The local cuisine is one of the main attractions of this cultural experience. A variety of restaurants are available offering Mongolian, Chinese, Japanese, Indian and European cuisine. We also accommodate vegetarians with various types of vegetable dishes. In our group - oriented overland expedition tours, we have a cook who serves both fresh & hot meals of which you can choose from our day-to-day menu.



Flight

According to your request, we arrange all international and domestic flight tickets.

You can book your tour package along with air ticket.

Insurance:

It is mandatory for every tourist being covered by life and health insurance.

How to book:

You can book your tour package directly by visiting our websites. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Your registration fee is 150 Euro per file.





■ Mongolia

With a population of only 2.7 million people living scattered over a huge territory of 1,566,500 sq.km, it represents half of Europe.

A close ally of the former Soviet Union for last seven decades, Mongolia started its own way of democratic and political reforms in 1990 and now is open to all visitors from around the world.

The country's population is about 2.7 million. Educationally, Mongolia boasts 97 percent literacy rate.

Ulaanbaatar, or Red Hero, is the capital of Mongolia and 1.2 million are living here. The capital city offers a range of tourist attractions such as museums and monasteries.

Mongolia used to be the second, after Tibet, stronghold of Buddhist religion. 140 Buddhist monasteries have been set up anew.

Under this newly found freedom of belief, other religions flocked in, including more than 30, mostly Christian, churches and cults.

Only about 40 percent of the population continues to live a traditional nomadic lifestyle tending more than 35 million livestock. Livestock industry remains a backbone of the national economy, providing 20 percent of the world's cashmere production.

■ Naadam festival

The Mongolian national holiday Naadam is celebrated in Mongolia each year on 11th of July. "Eriin gurvan naadam" the three manly games of wrestling, horse racing, and archery make up the core activities of the National day festivals.

Wrestling: At the start of competition all the wrestlers with the higher title - holder in front, enter the hall in a line wearing gutuls (decorated Mongolian boots.) and hats and their wrestling costumes called "zodog" (an open fronted, long sleeves vest of silk) and "shuudag" (tight short trunks). When a wrestler touches the ground with any part of his body other than his feet and arms, he is considered to be defeat. The main difference between Mongolian national wrestling and international free style wrestling is that the weight category of wrestlers is not taken into consideration.

Horse racing. Mongolian people have loved horse racing since ever. A whole system for conducting the contests has developed over the centuries. In the races held during national festivals, including Naadam, participants are six age groups and the distances range from 15-30 kms.

The competitors begin at the starting point and at the signal to start

and back to the finish line. Thus the distance is actually doubled. The horse racing can be held on saddled or unsaddled horses. Horses of two years older take part. After the races, praise-singer extols the best riders and their horses.

Archery: the third element of the national games is archery.

The target is "wall" made of cork cylinders braided together with leader straps. It is four meters long and 50 cm high. The target is placed on the ground at a distance of 75 meters for men and 60 meters for women. In the past Mongolians used three types of bows; "big hand" (165-170 cm), "average hand" (160 cm), "small hand" (150 cm). Today Mongolian's mostly use the average hand bow which requires a force of 22 to 38 kg to draw it.

Arrows are usually made from pine wood and had feather fins which help the arrow to reach distance of 900 meters. Naadam archery also attracts individual archers as well as Teams of 8-12 people.

The contests are accompanied by colorful national rites. Before the competition starts you hear the recitative song "uukhai", calling on the archers to be good marksmen and hit the target.

■ Gun Galuutai national park

Amazingly, Gun-Galuut is the state combined from diversity of ecosystem although it owns comparatively small area. The harmonized complex of high moun-tains, steppes, rivers, lakes and wetlands as well are kept enough as its original condition. Whoever visiting enjoys to see Gun-Galuut vast steppe seems to meet the sky, the imposing mountains Baits and Berkh, a home land of rare creatures, Ikh-Gun and Ayaga lakes, a paradise of birds, Kherlen, the longest river of Mongolia and Tsengiin Burd wetland, in where water and wetland birds lay their eggs. Gun-Galuut Nature Reserve is a local protected area for conservation of global threatened species. The Nature Reserve (NR) is founded by the Citizens' Representative Congress (Local Parliament) of Bayandelger county, Tuv Province in 2003.

Galuut Nature Reserve comprises of 3 zones: tourism, limited, and core zones, which are the ecosystem of steppe, rocky mountain, small lakes, river, streams and wetland, and it is about 20'000 hectares.

■ Tumen Ekh Mongolian Folk Songs and Dance Ensemble

The Tumen Ekh Ensemble is one of the best national song and dance ensembles in Mongolia. "Tumen Ekh" means "a leader or vanguard of everything".

Most talented professional Mongolian folk singers and dancers welcome you and perform unique Mongolian songs, Ode (Magtaal), Epic songs, Diphonic song (over tone singing) Khoonii and National dance.

