



MONGOLIA GREAT LUXURY GROUP TOUR INCLUDED TWO FLIGHTS TO GOBI DESERT WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS



MINIMUM DURATION: 11 days/10 nights

TOUR CODE: **SMT-DGT2VK-11D**

VALID DEPARTURES IN PRIVATE AND GROUP ONLY: **JUNE, JULY** (except from **July 1–20 – Peak Season!** Please consult special programs and **NAADAM FESTIVAL group rates**), **AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 20.**

MINIMUM GROUP: **10** adults or more participants.

STARTS/ENDS IN: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (international flights not included).

CONSULT GROUP RATES AND OTHER HOTELS: **CONTACT**

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TOUR DESCRIPTION: We will begin the route at the new **"Genghis" Khan International Airport** in Ulaanbaatar (inaugurated on July 3, 2021, located 52 km/32.3 miles away, approx. +2 hours' drive, depending on traffic), the capital of Mongolia, where you will be greeted by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. This is one of the most fascinating routes in Mongolia. Next, we will depart northeast to visit the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**, a stainless-steel statue measuring 40 meters high. At the base of the statue, visitors can see a replica of the legendary golden whip of the Great Khan. Tourists may ascend by elevator inside the statue. The exit is located at the level of Genghis Khan's thighs, from where one can walk up to the horse's head for a panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small **Bronze Age Museum**, located in the basement of the statue. We will continue northeast towards **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park**, situated at an altitude of 1,600 meters above sea level, with towering Mesozoic granite formations, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and unique rock shapes from the Mesozoic era such as the famous **Turtle Rock** and the **Reading Monk Rock**, among others. The Park is located at the foot of the Khentii Mountains, the region where Genghis Khan was born. Declared a **National Park** in 1993, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares.



From here, we will take a **flight Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad** (capital of South Gobi Province, approx. 1hr 30min. **Domestic flights are subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice**). We will then explore the **Yolyn Canyon (Vulture's Gorge)** in the **"Gobi Gurvan Saikhan" National Park** ("Three Beauties" of the eastern, middle, and western ranges), the fossil deposits of the giant dinosaurs, and the beautiful sand dunes known as **"Moltsog"**. We will also visit a family of breeders of **Bactrian camels** and enjoy a camelback excursion across the Gobi dunes. Later, we will return on a flight Dalanzadgad /Ulaanbaatar **(domestic flights subject to final scheduling)**.

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Dalanzadgad is the capital of the province of **Ömnögov**i (**Gobi Desert**) in Mongolia. It is located 540 km/336 miles south of Ulaanbaatar.

Altitude: 1470 m a.s.l.

Climate: Desert.

Coordinates: 43°34'12"N 104°25'33"E / 43.57, 104.425833333333.



In **Central Mongolia**, we will visit the **Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the banks of the Orkhon River. Next, we will visit the **Erdene Zuu Monastery (Hundred Treasures)**, the **Turtle Monument**, and the **Karakorum Museum** to see the relics of **the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire**. The **Buddhist Erdene Zuu Monastery**, with its **108** stupas and the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century), was the most important religious center of Mongolia. Out of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived to the present day, remaining as the most **remarkable cultural heritage of Mongolia**. Afterwards, we will depart for **Lake Ugii**—a suitable location for migratory birds, which gather in this area at the end of April, May, and throughout the summer. The lake stretches over 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley, where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, and cattle graze. We will also visit a small museum of local flora and fauna. Here, there are opportunities for birdwatching.

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Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Flight Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad (Gobi Desert) – Yolin Canyon or Vulture Valley – Sand Dunes known as “Moltsog” – Flaming Cliffs of “Bayanzag” – Flight Dalanzadgad (Gobi Desert)/Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show – Ulaanbaatar – Karakorum (Central Mongolia) – Orkhon Valley – Turkic Memorials – Ugii Lake – Karakorum – Bayangobi Desert – Ulaanbaatar

BRIEF ITINERARY:

B-Breakfast, **L**-Lunch, **D**-Dinner

Day 1: Arrival at the New “Genghis” Khan Airport of Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia / Reception by **Samar Magic Tours** team / Transfer to hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, +2 hours’ drive, depending on traffic). *Rooms available from **2:00PM** on day of arrival. / Grand Tour of Ulaanbaatar / Welcome Lunch. Hotel. **(L)**

Day 2: Ulaanbaatar / Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue / Terelj National Park / Ulaanbaatar. Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 3: At the indicated time, meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel. Transfer to the New “Genghis” Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, +4 hours, depending on traffic). **Domestic Flight Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad** (capital of South Gobi province, 1hr.30min. ***Domestic flights may be cancelled or modified without prior notice**). **Gobi Desert: “Yolin” Canyon** or Vulture Valley. Tourist Ger Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 4: Gobi Desert: Beautiful Sand Dunes known as **“Moltsog”** / Ride on Bactrian Camels / Flaming Cliffs of **“Bayanzag”**. Tourist Ger Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 5: At the indicated time, meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. Transfer to **Dalanzadgad local airport**, capital of South Gobi province. **Flight Dalanzadgad /Ulaanbaatar (1hr.30min)**. ***Domestic flights may be cancelled or modified without prior notice**. Meeting at the New “Genghis Khan” Airport. Transfer to hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, +2 hours’ drive, depending on traffic). *Rooms available from **2:00PM**. Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 6: **07:00AM**-Meeting at hotel with **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Departure westward** to attend an **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hours, depending on traffic). From **10:00AM to 01:00PM**. The show demonstrates the **authentic lifestyle of Mongolian nomads**, the breeding and use of five kinds of livestock moving from one place to another with ox-carts, yaks, camels, and horses. Mongol **Lunch included at the camp**. **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hours, depending on traffic). Transfer to hotel. Hotel. **(B)(L)**

