



## Taimen & Trout Fishing Tour in Far Northern of Mongolia

### Key Information:

**Trip Length:** 13 days/12 nights.

**Trip Type:** Moderate to Extreme.

**Tour Code:** **SMT-DV-13D**

**Specialty Categories:** Extreme Fishing, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

**Meeting/Departure Points:** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**Group size:** **2-3** fishermen or fisherwomen or more participants.

### Fishing Season in Mongolia:

**The Spring Season:** The Mongolia Fishing Season starts on **June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>** (\*in this period the Taimen & Trout begin feeding aggressively). Sometimes is possible to start to fish on May 15th, but is too cold!).

**The Fall Season (\* this is autumn, and this is a best season to fish in Mongolia):** from very **late August to September 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Total Distance:** approx. 3000kms/1864miles.

**Airfare Included:** No. Internal airfare Ulaanbaatar-Murun-Ulaanbaatar with domestic tax (approx. **\$ US 300/269 €** per person) is quoted separately, and subject to the change by Mongolian airlines.

**Taimen conservation - **Catch and Release is exercised.****

**Tour Highlights:** Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet Samar Magic Tours Fishing team. An incredible and extreme fishing journey. Wilderness fishing in the untouched Mongolian - Siberian borders. This **13-day package in Mongolia with 6 full days fishing trip** gets well off the beaten track and into the best rivers of the Far Northern Regions of Mongolia 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. Wilderness Camp at the banks of the legendary Shishkid River in the Northern of Mongolia close to Siberia. **If you are a fisherman, Mongolia is destination to be experienced and definitely not to be missed.**

**Dear Fisherman:** Mongolia offers one of the last wildernesses in Asia and in the World. It has got plenty of waters with often rich marine life. One of the largest living freshwater fish on earth, the Taimen (Hucho Hucho Taimen) lives within the waters of various rivers and lakes. Taimen are known to the Mongolians as the "River Wolf". The Big Taimen is a particularly ferocious fish which can often obtain weights of 50 kilos or more. They are an exceptionally ferocious predator which feed on birds, prairie dogs, mice, and fish. The taimen (Hucho taimen), also known as Siberian taimen and Siberian salmon, is a species of fish in the salmon family (family Salmonidae) of order Salmoniformes.

**Others species are:** the Lenok- the Mongolian equivalent of a trout, generally around 15 to 20 inches (2 to 3 lb) they can grow to over 30 inches and the Grayling are plentiful in Mongolia's rivers, Pike, Grayling, Sig, River Perch, Siberian Umber, Roach, Ide, Bull Ide, Golden Carp, Amur Catfish and Burbot.

**A typical fishing day:** begins with early morning breakfast and return to our Fishing Camp for dinner and overnights. Cuisine at the camp is a variety of Occidental and Mongolian dishes. Each meal is complemented with homemade soup, a variety of salads, fresh-baked bread, a modest dessert, coffee and tea.

**Darhad Valley**-This is the Mongolia's most impressive and remote scenery, in the far Northwestern remote village of Renchinlkhumbe of Darhad valley-this is the Land of the Tsaatan people. Although often rains here in the summer, this only adds to the lushness of the scenery, which consists of crystal-clear lakes and rivers, Taiga Siberian forest of larch and pine, and rich, green meadows. There are only 60 Tsaatan families, spread over of 100,000 sq km of Northern Mongolia. They are truly nomadic, often moving from one place to another looking for special types of grass and most loved by the reindeer. They do not use Gers (Mongolian traditional tents), but prefer Tents made from reindeer skin. Tsaatan practice shamanism.

**The Shishged River:** a river in northern Mongolia and in Tuva. It flows through the Darkhad Valley in northwestern Khovsgol aimag, Mongolia. Of its 344 km length, 298 are in Mongolia. A bridge has been erected near Renchinlkhumbe sum center. Wilderness Camp at the banks of the legendary Shishkid River in the Northern of Mongolia close to Siberia.

**Climate:** The alpine climate of the northernmost province Hovsgol can change from one extreme to another. In summer, temperatures are mild but weather can change quickly (rain showers are to be expected) and temperatures will range between 18 and 25 degrees Celsius during the day. At night they may drop to 10 to 5 degrees Celsius. In autumn, temperatures may drop to 0 degrees Celsius at night. Altitud at camp is 1650 m above sea level.

#### **Brief Itinerary:**

**Day 1**-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet Samar Magic Tours Fishing team. **(D)**

**Day 2**-Fly to Murun (1.5-2.0 hrs). Depart for fishing trip. Arrive at the 1st camp. Fishing at night. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 3**-A long drive to the untouched Mongolian - Siberian borders. Arrive and transfer to the 2nd camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Days 4/9**-Taimen & Trout Fishing at the banks of the legendary Shishkid or Tengis or Sarga remote rivers in the Northern of Mongolia close to Siberia. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Days 10/11**-Drive back to Murun. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 12**-Fly back to Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 13**-Departure Mongolia. **(B)**

#### **Day-by-day Itinerary:**

**Day 1**-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar (UB or ULN), meet Samar Magic Tours Fishing team and transfer to your hotel. The check-in time at hotel is after **02:00P.M. Welcome dinner in local restaurant.** Overnight at your selected hotel. **(D)**

**Day 2**-Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Fly to Muron (1.5-2.0 hrs). Depart for fishing trip. Arrive at the 1st camp. Fishing at night. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 3**-A long drive to the untouched Mongolian - Siberian borders. Arrive and transfer to the 2nd camp. Fishing at night. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Days 4/9**-Taimen & Trout Fishing at the banks of the legendary Shishkid or Tengis or Sarga remote rivers in the Northern of Mongolia close to Siberia. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Days 10/11**-A long drive back to Muron. Overnight at local hotel. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 12**-Transfer to Murun local airport. Fly back to Ulaanbaatar. Farewell dinner in local restaurant. Overnight at your selected hotel. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 13**-Breakfast. Transfer. Departure Mongolia. **(B). End of our services**

## What's Included?

**2** nights of accommodation at hotel 4\*, based on twin room with daliy breakfast.

**1** night of accommodation at local hotel in Murun, based on twin standard occupancy.

**9** nights overnight in Fishing Gers Camps or camping in tents close to the rivers, based on twin occupancy.

River access and transport per itinerary.

