

MONGOLIA BIRDWATCHING TOUR **12 DAYS- ALL INCLUSIVE!**



This 12 day tour gets well off the beaten track and into the Northeastern, and Central regions of Mongolia



Tour Highlights: An incredible bird watching journey in just twelve days.

Specialty Category: Mongolian Bird watching, Ecotourism, Wildlife tours, Wildlife National Park visits, Active Adventures, Experiencing Mongolia's of life, Expedition, Nature, Hiking, the rivers and lakes of Mongolia.

*This 12-day of Bird watching tour takes place in remote wilderness areas of Mongolia.

*Bird watching at the Bayan and Ugii lakes. These sites are very popular with birdlife, especially the relic gull, whooper swan and geese.

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

* This surely is a journey into a rich and varied land. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

► **Places to Watch Birds:**

Tuul River Valley and Terelj National Park- The broadleaved and coniferous forests around Terelj, which is situated at 1600 m in the Hentii Mountains northeastern of Ulaan Baatar support a fine selection of Siberian and eastern Palearctic Birds.

Bayan Nuur (Rich lake)-Four-Five hours west of UB, this is a complex of lakes with reedbeds. Rich in waders and waterfowl.

Ogii Nuur-this freshwater lake is located in the valley of the Orkhon River. Ogii lake is a wonderful place for birdlife (cranes and ducks, to name just a few species, migrate to the area around late April).

► **Trip summary:**

► **Tour Code:** **SMT-BW-12D**

► **Meeting Point:** **Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**

Samar Magic Tours LLC, since 1997.

Postal Address: Ulaanbaatar 15160, Central Post Office Box 2567, Mongolia.

Tel: (976) 11 311051; **Fax:** (976) 11 327503

E-mail: info@samarmagictours.com

USA Voice Mails/Fax: (1-206-888-4286)

Websites: www.samarmagictours.com/ or www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Adventure & Active & Cultural Tours, Family, Group & Private Expedition, since 1997!

- ▶ **Departure Point:** Ulaanbaatar, 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.
- ▶ **2010/2011/2012 Regular Tour Calendar:** Daily departure, from very late April, May, June-September

Short Tour Description	Accommodation	Food
Day 1-Ulaanbaatar (UB)	Hotel	D
Day 2-Nomad's Tuul River Valley	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 3-Terelj National Park	Camping in Tents or Chinggis Tourist Camp	B+L+D
Days 4/5-Bayan lake	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Days 6/7-Ugii lake	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 8-Karakorum-Erdene zuu monastery	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 9-Tsenkher Hot Springs	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 10-Khogno Khaan mountain-Bayangobi desert	Tourist Ger Camp	B+L+D
Day 11-Ulan Bator	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 your arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB), you will be met at the airport and are transferred to the hotel. Free time at hotel. This afternoon city tour includes a visit to the "Genghis or Chinggis" Khaan's main monument in the Sukh Bataar Central square, the Museum of Natural History, where you will see the Ornithological Gallery with over 200 species, Mongolia's geography, flora and fauna and the National History Museum, where you will see artifacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. 18:00-Evening National Performers (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). Have welcome dinner at local restaurant "El Latino", featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2 Ulaanbaatar-Tuul River Nomad's Valley (B, L, D)

Breakfast. 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 Camp. Horseback riding birdwatching Exploration down the Tuul River. Here you can see Oriental cuckoo, Ducks, Demoiselle Crane, Black Stork and Saker Falcon or Spotted Eagle. 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 Camp. Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.


Samar Magic Tours LLC, since 1997.

Postal Address: Ulaanbaatar 15160, Central Post Office Box 2567, Mongolia.

 **Tel:** (976) 11 311051;  **Fax:** (976) 11 327503

 **E-mail:** info@samarmagictours.com

 **USA Voice Mails/Fax:** (1-206-888-4286)

 **Websites:** www.samarmagictours.com/ or www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Adventure & Active & Cultural Tours, Family, Group & Private Expedition, since 1997!

Day 3 **Terelj National Park (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. This morning we will drive through the grassland toward to Terelj National Park (50kms/25miles) in the Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area. Visit the Tortoise rock. This is a picturesque place of high cliffs eroded in granites of Mesozoic age. The forest consists of Aspen, Larch and Birch trees which support wolf, eagles, birds, and others animals Hiking excursion down the Terelj river to watch Oriental cuckoo, Ducks, Demoiselle Crane, Black Stork, Saker Falcon or Spotted Eagle, white-backed woodpecker, Siberian rubythroat, Siberian blue Robin, dark-sided flycatcher, crested honey buzzard, hawk owl, pine and meadow bunting, etc. Picnic lunch is provided. Camping in tents or drive back to Chinggis Tourist Camp.

