

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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

THE 2010 NAADAM FESTIVAL TOUR IN KARAKORUM WITH 4WD OVERLAND GOBI DESERT EXPEDITION, 13 DAYS-*ALL INCLUSIVE!*

***Option No. 1: JULY 5-17, 2010, from \$ 2,399 per
person at Flower Top Hotel, 3****

***Option No. 2 : JULY 5-17, 2010, from \$ 2,699
per person at Bayangol Hotel, 4****



SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

***Attendance at Naadam - the largest and most
colorful of all Mongolian festivals***

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 at www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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



Tour Highlights:

*The Naadam Festival is a Mongolia's celebration of the three manly games: horse racing, archery, and wrestling.

*Visit to the nomadic tented camps that have sprung up, and experience a concentration of nomadic Mongolia at Karakorum.

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

* Hike, horseback ride, and Mongolian archery.

*Horseback riding exploration to take some amazing photos to the Giant 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.

*Journey to visit the ruins of Karakorum, Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization.

*Expedition to the Spectacular Flaming Cliffs in Gobi desert where many fossilized dinosaur bones and eggs have been found.

*Hiking to the Yolyn Am Canyon in Gobi desert.

*Camel riding safari to the Hongoryn Els sand dunes in Gobi desert.

*Meet local nomads and stay in traditional ger camps.

We would be pleased to have you join us!

▶ Trip summary:

▶ **Tour Code: SMT-NFK-13D**

▶ **Meeting Point: Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**

▶ **Departure Point: Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**

▶ **Group size:** Minimum 3 adults or more participants.

▶ **Length: 13 days/12 nights**

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

▶ **2010 Regular Tour Calendar: July 5-17-Post tour to khovsgol Lake National Park.**

▶ **Block your seats. Names due at 90 days!**

▶ **2010 Tour Costs per person based on twin room:**

10% Discount: If you or your clients register by **March 30th, 2010**, you or they will receive a 10% discount!. ***We would be pleased to have you join us!**

2010 Regular Tour Calendar: **July 5-17**

13 days/12 nights-ALL INCLUSIVE!

▶ **OPTION NO. 1:** Price based on double room at Flower Hotel, 3★☆☆ (Top category): \$ 2,399.00 or 1,726.00 Eur

Supplement based on single occupancy at Flower Hotel, 3★☆☆:

▶ **OPTION NO. 2:** Price based on double room at Bayangol Hotel, 4★☆☆:

Supplement based on single room at Bayangol Hotel, 4★☆☆: \$ 319.00 or 259.00 Eur

Ulaanbaatar • Gandan monastery • Chinggis Khaan's main monument • Sacred Tuul river Nomad's Valley • Terelj National Park-Arraybal Temple • Karakorum • Erdene zuu monastery • Naadam Festival in Karakorum • Saikhan Ovoo • Bayanzad in Gobi desert • Hongoryn Els Sand dunes in Gobi desert • Gurvashaikhan National Park in Gobi desert • Bagazarin Chuluu in Middle Gobi • Ulaanbaatar • Departure Mongolia or Post tour

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 at www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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

THE 2010 NAADAM FESTIVAL MAIN TOUR IN KARAKORUM:

Itinerary	Main Schedule
Day 1-July 5 	ULAANBAATAR (D) Upon your arrival in Ulaan Baatar (UB), you will be met at the airport and are transferred to the hotel. Visit the Main Square, the "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan's main monument, the National History Museum, where you will see artefacts from Mongolia from the Stone Age to the present, and displays of the development of Mongolian arts and culture and the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, known as one of the best collections of Buddhist art and artifacts in the world. 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-July 6 	GANDAN TEMPLE-TUUL RIVER NOMAD'S VALLEY (B,L,D) Breakfast at hotel. Visit Gandan Lamasery, the largest Monastery in Mongolia (80 foot tall statue of Buddha, practicing Tibetan Buddhist Lamas) and the buddhist ceremony at 10:00AM. Afterward, drive to the "Sacred 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. 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. Two hours of Mongolian horseback riding tour to take some amazing photos to the Giant 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. Optional hiking to meet with the Nomads, to enjoy this amazing scenery of wide-open steppe with rolling hills in the background and river. 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. "Chinggis" Tourist Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia", by the author Michael Kohn.
Day 3-July 7 	TERELJ NATIONAL PARK-ARRYABAL TEMPLE (B,L,D) Today, drive to "Terelj" National Park for a walking tour to Turtle Rock and hiking to the "Arryabal" 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 deer, wolf, wild boar, eagles and others animals. Picnic lunch is provided. In the afternoon, drive back to "Chinggis" tourist traditional camp. Free time for hiking, for Mongolian archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.


