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MONGOLIA BEST TOUR 12 DAYS, ALL INCLUSIVE!



An incredible journey in just twelve days...

Tour Highlights: An incredible journey in just twelve days. *Explore the vast beauty of this the land-based culture of its people, and natural places. *This trip offers plenty of pleasure hikes and interesting cultural encounters.



*Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.

*Take some amazing photos to the 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp.

*Visit the XIII Century Park (is located just ~55kms /~25 miles/ to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Camp), creates real-time micro kingdom to make the lively feeling for its guests during their stay by Genuinely providing true environment of the way of living and working of the XIII century.

*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.

*Enjoy the hot baths and relax in Tsenkher Hot Springs.

*Relaxing, fishing, boating, hiking, or horseback riding at the Ogii lake.

*Visit Khogno Khaan mountain and Uvgun monastery. This mountain is at an elevation of 1967m and is perfect for short walks around the surrounding area and there are some remains of an ancient monastery.

*Explore Bayangobi desert with a walking tour to the Singing Sand.

*Visit Hustain Nuruu National Reserve to observe the wild horses (Takhi horses o Przewalski horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. *This surely is a journey into a rich and varied land. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

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▶ **Trip summary:**

▶ **Tour Code:** SMT-12D

▶ **Meeting Point:** Ulaanbataar, Mongolia

▶ **Departure Point:** Ulaanbataar, Mongolia

▶ **Group size:** Minimum 2 adults or more participants-This tour operates on a minimum of 02 and a maximum of 12-16 participants.

▶ **Length:** 12 days/11 nights

▶ **Difficulty level:** Easy to moderate.

▶ **2009 Tour Calendar:** **Daily departure, from June-October-** *This tour is not valid during **Naadam Festival Special Departures** (*please, contact us for more information about Naadam Festival Special Tours).

Short Tour Description	Accommodation	Food
Day 1-Ulaanbaatar	Hotel	D
Day 2-Gandan monastery-Sacred Tuul River Nomad's Valley	Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Day 3-Chinggis Tourist Camp-XIII Century Park	Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Day 4-Terelj N.P.-Turtle Rock-Arrayabal Temple	Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Day 5-Karakorum	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 6-Karakorum-Erdene zuu monastery-Shankh Temple-Karakorum	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 7-Karakorum-Tsenkher Hot Springs	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 8-Tsenkher Hot Springs-Ogii lake	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 9-Ogii lake	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 10-Ogii lake-Uvgun Temple-Khogno Khaan mountain-Sand dunes of Bayangobi desert	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 11-Bayangobi desert-Hustain Nuruu National Reserve-Ulaanbaatar	Hotel	B+L+D
Day 12-Departure Mongolia or Post tour	END OF OUR SERVICES	B

THE MAIN TOUR IN DETAILS:

 **Day 1 Arrive in Ulaanbaatar (D)**

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB), you will be met at the airport or UB Railway station and are transferred to the hotel. Today is spent on a guided city tour of Ulaanbataar, highlights include Sukhbataar Central Square, the "Chinggis" Khan's Main monument, and the National History Museum where you will see artifacts from Mongolia from the Stone Age to the present, and displays of the development of Mongolian arts and culture. Attend the Evening Mongolian traditional folk songs and dance concert. Have welcome dinner at "El Latino" local restaurant, featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at hotel.

 **Day 2 Ulaanbaatar-Gandan monastery-Chinggis Tourist Ger Camp (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. In the morning, visit Gandan Lamasery, the largest Monastery in Mongolia (80 foot tall statue of Buddha, practicing Tibetan Buddhist Lamas), the Buddhist ceremony at 10:00am and the experience of the Tibetan-Buddhist tradition. After, visit the Bogd Khan Winter Palace-home to Mongolia's last Khan, Damba Khutugt 8th, the war memorial Zaisan Hill and a Buddha's statue. Lunch in local restaurant. Afterward, drive to the "Tuul river Nomad's Valley" (55kms/27.5miles)-this is a beautiful valley of streams. There are national gers in beautiful natural locations, so it's easy to meet with locals and see their daily lives, interact with them. The river Tuul is one of the longest rivers of the country, flowing from the Khentii Mountain Range. The valley of the river has been called sacred for centuries by the nomads as they truly respect the nature especially the rivers and the surface water. In route, we stop to observe and to take some amazing photos to the 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp. Horse riding session. Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog), which is mutton cooked with hot rock and with vegetables, water, potatoes, and onion. Overnight in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Ger Camp. Have your first ger

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camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.