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Day 7: Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Shopping for mineral water and other products at the main store (State Department Store).** Departure westward to legendary **Karakorum** (approx. 395 km/245 miles, 6-7 hours' drive), in Central Mongolia. **1:00PM-Lunch in route at LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Free time to rest after a long journey.** Accommodation at tourist Ger camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8: Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. Visit the **Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking Karakorum (Kharkhorin), by the Orkhon River. Continue to visit **Erdene Zuu Monastery (Hundred Treasures)**, the **Turtle Monument**, and the **Karakorum Museum** to see relics of the ancient Mongol capital. The Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery, with its 108 stupas and founded in the 16th century, was the most important religious seat. Of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived to this day, making it the most remarkable cultural heritage of Mongolia. **1:00PM-Mongol Lunch in front of Erdene Zuu Monastery.** Continue via paved road (46.4 km/29 miles, financed by the Turkish Government) to the **Khushuu Tsaidam Turkic Memorials Museum**, in the Orkhon Valley, erected in honor of the 8th-century Turkic princes Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin, with their Orkhon inscriptions, considered the most impressive monuments of **the Göktürk nomads.** **Continue by dirt road to Ugii Lake (33 km/21 miles, 1hr drive) – an important migratory bird site from April to summer, in a beautiful valley with herds of yaks, sheep, horses, cattle, etc.** Visit a small museum of local flora and fauna. **Birdwatching opportunities available.** Return to Karakorum (80 km/50 miles, 2hrs drive). Tourist Ger camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 9: Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. Departure to **Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes (Bayangobi desert)**, approx. 115 km/72 miles, +2hrs drive). These desert dunes stretch over 80 km/50 miles in a beautiful valley. Opportunity for hiking, walking on dunes, and photographing landscapes. Excursion included: ride on Bactrian camels or horses. Return to Ulaanbaatar (approx. 280 km/174 miles, +5hrs depending on traffic). **1:00PM-Lunch is included in route at LUN.** Arrival and transfer to hotel. Accommodation at confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included.** **(B)(L)**

Day 10: Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Grand Tour in Ulaanbaatar. Last Shopping.** **1:00PM-Lunch is included at a local restaurant.** Accommodation at confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included.** **(B)(L)**

Day 11: Rooms must be vacated by **12:00 noon.** Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team at hotel. Transfer to the New "Genghis Khan" Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **4-5** hrs drive depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GRAND TRIP.**

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TOUR IN DETAIL:

DAY 1:

ARRIVAL IN ULANBAATAR/GRAND TOUR OF ULANBAATAR/WELCOME LUNCH

Breakfast and Welcome Lunch

Arrival at Ulaanbaatar's New "Genghis" Khan Airport, capital of Mongolia. Greeting by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Transfer to hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, **+2** hours' drive depending on traffic). ***Rooms can be used only from 2:00 PM on the day of arrival. A mandatory early check-in fee is required if tourists wish to check in early** or leave their luggage at the hotel reception until **2:00 PM**). **9:00 AM** -Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Panoramic tour of Ulaanbaatar:** We will visit **the highest and most important Buddhist Monastery in Mongolia, Gandan**, which houses a **25-meter-high Buddha**. **Gandan Monastery** was founded in 1809 as the Yellow Temple. The Monastery houses a library with the Gandjuur Buddhist scriptures (8 volumes), their commentaries (225 volumes), and other scriptures using the nine precious stones. It was declared a **State Heritage Site** in 1994. **10:00 AM** - **Here there is an opportunity to attend a Buddhist ceremony. Nicolas Cage** agreed to return a rare dinosaur skull to the Mongolian government. The Oscar-winning actor purchased the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull in

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2007, unaware it had been stolen. Authorities said he voluntarily agreed to hand over the skull after learning of the circumstances. The museum also includes examples of Velociraptor and Protoceratops, and a nest of Oviraptor eggs. Visits include the **Mongolian History Museum**, with a rich collection of historical and cultural artifacts from the Stone Age to the present day, **Sukhbaatar Central Square**, and the **Genghis Khan Monument Complex**, built in 2006 to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Mongol State or Mongol Empire by **Genghis Khan** (1206–2006) and located across from the Mongolian Parliament and Government House. **1:00 PM - Welcome lunch included at a traditional local restaurant.** **6:00 PM - Enjoy a Mongolian folk singing and dancing performance.** Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

DAY 2:

ULAANBAATAR/EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF GENGHIS KHAN/GORKHI/TERELJ NATIONAL PARK/ULAANBAATAR

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure for the excursion heading **N/E** to the **Great Equestrian Statue of ``Genghis`` Khan** (55 km / 34.2 miles, +2.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure). Part of the ``Genghis`` Khan Sculpture Complex, this is a 40-meter-high statue of Genghis Khan on horseback, on the banks of the Tuul River. The statue symbolically points east, toward his birthplace. At the base of the sculpture complex is a 10-meter-high visitor center with **36** columns representing the **36** khans of **Genghis Khan and the Ligdan Khan dynasty**. Designed by sculptor D. Erdenebileg and architect J. Enkhjargal, **it was inaugurated in 2008**. Visitors can access the horse's head, through its chest and neck, for a panoramic view. **We will visit a museum integrated into the complex**, showing exhibits related to the Bronze Age and archaeological cultures of the Xiongnu of Mongolia, highlighting everyday utensils, belt buckles, knives, sacred animals, etc.; and a second exhibition on the Great Khan period of the 13th and 14th centuries, showcasing ancient tools, goldsmithing, and some Nestorian crosses and rosaries. **At this location, you can rent horses and camels with local guides, and you can also take photos with the golden eagles and Kazakhs (*additional payment on-site, directly to the locals).** **Lunch is included on the way.** Then, depart for **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park** (50 km / 31.1 miles, 1 hour), located in **the northeast** at **1,600 meters** above sea level, with high Mesozoic granite rocks, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large Mesozoic rock formations with curious shapes, such as **Turtle Rock**. **Declared a National Park in 1993**, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares. **Stop for photos, souvenir shopping, and hiking to the Great Turtle Rock, the symbol of Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. Gentle hike to the Arryabal Meditation Temple**, located on a hill. **Then, return to Ulaanbaatar** (70 km/44 miles, +2 hours travel