Day 4 **Bayan Nuur Lake (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Today, depart overland to Bayan Nuur Lake (Rich Lake, six-seven hours driving)-a freshwater lake located in the West. On the way, you can watch the birds that are common to the steppe zone: Upland Buzzard, Demoiselle Crane, Isabelline Wheatear, Shore Lark, Mongolian Lark. Also you can watch Saker, Isabelline Shrike, Asian Short-toed Lark and the mammals Daurian Pika and Bobak Marmot. Along the way, stop for a picnic lunch. Arrive and camping in tents by the lake.

Day 5 **Bayan Nuur Lake (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Bird watching tour: In the morning walk along the lake shore and you can watch Swan Goose, Asiatic Golden Plover, Darksided Flycatcher, Richard's Pipit and Pallas' Reed Bunting. Here also you can watch Saker Falcon, Steppe Eagle, Upland Buzzards, big colony of House Martin and Barn Swallow. Breeding Bar-headed Goose, Whooper Swan, Grey-lag Goose, Ducks and Waders. Camping in tents by the lake.

Day 6 **Ugii Nuur Lake (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. In the morning, Bird watching tour in Bayan lake. In the afternoon, continuing further drive to Ugii lake in Arkhangai province. A freshwater lake located in the valley of the Orkhon River. Ugii lake is a wonderful place for birdlife (cranes and ducks, to name just a few species, migrate to the area around late April). Camping in tents by the lake.

Day 7 **Ugii Nuur Lake (B, L, D)**



Breakfast. Spend a day of Bird watching tour at the Ugii Lake. Fresh water fresh fish dishes. Loon, Swan Goose, Bar headed Goose, Common and White-naped Crane, Demoiselle Crane, Ducks and Waders, Pallas' Fish Eagle and White-tailed Eagle. Camping by the lake.


Day 8 **Ugii Nuur Lake-Karakorum (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. In the morning, drive to "Karakhorum"-the 13th century imperial capital of the Mongol Empire . In the afternoon, visit the Erdene-Zuu Monastery, once one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. Overnight in traditional gers at the tourist base camp.


Samar Magic Tours LLC, since 1997.

Postal Address: Ulaanbaatar 15160, Central Post Office Box 2567, Mongolia.

 **Tel:** (976) 11 311051;  **Fax:** (976) 11 327503

 **E-mail:** info@samarmagictours.com

 **USA Voice Mails/Fax:** (1-206-888-4286)

 **Websites:** www.samarmagictours.com/ or www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Adventure & Active & Cultural Tours, Family, Group & Private Expedition, since 1997!

Day 9 **Karakorum-Tsenkher Hot Springs (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Today morning, drive to Tsenkher Hot Springs. Enjoy the hot baths. If you are ever likely to get a photo of one of these birds, this is the place. Overnight in tourist base gers camp.

Day 10 **Khogno Khaan mountain-Bayangobi desert**

Breakfast. Today morning, drive to the Sand dunes of Bayangobi desert for bird watching and hiking. In route, short visit to Khogno Khaan Special Protected Area. Overnight in tourist base gers camp.

Day 11 **Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Drive back to UB city. Shop for souvenirs, original pure cashmere gifts and garments. Farewell dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel.

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

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport. **Departure Mongolia or Post Tour. End of our services.**

THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:



- All private transportation by Japanese 4WD-vehicles, included the all patrol, and Mongolian speaking driver.
- **2** nights of accommodation at hotel in UB city based on double room
- **4** nights in the specified tourist gers camps based on double occupancy.
- **5** nights camping in tents, based on double occupancy, included the camping gear.
- **Full board.**
- Services of English speaking guide.
- All entrance fees to the all specified National Parks to the protected areas, museums, monuments and monasteries.
- Sightseeing specified cost.
- One evening National Performers (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists) in UB city.
- All camping materials, tents, etc.
- The kitchen equipments.
- Horseback riding Bird watching Exploration, close to Chinggis Tourist Camp.
- Road's taxes.
- All expenses at the nomadic families, close to Chinggis Tourist Camp.
- Enjoy the Hot baths in Tsenkher Hot Springs.
- Letter-visa support if it is necessary.


NOT INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from UB, Mongolia or train.
- ❖ Visa.
- ❖ Single supplement at hotel in UB city.
- ❖ Changing of date of departure from UB.
- ❖ Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Samar Magic Tours cannot take over the responsibility for the National or the International Airlines. **The internal flight schedule sometimes means we have an**


Samar Magic Tours LLC, since 1997.