Day 3 Chinggis Tourist Ger Camp-XIII Century Park-Chinggis Tourist Ger Camp (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the Chinggis Tourist Camp. Today, drive to XIII Century Park (is located just ~55kms /~25 miles/ to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Camp), creates real-time micro kingdom to make the lively feeling for its guests during their stay by Genuinely providing true environment of the way of living and working of the XIII century. Lunch-Mongolian traditional food. You'll visit: Camp of craftsmen, Camp of educational, Camp of herders, Camp of shamans and King Palace. In the afternoon, drive back to Chinggis Tourist Base Camp. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Terelj National Park-Turtle Rock-Arraybal Temple (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Today, we drive to Terelj National Park for a walking tour to Turtle Rock and hiking to the Arraybal Buddhist monastery on the top of the mountain. It is famous for its amazing rock formations, pristine alpine scenery and varied bird life. The Terelj National Park incorporates parts of Khenty Mountain Range. The forest consists of Aspen, Larch and Birch trees which support wolf, eagles, birds, and others animals. Picnic lunch is provided. In the afternoon, drive back to Chinggis tourist ger camp. Free time for Mongolian archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Karakorum (B, L, D)

Breakfast. A long drive through the grassland toward "Karakhorum"-was founded in 1220 at the crossroads of the Silk Road. It was the capital of the Mongol Empire until Kublai Khan moved it to Beijing. 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. Erdene Zuu retains much of its ancient glory and is well worth visiting. Arrive and transfer to the tourist base ger camp. Free time. Dinner and overnight in tourist base ger camp.

Day 6 Erdene zuu monastery-Shankh Temple-Karakorum (B, L, D)

Breakfast. In the morning, visits Erdene Zuu monastery (usually we will be able to witness the prayers) and the Turtle monument. Next drive to visit Shankh monastery-this is one of the oldest and most important monasteries in Mongolia. Zanabazar founded this monastery in 1648 at the age of 13. He went to Tibet when he was 15 years old during the time of the great 5th Dalai Lama. The Panchen Lama, Lobsang Chogen, gave him the name of Jetsun Dhampa, and ordained him. The present temple, which is being restored, was one of them called Noyon Hamp. Zanabazar (1635-1723), a revered sculptor, politician, religious teacher, diplomat and living Buddha, who became Mongolia's first Bogd Khan (God King). Shankh monastery, Known as the West Monastery, it was one of the foremost seats of Buddhist teaching and practice in the country for almost three centuries. It was in this context that in 1937 Shankh Monastery was closed, its temples burned and most of its monks arrested and executed or sent to labor camps in Siberia. Drive back to Karakorum. Free time in Orkhon river valley for photo opportunities and to have experience the nomadic lifestyle. Overnight in Tourist gers camp.

Day 7 Karakorum-Tsenkher Hot Springs (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Breakfast. Further drive to Tsenkher Hot Springs. Relax free time for leisure. Enjoy the hot springs baths. Overnight in tourist gers camp.

Day 8 Tsenkher Hot Springs-Ogii lake (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Today, our journey continuing further drive to the freshwater Lake Ogii. This lake is a wonderful place for birdlife (cranes and ducks, to name just a few species, migrate to the area around late April &

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May). This a freshwater lake located in the valley of the Orkhon River. Free time. Overnight in tourist gers camp.

Day 9 **Ogii lake (B, L, D)**

At leisure day in Ogii lake. Optional you can fish, boating, ride horses with local nomads. You may be invited to share a cup of airag or koumiss (fermented mare's milk) with these friendly and hospitable people. Overnight in tourist gers camp.