Three meals per day in camp with mineral water.

Welcome dinner at local restaurant in Ulaanbaatar city.

Farewell dinner at local restaurant in Ulaanbaatar city.

4WD private transport included all petrol and Mongolian speaking Mongolian driver.

Trained English-speaking guide/translator.

Fishing trained local Mongolian speaking guide.

Entrance fees to the all specified protected areas, and the national park.

Fishing license: Failure to have the appropriate paperwork may result in heavy fines, and the confiscation of equipment.

Borders permits.

Cook and the all kitchen equipments.

Visa support invitation letter if needed.

Mongolian taxes.

## What's Not Included?

Internal airfare Ulaanbaatar-Murun-Ulaanbaatar with domestic tax (approx. \$ US 300/269 € Euros per person) is quoted separately, and subject to the change by Mongolian airlines.

International flight.

Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Visa (if it will be necessary). Excess baggage (the internal flight allowance only to carry 5 kg and luggage 10 kg totally 15 kg load for domestic flight, and above that overweight must be paid (\$2/1kg). Any rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. Fishing equipment and tackle. 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, river conditions, etc. Items for personal nature.

## Recommended Tackles, Rods and Lines:

### Taimen (Hucho Hucho taimen)

**Spinning tackle:** A stout 9-10 foot rod handling 10-40 grams (a heavy pike rod) with a strong spinning reel holding 150-200 meter of 15-25 lbs. line. Wobblers suited for pike, surface wobblers (mice) a selection of pike spoons and large spinners. Spinning reels or bait casting reels.

**Fly tackle:** Fly rods 8/9/10 weight for taimen, floating, sink tip and sinking lines (T-200/300). 9 foot rod AFTM 8-10 – alternatively a two-handed salmon rod may be used. A floating line and a selection of floaters (T-200, T-300). Short and stout leaders 1-1,5 meter 15-25 lbs. And a robust fly reel with a solid brake system and a capacity of 150-200 meters of bakving. Large flies are needed to tease the taimen effectively. Streamers same type as used for pike preferably 12-20 sm long or tied as tarpon flies made of light and colorful materials. A must are large mouse patterns tied with deer hair. They work well in sizes up to 10 cm body + tail or as big as can be cast on the fly rod.

### Lenok (Brachymstax lenok) and Grayling (Thymallus thymallus)

**Spinning:** 3-5 for lenok, floating line. A 6-7 foot rod casting 5-15 grams 5-7 lbs line and a selection of spinners, wobblers and spoons as for trout fishing. Medium-heavy spin fishing rods 8-10' for lure weights 15-40 g.

**Fly tackle:** a light rod 8-9 foot AFTM 4-7, a standard fly reel with a floater, 9 foot leader 5-7 lbs., a selection of dries, nymphs and streamers.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**HOW TO JOIN:** All the tours are "Land Only", so you need to book your own International flights, unless otherwise specified in the tour description. Joining information will be sent to you upon confirmation.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** These require a booking form and a deposit which is non-refundable. Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt. A booking form is accepted and acceptance becomes definite only from the date that we have confirmed acceptance in writing and issued a confirmation invoice. At this point, a contract between the applicant and us comes into existence. We reserve the absolute right to decline any bookings for any legal reasons whatsoever, at our sole discretion.

**Payment of the balance:** of the tour cost is due not later than ten or eight weeks before the departure date. **Your tour price is guaranteed:** once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment. All tour prices are in US dollars and in Euro and are based on tariff and rates of currency exchange in effect at the time of printing.

No further reminder will be sent and, if payment is not received by the due date, I reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and charge a cancellation fee, the amount of which will not exceed the total cost of the holiday. You are therefore strongly recommended to take out travel insurance at an early stage to cover you in event of cancellation. All itineraries are as written, but reserve the right to alter these due to any unforeseen circumstances, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

**Refunds:** Deposits are non-refundable.

**60-16 working days prior to departure:** 50% of Land Cost.

**15-00 working days prior to departure:** No refund.

**Air or Train cancellation terms are additional:** The air fares or train tickets are subject to change based on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates in international or national flights or train tickets only freeze the issuance and payment in full of the tickets. Tickets are not refundable and can only be annulled on the day of issue. All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

**HOTELS:** By hotels policy check-in time is after **14:00**. Early check-in is 30% of regular day extra charge directly to the tourists and **NO** to Samar Magic Tours. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Late check out extra fee is required directly from the tourists and **no** from Samar Magic Tours. From 12:00-15:00 30%, from 15:00 - 18:00 50% charge and after 18:00 its full day charge.

**PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All participants are responsible for, and must be in possession of, a full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the end of the tour. In addition, participants must obtain any necessary visas and vaccination certificates required for the tour.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RISK:** The Client acknowledges that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that such holidays may involve a significant amount of personal risk. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.