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time, depending on traffic at the entrance). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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DAY 3:

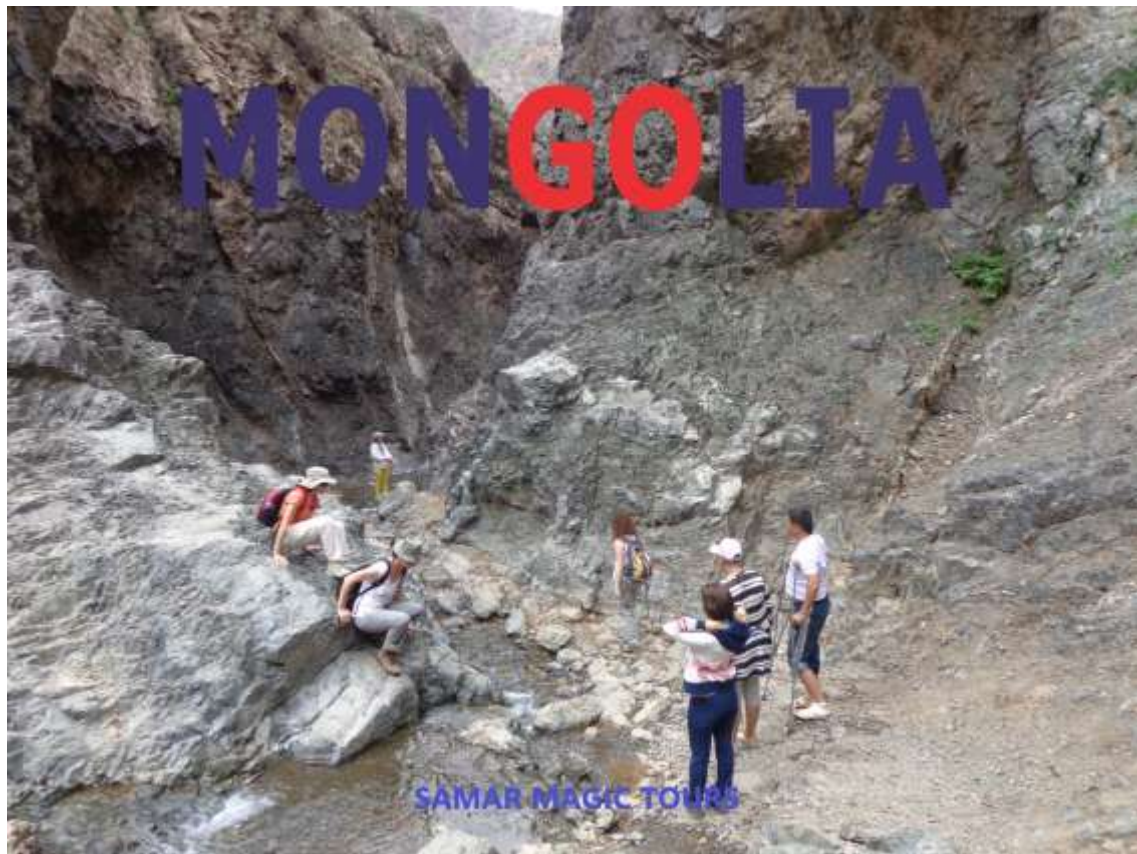
FLIGHT ULAANBAATAR/GOBI DESERT OF MONGOLIA/YOLIN CANYON IN GOBI GURVASAIKHAN NATIONAL PARK

Full Board

Breakfast. At the appropriate time, meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **+4.0** hours travel time, depending on traffic). **We will take the flight from Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad** (capital of South Gobi Province, 1 hour 30 minutes. **Domestic flights are subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice**). **Arrival at Dalanzadgad Airport in the Gobi Desert.** Meeting with comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicles or similar. Transfer to the Gers Tourist Camp. **After a short rest**, we head for **Yolin Canyon, or Vulture Gorge**. The word **GOBI** means "**desert**" in Mongolian. **The Gobi Desert** is a place teeming with life. It consists mostly of steppes and plains where vegetation grows and livestock graze, with only 3 percent of the total surface area being sand. It is the largest protected area in Asia and was designated a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** in 1991. Significant fossil sites have also been discovered in the region. The mountains surround it, the Altai and the Mongolian steppes to the north. The **Gobi** is composed of distinct geographic and ecological regions, based on their variations in climate and topography. Historically, the **Gobi Desert** is notable for having been part of the **Mongol Empire** and for the location of several important cities along the **Silk Road**. Occupying 30% of the national territory, the Great Gobi of Mongolia encompasses whimsical hills, sandy dunes, vast plateaus, steppes with their aromatic grasses, and, *Prices, services, and other information regarding the products detailed on this page and on the website www.samarmagictours.com are non-binding and may change without prior notice.*



of course, a very diverse animal world. The Gobi is the source of some of history's most incredible fossil finds, including the first dinosaur eggs. The desert and surrounding regions provide food for many animals, including the black-tailed gazelle, the spotted polecat, and the plover. **Departure in comfortable 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser vehicles or similar for Yolin Canyon. We will explore on foot (round-trip hikes) the "Yolin" Canyon or Vulture Gorge**, where we will navigate a small stream, located in the **Gobi Gurvansaikhon National Park** - established in 1993 with about 27,000 km², it is the largest in Mongolia. **Yolyn Am (Mongolian: Ёлын Ам, Lammergeier Valley)** is a deep and narrow gorge in the **Gurvan Saikhan Mountains of southern Mongolia**.



