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MONGOLIA SPECIAL GROUP TOUR TO THE REINDEER NOMADS AND TO THE MONGOL SHAMANS (INCLUDED TWO FLIGHTS) AND CENTRAL MONGOLIA WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

TOUR DURATION: 12 days / 11 nights

TOUR CODE: **SMT-TSAATAN-12D**

STARTS/ENDS IN: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (*International flights excluded).

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: **5/6-16** adults or more participants.

CHECK GROUP RATES AND OTHER HOTELS: CONTACT

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TOUR DESCRIPTION: Mongolia is the Land of the Eternal Blue Sky, a country of great contrasts, possessing an immense natural reserve. Nothing limits the vision; from any point, you can only see the horizon, the green of the steppe plain and the intense blue of the sky. Both colors merge so far away that it is possible to perceive the curvature of the earth.

We will begin the route in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, with a welcome by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, departure westward to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, demonstrating the traditional way of life of the nomads of Mongolia: the breeding and use of five types of livestock moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.

At the scheduled time, meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the hotel reception (*rooms must be vacated by **12:00 noon**). Transfer to Ulaanbaatar's New "Genghis" Khan Airport. **Included flight Ulaanbaatar/Murun. Domestic flights are subject to final schedule.** Meeting at the local Murun airport with the local vehicle and private transfer to the **Great Lake Khuvsgul National Park**, crossing through the city of Murun, capital of Khuvsgul province (a town with only 28,000 inhabitants, at an elevation of 1283m above sea level). **The Great Lake Khuvsgul**, on the border with Siberia, is the **Paradise of Mongolia**, also called the Mother Lake due to its immense beauty. This is a magnificent and vast blue lake, surrounded by dense Siberian forests and abundant wildlife. The water is so pure it is perfectly drinkable; mountains are everywhere (around 2,000), fresh pine forests, and graceful yaks and horses galloping elegantly. Here we will meet the **Tsaatan**, better known as the **Reindeer Nomads** (some are powerful shamans), since they dedicate themselves mainly to raising these animals for their meat and hides.

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Mongolian shamanism, broadly understood as the popular religion of Mongolia, sometimes also called **Tengrism**, refers to the ethnic animistic and shamanistic religion historically practiced in Mongolia.

Tuvá became independent in 1921 when **Mongolia achieved independence**. The **Tsaatan** people fled the city of Tuvá after the outbreak of World War II, when Tuvá was annexed to the Soviet Union in 1944. The tribe settled in Mongolia due to food shortages during the war, confiscation of domestic animals by the Soviet Union, among other reasons.

The **Tsaatan practice shamanism**, a religion based on the worship of nature. The tribe believes that the souls of their ancestors live in the forest, guiding the living. They revere shamans, whom they call "**Boo**", and they have many sacred books that they follow in daily life practices, such as hunting or warding off the rain.



In the second part of this great journey, departure **northeastward** to the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**, a **40-meter (~133.3 ft)** tall figure on horseback. The statue points symbolically east, toward his birthplace. It stands atop the **Genghis Khan Statue Complex**, a 10-meter-high (32 ft 10 in) visitor center with **36** columns representing the **36 khans from Genghis to Ligdan Khan**. Visitors can ascend through the horse's chest and neck up to the head, where a panoramic view awaits. Next, departure to **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park**, located northeast at **1600m** above sea level, with high granitic rocks from the Mesozoic, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations of curious shapes such as Turtle Rock and others.

Then, departure to **Karakorum (Central Mongolia)**, the **ancient capital of the Mongol Empire**, where "**Genghis**" Khan began construction of the capital in 1220 (later destroyed by Manchu soldiers). 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**. Built in 2004, the monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic owoo**) carefully assembled into a cone, with nine poles protruding from the top. This structure stands on a stone and concrete platform, surrounded by three walls representing three sections of a circle. The outer sides of these walls feature three colorful mosaics, each representing one of the empires:

1. The **Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes that lived on the steppes from the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD.
2. The **Turkic Khaganate**, established by the Göktürks in 682, which lasted only until 744.
3. Finally, and most 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 owoo in the monument's center, encourages people to leave offerings of vodka, milk, tea, rice, and other delicacies, which inevitably attract birds and even herds of goats and sheep passing by. Around the monument, animal skulls can also be found, completing the surreal scene. It is no coincidence that the **Imperial Map Monument** is located in **Kharkhorin**, since this city (then called Karakorum) was the **capital of the Mongol Empire** under the successor of "Genghis" Khan, **Ogedei Khan**. The monument is also a great viewpoint to contemplate **Kharkhorin** and **the Orkhon River**, imagining how this collection of dirt roads and low-rise buildings might have looked in its days of glory.

