



DISCOVERY MONGOLIA TRUE NOMADIC LIFESTYLE TOUR

Key Information:

Trip Length: 8 days/7 nights.

Trip Type: Easy to Moderate.

Tour Code: **SMT-NMC-8D**

Specialty Categories: Adventure Expedition, Cultural Journey, Camel riding, Driving tour, E-co Travel, Hiking & Trekking, Horseback or Yak riding, Hot Springs, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife, Nomadic Lifestyle.

Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (excluding flights or trains).

Groups size: **2-16 travelers-guaranteed!**

Request a private: this is a group tour. You can however request a private, customized version of this tour for yourself or your private group of people. Private departures are usually more expensive.

Valid Season: **June-September**

Total Distance: about 1500kms / 932,1miles.

Airfare or Train or Hotel, Hostel, Guesthouse & Services in Ulaanbaatar Included: **No.**

Tour Customizable: Yes





Tour Highlights: Pick up at hotel, hostel or guesthouse in Ulaanbaatar city, **meet Samar Magic Tours team. Discovery Nomadic Lifestyle Mongolia Journey from Ulaanbaatar to the Wonders of Central Mongolia and the Nomadic Lifestyle Experiences** during the trip will be possible with the support of **Samar Magic Tours**. This journey designed especially for small groups, families, private, and funny travel to experience the hospitality of a Mongolian Nomadic Family. Mongolia is a pasture land supporting over 50 million herd animals. Mongolians see their horse is their best friend. **The Mongolian Nomadic Family** milks their mares five times a day, and the cows and yaks twice. The nomads of Mongolia sustain their lives directly from the products of domesticated animals such as cattle, horses, camels, yaks, sheep, and goats. Mongolian traditional cuisine primarily consists of dairy products, meat, and animal fats. The most common rural dish is cooked mutton, often without any other ingredients. Herders live in Mongolian traditional dwelling (covered felt) Ger.

What is a Ger?. This is a traditional tent of Mongolian nomads. Gers are round, with a hole in the center for ventilation. It is made of a wooden lattice covered with wool felt and can be taken down and moved quite easily. The word Ger literally translated from the Mongolian language simply means "home of Mongolia's nomadic families". **The Ger is a symbol of Mongolia. Discovery Nomadic Lifestyle Tour** gets you **to the regions of Central Mongolia**. Ride horses on the steppes, meeting nomadic people, staying in a traditional tent, seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. Great opportunities for learn how to cook Mongolian traditional meals, the dairy products, play traditional games, and milk animals. **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. Relaxing and enjoy baths in **Tsenkher Hot Spa. We would be pleased to have you join us!**

The Best Time to Travel to Mongolia: The travel season begins in **mid-May to September. July and August** are the peaks tourist season. **September** is autumn.



B-breakfast, **L**-lunch, **D**-dinner

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1-08:00AM-Pick up at hotel, hostel or guesthouse in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet Samar Magic Tours team-Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show-Hustain Nuruu National Park. **(L)(D)**

Day 2-Hustain Nuruu National Park-Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 3-Karakorum-Orkhon Valley-Ugii Lake. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 4-Ugii Lake-Tsenkher Hot Springs. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 5-Tsenkher Hot Springs-Orkhon Waterfall. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Orkhon Waterfall-Elsen Tasarkhai Sand Dunes (Bayangobi Desert)-Bactrian Camel riding. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 7-Bayangobi Desert-Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8-The 40-meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of Genghis or Chinggis Khaan-Ulaanbaatar. **Tour Ends. (B)**



Day-by-day Itinerary:

B-breakfast, **L**-lunch, **D**-dinner

Day 1-08:00AM-Pick up at hotel, hostel or guesthouse in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. **Trip towards West to attend the Authentic Mongol**



Nomad Show (will take place from **10:00AM-12:00M**). It demonstrates traditional living way of real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Here you will have the opportunity to hear a Mongolian folk song, to see 5 herding animals, to observe the demonstration of catching and milking sheep, goat, to observe the demonstration of making dairy products. Also, we will see the Mongolian archery, playing traditional games, the demonstration of making felt and tanning, the demonstration of moving one place to another use by cart, yak freight, camel and horse carts. Next, drive to visit **Hustain Nuruu National Park of Wild Horses** (**hustai** is Mongolian for birch and **nuruu** means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the buffer zone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 120kms/75 miles west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The flagship species for the **Hustain Nuruu Nature Reserve** is the reintroduced Przewalski horse. Overnight in tourist Gers Camp. **(L)(D)**