Day 10 **Ogii lake-Khogno Khaan mountain-Uvgun Temple-Bayangobi desert (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Drive to visit Khogno Khaan mountain and Uvgun monastery. This mountain is at an elevation of 1967m and is perfect for short walks around the surrounding area and there are some remains of an ancient monastery. The small monastery is now being restored. It was destroyed during the purges of the 1930s. Afterward, continuing further drive to Bayangobi desert. They are locally known as "Little Gobi". Visit the area. Climb up the towering piles of sand. Optional you can ride camels or horses with local nomads. Overnight in tourist camp.

Day 11 **Bayangobi desert-Hustain Nuruu National Reserve-Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Drive to "Hustain Nuruu" National Reserve to observe the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. The Przewalski horse (*Equus przewalskii* Poliakov) or Takhi as the Mongolians name them are rather small, sturdy animals with a short, strong neck. The earliest written reports of Przewalski horses or Takhi date from the ninth century and in 1226, a herd of Przewalski horses is said to have caused "Genghis" Khan to fall of his horse. The Hustain Nuruu Reserve (Hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the bufferzone 120,000ha. Visit the park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to the hotel. Free time. Farewell dinner. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12 **Departure Mongolia or Post tour (B)**

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport or to the Railway Station. **Departure Mongolia. End of our services.**

► **Flower Japanese Top Hotel:** with 180 rooms, the Flower is one of the biggest hotels in the city. Free sauna and Japanese-style Bath for the clients, Chinese, European and Japanese restaurants. Located on a quiet and peaceful hill of Ulaanbaatar overlooking the city center and surrounding mountains, the Hotel is also very convenient for anyone to use as a base for whatever one wishes to do: just 20 min by car from the International and Domestic Airport, 10 min from the Railway Station as well as business/shopping centers of the City.

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES:

- 180 comfortable rooms
- TV with remote control, cable movie channels
- Full bath amenities
- Iron, ironing boards on request
- Mini bar
- High speed Internet access
- 24-hour room service

RESTAURANT SERVICES:

- Altai restaurant (European and Mongolian national cuisine).
- Fuji restaurant (Japanese cuisine).
- Hana restaurant (Chinese cuisine).

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- Karaoke Bar
- Cafe/Lounges

BUSINESS SERVICES:

- Business center in Flower hotel
- Conference hall
- DHL service

THE OTHER SERVICES:

- beauty salon
- business center
- currency exchange
- laundry
- luggage room
- massage
- taxis
- Japanese style Bath
- sauna
- security service

► **Bayangol Hotel:** This landmark 12 storey twin tower hotel is superbly situated amidst seven acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of Ulaanbaatar's business entertainment and shopping district. Only a five minute walk away is the City Centre, main Cultural Centers and State Institutions.

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES:

- 209 rooms: 190 standard rooms, 19 suites.
- Air-conditioning
- International direct-dial telephone phone
- Bathroom with shower
- TV (satellite Star TV)
- Mini-bar
- 24-hour room service.

RESTAURANT SERVICES:

- Restaurant Bayangol with 300 seats offers you the delights of Eastern and Western cuisine as well as the traditional Mongolian food.
- Nomin restaurant for 30 seats (European and Mongolian cuisine).
- Night Bar.
- Banquet room (cocktail parties for 40-50 people).

Chinggis Khan Hotel: opened in 1995, renovated in 2003. 11 floors. Chinggis Khan hotel located downtown, within easy reach of the main tourist attractions and the business center of the city. 30-minute drive to the International airport and 15-minute drive to the railway station.

