



4-day of Ogii Lake-Karakorum-Orkhon Waterfall Mongolia Tour

Key Information:

Trip Length: 4 days/3 nights.

Trip Type: Easy to Moderate.

Tour Code: **SMT-KTOW-4D**

Specialty Categories: Adventure, Birdwatching, Cultural Journey, Driving tour, Hiking, Horseback riding, Local Culture, Wildlife & Nature.

Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Group size: 1-2 adults or more participants.

Season: Daily, mid-May-Sept.

Total Distance: approx. 1350kms/839miles.

Airfare Included: No.

Tour Customizable: Yes

Tour Highlights: Upon your early arrival in Ulaanbaatar by air or by train, or pick up at your hotel or guesthouse, drive directly towards west to Lake Ogii. 4-day of Ogii Lake-Karakorum-Orkhon Waterfall Mongolia Tour gets you to the Natural Wonders of Central Mongolia. This journey designed especially for small groups, families, private, and funny travel. Exploration to Karakorum-the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital, Orkhon Waterfall (also called Ulaan Tsutgalan)-this is perfect for swimming, fishing, short trekking and walks around the surrounding area, Lake Ugii with stops at VIII century Turkish monuments in the Orkhon Valley, and many more. Karakorum was the capital of the Mongol Empire in the 13th century and of the Northern Yuan in the 14-15th centuries. Its ruins lie in the northwestern corner of the Ovorkhangai Province of Mongolia, near today's town of Kharkhorin, and adjacent to the Erdene Zuu monastery. They are part of the upper part of the World Heritage Site Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape. Explore Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park. Ride horses on the steppes, meeting nomadic people, local life experiences, staying in a traditional tent, guided nature trip in a UNESCO, birdwatching, seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

The Best Time to Travel to Mongolia: The travel season begins in mid-May, when the tourist Gers camps start opening. July and August are the peaks tourist season. September is autumn.

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1-Ulaanbaatar-Ogii Lake. (L)(D)

Day 2-Orkhon Valley-Karakorum. (B)(L)(D)

Day 3-Orkhon Waterfall-Karakorum. (B)(L)(D)

Day 4-Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park-Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

Day-by-day Itinerary:

Day 1-Upon your early arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB or ULN) by air or by train, or pick up at your hotel or guesthouse, drive directly towards west to Lake Ogii (approx. 420km/261miles)-this a freshwater lake located in the valley of the Orkhon River, is also renowned for its fishing and birdwatching. Here you will have the opportunity to do several optional activities as fishing, boating, horseback riding, etc, (payment on site!). Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(L)(D)**

Day 2-Next drive towards to Karakorum (approx. 90kms/60miles)-the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Orkhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization. Drive along the Orkhon Valley with stops at VIII century Turkish monuments in the Orkhon Valley. Today, the cultural heritage of the valley constitutes a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These monuments are dedicated to the Turkish Princes Kul Tegin and Bilge Khan, brothers who were famous for their military bravery. Visit a Nomadic breeder's family and experience the traditional customs and lifestyle of local residents. Visitors, such as Marco Polo, described that in Karakorum its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. In 1792 the Monastery still had 62 temples and 10,000 lamas. But in 1930 it became a victim of the Stalin's purges. All but three of the Temples were destroyed and most of the monks were either killed or sent to Siberia. Visit Erdene zuu monastery, the Turtle monument and the Karakorum museum. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 3-Early drive towards to Orkhon Waterfall (also called Ulaan Tsutgalan by dirty off road). This is perfect for swimming, fishing, short trekking and walks around the surrounding area. On the way, we visit Shankh monastery-is one of the oldest and most important monasteries in Mongolia. Zanabazar founded this monastery in 1648 at the age of 13. In the late afternoon, drive back to Karakorum. Overnight in tourist ger camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 4-A long drive back to Ulaanbaatar (approx. 395kms/246miles). Stop in route, to visit and explore Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses Reserve (hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the buffer zone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 100kms/62miles west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The flagship species for the Hustain Nuruu National Park is the reintroduced Przewalski horse. Lunch in Hustain Nuruu Reserve. Continuous drive to UB. Arrive and transfer. **(B)(L). End of our services.**

What's Included?

3 nights in the tourist camps, based on private twin Gers.

Food as specified (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), including one bottle of mineral water.

Services of English speaking guide.

All transportation on Japanese vehicle in private (4WD), including the petrol.

Entrance fees to the all specified protected areas, national park, museums, and the monastery.

Meeting Nomadic people.

Ride horses on the steppes (**1** hr).

Taxes.

What's Not Included?

Flights and occasional flight delays or cancellation.

Visa.

Excess baggage.

The binoculars, telescopes and tripod (if necessary).

Any rescue costs or costs of early departure.

Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar.

The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, proper visa, the necessary passport pictures, and the International airfares.

Travel insurance.

Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.

Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, etc.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

HOW TO JOIN: All the tours are "Land Only", so you need to book your own International flights, unless otherwise specified in the tour description. Joining information will be sent to you upon confirmation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: These require a booking form and a deposit which is non-refundable. Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt. A booking form is accepted and acceptance becomes definite only from the date that we have confirmed acceptance in writing and issued a confirmation invoice. At this point, a contract between the applicant and us comes into existence. We reserve the absolute right to decline any bookings for any legal reasons whatsoever, at our sole discretion.

Payment of the balance: of the tour cost is due not later than ten or eight weeks before the departure date. **Your tour price is guaranteed:** once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment. All tour prices are in US dollars and in Euro and are based on tariff and rates of currency exchange in effect at the time of printing. No further reminder will be sent and, if payment is not received by the due date, I reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and charge a cancellation fee, the amount of which will not exceed the total cost of the holiday. You are therefore strongly recommended to take out travel insurance at an early stage to cover you in event of cancellation. All itineraries are as written, but reserve the right to alter these due to any unforeseen circumstances, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

Refunds: Deposits are non-refundable.

60-16 working days prior to departure: 50% of Land Cost.

15-00 working days prior to departure: No refund.

Air or Train cancellation terms are additional: The air fares or train tickets are subject to change based on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates in international or national flights or train tickets only freeze the issuance and payment in full of the tickets. Tickets are not refundable and can only be annulled on the day of issue. All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

HOTELS: By hotels policy check-in time is after **14:00**. Early check-in is 30% of regular day extra charge directly to the tourists and **NO** to Samar Magic Tours. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Late check out extra fee is required directly from the tourists and **no** from Samar Magic Tours. From 12:00-15:00 30%, from 15:00 - 18:00 50% charge and after 18:00 its full day charge.

PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All participants are responsible for, and must be in possession of, a full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the end of the tour. In addition, participants must obtain any necessary visas and vaccination certificates required for the tour.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK: The Client acknowledges that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that such holidays may involve a significant amount of personal risk. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.

CHARGE FOR CHILDREN IN MONGOLIA:

0-3 years old: free;

From 4-11 years old: 50% at the regular adult price.

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

For children 11 and under: if they are sharing bed with either parent and do not ask for a third bed in the same room, they will be charged the child fare. If they need the third bed in parents' room, they will be charged 80% of the adult fare.

For children 12 and over: they will be charged at the regular adult price.