Afterwards, visits to the **Erdene Zuu Monastery** (Hundred Treasures), **the Turtle Monument**, and **the Karakorum Museum**, to see the **relics of the ancient Mongol Empire capital**. **The Buddhist Erdene Zuu Monastery**, with its **108** stupas and the first Buddhist lamasery (16th century), was the most important religious center. Today, it remains an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas, and temples occupying **400** square meters, surrounded by the steppe. Construction was continued by his son Ogedei Khan after his death. Forty years later, **Kublai Khan** (grandson of **Genghis Khan** and host of **Marco Polo**) moved the capital of the Empire to **Beijing (Yuan Dynasty)**.

We then continue the route toward the **Elsen Tasarkhai dunes** (also known as the **Bayangobi Desert**). These desert sand dunes stretch for 80 km in a beautiful valley. Opportunities for hiking, dune walking, and photography abound. **An included excursion takes us across the dunes on the backs of Bactrian camels**. Finally, return to Ulaanbaatar for last-minute shopping.

Much of the Mongolian population is still nomadic, moving from one place to another 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. **We emphasize that, to truly enjoy this, one must accept in advance the conditions outlined above, let go of preconceived notions of how things "should be" according to our mentality, and remain open to what this country has to offer.**



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BRIEF ITINERARY

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

Ulaanbaatar – Included Flight Ulaanbaatar/Murun – Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park – Included Flight Murun/Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show – Karakorum (Central Mongolia) – Orkhon Valley – Turkic Memorials – Karakorum – Bayangobi Desert – Ulaanbaatar

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (**UBN**)/Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the reception of the New "Genghis" Khan Airport. Transfer to hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, **+2-3** hours' drive depending on traffic). For clients arriving with **OM138 (Mongolian Airlines)** from **FRAN (Frankfurt, Germany)** at **05:10AM** or with **TK236 (Turkish Airlines)** from **IST (Istanbul, Turkey)** at **07:10AM**, **early check-in must be booked and paid in advance**. Hotel rooms may only be used starting from **02:00PM**. **Today no activities and no meals included. Rest at hotel to adjust to local time.** Selected Hotel.

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Day 2: 09:00AM–Meet with **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception/Grand Tour in Ulaanbaatar/Welcome Lunch/**06:00PM**–National Mongolian Concert. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 3: Included Flight Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Days 4–5: Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park/Meeting with the Tsaatan–the Reindeer Herders. Some members of this small community are traditionally very powerful shamanic healers. **(Note: transportation within Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park is not included)**. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6: Included Flight Murun/Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 7: Ulaanbaatar/ Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue / Gorkhi-Terelj National Park/ Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 8: Ulaanbaatar/Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show/Karakorum (Central Mongolia). Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 9: Karakorum: Monument to the Mongol States/Erdene Zuu Monastery/Karakorum Museum/Orkhon Valley/Turkic Memorials/Karakorum. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 10: Karakorum/Bayangobi Desert/Bactrian Camel Riding Excursion/Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 11: Ulaanbaatar Tour. Last shopping. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 12: Hotel rooms must be vacated by **12:00 noon** on the day of departure. Meeting 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). Departure from Mongolia. **(B)**



ITINERARY IN DETAILS

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

Day 1-Arrival at Ulaanbaatar's "Genghis" Khan New Airport, capital of Mongolia. Reception by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Currency exchange at airport banks. Transfer to the hotel (52 km / 32.3 miles, approximately +**2-3** hours, depending on traffic). Hotel rooms will be available starting from **2:00 PM** on the day of arrival. **Early check-in must be paid in advance if tourists wish to access their rooms early; otherwise, luggage can be left at the hotel reception until 2:00 PM. Today there are no planned activities and no meals included.** Rest at the hotel to adjust to the local time zone. Accommodation at the selected hotel.