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 at www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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

- Day 4-July 8**  **KARAKORUM-GENGHIS KHAN'S 13th CENTURY CAPITAL (B,L,D)**
Breakfast. Next drive seven or eight hours (with breaks) your journey to Karakorum, Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire. 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. After the collapse of the Mongol Empire it was abandoned and vandalized by Manchurian invading hordes. Most of the remains were used to re-build the first Buddhist Monastery in Mongolia-Erdene Zuu, built-in 1586. 400 meter long with 108 Stupas still surrounds Erdene Zuu Monastery which was built in 1586. It was restored in 1760. 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. Arrive and transfer to the tourist base ger camp. Visit "Erdene Zuu" monastery, and the Tortoise rock. Dinner and accommodation.
- Days 5/6**
July 9-10  **NAADAM FESTIVAL IN KARAKORUM (B,L,D)**
Attends the "Local Festival of Naadam in Karakorum, taking place in the middle of July. Observe the Traditional Mongolian sports: horse racing, wrestling and archery. Overnights in tourist ger camp.
- Day 7-July 11**  **KARAKORUM-SAIKHAN OVOO IN MIDDLE GOBI (B,L,D)**
Our journey continuing further long drive to south towards the Middle Gobi, enjoy endless views of changing scenery and arrive in Saihan-Ovoo village. Visit Ongi Monastery on the river banks of Ongi River and also walk up the sacred mountain. Overnight in Ger Camp.
- Day 8-July 12**  **SAIKHAN OVOO-FLAMING CLIFFS BAYANZAD IN GOBI DESERT (B,L,D)**
Today, we drive to the legendary "Flaming Cliffs"; named for its glowing orange rock that is rich with dinosaur fossils in Bayanzad (dinosaur excavation site) to explore the Gobi Dinosaur Cemetery and to follow the historic trail of paleontologist / explorer Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews. Overnight in traditional ger dwellings at the Tourist camp.
- Day 9-July 13**  **BAYANZAD-TO THE LARGEST SAND DUNES IN GOBI DESERT (B,L,D)**
After breakfast, drive to the largest sand dunes Hongoryn Els in Gobi desert. It is the biggest sand dunes in Mongolia and lasts 200kms and app. 40-50 ms high. Has an extraordinary length of 180 kms and 15-20 m. Climb up the towering piles of sand standing hundreds of metres high and later walk along Hongor River. Wildlife here includes ibex and gazelle and rare wild camels. See the largest sand dunes. 1 hour of Bactrian Camel (two-humped) Safari tour. Overnight in traditional ger dwellings at the Tourist camp .
- Day 10-July14**  **YOL VALLEY IN GOBI GURVAN SHAIKHAN NTL PARK (B,L,D)**
After early breakfast, long drive to "Yol Valley Protected Area in Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan National Park" for trekking and an opportunity to photograph the stunning landscape, the Gobi Glacier and the wildlife of the cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains. Hike through the valley before visiting the local natural history museum for an overview of the flora and fauna of the area. Overnight in tourist ger 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 at www.experiemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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

- Day 11-July15** ➤ **GOBI-BAGAZARIN CHULUU IN THE MIDDLE GOBI (B,L,D)**
Next stop is in Bagazarin Chuluu in Middle Gobi. Free time for photo opportunities. We recommend you take a walk around the Bagazarin Chuluu-continue exploring this incredibly remote area where the nomadic herdsman move in groups of two or three families, following the seasons to new pastures. 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 ger camp.
- Day 12-July16** ➤ **BAGAZARIN CHULUU-ULAANBAATAR (B,L,D)**
Today, early return drive to UB city. Transfer to the hotel. Free time for the last shopping at State Department Store and cashmere store. Farewell dinner. Overnight at hotel.
- Day 13-July17** ➤ **DEPARTURE MONGOLIA OR POST TOUR TO HOVSGOL LAKE (B)**
Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for departure Mongolia or Post Tour ([online request](#)) to Hosvgol Lake National Park by Air.

▣ THE NAADAM FESTIVAL TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Two (2) nights at hotel in UB city based on double room.
- Ten (10) nights in tourist class ger camps throughout the tour based on double occupancy.
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.
- All private transport ,included the all patrol, and Mongolian speaking driver.
- All Admission fee as specified: Terelj National Park, Arryabal Temple, Erdene zuu monastery, Gandan monastery, the specified museums, Yolym Am Canyon in Gobi, the sand dunes, Ongii temple, Bayanzad, etc.
- Meals as specified, **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner
- Evening entertainment as specified;
- Entrance fees to Naadam Festival in Karakorum;
- One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in UB.
- One Special Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog).
- Two (2) hours of Mongolian horseback riding exploration to take some amazing photos to the Giant 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.
- Road's taxes.
- All expenses at the nomadic family in the "Sacred Tuul River Nomads' Valley".
- Visa support invitation letter if necessary.

▣ NOT INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ❖ Visa.
- ❖ Single supplement at hotel in UB city.
- ❖ Changing of date of departure from UB city.
- ❖ 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 UB city.
- ❖ Excess baggage. Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in UB city, 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.


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 at www.experiemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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

- ❖ 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, any changes in Naadam Festival schedule, etc.

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT MONGOLIAN TOURS

- Tour and Tour Information are subject to change.
- Hotels are based on double occupancy in UB 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 UB city.
- 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'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 (inside Mongolia) over difficult terrain.
- Mongolia Weight Limit:** 15 kgs (33lbs). 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 for the Extension tour sometimes means we have an extra day at the tourist camp or at hotel in UB 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 NAADAM FESTIVAL TOURS

- Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of \$600.00 or 500.00 Eur per person.
- The final balance is due by **April 15, 2010**.
- The following cancellation penalties will be assessed. Air or train cancellation terms are additional.

For cancellations received: Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$600.00 or 500.00 Eur per person, will be made if we are notified on or before **April 15, 2010**. 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 **APRIL 15, 2010**, the reservation will be subject to cancellation without notice. If a booking is made within 90 days of the departure date, full payments are due immediately.

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.


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 at www.experiencemongolia.org/

SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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

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. 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.

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 at www.experiencemongolia.org/