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES:

- 182 comfortable rooms (105 twin, 33 single, 42 suites, 2 presidential suites)
- Check-in time 13.00, Check-out time 12.00.
- Air conditioner (SOMETIMES IS NOT WORKING!)
- TV with remote control, cable movie channels
- Telephone w/message light
- Full bath amenities
- Iron, ironing boards on request

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- FM radio
- Mini bar
- Bathrobes
- 24-hour room service

RESTAURANT SERVICES:

- Western-style restaurant (international cuisine).
- Mongolian restaurant (Mongolian national and oriental cuisine).
- Bar
- Coffee shop

▣ THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 2 nights at hotel based on double occupancy in Ulaanbaatar city.
- 3 nights in Chinggis tourist base ger camp based on double occupancy with full board.
- 6 nights in tourist base gers camps based on double occupancy with full board.
- Full board as specified, **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.
- Private transport transfers (included the patrol).
- Entrance fees to the all specified protected areas, national parks, museums, and monasteries.
- Entrance fee to the XIII Century Park.
- One traditional Mongolian meal (khorkhog) in "Chinggis" Tourist Camp.
- All expenses at the nomadic families.
- Hot baths in Tsenkher Hot Springs.
- Road's taxes.
- Visa support invitation letter if necessary.

▣ NOT INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ❖ Visa.
- ❖ Single supplement at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city.
- ❖ Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar.
- ❖ Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Samar Magic Tours cannot take over the responsibility for the National or the International Airlines.
- ❖ Additional meal, services or night at hotel in Ulaanbaatar.
- ❖ Excess baggage. Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in Ulaanbaatar, free of cost.
- ❖ Optional activities: camel riding, horseback riding, boating, fishing, and the fishing equipments, etc.
- ❖ 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, drinks, extra 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, Mongolia poor road conditions, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT MONGOLIAN TOURS

- Tour and Tour Information are subject to change.
- Hotels are based on double occupancy in Ulaanbaatar city.
- Check-in at hotels is at 12:00m/Check-out at hotels is at 12:00m.
- Single gers are NOT available, during the high seasonal in Mongolia. Single supplements reflect sharing in gers and *single rooms in hotels in Ulaanbaatar.

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-Accommodation in the countryside of Mongolia: Outside Ulaanbaatar, accommodation is in traditional Gers which are circular tents. Facilities are fairly basic, each Ger contains 2 beds, a wood stove, bedding, and a simple chest. Hot water is not always available.

-Mongolia's tourism infrastructure is in its infancy which requires a flexible and adventurous attitude and patience.

-Your tour involves some days of travelling off the beaten track, with long road journeys by 4WD transport over difficult terrain.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND THE RESERVATION PROCEDURES

1. Deposit Due by Wire Bank Transfer at the time of confirmation of the reservation: **\$600 or 500 Euro** per person.
2. The final balance is due **65** working days of the departure date.
3. We accept payment in US \$ (US Dollars), or in EURO.

-The following cancellation penalties will be assessed.

-All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

-Air or train cancellation terms are additional.

-For cancellations received

Up to 90-65 days before departure \$600 or 500 Euro per person penalty applies.

64-30 days before departure 50% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.

29-0 days before departure 100% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.

We strongly recommend Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Travel insurance.

4. **Price Guarantee:** Your tour price is guaranteed once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.
5. If your balance due is not received by the due date before the **65** days of the departure, the reservation will be subject to cancellation without notice. If a booking is made within **45** days of the departure date, full payments are due immediately.

THE BEST TIME TO GO

Mongolia is vast! Generally, it is recommended to pay your visit from May to September when the grass is green. **-Please note when you choose your clothes:**

April to May, or on September: warm days and cool nights around (6-10°C).

June, July to August: is summertime, days around (15°C-30°C), nights around (10/20°C).

DANGERS/ANNOYANCES

Mongolia is a safe place to be. As a visitor you are unlikely to experience any serious problems. However, like anywhere else there are a few things that visitors should be aware of, things that will need extra care and attention. Pick pocketing and bag slitting is most common in crowded places such as the black market, on buses or at tourist attractions such as Gandan Monastery. Bag-slashers attack "obvious tourists" frequently at the following locations: Black Market (bazaar), outside Post Office, Railway station, and crowded bus lines in Ulaanbaatar city. Valuables should be kept in a money belt and kept underneath your clothing or in the security box at your hotel in Ulaanbaatar city. **In the countryside of Mongolia:** there is not any problem. The nomadic families are very hospitable. We ask you to remember that when we visit the nomadic people, we are guests in their homes, so it is appropriate to offer them small gifts in return for their hospitality.

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