Postal Address: Ulaanbaatar 15160, Central Post Office Box 2567, Mongolia.

 **Tel:** (976) 11 311051;  **Fax:** (976) 11 327503

 **E-mail:** info@samarmagictours.com

 **USA Voice Mails/Fax:** (1-206-888-4286)

 **Websites:** www.samarmagictours.com/ or www.experiemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Adventure & Active & Cultural Tours, Family, Group & Private Expedition, since 1997!

- extra day at the tourist camp, the ground agents and leader will adjust the itinerary accordingly when the flight schedule becomes available.
- ❖ Additional services or night at hotel in UB city.
 - ❖ The binoculars, telescopes and tripod.
 - ❖ Sleeping bag.
 - ❖ Excess baggage. Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in UB, free of cost.
 - ❖ Optional activities: camel riding, horseback riding, boating, fishing, 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, 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.

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT MONGOLIAN TOURS

-This Expedition requires flexibility, tolerance and spirit of adventure of every journey participant due to the remote wilderness areas of Mongolia. Anyhow the tourism infrastructure has somewhat developed. Participants must be people with a strong sense of the adventure, excellent physical conditions, experience in overland OFF ROAD, hiking & trekking. Require the knowing of the basis Mongolian conditions and technics of the activity. All travellers should bring their own guide book for birds, binoculars, telescopes and tripod.

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

-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.

-Accommodation in the countryside of Mongolia: Most tourists will stay in specially constructed gers camps. These camps provide accommodation in the round felt houses used by nomads and usually have separate toilet, washing and restaurant facilities.

-Mongolia Weight Limit: 15 kgs (33lbs) per person. Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in UB city, free of cost.

-Please, make your reservations at your earliest convenience, 180-90 days prior to departure. Especially flights to and inside Mongolia are fully booked at this time. Seats can be difficult to get in Summer seasonal.

-The internal flight schedule sometimes means we have an extra day at the tourist camp or at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city, the ground agents and leader will adjust the itinerary accordingly when the flight schedule becomes available.

-These Complete Tours include arrival and departure transfer services to/from Airport. All you have to do is to make necessary International air arrangements.

SPECIAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND THE RESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR BIRD WATCHING NATURE TOURS

-Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of 500.00 Euro or \$ 600.00 per person **immediately**, to guarantee your internal air ticket, the birder local guide and the specified services.

-The final balance is due minimum **45 days prior** to your arrival in UB city.

-The following cancellation penalties will be assessed. Air or train cancellation terms are additional.

Samar Magic Tours LLC, since 1997.

Postal Address: Ulaanbaatar 15160, Central Post Office Box 2567, Mongolia.

Tel: (976) 11 311051; **Fax:** (976) 11 327503

E-mail: info@samarmagictours.com

USA Voice Mails/Fax: (1-206-888-4286)

Websites: www.samarmagictours.com/ or www.experiemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Adventure & Active & Cultural Tours, Family, Group & Private Expedition, since 1997!

For cancellations received: Refunds, less a cancellation fee of 500.00 Euro or \$ US 600.00 per person, will be made if we are notified before **45 days** prior to your arrival.

Up to 90-45 days before departure: \$600.00 or 500.00 Euro per person penalty applies.

44-16 days before departure: 50% of the trip cost per person penalty applies.

15-0 days before departure: 100% of the trip cost per person penalty applies-No refunds will be granted after that date.

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

-We strongly recommend Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Travel insurance.

-Price Guarantee: Your tour price is guaranteed once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.

-If your balance due is not received by the due date before **45 days prior to your arrival**, 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.

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 UB city. Be careful about being seen with large amounts of money outside.

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.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

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).

Spring:	March-May	[14° days, 6° nights, sometimes rain]
Summer:	June-August	[28-30° day, 18° nights, dry, sometimes rain]
Autumn:	Sep. -Oct.	[21-16° days, 0° nights, dry]
Winter:	Nov.-Fr.	[-15/-25° days, -30° nights, dry]

CONTENTS OF SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Samar Magic Tours LLC, since 1997.

Postal Address: Ulaanbaatar 15160, Central Post Office Box 2567, Mongolia.

Tel: (976) 11 311051; **Fax:** (976) 11 327503

E-mail: info@samarmagictours.com

USA Voice Mails/Fax: (1-206-888-4286)

Websites: www.samarmagictours.com/ or www.experiemongolia.org/