The ensemble visited 40 countries all around the world since 1989,

Mongolian national «Naadam» festival

Day 1 *Greeting at airport, transfer to hotel. Visit to Mongolian museum of national history. Tour the highlights of Mongolia's bustling capital – beginning with a visit to Sukhbaatar Square, flanked by the Parliament Building, City Hall, the Cultural Palace and the National Opera Theatre. Climb to the top of Zaisan Hill, site of a giant Soviet monument to WWII soldiers, for a panoramic view of Ulaanbaatar. Overnight in hotel.*

Day 2 *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. Overnight in hotel.*

Days 3/4 *Experience the magnificent celebrations at the Central Stadium – beginning with the mounted escort of Chinggis Khaan's nine standards from the Government House. Enjoy the colorful parades and musical entertainment of the official opening ceremony, followed by an address by the President of Mongolia. Watch as hundreds of wrestlers take to the field in the stadium centre for a two-day contest of skill and strength – testing the classic virtues of the ancient Mongol warrior – while archers compete for the title of best and sharpest shooter, and long-distance horse-races continue in the nearby countryside. Overnight in hotel.*

Day 5 *After breakfast, a short two-hour drive will take us to the stunning Gun Galuutain Nature Reserve, nestled in the Khentii Mountains. Spend the afternoon fly-fishing on the Kherlen River, with its abundance of rare fish species – including the Taimen salmon, Lenok trout, Silurid catfish and pike. Enjoy the rare opportunity to meet with local nomadic families and discuss their lives and concerns. Overnight in ger camp.*

Day 6 *Hike through Terelj National Park, taking in stunning rock formations and beautiful alpine scenery. Enjoy an exclusive mini-Naadam festival prepared by locals in the mountains, consisting of wrestling, archery and horseracing. Overnight in hotel.*

Day 7 *Private transfer from the hotel to the Chinggis Khaan international airport for your.*



Discovery journeys

Gobi Gurvan Saikhan

The Park enjoys the State protection and covers an area of 4100 sq.kilometers. This mountain range is composed of schist and sedimentary rocks of Paleozoic age and consists of three spurs: Baruun (West), Zuun (East) and Dund (Middle) Saihan, and extends over 100 kilometers. The highest peak is in the Zuun Saihan Uul reaching 2815 meters above the sea level. The range includes the Strictly Protected Area of Yoliin Am.

Wild sheep and Siberian Ibex are local inhabitants.

You can see this fascinating beauty of the land and scenery on the way to Hongoriin els and explore the nomadic lifestyle as well.

Khongor sand dunes

It has an extraordinary length of 180 kilometers, width of 3-15 kilometers and height of 150-200 meters. This huge sand dune is part of our Desert zone that takes up 2.7% of the country's territory. There is a beautiful oasis near small Khongor river, originated from the nearby mountain, at the northern age of the sand dune. The view of the sand dune is incredible with the mountains on the back. Because of the blowing wind makes beautiful sound on the top of

the sand dunes, it is called "Sound dunes".

You can visit camel herders home and ride camel across the sand dunes. Sunset and sunrise from the top of the sand dunes will fascinate you.

Bayanzag / Flaming Cliffs

Bayanzag, the Flaming Cliffs site, was bottom of the sea in 100 million of year ago, really it is a region of the Gobi Desert in the Umnugovi Province of Mongolia, in which important fossil finds have been made. It was given this name by American paleontologist Roy Andrews Chapman, who visited in the 1920s. The area is most famous for yielding the first discovery of dinosaur eggs. Other finds in the area include specimens of Velociraptor. The rock gives off a glowing orange color, hence the nickname.

Yolyn Am Valley

The area, as part of the Gobi Desert, sees little precipitation. However, Yolyn Am is notable for a deep ice field. The ice field reaches several meters thick by the end of winter, and is several kilometers long. In past years it remained year round, but the modern ice field tends to disappear by September.

The narrow Valley between high rock walls has breathtaking dramatic scenery, and no doubt is one of the beautiful places in the country. In rainy summers hundreds of small waterfalls appear in the rocky walls.

Trekking camel and horse riding tours are available to the valley. The high cliffs provide a haven for wildlife in the area, such as ibex and argali sheep.

Khustai National Park

Khustai National Park lies in the foothills of the southern Khenti Mountain Range, about 100 km south west of the capital Ulaanbaatar. It takes its name from the birch trees that grow in the surrounding mountain forests. In Mongolian "Khustai" means "with birch" and "nuruu" means "mountains". This area used to be a hunting ground for Bogd Khaan, the last ruling Khaan of Mongolia, and high ranking officials.

While nomads have also used the park as a pasture reserve for their stock, the park has never had a permanent settlement or been used for agriculture.

The region is also well known for its Takhi and Przewalski wild horses.



Khuvsgul Lake

Khuvsgul nuur is located in the northwest of Mongolia near the border to Russia, at the foot of the eastern Sayan Mountains. It is 1,645 m above sea level, 136 km long and 262 m deep. It is the second-most voluminous freshwater lake in Asia, and holds almost 70% of Mongolia's fresh water and 0.4% of all the fresh water in the world.

Its watershed is relatively small, and it only has small tributaries. It gets drained at the south end by the Egiin Gol, which connects to the Selenge and ultimately into Lake Baikal. In between, the water travels a distance of more than 1,000 km, and a height difference of 1,169 m, although the line-of-sight distance is only about 200 km. Lake has a few small islands. The surface of the lake freezes over completely in winter.

