



Discovery Mongolia Gobi Tour

Key Information:

Trip Length: 11 days/10 nights.

Trip Type: Easy to Moderate.

Tour Code: **SMT-11D**

Specialty Categories: Adventure Expedition, Cultural Journey, Camel riding, Driving tour, E-co Travel, Gobi desert Expedition, Hiking & Trekking, Horseback riding, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Group size: 2 adults or more participants.

Season: **Daily, June-September.**

Total Distance: about 2500kms/1554miles.

Airfare Included: No.

Tour Customizable: Yes

Tour Highlights: Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet **Samar Magic Tours team**. Discovery Mongolia Gobi Tour gets you to the Natural Wonders of Southern regions of Gobi desert, and Karakorum in Central Mongolia. The Gobi desert is the source of many important fossil finds, including the first dinosaur eggs. Despite the harsh conditions, these deserts and the surrounding regions sustain many animals, including black-tailed gazelles, marbled polecats, Bactrian camels, Mongolian wild ass and sand plovers. They are occasionally visited by snow leopards, brown bears, and wolves. Camel riding, meeting nomadic people, staying in a traditional tent, seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. Explore Yolyn Am Canyon in Gobi desert. Climb up the towering piles of the Largest Hongor Sand dunes. Expedition to the Spectacular Flaming Cliffs in Gobi desert, where many fossilized dinosaur bones and eggs have been found. Journey to Karakorum, the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization. **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-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet Samar Magic Tours team. **(D)**

Day 2-Ulaanbaatar-Great Statue of Genghis Khan-Nomadic Family-Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)**

Day 3-Ulaanbaatar-Bagazarin Chuluu in Middle Gobi. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 4-Ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple-South Gobi desert. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 5-Yolyn Canyon or Valley of Vultures in Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park/ Hongor Largest Sand dunes. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Largest Sand dunes in Gobi desert-Camel riding/Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs in Gobi desert. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 7-Saikhan Ovoo & Ruins of Ongi Temple in Middle Gobi. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8-Nomadic Family-Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 9-Orkhon Valley-VIII century Turkish monuments-Nomadic Family-Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 10- Karakorum-Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 11-Departure Mongolia or Post tour **(on request!). (B)**

Day-by-day Itinerary:

Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet **Samar Magic Tours team** and transfer to your selected hotel. The check-in time at hotel is after **02:00P.M. UB City tour**: visit the **National History Museum**-where you will see artifacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present and **the Main square**-this is the main square in the heart of Ulaanbaatar. Here you will see **a large statue of the Genghis or Chinggis Khaan**-inaugurated in 2006 on the occasion of 800th Anniversary of the Great Mongolian Empire of Genghis Khan (1206-2006), the Sukh Baatar Hero along with The Parliament House, Stock Exchange, the Drama Theater and the Palace of Culture. Visit the **museum of the fossils of dinosaurs. 06:00 P.M.-National Performers** (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). Welcome dinner in local restaurant. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. **(D)**

Day 2-In the early morning, visit the **Gandantegchinlen Monastery** is a Tibetan-style Buddhist monastery, that has been restored and revitalized since 1990. The Tibetan name translates to the "Great Place of Complete Joy". It currently has over 150 monks in residence. It features a 26.5-meter-high statue of Avalokitesvara. It came under state protection in 1994. Drive towards N/E **to visit the 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of Genghis or Chinggis Khaan**. Visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. During the trip, you will also have opportunities to **visit a local nomadic family on the way**. Drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 3-Drive south towards towards south to **Bagazarin Chuluu in Middle Gobi**-this is 1768m high, 15km long, 10km wide rocky mountain and is perfect for short trekking and walks around the surrounding area. You will see rocks and stones in unique shapes and buries of Mongols from middle ages. Dinner and overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in Bagazarin Chuluu. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 4-Drive south towards the **South Gobi desert**. On the way, we explore **the Ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple**. It was built in the 10th century from rocks transported from over 300kms/187 miles away. Dinner and overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in South Gobi desert. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 5-Today, we drive to explore **Yolin Am Canyon or Valley of Vultures in Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park**. The Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park was established in 1993, and expanded to its current size in 2000. This the largest national park in Mongolia. Here, you will have the opportunity for hiking in the ice valley of Gobi, the stunning landscapes. **There is a small museum**, which displays dinosaur eggs, some bones and stuffed birds and leopards. **Explore the area on foot**. In the afternoon, a long trip towards to **the Largest Hongor Giant Sand dunes** in Gobi desert. Arrive and to be transferred. Free time. Overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in Hongor sand dunes. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Exploration and enjoy and climb up to over 200 m high Khongoryn els (Singing sand dunes) and **ride two humped camels** around picturesque desert oasis Khongor river. **Visit an authentic camel breeding family**. See their real nomadic life. . In the afternoon, **drive towards to Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs** in South Gobi desert. Explore Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs-here Roy Chapman Andrews, an American paleontologist and staff of the Museum of Natural History in New York first found 4-6 inches dinosaur eggs here in 1922. The large dinosaur skeletons placed at the Museum of Natural History in Ulaanbaatar was also found here by a Russian-Mongolian expedition. Bayanzag is referred as Flaming Cliffs for its amazing colors and shape). **Enjoy the Gobi sunset at the legendary "Flaming Cliffs,"** which glow brilliantly at sunrise and sunset. Dinner and overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in Bayanzag. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 7-A long trip towards north to reach the **Ruins of Ongi Temple**-the unique 17th century sole monastery at the heart of the desert. Ongiin khiid (also referred as Ongi Monastery ruins) is an active small monastery with a temple which was built on the ruins of a monastery complex that was formerly one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia and founded in 1760 and consisted of two separate temples complexes, Barlim khiid and Khutagt khiid, on the North and South of the Ongi Gol river about 18 km from Saikhan-Ovoo sub-provincial center, Dungobi (middle) province. Dinner and overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in Middle Gobi. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8-Continue north to Karakorum-the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization. **During the trip, you will also have opportunities to visit a local nomadic family on the way**. Visitors, such as **Marco Polo**, described 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. Now there is a museum and restored. Erdene Zuu monastery retains much of its ancient glory and is well worth visiting. Overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 9-In the morning, visits **Erdene zuu monastery, the turtle monument and the Karakorum museum**. A trip to reach **the VIII century Turkish monuments in the Orkhon Valley**. Today, the cultural heritage of the Orkhon 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. Great opportunities for nature lovers to hike and optional horse ride. Visit a **Nomadic breeder's family** and experience the traditional customs and lifestyle of local residents. Overnight in tourist fixed Gers camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 10-Drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Arrive and transfer to hotel. **Shopping for souvenirs and cashmere. Farewell dinner at local restaurant**. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 11-Breakfast. Transfer. Departure Mongolia. (B). End of our services.

What's Included?

3 nights at selected hotel in Ulaanbaatar, based on double indicated room.

7 nights in the tourist fixed camps, based on private Gers.

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

English speaking guide.

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

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

One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert.

Camel riding on Hongor Largest Sand dunes (**2** hrs).

Meeting Nomadic people.

Taxes and Services.

Letter-visa support (if necessary).

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 fee is required. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Late check out extra fee is required.

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.