

# SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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## **EXOTIC BIRD WATCHING TOUR IN THE FAR EASTERN OF MONGOLIA 13 DAYS**



*This 13 day tour gets well off the beaten track  
into the Far Eastern of Mongolia*



► **Tour Highlights:** An incredible bird watching journey in just thirteen 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.

► **Introduction:** Dornod is the easternmost of the 21 provinces of Mongolia. Its capital is Choibalsan.

### ► **Places to Watch Birds:**

► **Wildlife in Dornod province:** White Gazelle, Wolf, Marmot, Steppe Fox, Yellow-breasted Bunting, Fork-Tailed Swift, Ortolan Bunting, Skylark, Caspian Tern, Eastern Pratincole, Polynesian Tattler, Hobby, Buzzard, Black Kite and Pied Harrier.

► **Yakhi Lake Nature Reserve** - wildlife park-national reserve located at Sergelen, Gurvanzagal and Choibalsan soums, Dornod aimag, Mongolia.

► **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.

### ► **Trip summary:**

► **Tour Code:** SMT-BWE-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.

► **2010/2011/2012 Regular Tour Calendar:** Daily departure, from very late May, June-September

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**Ulaanbaatar - Tuul river Nomad's Valley - Terelj National Park - Flight to Choibalsan - Yakhi Lake- Mongol Daguur-Duroo Lake-Khukh lake - Kherlen river-Choibalsan-Flight back to Ulaanbaatar**

Day	Itinerary:	Main Schedule	Food
1➤	Ulaanbaatar	Upon your arrival in Ulaan Baatar (UB), you will be met at the airport and are transferred to the hotel. This afternoon city tour includes a visit to the <b>"Genghis or Chinggis" Khaan's main monument</b> , and the <b>Museum of Natural History</b> , where you will see the Ornithological Gallery with over 200 species, Mongolia's geography, flora and fauna and the Bogd Khaan Palace, where the last religious Khan of Mongolia resided. 18:00- <b>Evening National Performers</b> (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). <b>Have welcome dinner</b> at local restaurant "El Latino", featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at hotel.	D:Local Rest.
2➤	Tuul river Nomad's Valley	After breakfast, drive to the <b>"Tuul river Nomad's Valley"</b> . Our camp is situated in the valley of the Tuul River, surrounded by low hills, with taiga forest along the river. This is a beautiful valley of streams. In route, we will stop, to observe and to take some amazing photos to the <b>Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Chinggis" Khaan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill</b> is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp. Arrive and free time. <b>Birdwatching Exploration down the Tuul River</b> to observe wonderful birds such as Oriental cuckoo, Ducks, Demoiselle Crane, Black Stork, Saker Falcon, Spotted Eagle, Black-eared Kite, and Pacific Swift . Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog), which is mutton cooked with hot rock and with vegetables, water, potatoes, and onion. <b>Overnight in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Gers Camp</b> , is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia by the author Michael Kohn.	B:Hotel L:Camp D:Camp
3➤	Terelj National Park	This morning, we will drive to <b>Terelj National Park</b> 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 observe Oriental cuckoo, Ducks, Demoiselle Crane, Black Stork, Saker Falcon or Spotted Eagle, white-backed woodpecker, siberian rubythroat, sibirian blue Robin, dark-sided flycatcher, crested honey buzzard, hawk owl, pine and meadow bunting, etc. <b>Drive back for dinner and overnight in "Chinggis" Tourist Camp.</b>	B:Camp L:Picnic D:Camp
4➤	Choibalsan	Today, you are transferred to the UB airport (75kms, 2hrs) for the <b>flight to Choibalsan, Dornod</b> . On arrival, you will be met our transport and driven to <b>Galyn River</b> . Here you can watch Saker Falcon, Steppe Eagle, Upland Buzzards, and Mongolian Gazelles. Dinner and camp overnight in tents.	B:Camp L:Picnic D:Camp
5➤	Yakhi lake	Today, we will drive towards <b>Yakhi Lake Natural Reserve</b> . Walk along the lake shore and you can watch Mongolian Gazelles, 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. Yakhi lake is a wonderful place for birdlife (cranes and	B:Camp L:Picnic D:Camp

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ducks, to name just a few species, migrate to the area around late April).  
Camping in tents by the lake.