Day 2-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at reception of the hotel. Panoramic city tour of Ulaanbaatar. Visit to the highest and most important Buddhist Monastery in Mongolia, **Gandan Monastery**, which houses a **25-meter-high Buddha**. **Gandan Monastery** was founded in 1809 under the name **Yellow Temple**. The monastery preserves a library with Buddhist scriptures of Gandjuur (08 volumes), its commentaries (225 volumes), and other writings using the nine precious stones. It was declared a **State Heritage site** in 1994. Visits continue to the **Museum of Mongolian History**, with a rich collection of historical and cultural treasures from the Stone Age to

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the present, **Sukhbaatar Central Square**, and the **“Genghis” Khan Monumental Complex**, built in 2006 on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Mongol State or Mongol Empire by **“Genghis” Khan** (1206–2006). The complex is located in front of the Mongolian Parliament and Government House. **Welcome Lunch included at a traditional local restaurant. 06:00PM – Enjoy a folk performance of Mongolian singing and dance.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B)(L)**

Day 3-Breakfast. **The rooms must be vacated before 12 noon on the day of departure.** Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the hotel reception. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar “Chinggis” Khaan New Airport (52 km/32.31 miles, **4-5** hrs driving). **Take a flight to Murun local airport. Meet the local transport** and drive in private to **Khuvsgul Lake National Park** (about 110 km/68.35 miles and 3 hours driving)-known as **blue pearl of Mongolia**, located close to the Siberian border. **Khuvsgul** is the second largest freshwater lake in Central Asia. **Khuvsgul** water is crystal fresh and clear that you can drink the water and see points at as deep as 24.5m. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Days 4/5-Breakfast. **Vacation on the Great Lake Khuvsgul.** Enjoy the view of the beautiful **Great Lake Khuvsgul**, a crystal-clear water lake that stretches over 100 miles. Explore the area on foot or on horseback (**optional payment on site!**). Here, you will have the opportunity to do several optional activities. Trek and ride to the lake side,

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mountain for exploring, taking pictures, enjoy wildlife, flora and fauna. **See a Reindeer people (Tsaatan)**. Ride on a reindeer (**optional payment on site!**). Here also, you will have the opportunity to take a boat tour, sauna, etc (**optional payment on site!**). Overnights in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Breakfast. Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours**. Drive to **Murun local airport** (about 110 km/68.35 miles and 3 hours driving). **Take a flight back** to Ulaanbaatar ``Chinggis Khaan`` New Airport. Meet by **Samar Magic Tours team** and taken to the centrally located hotel in Ulaanbaatar (52 km/32.31 miles, **+2-3 hrs** driving. *By hotels policy the check-in time is after **02:00PM**). Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included**. **(B)(L)**

Day 7-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at reception of the hotel. Departure northeast toward the **Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue** (55 km / 34.2 miles, about **+2** hours depending on traffic). Part of the **Genghis Khan Sculpture Complex**, this impressive **40**-meter-tall statue of Genghis Khan on horseback stands on the bank of the Tuul River. The statue symbolically faces east, toward his birthplace. At the base of the complex lies a **10**-meter-high visitor center supported by **36 columns**, representing the **36 khans** from **Genghis Khan to Ligdan Khan**. Designed by sculptor D. Erdenebileg and architect J. Enkhjargal, the monument was inaugurated in **2008**. Visitors can ascend to the **horse's head** via an internal staircase through its chest and neck, enjoying a **panoramic view** from above. We will also visit the **museum integrated into the complex**, which displays exhibits related to **the Bronze Age and the Xiongnu archaeological cultures of Mongolia**, featuring everyday utensils, belt buckles, knives,