Tsaatan people

A long time ago, a small group of Tsaatan people from the province of neighboring Tuva migrated to modern day Mongolia. Known as the Soyd Uriankhai, the Mongolia's called them the Tsaatan, the reindeer people. Situated in the soums of Ulaan-Uul, Khankh, Bayanzurkh, and Renchinlkhunbe in Khuvsgul aimag, the Tsaatan live a nomadic lifestyle in the coniferous forest, the Taiga, following the reindeer they herd to the pastures the animals choose.

A distinct culture within Mongolian society, the Tsaatan practice a shamanistic religion and speak old Uighur dialects with one another. Today, the Tsaatan attempt to preserve their traditional ways of life in the midst of globalization. They use their reindeer not only to carry their belongings, but also for meat, milk, and clothing from animal hides. Some Tsaatan continue to live in yurts made of animal skin. In the past, the Tsaatan lived in yurts made primarily of birch bark that resembled the tipis of native-Americans in their appearance. You can visit them and see their lifestyle.

Golden Gobi and Mongolian blue pearl – Khuvsgul Lake

Day 1	Ulaanbaatar city <i>Our team will greet you at the airport and transfer to hotel. Visit Buddhist Central Temple - Museum of Mongolian nature - Sukhbaatar square and City Hall. Overnight in hotel.</i>
Day 2	Khongoriin els (Sand dunes) / Umnugobi province <i>Fly to Umnugobi province. (2 hours flight). Arrive in tourist camp. 2 hours walking tour to Khongoriin els and enjoy the landscape. Overnight in ger camp.</i>
Days 3	Bayanzag <i>After breakfast, ride camel and visit local herdsman family. In the afternoon, 4-5 hours tour to Bayanzag. Walk around the area, tour guide will provide you with more information about dinosaur fossils and interesting stories. Overnight in ger camp.</i>
Day 4	Yolyn Am Valley <i>Short walking tour in Yolyn Am Valley. Overnight in ger camp.</i>
Day 5	Khustai National Park <i>Fly back to Ulaanbaatar. Visit to Khustai National Park, take a walk and see Mongolian wild horse. Overnight in ger camp.</i>
Day 6	Khuvsgul lake <i>Fly to Khuvsgul lake. Stay in lakeside ger camp.</i>
Day 7	Tsaatan family <i>Interesting visitation to Mongolian Tsaatan home and see their lifestyle. Hiking tour in the beautiful Khuvsgul forest and lake side. Overnight in ger camp.</i>
Day 8	Horse riding tour <i>Horse riding tour in Khuvsgul forest. Overnight in ger.</i>
Day 9	Murun town / Ulaanbaatar city <i>Back to Murun, the center of Khuvsgul province. Fly to Ulaanbaatar. In the evening, enjoy Tumen Ekh National Folk Song and Dance performance. Overnight in hotel.</i>
Day 10	Departure <i>Your adventure in Mongolia ends with private transfer from the hotel to the Chinggis Khaan international airport for your departure.</i>

Off-Road tour in the Gobi Desert

- Day 1

Terelj National Park / 80 km /

Pick up from Airport. Transfer to Terelj tourist camp. In the afternoon, our expert tour guide will introduce a car which you will drive with safety instructions. Overnight in ger camp.
- Days 2

Baga Gazriin Chuluu / 350 км /

You will drive 350 km on country road from Terelj, Ulaanbaatar to Baga Gazriin Chuluu. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 3

Tsagaan Suvraga / 200 km /

Visit the local herdsman family on the way to Tsagaan Suvraga. Overnight in tents.
- Day 4

Demchig Monastery Remains / 250 km /

On the way, enjoy seeing wild horses, camels and antelopes on the open wild steppe. Visit to the Demchigiin Khiid ruins. Overnight in tents.
- Day 5

Yolyn Am Valley / 285 km /

Drive on to the beautiful gorges of the Gurvan Saikhan Mountain Trekking through these will give you many opportunities for photographing the spectacular high cliff



Self - Drive Tours

Terelj National Park

Terelj National Park is the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. Visitors can take leisurely strolls on meadows carpeted with edelweiss and a dazzling variety of other wild flowers, view fascinating rock formations against a backdrop of pine covered mountains and wander along the wooded banks of a mountain stream. The park is located 65 km away from Ulaanbaatar and is one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia. There are also a huge number of adventure activities such as rafting, riding, hiking, skiing, camping and mountain biking.

The average elevation is about 1600 m, with peaks reaching 2900 m. The park is rich in flora and fauna and reminds of beautiful Alpine valleys. Terelj offers fascinating rock formations against a back-ground of pine covered mountains.

Baga Gazriin Chuluu

Baga Gazriin Chuluu is a picturesque mountain in the Gobi desert. With at an elevation of 1.751 metres, it is located in the granite belt. Its valleys abound with streams. The ruins of a small monastery are on the south east part of the mountain. The area has got many species of wild animals and birds, such as ibex, Siberian argali, vultures, hawks and eagles.

Tsagaan Suvarga

A fissure running east to west from the upper slopes of a mountain down across the steppe. Looking into the fissure you will see high mud columns rising from the depths below. The yawning gap looks like the open jaws of some fabulous animal. From a distance Tsagaan Suvraga re-sembles the ruins of an ancient town with crumbling buildings. Painted and carved on the rocks are ancient images of people hunting ibex with

long bows and petro-glyphs depicting wild animals and cattle. There are also Turkic inscriptions with different seals and images in the caves here. Some of the caves are multi chambered one of which stretches back over 70 metres.