The valley is named after **Lammergeier**, which is called **Yol** in **Mongolian**. The bearded vulture is an Old-World vulture, so the name is often translated as **Valley of Vultures or Valley of Eagles**. The valley is located within the Gobi Gurvansaikhon National Park. **Yolyn Am** is located in the Zuun Saikhanii Nuruu (Eastern Beauty) subrange of the **Gurvan Saikhan Mountains**. The area, as part of the Gobi Desert, sees little precipitation. However, **Yolyn Am** is notable for a deep ice field. The ice field reaches several meters thick in late winter and is several kilometers long. In previous years, the ice field remained frozen year-round, but the *Prices, services, and other information regarding the products detailed on this page and on the website www.samarmagictours.com are non-binding and may change without prior notice.*



modern ice field tends to disappear by September. **There is a small museum displaying dinosaur eggs, some bones, stuffed birds, and leopards. Here you will have the opportunity to hike in the Gobi Valley with breathtaking landscapes.** Once in the Yolin Canyon, we will walk through the valley, which narrows to a gorge at the bottom of which runs a torrent, frozen for most of the year until early July. **This is one of the most spectacular spots in the Gobi.** If we are lucky, we may spot bearded vultures, other birds, and small rodents. **Horses can be rented with local guides to cross the canyon (*extra charge on-site, directly from the locals).** **Return.** Overnight at the Gers Tourist Camp. Here, at night (weather permitting), we can admire **the Milky Way** constellation with millions of stars.



DAY 4: MONGOLIA'S GOBI DESERT: MOLTSOG SAND DUNES / FAMILY WITH BACTRIAN CAMEL RANCH / CAMEL RIDES / BAYANZAG FIRE CLIFFS
Full Board

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team and board comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicles or similar. Departure for the beautiful ``**Moltsog**`` sand dunes. **We will visit an authentic nomadic family with Bactrian camel ranches. We will enjoy an excursion on Bactrian camels.** We *Prices, services, and other information regarding the products detailed on this page and on the website www.samarmagictours.com are non-binding and may change without prior notice.*



will walk through the dunes and climb to the highest peak, where we will observe a wonderful landscape of sand dunes and enjoy the contrast of the Gobi Desert. **Next, departure to the Fire Cliffs of Bayan Zag, a Paleolithic-era archaeological site. Roy Chapman Andrews** (January 26, 1884 – March 11, 1960) was an American explorer, adventurer, and naturalist who became the director of the American Museum of Natural History. He is best known for leading a series of expeditions through early 20th-century China to the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. **Expeditions made important discoveries and brought back to the museum the first known fossil dinosaur eggs, found in the Fire Cliffs of Bayanzag.**



The largest dinosaur fossil sites in the world were found in the Bayanzag area. We will **hike to explore the Fire Cliffs of Bayanzag**, where hundreds of fossilized dinosaur eggs have been discovered, as well as complete skeletons of these great prehistoric reptiles from the Cretaceous period. Currently, several complete dinosaur fossils from **Bayanzag** are on display at the Natural History Museum in New York, in Ulaanbaatar, and in the new Gobi Museum of Nature and History in Umnugovi

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Aimag (South Gobi Province). **Return for lunch at the tourist camp.** Overnight at the Gers Tourist Camp.



DAY 5: FLIGHT FROM DALANZADGAD/ULAANBAATAR

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. At the appropriate time, meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team and **transfer to the local airport in Dalanzadgad**, the capital of South Gobi Province. We bid farewell to the drivers in Mongolian and board the comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicles or similar. **We will take the flight from Dalanzadgad/Ulaanbaatar** (1 hour 30 minutes). **Domestic flights are subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice.** Meet with **Samar Magic Tours** at the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport. Transfer to the hotel (52 km, +2.0 hours of driving, depending on traffic. **Rooms may be used after 2:00 PM on the day of arrival**). Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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DAY 6:

ULAANBAATAR/AUTHENTIC MONGOL NOMADIC SHOW/ ULAANBAATAR

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception.

Depart west for an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic on departure), from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.

The Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show demonstrates the traditional way of life of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using oxcarts, yaks, camels, and horses. **Mongolian lunch is included at the camp**. **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 35 km/22 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic on arrival). Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included and is at your own expense.**

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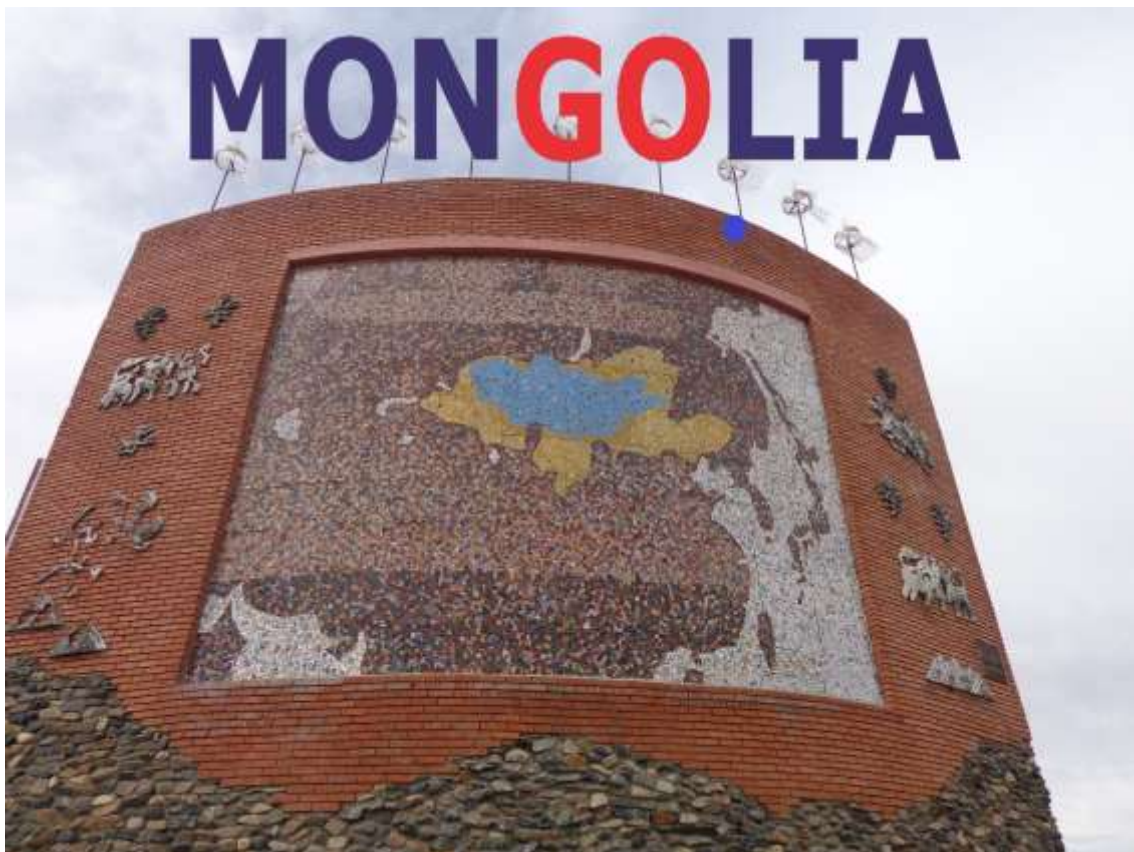