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Day 2-Breakfast. Trip towards west 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. 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. Overnight in tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Day 3-Breakfast. Visits Erdene zuu monastery, the Turtle monument and the Karakorum museum. A trip to reach Ugii Lake in the Orkhon Valley. Today, the cultural heritage of the valley constitutes a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ugii lake-this a freshwater lake located in the valley of the Orkhon River is also renowned for its fishing. Optional activities such as fishing, boating, horseback riding, birdwatching, etc. (optional payment on site!). Overnight in Guest Ger. (B)(L)(D)



Day 4-Breakfast. Drive west to Tsenkher Hot Springs. Relaxing and enjoy baths at Tsenkher Hot Springs (89C/192.2F). Visit a Yak breeder's family and experience the traditional customs and lifestyle of local residents. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. (B)(L)(D)



Day 5-Breakfast. Next, drive towards to Orkhon Waterfall (also called Ulaan Tsutgalan). This is perfect for swimming, fishing, short trekking and walks around the surrounding area. On the way, **we visit Shankh monastery**-is one of the oldest and most important monasteries in Mongolia. **Zanabazar** founded this monastery in 1648 at the age of 13. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Breakfast. Today, drive towards to **Elsen Tasarkhai (Bayangobi Desert)**, is a part of the 80kms/50 miles long Mongol Els Sand Dunes and is located on about 280kms/174miles west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The nature in this area is really spectacular and great for relaxing. During the trip, you will also have opportunities **to visit a local nomadic family, ride two-humped Bactrian camel, walk on sand dunes, and relax in beautifully serene nature.** Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Day 7-Breakfast. A long drive north/eastern further to **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**. The valley is about 20kms/12miles long at 1600m. This picturesque National Park 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. **Explore on foot the Turtle shaped original giant rock. Hiking and walking to Arryabal Meditation temple**, on the top of mountain. During the trip, you will also have opportunities to **visit a local nomadic family**. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8-Breakfast. Afterward, drive towards N/E to **visit the 40-meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of Genghis or Chinggis Khaan**. Visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. **Drive to Ulaanbaatar.** Transfer. **Tour Ends. (B)**



What's Included?

7 nights of accommodation in tourist Gers camps, based on standard ger for **2** people or more (according to the early request!).

Full Board Regime (*except the 1st day of arrival), with 1 bottle of mineral water per person/daily (**7** BREAKFASTS, **7** LUNCHESES, **7** DINNERS).

English speaking local guide.

All transportation on comfortable 4WD vehicle in private, including the all petrol.

Entrance fees to National Parks, Nature Reserves, monasteries, the 40-meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of Genghis or Chinggis Khaan.

Meeting Nomadic families.

Relaxing and enjoy baths at Tsenkher hot springs (**1** hr).

Bactrian Camel riding on sand dunes (**1** hr).

Authentic Mongol Nomad Show (**10:00AM-12:00M**).

Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.

Rates and services.

Management and payment for the support visa letter, authorized by Mongolian Immigration, for citizens who cannot obtain the Mongolian visa electronically or do not have consulates (*if necessary).

What's Not Included?

Flights and occasional flight delays or cancellation.

Visa.

Excess baggage.

Accommodation, and all services in Ulaanbaatar city (**on early request!**).

Any rescue costs or costs of early departure.

Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar.

The traveller 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.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Any Mongolia Tour requires that you have adequate and valid travel insurance covering medical and personal accidents, including repatriation costs and emergency evacuation.

VISA: For this Mongolia Tour getting the required visa (s) is the responsibility for each individual traveller, as visa requirements vary depending on your nationality. We recommend to check with your local embassies representing the countries that you are traveling to, as part of this itinerary.

In our Services is Included: Management and payment for the support visa letter, authorized by Mongolian Immigration for citizens who cannot obtain the **Mongolian visa electronically** (www.evisa.mn) or **do not have consulates** (*if necessary).



