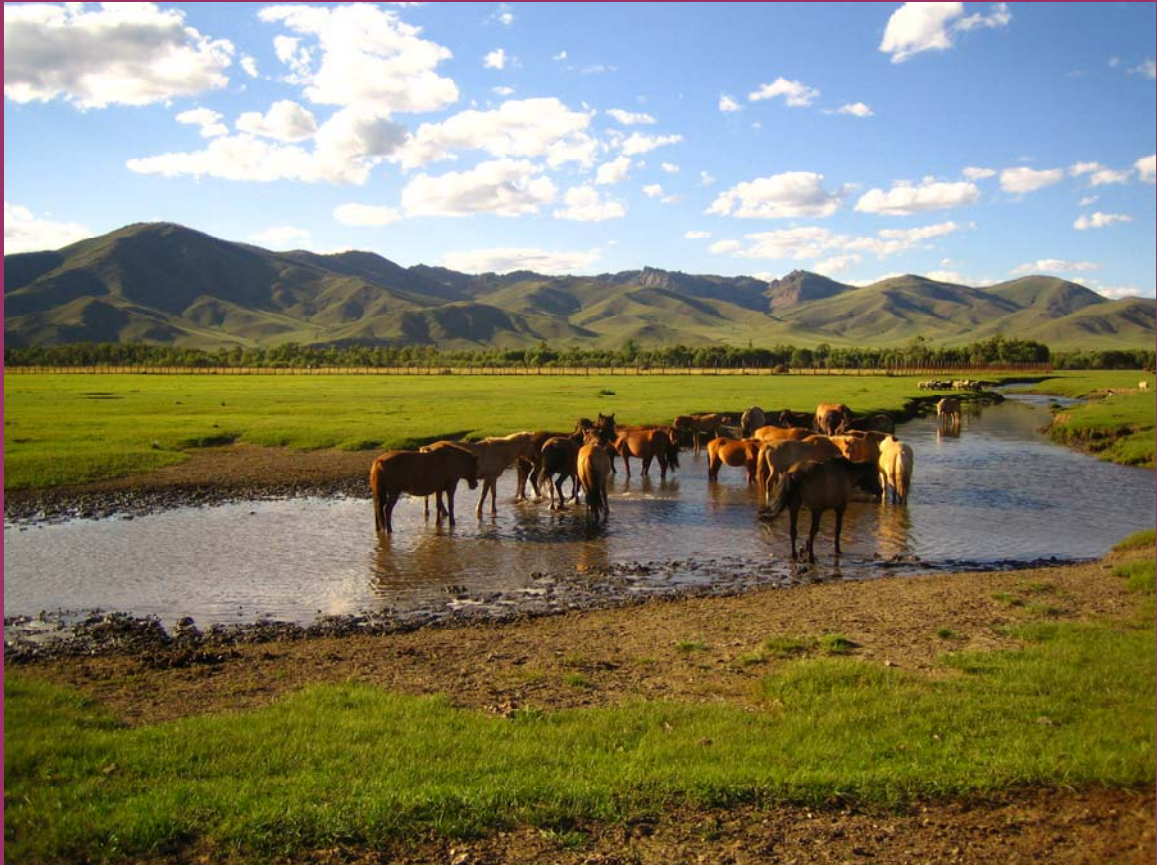


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FROM GRASSLAND TO HOVSGOL LAKE 13 DAYS, from \$ 2,399 per person- All Inclusive




This 13 day-tour takes us through amazing scenery of wide-open steppe to the Far Northern and to the Central Regions of Mongolia

Tour Highlights: *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.



*Visit the beautiful Lake Hovsgol- this is a 100 mile long pristine alpine lake located in the far northern of Mongolia, close to the Siberian border.

*Relaxing, fishing, boating, hiking, or horseback riding on the Hovsgol lake National Park.