DAY 7: ULAANBAATAR/KARAKORUM (CENTRAL MONGOLIA)

Full Board

Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Shopping for mineral water and other products at the main store (State Department Store). Departure westward** to legendary **Karakorum** (approx. 395 km/245 miles, 6-7 hours' drive) **in Central Mongolia. 1:00PM-Lunch is included in route at LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Free time to rest after a long journey.** Accommodation at tourist Ger camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

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DAY 8: MONUMENT TO THE MONGOLIAN STATES/ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY/KARAKORUMMUSEUM/MONUMENTS/ORKHON VALLEY /TURKISH MEMORIALS/LAKE UGII/KARAKORUM

Full Board

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, we will **visit the Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking the city of Karakorum (Kharkhorin), on the banks of the Orkhon River. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic ovoo**) carefully assembled in a cone shape, roughly the size of a teepee, with nine poles protruding from the top. This structure is mounted on a stone and concrete platform and is surrounded by three walls representing three sections of a circle. The outer sides of these walls feature three colorful mosaics depicting three maps, one for each of the empires.

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1. First, there was **the Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes who lived on the steppes from approximately the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD.
2. Next came **the Turkic Khaganate**, established by the Göktürks in 682 and lasting only until 744.
3. Finally, and famously, ``**Genghis**`` **Khan** founded **the Mongol Empire** of the 13th and 14th centuries.



The iconic place of the Mongol Empire in culture, combined with the shamanic symbolism of the ovoo at the center of the monument, prompts people to leave offerings of vodka, milk, tea, rice, and other edible delicacies that inevitably attract birds and the occasional passing herd of goats and sheep. Several animal skulls can also be found around the monument, completing the surreal scene. It is no coincidence that **the Imperial Map Monument** is located in **Kharkhorin**, as **this city (then called Karakorum) was the capital of the Mongol Empire** under **Genghis Khan's successor, Ogedei Khan**. **The Imperial Map Monument** is a great vantage point from which to gaze over the city of Kharkhorin and the Orkhon River, and imagine what this collection of dirt roads and low-rise buildings may have looked like in its glory days.

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Next, visit the Erdene Zuu (Hundred Treasures) Monastery, the Turtle Monument, and the Karakoram Museum to see the relics of the ancient capital of the **Mongol Empire**. The **Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery**, with its **108** stupas and **the first Buddhist lamasery (16th century)**, was the most important religious center. Today it is an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas and temples, occupying an area of **400** square meters, and surrounded by the steppe. The construction was continued by his **son 'Ogedei' Khan**, after his death. After 40 years, **'Kublai Khan' (grandson of Genghis Khan and host of Marco Polo)** moved the capital of the Mongolian Empire to **Beijing (Peking-Yuan Dynasty)**, already invaded. By 1792, 62 temples and more than 10,000 Lamas remained. In 1930, Stalinist purges destroyed most of the temples, and the Lamas were exiled to die in Siberia. Of its more than one hundred temples, **only three have survived to our era; this remains Mongolia's most notable cultural vestige.** **1:00 PM - Mongolian lunch included in front the Erdene zuu Monastery.** Then, departure by paved road (46.4 km/29 miles, **financed by the Turkish Government**) to the **Khushuu Tsaidam Memorial Museum** in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honor of the early 8th century Turkish princes **Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin** with their **Orkhon inscriptions**, which are admittedly the most impressive monuments of **the nomads of the Gokturk Empire.**

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Then, **departure by embankment (*hard road) to Lake Ugi** (33 km/21 miles, 1 hour drive) - a suitable place for migratory birds. These are cited in this area in late April, May and throughout the summer. Over 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley, where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, bulls, etc. graze. We will visit a small museum of the local flora and fauna. **Here there are opportunities for ornithological observation. Return to the Karakorum** (80 km/50 miles, 2.0 hours). Overnight stay at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.

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DAY 9:

KARAKORUM/BAYANGOBI DESERT/BACTRIAN CAMEL RIDING EXCURSION /ULAAN BAATAR

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Then, depart for the **Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes** (known as the **Bayangobi desert**, approx. 115 km/72 miles, +2 hours drive). These desert sand dunes stretch for 80 km/50 miles in a beautiful valley. Opportunities include hiking, dune walking, and landscape photography. **Bactrian camel riding excursion included. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 280 km/174 miles, +5 hours, depending on traffic at the entrance). **1:00 PM - Lunch is included in LUN.** Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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DAY 10: ULAANBAATAR TOUR/LAST SHOPPING

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Next, we will visit **the new "Genghis" Khan Museum ("Chinggis" Khaan)**, which finally opened on **October 11, 2022**. The museum is designed to showcase the history of the Mongolian kings from the reign of King Hunnu Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba. **Final shopping for pure Mongolian cashmere at the cashmere factory store.** Next, we will visit **Zaisan Hill**, which offers an overview of Ulaanbaatar. Next, we will visit **the Golden Buddha statue**, located at the base of the 75-foot-high (23-meter-high) **Zaisan Memorial**. **1:00 PM - Lunch is included at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner at your own expense.**

DAY 11: DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA

Breakfast

Breakfast. Rooms must be vacated by **12 noon** on the day of departure. Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New ' 'Genghis' ' Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **+4-5** hours travel time, depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GREAT TRIP.**

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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Two domestic flights **Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad – Gobi Desert/Ulaanbaatar**, including domestic taxes (baggage allowance: **15** kg per person: **5** kg carry-on, and **10** kg checked). **IMPORTANT NOTES: Domestic flights are subject to final scheduling.** The program may experience unexpected changes depending on flight confirmations. In such cases, we will do everything possible to find the best available solution; under no circumstances will claims be accepted for consequences of changes or cancellations of domestic flights, and no refunds will be given. **To issue the indicated flight tickets, we must receive in ADVANCE a valid passport copies for each passenger.**

6 nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on double specified room with breakfast.

