

# SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

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## **GOBI DESERT MAGIC PRIVATE OVERLAND EXPEDITION 18 DAYS, - ALL INCLUSIVE!**



***This 18 day tour gets well off the beaten track  
and into the southern regions of the Gobi  
desert***

### **Introduction**



**Tour Highlights:** An incredible journey in just eighteen days to Gobi desert-it is the Mongolia's southernmost province of semi-arid desert, in the heart of Asia's most remote region. This 18 day tour gets well off the beaten track and into the southern regions of the Gobi desert where your only companions will be the natural habitat and the few nomadic people who still forage the plains as their forefathers have done for thousands of years.

\*Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Gher 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.

\*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 in Tsenkher Hot Springs.

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\*Relaxing, and Bird watching at the Boon Tsagaan and Orog lakes. These sites are very popular with birdlife, especially the relic gull, whooper swan and geese.

\*Opportunity of viewing the strange figure that was created by aliens.

\*Explore Tsagaan Agui-this is a cave once house Stone Age human beings 700,000 years ago. This is an Archaeology site.

\*Expedition to the famous fossil sites of Bugiin Tsav and Khermen Tsav, arguably the most spectacular canyons in the Gobi desert.

\*Expedition to the biggest saxaul forest and to the Spectacular Flaming Cliffs, where Roy Andrew Chapman discovered fossilized dinosaurs skeleton and eggs in 1920s.

\*Explore and hiking to Yolyn Am Canyon in Gobi desert.

\*Camel riding safari in Hongoryn Els sand dunes in Gobi desert-It is a sand dune with thin sand grains that last for 180km in length. Natives call it "Duut manhan" because it has a sound like flying plane when the wind is strong. This place lies 200km on the west from the province center. This huge sand dune, which reaches 80m at maximum, is said to come with the winds for many years. Interestingly it has the Hongor River and green grass nearby. When people and children run downwards, the sand moves and the famous sound come along. Natives say walking barefoot on sands is good for kidneys. If you want you can travel through sand dunes by camels.

\*Climb up the towering piles of sand standing hundreds of meters high and later walk along Hongor River.

► **Our Gobi Magic Great Expedition is the Best Mongolia Tour for geology , looking for meteorites, for mineral collecting "Gobi Stones", for birdwatching, for hiking & trekking, for cultural tour, for cave tour, camel safari, horseback, taking amazing photos, to enjoy the Tsenkher Hot Springs, to observe the wild camels, asses, the extremely rare Gobi bear, argali sheep, ibexes, Przewalski horses, and the snow leopards. \*Please, bring your binoculars and powerful lantern. This surely is a journey into a rich and varied land. We would be pleased to have you join us!**

► **In Tov, Arkhangai and in Ovorkhangai provinces:** visits the Sacred Tuul River Valley, Terlj National Park, Hustain Nuruu National Reserve for Przewalski Horses, Karakorum, Erdene Zuu monastery, Orkhon river Valley, Shankh temple and much more. Enjoy the Tsenkher Hot Springs.

**Wildlife Viewing: The River Tuul Nomad's Sacred Valley** - 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. There are national gers in beautiful natural locations, so it's easy to meet with nomads and see their daily lives, interact with them to learn more about the lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, to show you their animal training, feeding, milking, food preparation, etc, explore by horse riding, go bird watching, take water adventures, go trekking or walking, go rock climbing, flowers, butterflies, and taking amazing photos, etc. Enjoy stars in the vast Mongolian night sky, when getting dark. Taste a real Mongolian stone roast lamb barbeque "Khorkhog" or go swimming in the "Tuul" river. Enjoy the view of this area, rich in wildflowers and berries during summer season, enjoy the Tuul River . This is the best option for Eco friendly tourism.

**"Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Gers Camp** is located ( GPS: N47°49.893', E107° 31.339') in the beautiful natural Tuul river Nomad's Sacred Valley of streams, pine trees with mountains and steppes in the background , just 55km from Ulaan Bataar. Chinggis" Tourist Gers Camp, was inaugurated in July 2002 in memory of "Chinggis or Genghis" Khan's 840th Birthday Celebration and lies on the bank of "Tuul" river between 107°31'29" Longitude and 47°49'32" Latitude. The average altitude is 1446m (4338 feet) above sea level. ". Imagine a vacation with fresh air, plenty of exercise, open vistas and good meals. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Camp is fully equipped with electricity (voltage: 220V), hot showers, western style toilets, and running water.

**Terelj National Park** - is one of the most popular national parks in Mongolia. Terelj is just 50kms from Chinggis Tourist Gers Camp and 70kms from Ulan Bator (UB) and features stunning granite mountains and flowery endless grassy green meadows. This picturesque N.P. is a part of Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area. It is a great place for hiking, trekking, even you can rock climb here at its natural steep granite walls.

► **Bayankhongor province:** Bayankhongor town (639km from Ulaanbaatar city), area with 116.000 km2. Bayankhongor is located in the south-western part of Mongolia, covering the southern plateau of Hangai Mountain ranges, south-eastern ranges of Altai Mountain and the Gobi beyond Altai and bordering with Uvurhangai, Umnugobi, Gobi-Altai, Zavhan, Arhangai provinces and with China by 140km. it has three regional land where steppe, forest and the Gobi are combined.