6- 7+ <b>Mongol Daguur</b>	Drive to <b>Mongol Daguur</b> (International Protected Area; Strictly Protected Area; Nature Reserve; Crane Network Site) for watching White-naped Cranes and other water and shore birds. Mongol Daguur Nature Reserve is breeding area for six separate species of cranes. 260 bird species use the site for staging, breeding or wintering, including six species of cranes of which two are threatened. The <b>Ulz River valley</b> and connected lakes. Camping days in tent.	B:Camp L:Camp D:Camp
8- 9+ <b>Khukh lake</b>	After breakfast, a long drive to reach the lowest point in Mongolia, <b>Lake Khukh</b> -this is a freshwater lake. A small island in this lake is a great habitat for Relict Gull and the Herring Gull (known as Mongolian gull). On the way to Lake Khukh, we will visit <b>Lake Duroo</b> . Camping days by the lake.	B:Camp L:Camp D:Camp
10+ <b>Kherlen river</b>	Today, we will drive to the <b>Kherlen River</b> . Observe some birds in this river side. Camping by the river.	B:Camp L:Picnic D:Camp
11+ <b>Flight back</b>	<b>Next drive to Choibalsan</b> to take the <b>domestic flight back to Ulaanbaatar</b> . On arrival, we will be met and you will be transferred to your hotel. Dinner at hotel. Free time.	B:Camp L:Camp D:Hotel
12+ <b>Ulaanbaatar</b>	Breakfast. In the morning, visit <b>Gandan Lamasery</b> , the largest Monastery in Mongolia (80 foot tall statue of Buddha, practicing Tibetan Buddhist Lamas), the Buddhist ceremony at 10:00AM and experience the Tibetan-Buddhist tradition. Next stop is the beautiful <b>Winter Palace of the last Mongolian Khan</b> , who ruled until 1924. Lastly, visit to <b>Zaisan Hill War Memorial</b> visit to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city and the <b>Buddha's statue</b> . Lunch in local restaurant. <b>Shop for souvenirs</b> , original pure cashmere gifts and garments. <b>Farewell dinner at local restaurant</b> . Overnight at hotel.	B:Hotel L:Rest. local C:Rest. local
13+ <b>Departure Mongolia</b>	Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport. <b>Departure Mongolia or Extension Bird watching Tour to South Gobi desert. End of our services. <a href="#">Book Now!</a></b>	B:Hotel

## THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- ▣ Birden local guide.
- ▣ **The roundtrip internal air fares (two ways) Ulaanbaatar-Choibalsan-Ulaanbaatar + domestic tax.**
- ▣ All private transportation by 4WD , included the all patrol, and Mongolian speaking drivers.
- ▣ 3 nights of accommodation at hotel in UB city based on double room
- ▣ 2 nights at the "Chinggis" tourist camp based on double occupancy.
- ▣ 7 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.
- ▣ All camping materials, tents, etc.

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- ▣ The kitchen equipments.
- ▣ Road's taxes.
- ▣ Visa support invitation letter if 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 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 or camping in tents. Facilities at the tourist gers camp 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 or camping in tents. These tourist 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. Especially the internal flights are fully booked at this time. Seats can be difficult to get in Spring, Summer and in Autumn seasonal. Seats can be difficult to get in Summer seasonal.

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-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. **The National Air cancellation terms are additional.**

**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).

<b>Spring:</b>	<b>March-May</b>	<b>[14° days, 6° nights, sometimes rain]</b>
<b>Summer:</b>	<b>June-August</b>	<b>[28-30° day, 18° nights, dry, sometimes rain]</b>

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Autumn:	Sep. -Oct.	[21-16° days, 0° nights, dry]
Winter:	Nov.-Fr.	[-15/-25° days, -30° nights, dry]

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