2 nights of accommodation in a tourist camp, in **DELUXE** Ger with private bathroom, in the Gobi Desert (Minimum: **2** adults per Deluxe Ger. **No Deluxe Ger confirmed for a single traveler. Only 14 Deluxe Gers available; first payers are guaranteed).**

2 nights of accommodation in a tourist camp, in **DELUXE** Ger with private bathroom, in Karakorum (Minimum: **2** adults per **Deluxe** Ger. **No Deluxe Ger confirmed for a single traveler. Limited availability; first payers are guaranteed).**

All meals as specified (**10B,10L,4D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person daily. Welcome Lunch in a traditional local restaurant.

All private transfers in Ulaanbaatar, Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, and the Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show by tourist bus or van (*depending on confirmed group size), fuel included.

All private transfers in a comfortable Japanese **Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4** or similar (**capacity: 4 tourists + 1 Mongolian-speaking driver per vehicle, luggage limit: 15 kg per person**) for the rest of the route, fuel included. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on group size; no claims will be accepted for these reasons, and no refunds will be given.

English or Spanish-speaking local guide with the **two flights Ulaanbaatar/Gobi Desert/Ulaanbaatar.**

All entrance fees to Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, Yolyn Canyon in Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park, Bayanzag Archaeological Site, Karakorum, Turkic Memorials, monuments, museums, and monasteries.

Attendance at a folkloric show featuring the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.

1 hour camelback excursion across the dunes in the Gobi Desert.

30-minute camelback excursion across the dunes in the Bayangobi Desert.

Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show, providing insight into real nomadic life.

Service fees include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar municipal tax, and 5% service charge at Ulaanbaatar city hotels.

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WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

Flights not indicated. Schedule changes, delays, or cancellations of flights.

Domestic flights pending final scheduling. The program may experience unexpected changes depending on flight confirmations. **In such cases, we will do everything possible to find the best available solution; under no circumstances will claims be accepted for consequences of changes or cancellations of domestic flights, and no refunds will be given.**

Excess baggage on domestic flights (domestic baggage allowance: **15** kg per person: **5** kg carry-on, **10** kg checked).

Visa.

Excess baggage in our vehicles (*limit: **15** kg per person – **excess baggage must be left free of charge at the hotel in Ulaanbaatar**).

Single supplement in hotels.

Early check-in at hotels. Late check-out at hotels.

Published net prices are based on double room occupancy and Gers with **2 or more beds** (according to request). On this trip, single room accommodation is only guaranteed in Ulaanbaatar hotels. In tourist Ger camps in rural Mongolia, **SINGLE GERS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.**

Loss of luggage, belongings, or passport.

Meals not specified.

Cold drinks outside Ulaanbaatar.

Visits and activities not specified, such as sauna, massages, etc.

Photography or video fees inside monasteries and museums.

Personal extras, laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.

Travel Insurance.

Weather conditions.

Road, track, or path conditions.

Program changes.

Any other item not specifically mentioned as included.

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HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES:

- Attend a folkloric show featuring the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and traditional Mongolian dance.
- Visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue.
- Explore **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**, located northeast at 1,600m above sea level, with towering granite rocks from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and striking rock formations such as Turtle Rock.
- Walk across the beautiful dunes known as **"Moltsog"**, and climb to the highest peak to enjoy breathtaking views and the striking contrasts of the Gobi Desert.
- Visit an authentic family raising Bactrian camels.
- Experience and learn about the traditional Mongolian nomadic lifestyle.
- Enjoy a camelback excursion across the Gobi Desert.
- Explore on foot the **Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag**, where hundreds of fossilized dinosaur eggs and complete skeletons of these great Cretaceous reptiles have been discovered.
- Discover the **Yolyn Am (Vulture Gorge)** in the Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park.
- Attend an **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show**, demonstrating the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads: herding and using five types of livestock while moving camp with ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.
- Visit the **Erdene Zuu Monastery**, the Turtle Monument, and the Karakorum Museum to see relics of the ancient Mongol Empire capital. The Buddhist Monastery of Erdene Zuu, with its 108 stupas and founded in the 16th century, was the most important religious seat. Today, it remains one of Mongolia's most impressive cultural vestiges.
- Visit the **Turkic Memorial Museum (Khushuu Tsaidam)** in the Orkhon Valley, erected in honor of the early 8th-century Turkic princes Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin, whose Orkhon inscriptions are considered the most remarkable monuments of the Gokturk Empire.
- Explore **Lake Ugii**, an important habitat for migratory birds in late April, May, and throughout summer. Stretching over 25 km in a picturesque valley where yaks, sheep, horses, and cattle graze. Visit a small museum of local flora and fauna. Birdwatching opportunities are available here.
- Visit the new **"Genghis" Khan Museum ("Chinggis" Khaan)**, which officially opened on October 11, 2022. The museum is designed to showcase the history of Mongolian rulers, from the reign of the Hunnu king Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba.