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► **Umnugobi province (South Gobi desert):** is the one that has the biggest area-165.400km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the southern part of the country. Province center: Dalanzadgad town (575km from Ulaanbaatar city). There are high mountains such as the Gobi Gurvan Saihan Mountain, Sevrey, Noyon Bogd, Nemegt and Gilbent. This province belongs to the Gobi region. Umnugobi province is the melting pot of tourism in Mongolia and its climate is the hottest, too that is above +35-40 C in summer. It is the place where large numbers of dinosaur findings are found. The first dinosaur finding in Asia has been found in Umnugobi province. Also it is the place where live and "latest dinosaurs" can be seen very often. There are mountain sheep, wild goats, wild sheep, leopards, foxes and antelopes as well as various birds including lammergeyers, eagles, kites and falcons.

► **Trip summary:**

► **Tour Code:** **SMT-BG-18D**

► **Meeting Point:** **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

► **Departure Point:** **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

► **Group size:** Minimum **2** adults or more participants-This tour operates on a minimum of 02 or more participants.

► **Length:** **18 days/17 nights**

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

► **2009 Regular Tour Calendar:** **Daily departure, from June-September**

Short Tour Description	Accommodation	Food
Day 1-Ulaanbaatar	Hotel	D
Day 2-Gandan monastery-Nomad's Tuul River Valley	"Chinggis" Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 3-Terelj N.P.-Turtle Rock-Arrayabal Temple	"Chinggis" Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 4-"Chinggis" Tourist Camp-Hustain Nuruu National Reserve	Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 5-Hustain Nuruu National Reserve-Karakorum	Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 6-Erdene zuu monastery-Tsenkher Hot Springs	Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 7-Shank Temple-Boon Tsagaan lake	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 8-Boon Tsagaan Nuur lake-Orog Nuur lake	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 9-Tsagaan Bulag or White spring	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 10-Tsagaan Agui-this is a cave once house Stone Age human beings 700,000 years	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 11-Gobi desert: Bugiin Tsav, is rich in fossil sites	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 12-Gobi desert: Khermen Tsav, arguably the most spectacular canyons in the Gobi desert.	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 13-Gobi desert: the largest sand dunes Hongoryn Els	Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 14-Gobi desert: the biggest saxaul forest and to the legendary "Flaming Cliffs"	Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 15-Gobi desert: Yol Valley Protected Area in Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan National Park	Tourist Gers Camp	B+L+D
Day 16-Gobi desert-Bagazarin Chuluu	Camping in Tents	B+L+D
Day 17-Bagazarin Chuluu-Ulaanbaatar	Hotel	
Day 18-Departure Mongolia	<b>END OF OUR SERVICES</b>	<b>B</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. Free time at hotel. This afternoon city tour includes a visit to the "Genghis or Chinggis" Khaan's main monument in the Sukh Bataar square, 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 visit to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city. 18:00-Evening National Performers (concert which includes the Tsam dance,

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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-Gandan monastery-Tuul River Nomad's Valley (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 experience the Tibetan-Buddhist tradition. Afterward, visit 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 "Sacred 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. 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 camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional

## **Day 3 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 "Arrayabal" 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. Horseback Exploration. Free time for mongolian archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 4 Chinggis Tourist Camp-Hustain Nuruu National Reserve (B, L, D)**

Breakfast. This morning, we drive toward via Ulaanbaatar to Hustain Nuruu Reserve (hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) to observe the Przewalski horses (*Equus przewalskii* Poliakov) or Takhi as the Mongolians name. In the fifties the German zoologist Erna Mohr started a studbook of the Przewalski horses and the Dutch Foundation Reserves Przewalski Horse that was founded in 1977 keeps a detailed database on all individual captive Przewalski horses that have ever lived. Arrive and transfer to the tourist base ger camp. Visits the area, small museum and observe the Przewalski horses.

## **Day 5 Hustain Nuruu National Reserve-Karakorum (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. Arrive and transfer to the tourist base ger camp. Free time. Dinner and overnight in tourist base camp.

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## Day 6 Erdene zuu Monastery -Tsenkher Hot Springs (B, L, D)

Breakfast. This morning, visit "Erdene Zuu" monastery, the Turtle monument and the men's rock. The monastery grounds and several chapels depicts excellent examples of Buddhist iconography dating from the sixteenth century. Next drive to Tsenkher Hot Springs. Enjoy the hot baths and relax. Accommodation in tourist gers camp.