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Lantern.
- Spare batteries/bulb.
- Personal medications.
- Waterproof mountain boots.
- Waterproof jacket with hood.
- Waterproof overpants.
- Polar jacket or wool sweater.
- Cotton t-shirts
- Long sleeve shirts.
- Light pants.
- Shorts.
- Stockings.
- Underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Flip flops.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Insect repellent.
- Plastic bags with hermetic closure (ziploc).
- Binoculars/camera.
- Alarm clock.
- Belt/money bag.



RESERVATION CONDITIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT

PRICE: The price of our trips has been calculated based on exchange rates, transport rates, fuel costs and applicable taxes and fees on the date of publication of the program/brochure or subsequent dates that, if applicable, are have been made public in print. Any variation in the price of the aforementioned elements may give rise to the revision of the final price of the trip, both upwards and downwards, in the strict amounts of the aforementioned price variations. These modifications will be notified to the consumer, in writing or by any means that allows proof of the communication made, being able, when the modification made is significant, to withdraw from the trip, without any penalty, or accept the modification of the contract. In no case, will it be revised upwards in the twenty days prior to the departure date of the trip, regarding the requests already made. Prices are calculated based on double room. Prices and fees are quoted in \$ Us dollars or in € euros and are subject to change.

Please note: Naadam Festival surcharge applies for travel from **Jul 09 to Jul 15 - Peak Season in Mongolia**, where all services, accommodations are overcrowded.

- At the time of registering for the trip, the amount of \$ US 600.00 (six hundred \$ US dollars + the bank discount of the intermediary banks) per person will be paid immediately by bank transfer as a deposit, with a minimum advance notice of **150** business days, before arrival in Mongolia.
- You must send us a photocopy of the original passport with a minimum validity of 6 months, in order to reserve and purchase domestic air tickets in Mongolia, hotels in Ulaanbaatar, and tickets to the Naadam Festival in the month of July.
- No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.
- The final payment of the trip will be made by bank transfer **95** business days before arrival in Mongolia, in order to guarantee the domestic air tickets (if any on the route) and all the indicated reservations.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not pay us on the indicated dates, we cannot guarantee the indicated services (*so in this case, you need to check the new rates and if there is availability in other hotels).

CANCELLATION

180-91 days: \$ US 600.00 per person.

90-16 days: 50%

15-00 business days: 100%-NO REFUND.

In the case of cancellations of air and train tickets: it is another concept. The rates of air tickets or international and national trains subject to modifications, depending on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates on air tickets or on international and national trains are only frozen with the issuance and full payment of the tickets. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be cancelled on the day of issue.



PERSONAL TRAVELING FOR FREE IN MONGOLIA:

A) If the group is of **16** people (15 pax subscribers + **1** person for free by land, based only on DOUBLE room: **8**). Samar Magic Tours will pay all expenses for land, accommodation in DOUBLE room. **Not included:** accommodation in a single room, and air tickets.

B) If the group is of **32** people (30 pax subscribers + **2** people for free by land, based only on DOUBLE room: **16**). Samar Magic Tours will pay all expenses for land, accommodation in DOUBLE room. **Not included:** accommodation in a single room, and air tickets.

CONDITIONS OF FORCE MAJEURE: Although it is our absolute desire to fulfil the trip as detailed in the program, sometimes there are conditions of force majeure that mean that it may be modified. Samar Magic Tours is not legally responsible for those conditions of force majeure outside the organization of the trip that may force changes to the travel program. These reasons and circumstances of force majeure include possible situations of insecurity for the traveler, political instability or violence, rebellions or risk of rebellion, strikes, altercations and violent actions, decisions of governments or local authorities, technical or maintenance problems related to transportation. , changes in schedules or aviation or road routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, as well as any other circumstance beyond the control of Samar Magic Tours. If due to unusual circumstances of force majeure it is necessary to carry out a cancellation of the trip, there is no obligation for compensation.

FORM TO FILL IN:

NAMES AND SURNAMES (*HOW IT IS WRITTEN ON THE PASSPORT):

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

***EXACT DATE OF ARRIVAL IN ULAN BATOR, NO. OF THE FLIGHT AND TIME OF ARRIVAL:**

***DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA, NO. OF THE FLIGHT AND THE SCHEDULE:**