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IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights not included.
- **Domestic flights subject to final confirmation.** The program may experience unexpected changes depending on flight schedules. **In such cases, we will do everything possible to find the best solution available; under no circumstances will claims be accepted for consequences of changes or cancellations of domestic flights, and no refunds will be given.**
- Excess baggage on domestic flights (allowance: **15kg** per person – **5** kg carry-on, **10** kg checked).
- Hotel category information refers to Ulaanbaatar hotels only.
- Check-in at Ulaanbaatar hotels: **2:00PM (14:00). Early check-in not included.**
- Check-out at Ulaanbaatar hotels: **12:00 noon. Late check-out not included.**
- Excess baggage in our ground transport (**limit: 15** kg per person – excess baggage **must be left free of charge** at the hotel in Ulaanbaatar).
- Published net prices are based on double occupancy in hotels and Gers with **2** or more beds (according to request). On this trip, single room accommodation can only be confirmed in Ulaanbaatar hotels. In rural Ger camps, **SINGLE GERS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.**
- **MONGOLIA** is not recommended as a destination for travellers with respiratory problems, heart conditions, those in wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years of age.
- **When visiting nomadic families:** always enter the Ger from the left side, leading with your right foot. Once inside, your hosts will invite you to sit. It is customary to bring a small gift for the nomads' children—**never money, as this is offensive.** Suggested gifts include sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps, or similar treats.
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on the number of participants; no claims will be accepted for these reasons, and no refunds will be given.
- All photos are property of **Samar Magic Tours**. They may be used exclusively for promotional purposes when working with **Samar Magic Tours**. **Use of our photos for promotion in cooperation with other Mongolian tour operators is strictly prohibited.**

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PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR

HOTELS	ROOM	LOCATION
BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5* 	DELUXE TWIN ROOM 	Blue Sky & Tower Hotel 5★ Located just 50 meters in front of Ulaanbaatar's central Sukhbaatar Square and the Mongolian Government Palace, right in the heart of the city. The hotel features 6 restaurants: Korean (Seoul), Chinese Jade Palace (Cantonese cuisine), Japanese Zen, and All Seasons (offering an excellent buffet breakfast). Facilities include sauna, massages, swimming pool, gym, Wi-Fi, rooftop observation deck, several cafés, and parking. All rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV, minibar, and safe. Check-in: from 14:00 Check-out: by 12:00 noon
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 5* 	STANDART TWIN ROOM 	Holiday Inn Hotel 5★ Located a 20-minute walk from Gandan Monastery, Mongolia's most important Buddhist monastery, and 1.2 km from Ulaanbaatar's central Sukhbaatar Square. The hotel offers 20 floors, 2 elevators, a restaurant, Wi-Fi, a café on the ground floor, and parking. Check-in: from 14:00 Check-out: by 12:00 noon

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<p>NOVOTEL HOTEL 5*</p> 	<p>STANDART TWIN ROOM</p> 	<p>Novotel Hotel 5*: is a modern hotel located in the heart of the city center, within walking distance of the famous Government Palace, Genghis Khan Square, and major offices and embassies. It is located more than two hours from the new Genghis Khan International Airport and one hour from Ulaanbaatar Train Station. The hotel has 192 rooms, two restaurants, two bars, a gym, an indoor pool, and a 362 m² ballroom adaptable to the needs of your event.</p> <p>Check-in from 2:00 PM. Check-out by 12:00 PM.</p>
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SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Flashlight
- Spare batteries/bulb
- Personal medication
- Waterproof hiking boots
- Waterproof jacket with hood
- Waterproof over-trousers
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater
- Cotton t-shirts
- Long-sleeve shirts
- Lightweight pants
- Shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sun hat
- Sandals
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Zip-lock plastic bags
- Binoculars/camera
- Watch/alarm clock
- Money belt/pouch

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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR TRAVEL TO MONGOLIA

PRICE: Prices are calculated based on **double occupancy**. Prices and rates are quoted in EUROS and USD and are subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE: A **Naadam Festival** surcharge applies for travel from **July 1 to July 20 (Peak Season in Mongolia)**, when all services and accommodations are fully booked.

RESERVATION FORM DETAILS:

FULL NAME(S) AND SURNAME(S) (AS WRITTEN IN THE PASSPORT):

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

GENDER:

DATE OF ARRIVAL IN ULAANBAATAR, FLIGHT NUMBER, AND ARRIVAL TIME:

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA, FLIGHT NUMBER, AND DEPARTURE TIME:

SELECTED HOTEL IN ULAANBAATAR (FROM THE INDICATED OPTIONS):

SELECTED TOUR CODE:

- At the time of registering for the trip, **the reservation form must be completed**, and the reservation guarantee must be paid immediately by bank transfer, at least **165** business days before arrival in Mongolia.
- **The final payment for the trip** must be made by bank transfer, at least 95 business days before arrival in Mongolia.
- Banks in Mongolia do not operate on **Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays** such as **March 8, June 1**, or during the **Naadam Festival (July 1–15)**.
- Bank transfers take **5** business days to be received.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: If payments are **not made on the indicated dates**, we cannot guarantee the requested services. In such cases, you will need to check the new rates and availability in other hotels.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

180–91 days before arrival: the reservation guarantee is non-refundable.

90–19 days before arrival: 50% refund.

18–0 business days before arrival: 100% cancellation fee – NO REFUND.

For air and train ticket cancellations: separate conditions apply. International and domestic air and train fares are subject to modification depending on availability at the time of booking. Air and train fares are only guaranteed once tickets are issued and fully paid. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be canceled on the same day of issuance.

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HOTELS: Rooms may be used from **2:00 PM (14:00)** on the day of arrival and must be vacated before **12:00 noon** on the day of departure.

TRANSPORT: **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on the number of participants. Under no circumstances will we accept claims for this reason, and no refunds will be made.

COMPLIMENTARY TRAVEL STAFF IN MONGOLIA:

- For groups of **16** people (**15** paying + **1** free, based on **double occupancy: 8 rooms**), **Samar Magic Tours** will cover all ground expenses and accommodation in double rooms. **Not included: single room supplement, domestic air tickets in Mongolia.**
- For groups of **32** people (**30** paying + **2** free, based on double occupancy: 16 rooms), Samar Magic Tours will cover all ground expenses and accommodation in double rooms. Not included: single room supplement, domestic air tickets in Mongolia.