sacred animal figures, etc. A second exhibition focuses on the **Great Khan period (13th–14th centuries)**, showcasing ancient tools, metalwork, and Nestorian crosses and rosaries. At this location, visitors can **rent horses or camels with local guides and take photos with Golden Eagles and Kazakh handlers (extra cost paid directly to locals on-site). Traditional Mongolian lunch included in route.** Then, continue toward the **Gorkhi–Terelj National Park** (50 km / 31.1 miles, about 1 hour). Situated in the northeast at an altitude of **1,600** meters above sea level, the park features **Mesozoic granite rock formations**, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations with unique shapes such as the **Turtle Rock**, among others. Located at the foot of the Khentii Mountains, the region is believed to be the birthplace of Genghis Khan. Declared a **National Park** in 1993, Gorkhi–Terelj covers an area of **300,000** hectares. We'll stop for photos, souvenir shopping, and a leisurely walk to **Turtle Rock**, the park's iconic symbol. Continue with a gentle hike to the **Arryabal Meditation Temple**, a Buddhist meditation center located on a mountain slope, notable for its **108** steps leading to the temple, a **gallery of Buddhist paintings**, and a **thangka depicting the myth of Shambhala**. **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (70 km / 44 miles, about **2** hours depending on traffic). Accommodation at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included (at your own expense).**

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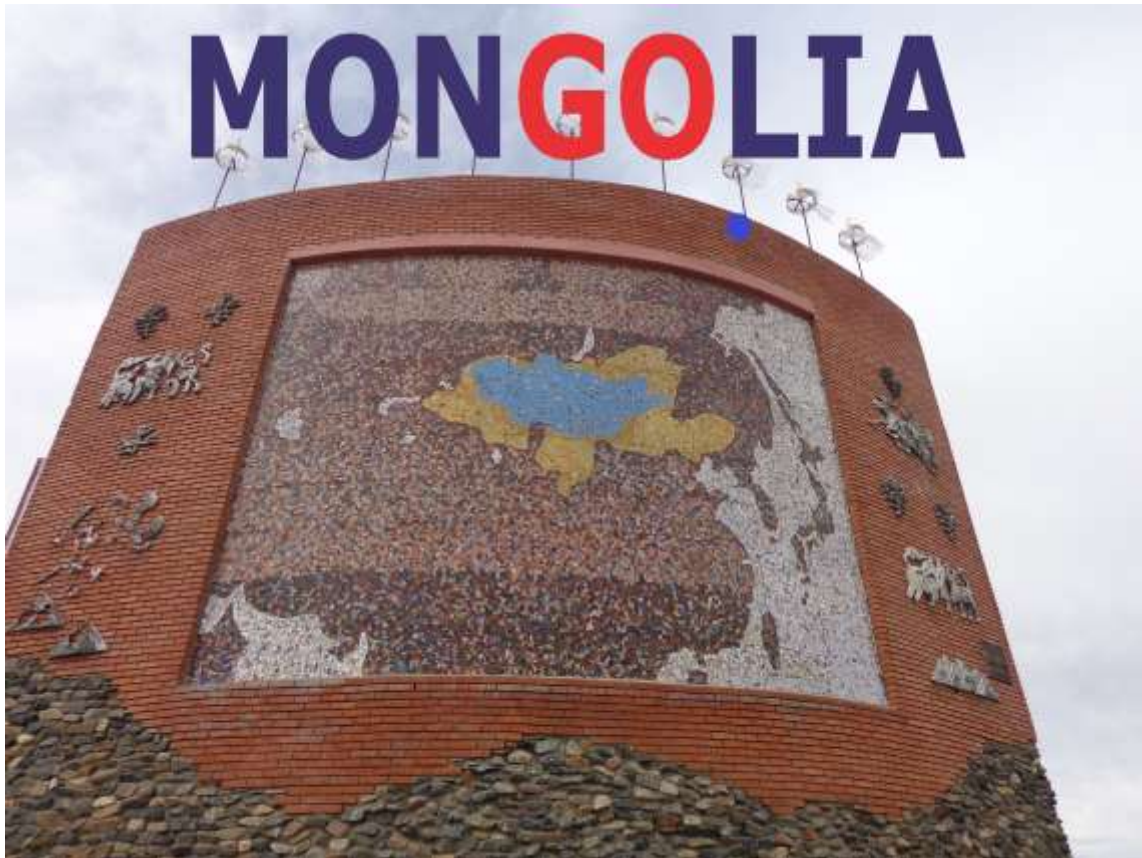
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MONGOLIA



Day 8-Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Then, **depart west** for an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure), from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using oxcarts, yaks, camels, and horses. We can also observe what a Ger looks like. The Mongolian Ger, **one of the symbols of Mongolia**, is traditionally made. All furniture, pots, and clothing are antiques, reflecting the characteristics and manners of the central Khalks. **Mongolian lunch is included on-site**. Then, depart westward to **the legendary Karakorum** (approx. 360 km/224 miles, +6-7 hours travel time), located in **Central Mongolia**. Arrival and transfer. **Rest at your leisure after a long day of travel**. Overnight at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.