## Day 7 Tsenkher Hot Springs-Shankh monastery-Boon Tsagaan Lake (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Today morning, drive South of Karakorum via Shankh monastery to Boon Tsagaan lake in Bayankhongor province. Visit Shankh Khiid 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. The road between Karakorum and Khurjirt is one of the best places in the country to see falcons and hawks, particularly the sar (moon) hawk. If you are ever likely to get a photo of one of these birds, this is the place. We continuing further a long drive to the large saltwater Boon Tsagaan Nuur (lake in the south-west of Bayankhongor), at the end of Baidrag river that is located at the foot of the Gobi-Altai Mountain Range. Boon Tsagaan Nuur - The lake dotted steppe and desert between Khujirt and Boon Tsagaan Nuur, a large lake, support a superb selection of little known birds, not least Relict Gull and Mongolian Accentor. This site is very popular with birdlife, especially the relic gull, whooper swan and geese. Optional trekking along on the banks of the lake. Camping in tents by the lake.

## Day 8 Boon Tsagaan Lake-Orog lake (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Today, we continuing further drive to the saltwater Orog Lake-this lake is in the end of the Tuin river, which passes through small city of Bayankhongor. This lake is a good place to watch birdlife. Bird watching. It is nestled on the foothills of Ikh Bodh Uul (mountain of 3954m). Camping in tents by the lake.

## Day 9 Orog lake-Tsagaan Bulag or White spring (B, L, D)


Breakfast. Depart towards to Tsagaan Bulag or White spring, where it will be possible to see the strange figure that was created by aliens, also you can see a man's food and hand marks on the surrounding rocks and also slippery rock where locals always slide down. Camping in the area.

## Day 10 Tsagaan Bulag-Tsagaan Agui (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Drive to Tsagaan Agui-this is a cave once house Stone Age human beings 700,000 years ago. This is an Archaeology site. It features a crystal-lined inner chamber. Exploration & hiking in the cave. Camping in the area.

## Day 11 Tsagaan Agui-Bogiin Tsav in South Gobi desert (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Drive to Bugiin Tsav in South Gobi desert- This region is rich in fossil sites. Buggin Tsav is a large series of rift valley running parallel to the Altan Uul mountain range. A great number of dinosaur fossils have been found here, which are now house in the Museums of Natural History of Ulaaanbaatar and of New York, too. **\*This is the best place for geology, looking for meteorites, and for mineral collecting "Gobi Stones"**. Camping in the area.

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## Day 12 Bogiin Tsav-Khermeen Tsav in South Gobi desert (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Our Gobi desert magical private expedition continuing further drive to the other famous fossil site of Khermeen Tsav, arguably the most spectacular canyons in the Gobi desert. **\*This is the best place for geology, looking for meteorites, and for mineral collecting "Gobi Stones"**. Camping in the area.

## Day 13 Khermeen Tsav-Hongoryn Sand dunes (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Next drive to explore 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. Bactrian Camel (two-humped) Safari tour. **\*This is the best place for geology, looking for meteorites, and for mineral collecting "Gobi Stones"**. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

## Day 14 Hongoryn Sand dunes-Bayanzag-Flaming cliffs (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Next drive to Bayanzag, the biggest saxaul forest and 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 in 1920. **\*This is the best place for geology, looking for meteorites, and for mineral collecting "Gobi Stones"**. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

## Day 15 Flaming cliffs-Yol Canyon (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Next drive to Yol Canyon, exciting place, which composed from rocky high mountain ranges of Three Beauties of Gobi and Altai mountain. Yol Valley is a Protected Area in Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan National Park. Trekking and an opportunity to photograph the stunning landscape, and the Gobi Glacier. **\*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 camp.

## Day 16 Gobi desert-Bagazarin Chuluu (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Today morning, continuing further drive Northern of Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan National Park to Bagazarin Chuluu in the Middle Gobi-this is a semi-arid desert and very remote area. **\*This is the best place for hiking & trekking, for geology, looking for meteorites, and for mineral collecting "Gobi Stones"**. Camping in tents.

## Day 17 Bagazarin Chuluu-Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)

Breakfast. Drive to Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to the Hotel. Afternoon at leisure for shopping. Farewell dinner Overnight at hotel.

## Day 18 Departure Mongolia or Post tour (B)

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

### THE TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 2 nights at hotel in Ulaanbataar city based on double occupancy.
- 7 nights in tourist class gers camps throughout the tour based on double occupancy.
- 8 nights camping in tents based on double occupancy.
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.

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- Private transport transfers (included the patrol).
- Entrance fees to all specified museums, national parks, protected areas, and monasteries.
- **Full Board** as mentioned (**B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner)
- Evening entertainment as specified;
- One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in Ulaanbaatar city.
- One Special Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog).
- Horseback riding exploration, close to Chinggis Tourist Base Gher Camp.
- 2 hours of Camel Safari in Hongor sand dunes.
- Road's taxes.
- All expenses at the nomadic families.
- The hot baths in Tsenkher Hot Springs.
- 1.0 liter 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 Ulaan Bataar, free of cost.
- ❖ Optional activities.
- ❖ Sleeping bag for the camping days.
- ❖ 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, Mongolia road 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.
- 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.

## 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. 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.**

**-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.

**64-16 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.

**\*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 **45** 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.
7. These Complete Tours include arrival and departure transfer services to/from Airport. All you have to do is to make necessary International air arrangements.

## WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?



Mongolia is vast! Generally, it is recommended to pay your visit from very late May, June-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-slathers 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.

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