Demchig Monastery

Demchig monastery is one of the three unique monasteries in Galbiin Mountain, built by Mongolian most well known poet, Buddihist monk Danzanravjaa in 19th century. There is a huge phallic stone there. Interestingly, those 3 monasteries build on the energy spots on earth, legend says. Ruins are under renovation which is badly destroyed during the communist regime repression in 1937.

NEW SITE MOGOIT RASHAAN (MOGOIT SPRING)

Our company always challenges new tour places with the best service for our customers. We will stay in the beautiful mountain area with fascinating scenery, called Mogoit Spring located in Uvurkhangai province. Best Mongolian barbecue and great wine will be served.



walls, animals, such as; wild sheep, wild goat and the black and white tailed gazelle. Overnight in ger camp.

- Day 6

Shivertei Valley/Bayanzag / 200 km /

Morning walking tour to the top of Shivertei Valley, perpetual snow field exists even under the scorching sun. In the afternoon, visit sand canyon of Bayanzag and see a fascinating ancient paleontological site. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 7

Ongi monastery ruins / 220 km /

Visit camel herdsman family after the breakfast, see their lifestyle and enjoy 1-2 hours of camel riding. Drive across open steppe of Ongiin tal and arrive the Ongiin Khiid ruins. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 8

Orkhon valley / 390 km /

Orkhon valley is one of the most beautiful river valleys in Mongolia, a place of ancient Mongolian civilization's ruins and tombs from thousands of years ago. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 9

Uurtiin tohoi, Tsenkher hot spa / 120 km /

After 120 km journey, come back to Hot Spring Spa tourist camp. Enjoy the hot spa and water pool. Mongolian "Horhog" barbecue will be served for your meal. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 10

Mogoitiin Rashaan / 60 km /

After free break time, enjoy Mongolian barbecue. Visit horse herder family. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 11

Khugnu Khan / 250 km /

Visit magnificent Khugnu Khan Mountain which is famous for its granite rocks along with sand dunes and beautiful lake. 1-2 hours horse riding tour for seeing ancient historical site of Uvgun Khiid. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 12

Khustai National Park / 220 km /

On this day, we will drive 220 km journey to Khustai National Park. In the evening, take a walk in the park and watch Mongolian wild horses. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 13

Ulaanbaatar / 80 km /

Back to Ulaanbaatar. Time for shopping, such as for cashmere (optional). In the evening, we offer an unforgettable Mongolian folk song and dance concert by Tumen Ekh ensemble. Overnight in hotel.
- Day 14

Departure

Transfer to airport for your international departure.

Great Journey in the distand land of the Kazakhs

If you want Self-Drive tour in the wild and untouched Altai Mountain with your family and your friends, this will be your best choice.

You can drive total 2000 km passing by Tavan Bogd, the highest peak of Altai mountain, Munkhairkhan National Park, Khoid Tsenkheriin Agui and see the ancient murals, stone image, tombs). You will see and observe some Mongolian ethnic group's (Zakhchin, Kazakh, Durvud, Uriankhai) lifestyle and traditions.

Day 1 **Ulaanbaatar**
Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, stay in Mongol Palace designed for the king of Mongol Empire. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2 **Bayan-Ulgii**
After breakfast fly to Bayan-Ulgii, the western end province of Mongolia, located in the middle of Altai Mountains, the central mountain chain of Asia. Overnight in tents.

Self - Drive Tours



Altai Tavan Bogd Mountain

Located south of Mongolia's highest mountain, this national park covers an area of 6,000 square km and is home to three lakes and a glacier. Highest peak is at 4,374 meters above sea level. A stunning landscape of high glaciated snowcapped mountains, alpine and sup-alpine forests, large lakes, rivers and streams, mountain grasslands, barren rocky mountain ranges and semi-arid desert type valleys. A very rugged land.

You can see Argali sheep, Beech marten, Golden eagle, Ibex, Moose, Red deer and Snow leopard.

High alpine and very serious climbing, backcountry skiing (may spring skiing is great!), fishing, great mountain trekking, horse and camel trekking, white-water kayak and rafting, and learning and experiencing the unique Kazakh culture of the area.

Munkh Khairkhan Mountain

At 4,362 m, Munkh Khairkhan Mountain is the second highest mountain in Mongolia. You can walk up to the peak if you approach from the north side. There is plenty of snow and ice on the top, so you need crampons, an ice axe and rope but the climb does not need a professional climbing skill. The peak is known as Tavan Khumit in the local area.

It is land of wild animals, Mongolian wolf, lynx, Ibex and many others. A lot of things to see in 15th century cave arts. Tourists stay here for 2 days and have hiking tour.

Kazakh people

Kazakh, the Mongolian ethnic group people who live in Bayan-Ulgii province, are 5% of total Mongolian populations. The culture of the Kazakh majority is strongly influenced by Islamic traditions. The mosque of Ulgii also houses the Islamic Center of Mongolia. The province is famous for the traditional hunting method using trained eagles.

We visit their beautifully carpet decorated home and enjoyed to see their tradition, hospitality, culture and lifestyle.