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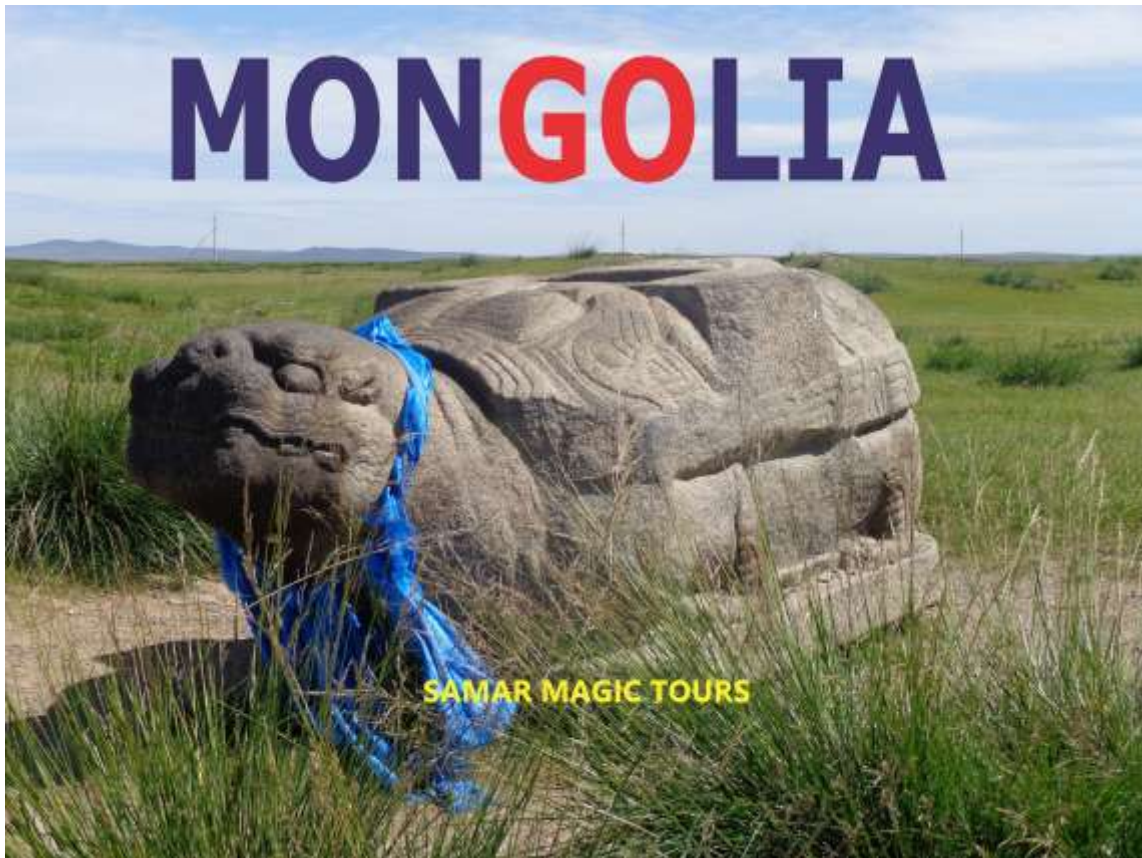


Day 9-Breakfast. **10:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, we will **visit the Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the banks of the Orkhon River. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic ovo**) 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.

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.

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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. **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.
Overnight stay at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.