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- *Meet the local nomads.
- *Have your first ger camp experience in "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 Amarbayasgalant monastery and attend the Buddhist ceremony-was originally built in 1737 by the Manchurian king Kansu.
- *Relaxing, fishing, boating, hiking, or horseback riding on the Terkhiin Tsagaan lake National Park.
- *Enjoy the hot baths and relax in Tsenkher hot springs.
- *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.
- *This surely is a journey into a rich and varied land. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

▶ **Trip summary:**

- ▶ **Tour Code:** SMT-MP-13D
- ▶ **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:** 13 days/12 nights
- ▶ **Difficulty level:** Easy to moderate.
- ▶ **2009 Private Tour Calendar:** [Daily departure, from June-September.](#)

| Short Tour Description | Accommodation | Food |
|---|-------------------------|-------|
| Day 1-Ulaanbaatar | Hotel/Hostel | D |
| Day 2-Tuul River Nomad's Valley | "Chinggis" Tourist Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 3-Horseback riding Exploration | "Chinggis" Tourist Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 4-Terelj N.P.-Turtle Rock-Arryabal Temple | "Chinggis" Tourist Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 5-Amarbayasgalant monastery | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 6-Volcano Uran Togoo-Tulga Ntl Reserve | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 7-Moron-Erhel lake-Hovsgol lake | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 8-A leisure day on Hovsgol lake | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 9-Moron-Hangai-Dzuun lake-White lake | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 10-A leisure day on Terkhiin Tsagaan lake | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 11-Tsenkher Hot Springs | Tourist Ger Camp | B+L+D |
| Day 12-Karakorum-Erdene zuu monastery-Ulaanbaatar | Hotel/Hostel | B+L+D |
| Day 13-Departure Mongolia or Post tour | END OF OUR SERVICES | B |

THE MAIN TOUR IN DETAILS:

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

Upon arrival in Ulaan Baatar, you will be met at the airport and are transferred to the hotel or to the hostel (2 options). Free time at hotel. This afternoon city tour includes a visit to the "Genghis or Chinggis" Khaan's main monument in Sukh Bataar Central square, and the National History Museum, where you will see artifacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. Next stop is the beautiful Winter Palace of the last Mongolian Khan, who ruled until 1924. Lastly, visit to Zaisan Hill War Memorial to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city and the Buddha's statue. 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 or at hostel (2 options).

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

Breakfast. Today is spent on a guided city tour of Ulaanbaatar, highlights include the Gandan Lamasery, the largest Monastery in Mongolia (80 foot tall statue of Buddha, practicing Tibetan Buddhist Lamas), the Natural Museum, where you will see two complete dinosaur skeletons, which were found in the Gobi - the giant flesh-eating Tarbosaurus, 15m tall and four to five tons in weight, and the little duck-billed plant-eating Saurolophus, and displays of Mongolia's geography, flora and fauna and the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, known as one of the best collections of Buddhist art and artifacts in the world. Lunch in local restaurant. Afterward, drive to the "Tuul river Nomad's Valley". 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, explore, take water adventures, go trekking, swimming in the Tuul river. 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. Welcome dinner with traditional Mongolian meal (khorkhog), which is mutton cooked with hot rock and with vegetables, water, potatoes, and onion. Overnight at the "Chinggis" Tourist Camp. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia", by the author Michael Kohn.

Day 3 Horseback riding Exploration (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Horseback riding exploration to enjoy this amazing scenery of wide-open steppe with rolling hills in the background and river. 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. The beautiful valley in summer is often dotted with traditional Mongolian gers and offers picturesque sceneries. Visit Nomads along the way and enjoy Nomad hospitality. See their daily lives, take water adventures, go trekking, swimming in the Tuul river. Overnight in "Chinggis" tourist camp.

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 traditional ger camp. Free time for mongolian archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Chinggis Tourist Ger Camp-Amarbayasgalant monastery (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Drive to "Amarbayasgalant" monastery, situated in the northern central Mongolia. After Erdene Zuu Khiid in Karakhorum, Amarbayasgalant Khiid is considered the most important monastery in Mongolia. It's also one of the most beautiful. Free time. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 6 Amarbayasgalant monastery-Volcano Uran Togoo-Tulga National Reserve (B, L, D)

Breakfast. In the morning, visit Amarbayasgalant monastery and attend the Buddhist ceremony - was originally built in 1737 by the Manchurian king Kansu, who dedicated it to the great Mongolian Buddhist and sculptor, Zanabazar. In the 1930s and were destroyed 10 of the 37 temples and statues. The monastery was restored between 1975 and 1990 with the help of UNESCO. You're welcome to watch the 30 resident monks conduct their daily ceremonies, compared to over 2000 in 1936. Afterward, continuing further drive through amazing scenery of wide-open steppe, and flowers to Uran mountain & Togoo mountain Natural reserve. Hiking and visit the extinct volcano of Uran mountain (1631m) and Togoo Tulga mountain (1923m) Natural Reserve. Optional excursions are available there: walking, hiking, trekking, climbing, horseback riding, bird watching, etc. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