PLEASE NOTE: MONGOLIA is not recommended as a destination for travellers with respiratory problems, heart conditions, those in wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years of age.

CHILD POLICY IN MONGOLIA:

0–3 years: free of charge

4–11 years: 50% of the regular adult price

12 years and above: 100% of the regular adult price

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VISA ELECTRONIC VISA TO TRAVEL TO MONGOLIA: The electronic visa application system of Mongolia (<https://evisa.mn/en>) – In just **3** steps, your **eVisa** is ready!. It has been in service since June 1, 2021, following the amendments made to the Law on the Legal Status of Foreigners, according to the Immigration Agency of Mongolia (IAM). This means that travellers no longer need to complete paperwork, send their passport, or submit an application form for consular processing. Under these amendments, the service is designed for foreigners who wish to travel to Mongolia for tourism purposes and who require an electronic visa from abroad. As of now, nationals of **99** countries are eligible to obtain visas for tourism purposes (**K2**).

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CLIMATE CHANGES: Not included in our services. These are external conditions. In such cases, we will do everything possible to find the best available solution. However, no claims will be accepted for the consequences of weather changes, and no refunds will be made.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS: Mongolia is a country where tourist infrastructure is almost non-existent and still in development. Distances are vast, requiring many hours of travel and involving significant fuel costs. The journey is carried out mostly on dirt and sand tracks. Depending on their condition, travellers may spend many hours on the road. A large part of the Mongolian population is still nomadic, moving from place to place on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds. An occasional encounter with one of these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience. **To enjoy the trip, travellers must accept these conditions in advance, let go of preconceived notions about how things "should" be, and remain open to what this country has to offer.**

FORCE MAJEURE CONDITIONS: While it is our absolute desire to carry out the trip as detailed in the program, on occasion there may be force majeure circumstances that require modifications. **Samar Magic Tours** is not legally responsible for those force majeure situations beyond the organization's control that may force changes to the travel program. These reasons and circumstances include possible security risks for travellers, political instability or violence, rebellions or the threat of rebellion, strikes, riots and violent actions, decisions by governments or local authorities, technical or maintenance problems related to transport, changes in flight or road schedules or routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, and any other circumstances beyond the control of **Samar Magic Tours**.

If, due to exceptional circumstances of force majeure, it becomes necessary to cancel the trip, there is no obligation of compensation. I have read and understood the section on Obligations and Responsibility detailed above in the form, as well as the General Information and Special Booking Conditions set out in the tour information materials, and I accept them on behalf of myself and my group. I declare that I am not traveling against any medical advice.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER: _____

CITIZENSHIP: _____

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FACT SHEET OF MONGOLIA

Currency: The official currency in Mongolia is the Tugrik or Tugrug (T). It comes in banknotes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1,000, 5,000, 10,000, and 20,000 Tugrik. It is advisable to bring EUROS or USD and exchange them progressively. Currency exchange can be done at banks and hotels in Ulaanbaatar.

Climate: Known as the land of the blue sky, but its climate is extreme and severe. Siberian winters cover the Gobi Desert with snow until April and keep lakes frozen until May. The rainy season is short, from mid-**July to September**, with brief and light showers. Nights are cool even in summer.

Approximate temperatures in Mongolia:

Spring:	May	[around 14°C daytime, 6° °C nighttime. Occasional rain, generally cool.]
Summer:	June-August	[28–30 °C daytime, 18 °C nighttime. Mostly dry with occasional rain.]
Autumn:	September.	[21–16 °C daytime, 0 °C nighttime. Dry and cold.]

Luggage: The lighter the luggage, the better. A soft backpack or travel bag is recommended, plus a small daypack for essentials during the day (camera, skin and lip cream, binoculars, canteen, and flashlight). A raincoat or poncho and a good parka, warm clothes for high places, light cotton clothes, sunglasses, and a cap for midday heat, as well as comfortable footwear, are recommended. Clients are advised to bring binoculars.

Small first-aid kit: mosquito repellent, saline solution, gauze, aspirin, paracetamol.

Electricity: 220V, 50Hz. European round plug.

Clothing: No special requirements regarding dress, just respect local customs.

Photography: The country is one of the most photogenic in the world, with its landscapes, wildlife, culture, and people. Entrance fees to museums, National Parks, and Monasteries are included in the trip according to the program, but photography is not. In many monasteries and temples, photos are not allowed unless you pay the set fee. Always check before taking photos, as notices are written in Cyrillic or Mongolian, often unintelligible for us; once you take a picture, payment is immediate.

Food: The basis of food in Mongolia is meat. Lamb and flour form the base of most meals. The Mongolian diet also includes horse meat. Milk and yogurt have an exquisite though strong flavor. Cow and goat cheese are common. Milk may not be pasteurized,

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and some dairy products can therefore be unsafe. It should be boiled, and foods should preferably be consumed cooked. This is the health guideline, but in reality, once you stop at a Ger, guests are always invited to enter and offered aromatic *airag* (fermented mare's milk) and goat, yak, or sheep cheese, all acidic and dry. Refusing would not be polite.

Shopping: Bargaining is not common in Mongolia. Even bargaining, you won't usually pay less than 70% of the asking price. Some shops offer handicrafts, postcards, and clothing. Also available are carpets, leather and fur products, as well as cashmere and camel hair items. Wooden toys, puzzles, and games, along with oil paintings and watercolors. In the capital's stores, European products are available—expensive, especially in the State Department Store and other new shopping centers—which carry almost anything you may want, both Mongolian and foreign.

Precautions: Mongolia is a safe place for tourism; there are no drugs, assaults, or weapons. However, as anywhere in the world, one must be cautious with pickpockets.

It is recommended that upon arrival at the hotel you immediately place in the hotel safe (in the room or at reception): passport, visas, money, documents, valuables, etc., before going out for visits in Ulaanbaatar. Be careful in restaurants, pizzerias, cafés, markets, the central post office, and monasteries, where there are pickpockets.

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TOURIST GER CAMP IN THE GOBI DESERT OF MONGOLIA



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