Day 10-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 included in LUN.** Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

Day 11-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 12-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.**



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- **2 domestic flight tickets Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Ulaanbaatar**, including domestic tax. **Domestic flights subject to final schedule.** In such cases, we will do our utmost to find the best available solution. Under no circumstances will we accept claims due to flight schedule changes or cancellations, and no refund will be provided.
- **6** nights' accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, in specified double room basis with breakfast, in Ulaanbaatar.
- **3** nights accommodation in Tourist Gers Camp, standard Ger for **2** people or more (*according to request) with outside bathrooms (1 building for gentlemen, and 1 building for ladies) in Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park.
- **2** nights accommodation in Tourist Gers Camp, standard Ger for **2** people or more (*according to request) with outside bathrooms (1 building for gentlemen, and 1 building for ladies) in Karakorum (Central Mongolia). **Note:** If you wish to stay in a **DELUXE** Ger with private bathroom in **Karakorum (Central Mongolia)**, it is necessary to add the supplement indicated in the net price table. In other locations, **DELUXE** Ger with private bathrooms are not available.
- Meals as specified (**11B, 10L, 5D**) with **1** bottle of mineral water per person daily.
- All private transfers in Ulaanbaatar and to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park in bus or tourist minivan (*depending on confirmed group size), with all fuel included. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on number of participants. No claims accepted for these reasons, and no refund applies.
- All private transfers in local vehicle (limit: **15** kg per person) from Murun Airport–Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park–Murun Airport, with all fuel included.
- English-speaking local guide or Spanish-speaking local guide with **2 flight tickets Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Ulaanbaatar.**
- Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show.
- All entrance fees indicated for Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park, Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, Karakorum, Turkic Memorials, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Gentle hiking in beautiful landscapes.
- Meeting with the Tsaatan, better known as the "Reindeer Nomads."
- Experience and knowledge of true nomadic life.
- Service charges include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax, and 5% service charge in Ulaanbaatar city hotels.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Flights not specified.
- Changes, delays, or cancellations of flights.
- **Domestic flights pending final schedule (see conditions above).**
- Visa.
- **Early check-in at hotels.**
- **Late check-out at hotels.**
- Excess baggage on domestic flights (*limit: **15** kg per person, surcharge for overweight: +\$1.5 per kg).
- Excess baggage in our vehicles (*limit: **15** kg per person—excess **must be left free of charge** at the hotel before departure into the Mongolian countryside).
- Published net prices correspond to accommodation in double rooms. On this trip, single room can only be confirmed in Ulaanbaatar hotels. In Tourist Gers Camps across Mongolia's countryside, it is impossible to guarantee **individual Ger accommodation.**
- Single supplement in hotels.
- Loss of luggage, belongings, passport.
- Meals not specified.
- Cold drinks outside of Ulaanbaatar.
- Visits and excursions not specified (such as sauna and massages, etc.).
- Photos and videos inside monasteries and museums.
- Personales extras: laundry, phone, etc.
- Travel insurance.
- **Mongolia is not recommended** for travellers with respiratory or heart problems, those using wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years old (*it is necessary to inform in advance and pay a supplement).
- Beverages.
- Weather conditions.
- Road, track, and highway conditions.
- Changes in the indicated program.
- Any other concept not mentioned as included.

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HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES

- Listen to the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.
- Attend an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show, demonstrating the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock while moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. Experience and learn about the Mongolian nomadic way of life.
- Delight in the Paradise of Mongolia or the Mother Lake for its great beauty. This is a stunning and immense blue lake, surrounded by dense Siberian forests and abundant wildlife. The water is so pure that it is perfectly drinkable; mountains everywhere (about 2,000), fresh pine forests, and graceful yaks and horses galloping elegantly.
- Two full free days for walking excursions around the lake or relaxation (**Note: transportation within Great Khuvsgul Lake National Park not included**). The Great Khuvsgul Lake has water so pure it is still drinkable. Meet with the Tsaatan, one of the most fascinating ethnic groups living near the lake, better known as the "Reindeer Nomads."
- Visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue.
- Explore the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, located in the northeast at 1,600m above sea level, with high granite rocks from the Mesozoic, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and great rock formations of curious shapes from the Mesozoic, such as the Turtle Rock, etc.
- Visit the legendary 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 Monastery Erdene Zuu, with its 108 stupas and the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century), was the most important religious seat.
- Enjoy the Orkhon River Valley (declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004).
- Experience a camel ride across the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel.