Khoid Tsenkher cave

The Tsenkheriin Agui (also known as Khoid Tsenkher) caves are approximately 15,000 years old (some sources say 40,000). There are numerous passages to explore, with the largest cavern being about 15 m high, with the floor measuring around 12 m by 18 m.



Day 3 **Altai Tavan Bogd Mountain**
Visit the spectacular Tavan Bogd Mountain and experience panoramic views of mountain glaciers and the breathtaking scenery of the surrounding Altai Tavan Bogd National Park. Overnight in tents.

Day 4 **Bayan-Ulgii**
Travel through the Altai Mountains towards the village of Sagsai, where you will meet a Kazakh family. Return to the capital of Bayan-Ulgii. Overnight in local hotel.

Day 5 **Tolbo Lake and Deluun county**
Leave Bayan-Ulgii in early morning, visiting the pristine Tolbo Lake – situated at 2,080 metres above sea level – on the way to Deluun county. Stop by in Deluun and visit the local WWII monument, then continue to the Chigertei River, whose unusually warm water is fed by a nearby hot spring. Set up camp at Chigertei River and spend the night in tents.

Day 6/7 **Munkh Khairkhan Mountain**
Travel through a breathtaking mountain landscapes marked by rugged cliffs, crossing the Tsenkher River to get close-up to the snow-capped Munkh Khairkhan Mountains. Overnight in tents.

Day 8 **Khoid Tsenkher Cave**
Explore the famous Khoid Tsenkher Cave, site of the most ancient known rock paintings in Central Asia, existing over 15,000 years. Overnight in tents.

Day 9 **Khar Us Lake and Khovd**
Drive to the town of Khovd via Khar Us (“Black Water”) Lake. A birds’ paradise, Khar Us is home to more than 200 different species of migratory waterfowl in the summer months. Overnight in a local hotel.

Day 10 **Ulaanbaatar**
Fly back to Ulaanbaatar. Visit Bogd Khaan’s Winter Palace Museum. Free break and shopping (optional). In the evening, enjoy a performance by traditional dancers and khoonii (throat) singers. Overnight in hotel.

Day 11 **Departure**
Private transfer from the hotel to the Chinggis Khaan international airport for your departure.

Crossing the Steppe

If you love motorbiking, this would be absolutely your tour. You will enjoy the beautiful mountains, volcanoes, rivers and open wide land within 10 days.

You can experience the spirit of country of blue sky, the courage of the nomadic people and route of ancient history and tradition of Mongolia.

Challenge yourself with high speed Yamaha 450VR, and from our side, we will do all the necessary in order to just enjoy your out-standing vacation.

Day 1 **Ulaanbaatar city – Amarbayasgalant / 310 km /**
Destination Mongolia team greet you at Chinggis Khaan International Airport. After breakfast, go for a ride on “Yamaha 450VR” Motorcycle to Amarbayasgalant Monastery. Overnight in ger camp.

Day 2 **Uran togoo – Volcanic marmite / 200 km /**
Erdenet is the next city. Continue to ride across the forested Mountains to reach the “Tulga” National park, well known with its “Uran Togoo” - Volcanic Crater. Overnight in ger camp.

Moto Adventure

Amarbayasgalant Monastery

Amaebaysgalant monastery in Selenge province was built between 1727 and 1737 by the Manchu Emperor Yongzheng, and dedicated to the great Mongolian Buddhist and sculptor, Saint Zanabazar. It was restored between 1975 and 1990 with the help of Unesco. These days, about 50 monks are still living in and practice religion.



Ugii Lake

Ogii lake is located in the valley of the Orkhon River, and it is a freshwater lake of 3,189 ha and 25.4 km coast line. The maximum depth of the lake is 16 m, but about 40% of the lake is less than 3m deep.

The lake Ogii is a marvelous place for birdlife, has registered 190 kinds of species - cranes, ducks, swans and geese, and also rich for fishing industry.



Nomads and Culture

Ethnographers divide Mongolia’s population according to their ethnicity, but all Mongolians have one thing in common: they are nomads, or nomads at heart, even if they are urbanized. About half of the 2.7 million people live in gers and 390.000 herdsman look after nearly 30 million livestock. They are truly nomadic, moving their gers and animals several times a year, constantly searching for better feed, water and weather. The life of a nomad, and therefore Mongolia, is inextricably linked to the environment and animals.



- Day 3** **Anag / 65 km /**
Move to Anag, the Natural Reserve. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 4** **Tsenkher Hot Spa / 200 km /**
Ride to the south-east through beautiful forested valleys and meadows. Cross the long wooden bridge leading to the Tsenkher Hot Springs, where water flows out of the ground at a scalding 89°C. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 5** **Mogoit springs / special event of Destination Mongolia / 60 km /**
Destination Mongolia presents this new place: the Mogoit’s spring. You enjoy the forest and the green steppe covered with the beautiful flowers. Our team will offer you a “Special event” Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 6** **Lake Ugii / 150 km /**
Spend a day at Ugii lake. Visit the museum in Tsetserleg, located in the former Zayiin Khuree Monastery, and examine the fascinating displays of authentic ethnographic and religious objects. Overnight in ger camp .
- Day 7** **Khugnu Khan Areas / 80 km /**
Continue to ride through a splendid landscape of high mountains, grassy steppe and sand dunes, towards the majestic Khugnu Khan Mountain. Overnight in ger camp.
- Day 8** **Ulaanbaatar city / 300 km /**
Ride 290 km to Ulaanbaatar city. And then time at leisure or time for shopping. After farewell dinner, attend a performance of Mongolian Folk art. Overnight in hotel.
- Day 9** **Departure**
Transfer to Chinggis Khaan International Airport for departure.

