

# Mongolian Exploration

7 Nights / 8 Days

2N Ulaanbaatar / 1N Kharkhorin / 2N Middle Gobi / 2N Gobi Desert

## Day 1 ARRIVAL DAY

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, transfer to Hotel , check-in, Ulaanbaatar is a large city of pulsating commerce, noisy traffic and buzzing urban life and in between islands of serenity – quiet monastery courtyards and public squares with calming fountains. During the afternoon sightseeing tour we see Genghis Khan Square at the heart of the city and the surrounding buildings: Parliament House, State Opera & Ballet Theatre, Cultural Palace and the House of City Council. Moreover, we visit the National Museum of Mongolian History, which features Mongolian history from pre-historic time to present days and the Gandan Monastery, the largest functioning Buddhist monastery in Mongolia. (D)

Overnight in Ulaanbaatar

## Day 2 ULAANBAATAR - KHARKHORIN

Through beautiful landscapes of steppe, river valleys and rolling hills we drive westwards to Kharkhorin (375 km), the ancient capital of the Great Mongolian Empire. The city founded in the valley of the Orkhon River in 1220 was the capital of the Great Mongolian Empire until Kublai Khan, grandson of Genghis Khan, moved the capital to Beijing during the Yuan Dynasty. Nearby Erdenezuu Monastery is the oldest surviving Buddhist monastery in Mongolia and was founded on the ruins of ancient Kharkhorin in 1586. We visit the monastery's magnificent exhibits, which include an extraordinary collection of Buddhist paintings, special costumes for religious dances and superb Buddhist iconography in true Mongolian and Tibetan style. Check-in at at your Camp (standard). Lunch and dinner at the Ger Camp.(B,L,D)

Overnight in Kharkhorin

## Day 3 KHARKHORIN-MIDDLE GOBI (ONGI MONASTERY)

We leave Kharkhorin and continue south to the Ongi Monastery (250 km), located in Saihan-Ovoo in the Middle Gobi land. En route, we enjoy a traditional Mongolian BBQ lunch with a nomadic family. We visit the ruins of the Ongi Monastery, which was founded in 1660 and consisted of two temple complexes on the North and South of the River Ongi. At its heyday, Ongi Monastery housed around 30 temples, four large Buddhist universities and over 1000 monks at a time. Check-in at the Ger Camp (standard). Dinner at the Ger Camp. (B,L,D)

Overnight in Middle Gobi

## Day 4 GOBI DESERT (BAYANZAG)

Today we continue into the Gobi Desert to explore the Bayanzag Cliffs (250 km). In the early afternoon we arrive at the ancient red rock creation, Bayanzag, formed 60-70 million years ago. The striking red Bayanzag Cliffs contain vast amounts of dinosaur fossils, eggs and bones and are neighboured by Saxaul tree forests. We will trek around the surrounding areas. Check-in at the Ger Camp (superior) Lunch and dinner at the Ger Camp.(B,L,D)

Overnight in Gobi Desert

## Day 5 GOBI DESERT (YOL VALLEY)

Today we explore the majestic Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park (100 km), the largest national park in Mongolia stretching 380 km from east to west and 80 km from north to south. We visit the incredible Yol Valley, an unusual narrow canyon of a river flowing through the Zuun Saikhan Mountains to admire the scenery of a frozen river in the middle of the hot Gobi desert. We visit the local Fauna and Flora Museum and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to the your Ger Camp. Dinner at the Ger Camp.(B,L,D)

Overnight in Gobi Desert

## Day 6 MIDDLE GOBI (BAGA GAZRIIN CHULUU)

We drive north to Middle Gobi province (400 km). Driving through the endless green grassland, we enjoy the stunning natural scenery. En route, we meet the nomads on the steppe with their hordes of sheep, cattle or horses and we enjoy a picnic lunch. In the late afternoon, we reach our Ger Camp at Baga Gazriin Chuluu. Check-in at the your Ger Camp (standard). Dinner at the Ger Camp.(B,L,D)

