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

THE 2010 NAADAM FESTIVAL TOUR 8 DAYS

***Option No. 1: JULY 10-17,2010, from \$ 1,999
per person at Flower Hotel,3****

***Option No. 2 : JULY 10-17,2010, from \$ 2,159
per person at Luxury Kempinski Hotel,4****



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

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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 one site.

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

* Enjoy a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and hoomi (throat) singers in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Ger Camp.

* 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.

*Meet local nomads and stay in traditional ger camps.

*Visit Hustain Nuruu National Park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Observe the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

▶ Trip summary:

▶ **Tour Code: SMT-NF-8D**

▶ **Meeting Point: Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**

▶ **Departure Point: Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**

▶ **Group size:** Minimum 2 adults or more participants.

▶ **Length: 8 days/7 nights**

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

▶ **2010 Regular Tour Calendar: July 10-17-Post tour to Gobi desert or to Khovsgol lake N.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!**

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▶ **OPTION NO. 1:** Price based on double room at Flower Hotel, \$ 1,999.00 or 1,449.00 Eur
3★☆☆ (Top category):

Supplement based on single occupancy at Flower Hotel, 3★☆☆: \$ 499.00 or 359.00 Eur

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

\$ 2,159.00 or 1,549.00 Eur

Supplement based on single room at Kempinsky Luxury Hotel, 4★☆☆☆:
\$ 719.00 or 501.00 Eur

Ulaan Baatar • Naadam Festival • Gandan monastery • Tuul river Nomad's Valley • Terelj National Park-Turtle Rock-Arraybal Temple • Karakorum • Erdene zuu monastery • Hustain National Reserve • Ulaan Baatar • Departure Mongolia or Post tour

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THE 2010 NAADAM FESTIVAL MAIN TOUR:

Itinerary	Main Schedule
Day 1-July 10 📅 Sat.	ULAANBAATAR (L,D) Upon early arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB) airport, you are transferred to the hotel. Full City tour includes a visits 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 and 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. Lunch in local restaurant. Next stop is the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, known as one of the best collections of Buddhist art and artifacts in the world. Have welcome dinner at local restaurant "El Latino", featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at hotel.
Day 2-July 11 📅 Sun.	NAADAM FESTIVAL (B,L) Today, attend the opening ceremony of the *Festival of Naadam in Ulaanbaatar national stadium. Taking place in the middle of July, the Festival of Naadam sees Mongolians from all over the country converge on the capital to participate in and watch these annual summer sports. See horse racing, wrestling and archery, the three age old national sports. Lunch. In the afternoon, visit the "Bogd Khan" Winter Palace-home to Mongolia's last Khan, Damba Khutugt 8th, the war memorial "Zaisan" Hill visit to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city and the Buddha's statue. In the evening, 18:00-Enjoy a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and hoomi (throat) singers. Accommodation at hotel.
Day 3-July 12 📅 Mon.	NAADAM FESTIVAL (B,L) Full day to enjoy the impressive *Naadam Festival at the National Stadium. The Naadam Festival horse races are continuous over the two main Naadam days, and today we will try our luck early and find a site beyond the restricted zone outside of Ulaanbaatar, where a close up encounter is possible with some 700-1000 children on horseback. Shop for souvenirs, original pure cashmere gifts and garment. Accommodation at hotel.
Day 4-July 13 📅 Tue.	GANDAN-TUUL RIVER NOMAD'S VALLEY-MEET THE NOMADS (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 to 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. Some shopping. Lunch in local restaurant. Afterward, 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. Two (2) hours of Mongolian horseback riding to take some amazing photos to the Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on


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

Day 5-July 14 
Wed.


TERELJ NATIONAL PARK-ARRYABAL TEMPLE (B,L,D)

After breakfast, 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. Picnic lunch is provided. In the afternoon, drive back to "Chinggis" tourist traditional camp. Free time for hiking, archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.

Day 6-July 15 
Thu.

KARAKORUM-GENGHIS KHAN'S 13th CENTURY CAPITAL (B,L,D)

Breakfast. After breakfast, continue next drive seven or eight hours 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. Free time.

Day 7-July 16 
Fri.

ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY-HUSTAIN NTL RESERVE-UB (B,L,D)

In the morning, visits "Erdene Zuu" monastery, the Tortoise rock and the Boovon khad -Men's secret statue (it is stone men's penis and made by monks of temples in 18 century for reason of shame on young monks who are not follow rule). Afterward, drive back to Ulaanbaatar. In route, short visit Hustain Nuruu National Reserve to see the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. The Przewalski horse (Equus przewalskii Poliakov) or Takhi as the Mongolians name them are rather small, sturdy animals with a short, strong neck. The earliest written reports of Przewalski horses or Takhi date from the ninth century and in 1226, a herd of Przewalski horses is said to have caused "Genghis" Khan to fall of his horse. The Hustain Nuruu Reserve (Hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the bufferzone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 140 km west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. Visit the park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Transfer to the hotel. Free time for some shopping. Fareway dinner at local restaurant. Accommodation at hotel.


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Day 8-July 17 
Sat.

DEPARTURE MONGOLIA OR POST (B)

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport. Departure Mongolia or Post Tour to Gobi desert or to Khovsgol Lake National Park ([online request form!](#)). **End of our services.**

THE NAADAM FESTIVAL TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Four (4) nights at Hotel in Ulaanbataar city based on double occupancy.
- Three (3) nights in tourist class camps throughout the tour based on double occupancy.
- Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.
- Private transport transfers, included the all patrol, with Mongolian speaking driver
- All Admission fee as specified: Terelj N.P., Arryabal Temple, Erdene zuu monastery, Gandan monastery, Hustain Nuruu National Reserve, monuments, and the specified museums.
- Meals as specified, **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner.
- Evening entertainment as specified;
- Entrance fees to the two main days of *Naadam Festival in ***July 11, and *July 12.**
- One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in UB in ***July 11.**
- One Special Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog) in ***July 13.**
- Two (2) hours of Mongolian horseback riding to take some amazing photos to the Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse in ***July 13.**
- 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.
- ❖ 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 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.


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-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, 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 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.

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"

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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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