Camel Journey in the Land of the Dinosaurs

Admiringly, native people like to describe camel as a ship in the desert. Our camel trekking tour takes you to the Boorug Deliin Els in Uvs province, most western part of Mongolia.

In this twelve days fascinating tour, you cross the Central Asian sand dunes, passing by snow topped Altai Mountains, visiting the beautiful oasis, birds playing lakes and local camel herders families.

You will experience the open desert landscapes during the day and sleep under millions of stars at night, listening to real silence.

You will have the chance to understand the camel better when you are with them the whole day in the desert and you will discover just how friendly the camel really is.

Day 1 Ulaanbaatar city
Arrive in Ulaanbaatar. Visit Museum of Nature and History of Mongolia - Gandan monastery - Sukhbaatar square. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2 Ulaangom city / Bayannuur lake
In the morning, fly to Ulaangom city, center of Uvs province. Go to Boorug Deliin Else. It is place of sand dunes, clear blue lake and beautiful natural scenery place. Overnight in tented camp.

Camel Trekking

Buurug Deliin Sand

It is a massive belt of sands, the most northern sand dunes in the world extending from eastern part of Uvs lake across hundreds of kilometers to Altan Els, occupied an area of over 4000 hectares, biggest sand dunes in Mongolia. Boorogiin els offers a place of natural beauty with plenty of wild life. Highest dune is up to 70-80 meters. Local people are famous for their hospitality to foreign tourists.



Camel

There are approximately 70'000 two humped camels in the world. Half of them are living in Mongolia. Also about 1000 Bactrian wild camel live in Mongolian Gobi Desert.

From the ancient times Mongolians domesticated camel and used them as an important part of nomadic Mongolian life. They provide the people with milk, food and transportation. Camel is still good friend of Mongolian people also in modern times.



Day 3 Camel trek training
Instructor teaches you how to ride a camel. 2 hours camel riding on the lake side. Visit to local nomads. Overnight in tents.

Day 4 Camel trek
Camel ride to cross the steppe of Gobi desert. Overnight in tents.

Day 5 Riding to Nariinii Ekh
Our caravan direct to Nariin Ekh. It is interesting to see nomad's winter base on the way. Overnight in tents.

Day 6 Nariinii Ekh Oasis
This is beautiful oasis in the Mongolian desert place. Overnight in tents.

Day 7 Duruu Lake / Golden sand
Visit Duruu lake surrounded by sand dunes near the border of Mongol and Tuva state. Overnight in tents.

Day 8 Bayannuur Lake
Return to Bayannuur lake. Goodbye party with local families. Overnight in tents.

Day 9 Ulaangom city
Drive to Ulaangom city, stay in hotel.

Day 10 Ulaanbaatar city
Fly to Ulaanbaatar. In the evening, we will enjoy Tumen Ekh Mongolian Folk songs and dance concert. Overnight in hotel.

Day 11 Departure
Transfer to Chinggis Khaan International Airport for departure.

Gandan Monastery

Originally situated in the centre of Ulaanbaatar, Gandan Monastery was moved to its present location by the 5th Bogd Jebzundamba in 1838. Over the next century the Monastery grew to include nine dastans or institutes, a library and housed a community of around 5000 monks. Gandan became an important centre for learning and practicing Buddha's teaching, not only in Mongolia but for the entire Mahayana Buddhist community. In 1938, the communists suppressed religious communities in Mongolia. They destroyed around 900 monasteries, though handfuls were turned into museums. The monks were killed, jailed, or forced to join the army or laity. Five temples of Gandan Monastery were destroyed. The remaining temples were used accommodate Russian officials or used as barns to keep their horses. In 1990, after the Democratic Revolution and with Buddhism flourishing once more, Gandan Monastery embarked on an ambitious restoration program around the country. There are currently 10 datsans and temples operating at Gandan Monastery, and approximately 900 monks.

Horse Trek in Darkhad Valley

Day 1	Ulaanbaatar city Upon your arrival the Destination Mongolia crew will meet you for transfer hotel and after a short rest we will continue exploring Ulaanbaatar city, visiting Sukhbaatar Square, Zaisan Hill, Gandan Monastery and the Natural History Museum. Overnight in hotel.
Day 2	Murun city Flight to Murun, arrive in Khuvsgul province, where our local drivers and cook will meet you and drive by off-road Russian jeep and/or van to the river Beltgekh. We have some time for hiking beautiful surroundings of river. Overnight in tents.
Day 3	Tugul village Today is our first day for horse trek with driving to Tugul village, where our rangers with horses are waiting for us. On the way we have a picnic-lunch. Here we will leave our vehicle and start the horse expedition by allocating the horses for everyone and to load pack horses for luggage of our tents, food and personal luggage. We will ride about 20 km through fascinating wilderness area of great Mongolian taiga, where our first overnight and dinner will be in Bagtakh river with isolation from modern civilization. Overnight in tents.
Day 4/5/6	Darkhad valley Our horse trek journey will continue in the country of Tsaatan herders and reach the RENCHINKHUMBE village in Darkhad valley. The Darkhad valley is picturesque area with extensive marshes and lakes, which inhabited by Tsaatan herders - unique minority group that live in remote areas of Mongolia, who still kept the herder of reindeer for use of transport, meal and dressing. All meals in nature and overnights in tents.