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Day 7 **Uran Togoo-Tulga-Moron-Erhel lake-Hovsgol lake (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Next, drive to the Far Northern to Lake Hovsgol National Park. In route, we stop for a short visit to Erhil lake. Arrive and spend the remainder of the day at leisure on the Hovsgol lake. Lake Hovsgol is a 100 mile long pristine alpine lake located in the north of Mongolia, close to the Siberian border. The lake lies at an altitude of 1645m and is a rift valley some 262m deep. The Lake is a protected as a National Park and is sacred to Mongolians who call it "Dalai Ej" the "Mother Sea". Overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 8 **Hovsgol lake National Park (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Full day at leisure on the Lake Hovsgol to enjoy this remote location, we recommend you take a walk around the lake or into the foothills to witness this amazing landscapes and wild life. Optional excursions are available on the Lake Hovsgol: walking, hiking, trekking, climbing, fishing, boating, horseback riding, bird watching, etc. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 9 **Moron-Hangai mountains-Dzuun lake-Terkhiin Tsagaan lake (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Next drive through amazing scenery of wide-open steppe with rolling hills in the background to Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake National Park. Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur (known in English as the White Lake)-Horgo extinct volcano National Park. This is a long trip to the freshwater lake with volcanic area around it is certainly the highlight of Arkhangai and one of the best in a country full of beautiful lakes. This is one of the most spectacular regions, full of forests, rugged terrain, and lakes. Thousands of yaks, sheep and horses graze alongside the way. Short stop in route to visit Dzuun lake. Arrive in White lake and overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 10 **Terkhiin Tsagaan lake National Park (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Day at leisure on the Lake Terkhiin. There will be an optional opportunity to hiking, trekking, climbing, fishing, etc. This is an extinct volcano crater surrounded by interesting rock formations. Optional hiking to the Khorgo Volcano Crater. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 11 **Tsenkher Hot Springs (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. Further drive to Tsenkher Hot Springs. Enjoy the hot baths and relax. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 12 **Karakorum-Erdene zuu monastery-Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. This morning, we 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. Today the restoration of the Monastery is the government's top priority. Erdene Zuu retains much of its ancient glory and is well worth visiting. Visit Erdene Zuu monastery, and the Turtle monument. Lunch in tourist ger camp. Afterward, a long drive directly to Ulaanbaatar (380kms,+6 hours). Transfer to the hotel. Shop for souvenirs, original pure cashmere gifts and garments. Farewell dinner.

Day 13 **Departure Mongolia or Post tour (B)**

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

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▣ THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Private vehicle 4WD included the patrol and the Mongolian speaking driver.
- 2 nights at hotel based on double occupancy or at hostel based in triple or quadruple occupancy in Ulaanbaatar city (2 options).
- 10 nights in tourist ger camps based in double occupancy.
- Full Board specified per day.
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.
- Entrance fees to the all specified protected areas, national parks, museums, monasteries, and temples.
- Horseback riding exploration, close to "Chinggis" Tourist Base Camp.
- One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in Ulaanbaatar city.
- One traditional Mongolian meal (khorkhog) in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Camp.
- All expenses at the nomadic family.
- The hot baths in Tsenkher Hot Springs.
- Road's taxes.
- 1.5 litter of bottled water each day.
- Visa support invitation letter if necessary.

▣ NOT INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia or train.
- ❖ 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, etc.

▣ IMPORTANT NOTES:

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

▣ Payment Schedule and the Reservation Procedures:

1. Deposit Due by Wire Bank Transfer at the time of confirmation of the reservation: \$500 or 400 Euro per person.
2. The final balance is due **65** working days of the departure date.
3. All cancellation requests are required in writing.

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4. We accept payment in US \$ (US Dollars), or equivalent EURO (for clients outside North America).

-The following cancellation penalties will be assessed.

For cancellations received

Up to 90-65 days before departure \$500 or 400 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.

5. Price Guarantee: Your tour price is guaranteed once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.
6. 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 65 days of the departure date, full payments are due immediately.

7. **CHARGE FOR CHILDREN:**

0-3 years old: free

4-11 years old: 70% at the regular adult price.

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.



WHEN IS 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.

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