Overnight in Middle Gobi

## Day 7 MIDDLE GOBI - ULAANBAATAR

We continue our scenic drive to the north through the Baga Garziin Chuluu Basalt and Granite Mountains (200 km). We reach Ulaanbaatar at noon and check-in at Hotel Bayangol\*\*\*\*. The afternoon offers an optional guided shopping tour to cashmere and antique shops, and to the Central Department Store. In the evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner at Restaurant Modern Nomads with traditional Mongolian cuisine. (B,D)

Overnight in Ulaanbaatar

## Day 8 DEPARTURE DAY

After Breakfast, you will be transfer with private car to airport. (B)

**(B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner**

# Information

## Inclusions

2 overnights at centrally located 4 star hotel

5 overnights at traditional Mongolian Ger Camps, single and double occupancy, 3 overnights at standard Ger Camps with shared facilities, 2 overnights a superior Ger Camp with private facilities

7 x buffet or set menu breakfast

5 x lunch (2 x 4-course lunch with tea, 2 x picnic lunch with tea, 1 x BBQ lunch with nomadic family)

7 x dinner including fare-well dinner (3-course dinners with coffee/tea)

Personalized welcome package

Entrances to National Museum of Mongolian History, Gandan Monastery, Erdenezuu Monastery, Ruins of Ongi Monastery, Fauna and Flora Museum and all national parks

Service of English speaking tour escort on all tours

Service of 1st class coach or 1st class minivan in Ulaanbaatar and 1st class 4WD jeeps (Toyota land cruisers) throughout the expedition outside Ulaanbaatar, max 3 persons in each jeep

Portage at hotel

## Highlights

Entrances to National Museum of Mongolian History,

Erdenezuu Monastery,

Ruins of Ongi Monastery,

Bayanzag Cliffs,

Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park, Yol Valley

Fauna and Flora Museum

## Rates

COST: - From EUR 1695 onwards Per Person in Double room.

Single Supplement EUR 300 onwards Per Person.

Departure Dates: - June 01, 29; Aug 03, 31.

At times there may be special deals- enquire at the time of booking.

Hotels :-

Region	4* Hotels or Similar
Ulaanbaatar	Hotel Bayangol

VALIDITY: Till From 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 To 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Exclusions

All flights, excess baggage fees, airport departure taxes and other relevant taxes

Inoculations and personal insurance

3-hour guided shopping tour.

Optional activities and excursions

Gratitude NOT included. Recommended: EUR 4,00 pp/day for the guide and EUR 2,00 pp/day for the driver (English, German, Italian, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese language )

Drinks, tips, laundry, bottled drinking water and other personal expenses

Medical, Travel and Baggage Insurance

Holiday Surcharge

Porterage at airport and hotels

Items of a personal nature (i.e. internet, curio, laundry, beverages, etc.) unless specifically quoted for above

Passport and Visa fees

International Airfare

Anything not specifically quoted in the inclusions

GST extra as applicable

## Notes

All prices are correct at the time of printing and subject to availability.

All prices are subject to change without notice. Though care has been taken to put appropriate prices, our suppliers may increase their price depending on the availability and season. We therefore request you to allow for changes to occur before the confirmation of the final price. We will inform you about the increase or decrease in prices at the time of booking

Minmbooking of 2 guests, latest booking 15 days prior to arrival

No reservations have been made and accommodation is subject to availability. In case of non-availability, alternate accommodation will be recommended.

All outdoor activities are weather permitting.

Smoking is not allowed in the vehicles. Comfort stops will be made en route.

All distances and travelling times are approximate.

Peak Season Surcharge may be applicable during Xmas, New Year or during any special events.

**Terms & Conditions** Apply.

All Payments to be made in INR, USD or EUR as per rate of exchange at the time of booking.

Any payments automatically mean adherence to the terms & conditions and our statute.