Horse Ride Tours

The far north of Mongolia is an area is wellknown for its high mountains covered in thick taiga forest, crystal clear lakes and rivers teaming with taimen and lennock and lush green, open valleys.

The top attraction of our journey will be Khuvsgul lake - one of the freshest, largest and deepest /262 meters/ lake in Central Asia, composing 1 percent of earth fresh water resource. The lake altitude is 1,624 meters above sea level and covers 2,612 sq. km, where 96 rivers feed into the lake and only one river Egjin flows from the lake.

The aim of our journey is to trek in the splendid surroundings scenery of Khuvsgul Nuur lake, passing through the extensive Darkhad valley with extensive marshes and lakes, passing through the high peaks of mountains and ride into the taiga-forest area to visit the Tsaatan herders, living in remote areas, which difficult to reach. There are only 30-40 families still liv ing this traditional life-



style, which they have done so for centuries and to experience the extraordinary and ancient religion - Shamanism, being practiced from time immemorial.

Our journey will be as diverse as you imagine being in most spectacular areas of Mongolia by plane with Russian vehicle 4x4 continuation and followed by tough horse trek, where we will ride in accordance to the weather and horse condition. Visit the unique Tsaatan (reindeer herders) minority group and nomad family feeling the difference of lifestyle between them.

Drive to Terelj National Park will impress you with its nature creations, rocky mountain and lush green forest by hiking or horse trek. The journey followed with accommodation in two-person tent mainly and tradi-tional Mongolian dwellings - yurt and hotel.

Day 7/8	Tsaatan herders Continue our horse expedition to search the Tsaatan herders, where they don't have an exact location. We will meet them and their reindeers at one of their camps in the mountains. They're in constant search for food for their reindeers and live in small tents. The Tsaatan are part of the Turkic-speaking Tuvinian ethnic group known as Dukha. We will spend some time with them and will have opportunity to see the ceremony or religious ritual of Shaman. The Shamanism is ancient Mongolian religion practiced since the times of Hunnu state. All meals in nature and overnights in tents.
Day 9/10	Khuvsgul Lake Today, our horse trek will lead us to the direction of Khuvsgul lake through the astonishing nature composition; thick taiga forest with lush green meadows and crystal clear rivers and green open valley. We will visit the different unique family - nomads to experience the difference between them and Reindeers. All meals in nature and overnight in tents.
Day 11	Khuvsgul Lake Today we will arrive to the lake through Jigligen am, after crossing the pass with same name. On the way having a picnic-lunch. Our journey continues by riding along the shoreline of lake, where we will establish our camp for dinner and overnight in tents.
Day 12	Khoridol Saridag Mountain Today we continue ride in direction of our base yurt camp via Khoridol Saridag mountain, which is one of the high mountains of northern Mongolia. On the way we will have a picnic-lunch. Arrive at the camp for dinner and overnight in ger camp.
Day 13	Ulaanbaatar & Terelj National Park Today we will drive to Murun city for taking a flight to Ulaanbaatar. On the way having a lunch. Arrival in capital city and directly drive to Terelj National Park that situated in 1 hours driving distance from city. Dinner and overnight in ger camp.
Day 14	Ulaanbaatar city Today we will have a leisure day for exploration of forest steppe by hiking or horseback riding /optional/ to visit the nature creations; huge Turtle rock and passing the lush green meadows with massive and huge rocky mountain. After lunch we will drive back to Ulaanbaatar city and will transfer to hotel. Dinner in restaurant. Overnight in hotel.
Day 15	Departure Today we will drive to airport for your departure.



Trekking Journeys

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 Khentii 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 Khentii and Khuvsgul mountain regions in the northernmost part of the country and experiences a relatively cold and humid climate. Due to a brief warm period, the growing season is not long enough for many plant species.

The Mongols and their horses

The history of the "Empire of the steppes", like that of nomadic pastoralist, 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 Turk "Mongol tribes" the tactics and logistics of their armies were entirely determined by the horse. The Mongol horse is small, being about height of a double pony (1.3 meters at the shoulder).



Tuvkhun Monastery

Tuvkhun Monastery is located on the top of Tuvkhun Shireet Mountain 5 km from Karakorum soum across the Okhon River. His Lofty Noble Holiness Zanabazar, the first Bogd or spiritual head of the Mongolian Buddhists, visited this beautiful scenic location for the first time in 1648, and in 1651 constructed a small stone meditation temple on the top of the mountain. Being not only the spiritual head of the nation but also a great scholar, artist and sculptor, he created a number of artistic works in this temple. There is a small cave near the temple known as "Mother Cave"; it is believed that by crawling into this cave, turning about, and re-emerging, one can be symbolically reborn as a pure individual.

Naiman Nuur Area

Khuisyn Naiman Nuur was created by volcanic eruptions centuries ago and it covers 11,500 hectares around the lake located in Ovorkhangai Province to the southwest of the Khangai Mountain Range and its surrounding area. Khuisyn Naiman Nuur with its exceptional configuration is surrounded by the beautiful nature of the middle part of the Khangai Mountain Range. Also, it is a valuable monument for geological and water studies. These lakes with fresh water and interconnected by ground water channels such as Shireet, Khamliut, Bugat, Khaya, Khuis, Onon, Doroo, Bayan-Uul are called Khuisyn Naiman Nuur. It was placed under state protection in 1992.

Trekking Adventure in Mysterious Land

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| Day 1 | Ulaanbaatar city
Upon your arrival our crew will meet you at international airport for transfer to hotel. Free leisure time and overnight in hotel. |
| Day 2 | Khugnu Khan Mountain
Drive to the Khugnu Khan Mountains natural park. Visit old small monastery Ovgon with local nomad family by trekking. Overnight in ger camp. |
| Day 3 | Tuvkhun Monastery
After breakfast we will drive to the Tuvkhun Monastery. Trek up the tiny mountain path and relax in this silent environment. Overnight in ger camp. |
| Day 4/5 | Naiman Nuur Area
During these days we will have challenging trekking and walking in Naiman Nuur Lake area, where there are 8 lakes located on 2200 meters above sea level and surrounded by magnificent high mountains covered by Larch forest. We will stay in tents. |
| Day 6 | Orkhon waterfall
Drive to the Orkhon waterfall - astonishing place where waterfall sounds from far distance. Visit to the Temeen chuluu, historical site in Orkhon valley. Overnight in tent. |
| Day 7 | Tsenkher hot spa via
Today our trail leads to the west for visit to Tsenkher hot spa, for overnight in ger camp. |
| Day 8 | Karakorum city
You will enjoy the Karakorum city – ancient capital city of Mongol Empire from where Great Chinggis Khaan conquered and ruled the world and visit to Erdene Zuu monastery by trekking. Overnight in ger camp. |
| Day 9 | Khustai National Park
Trekking in the Khustai National park. Overnight in ger camp. |
| Day 10 | Departure
For your international departure we will transfer back to the international airport from hotel. |



Terms and Conditions

■ Making a decision:

1. Be sure to read the FAQ, articles in Media from our web site or brochure and acquaint yourself with the photographs in our album that pertain to the trip or region which you are interested in.
2. Contact our office and ask to speak to one of the owners or trip leaders. It is vital for your safety and enjoyment of the trip, and that of your fellow passengers, that you have a realistic expectation of both the pleasures and the very real demands of the trip.

■ Application, Deposit, Information Packets and Payment Terms:

1. We require a \$150 USD deposit to hold your place on a trip. Your deposit is refundable (less a \$150 service fee) until you have received and read the information packet. You have one week from receipt of the packet to contact us with concerns and to cancel. If you cancel within one week of receiving the packet, you receive your deposit less the service fee. A week after receiving the information packet your deposit becomes non-refundable. Final balance is due 60 days prior to departure. Cancellation more than 60 days prior to departure receives a 50% refund of the balance due (less deposit). Cancellations within 60 days of departure receive no refund. We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance.
2. You can pay the deposit over the phone by VISA, MASTER CARD. We do not accept AMERICAN EXPRESS. If you want to pay your deposit by check, simply mail it to our mailing address. If you wish to make a wire transfer please contacts us.
3. The Information Packet is sent on receipt of your deposit. Once you have sent in your deposit, received and read the Information Packet, contact us to interview with the trip leader or one of the owners. We want to be certain that we share the same expectations of the trip in terms of the service we will render, your responsibility as a client, issues of safety, hygiene, etc. You have one week from mailing or emailing of the information packet to cancel your participation and receive your deposit less the handling fee.
4. Payment/Cancellation Terms. Final payment is due 30 days prior to the trip departure date. In the event of cancellation within 31-60 days prior to the departure date there will be a refund of 50% of the land portion of the trip fee. In

the event of cancellation within 30 days prior to the departure date there will be no refund of the land portion of the trip fee. We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance.

■ Price Change of Internal Air Flights:

We reserve the right to surcharge clients when internal flights increase by more than 5% from the cost of the air ticket at the time the trip deposit was paid. Air ticket prices are often hard to determine until just a month or two before travel and price changes are capricious.

■ Visas:

Mongolia: US Citizens do not need a visa for Mongolia. For other nationalities we issue a visa invitation letter which you can use to obtain your visa on arrival at Chinggis Khan (ULN) airport or land border crossings. If you have ANY questions about your visa status and requirements, contact our office early.

■ Single Supplement:

Single Supplement is available on most trips but be sure to inquire about your specific program. In Mongolia, if you require a single supplement, the additional charge is \$45.00 per hotel night in Ulaanbaator and \$25.00 per night for tent. If we cannot pair you with someone of same gender to share a double occupancy room/tent, the additional hotel room charge is \$30.00 per hotel night and there is no charge for camping nights.

■ Snoring:

If you are a heavy snorer we, will attempt to pair you with another snorer. If that fails, we strongly encourage you to require single supplement.





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