TO KEEP IN MIND:

1. **MINIMUM GROUP: 5/6-16** adults or more participants, required to guarantee departure.
2. We need to know the exact arrival and departure dates for Mongolia, the flight times, and flight numbers (well in advance).
3. We need to know the selected hotel in Ulaanbaatar, the number of single rooms, and the number of twin rooms **(well in advance)**.
4. **Individual Gers in tourist camps cannot be confirmed under any circumstances.** Clients must stay in Gers of **2-3-4** beds (*as requested) of the same gender.
5. Only single rooms in Ulaanbaatar can be confirmed, upon payment of the indicated single supplement.
6. Domestic flight luggage allowance: **15** kg per person (**5** kg carry-on + **10** kg checked). **NOTE: Domestic flights are subject to final schedules.** The domestic airfare is subject to change, depending on availability at the time of booking. The domestic airfare is only guaranteed once the ticket has been issued and fully paid. Domestic air tickets are non-refundable and can only be cancelled on the same day of issue.

The program may undergo unexpected changes depending on the confirmation of domestic flights. In such cases, we will do everything possible to find the best available solution. No claims will be accepted for changes in flight schedules or cancellations, and no refund will apply.

TO RESERVE AIRLINE TICKETS, WE REQUIRE A VALID PHOTOCOPY OF EACH PASSENGER'S PASSPORT WELL IN ADVANCE.

7. Only **1 free pax** on land is confirmed when there are **16** participants (**15** pax fully paid + **1** pax free on land), sharing a double room, **8 TWIN** rooms. **Not included: single room or domestic flight tickets.**
8. **Luggage allowance: 15** kg per person. Excess luggage **must be left free of charge** at the hotel in Ulaanbaatar before departure to the countryside. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change vehicles depending on group size. No claims will be accepted in this regard, and no refund will apply.
9. Hotel check-in in Ulaanbaatar is at **02:00PM**. Early check-in is not included. Hotel check-out is at **12:00M**. Late check-out is not included.
10. **Mongolia** is a country where tourist infrastructure is almost nonexistent and is still developing. Distances are enormous, involving many hours of travel and high fuel costs. The journey is mostly over dirt and sand tracks. Depending on road conditions, long hours may be spent driving. Much of Mongolia's population remains nomadic, moving

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from place to place on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds. The occasional encounter with one of these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience. To fully enjoy this trip, participants must accept these conditions in advance, let go of preconceived notions of how things "should" be, and remain open to what this country can offer.

11. **Vegetarians must pay a supplement, as vegetables are very expensive in Mongolia** and the Mongolian diet is based on meat, not vegetables. This must be requested in advance, and the supplement paid depending on the number of days spent in Mongolia.

12. **Mongolia is not recommended** for travellers with respiratory or heart problems, those using wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years old (*it is necessary to inform in advance and pay a supplement).

13. From **July 1st to July 20th – Peak Season in Mongolia** during the Naadam Festival, when all services and accommodations are overcrowded.

14. **In Ulaanbaatar and Gorkhi-Terelj National Park:** only breakfasts and lunches are included. **Dinners are at your own expense, not included.**




15. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to arrange lunches along the route at locations where possible. No claims will be accepted in this regard, and no refund will apply.

16. **When visiting nomadic families:** you must enter the Ger from the left side with your right foot. Once you cross the threshold, your hosts will invite you in and indicate where to sit. The correct custom is to bring a small gift for the children of the nomads—**never money, as it is offensive.** Suitable gifts may include sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps... small tokens of this kind.

17. All photos are the property of **Samar Magic Tours**. They may be used for publicity when working with **Samar Magic Tours**. **Our photos are strictly prohibited for use in advertising with other Mongolian tour operators.**



PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR

HOTELS	ROOM	LOCATION
<p>BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5*</p> 	<p>DELUXE TWIN ROOM</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Check-in: from 14:00 Check-out: by 12:00 noon</p>
<p>HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 5*</p> 	<p>STANDART TWIN ROOM</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Check-in: from 14:00 Check-out: by 12:00 noon</p>



MILLENNIUM PLAZA HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Millennium Plaza Hotel 4★

Situated less than 1.5 km from Sukhbaatar Square in central Ulaanbaatar, and 52 km (32.3 miles) from the new "Chinggis Khaan" Airport. The hotel has 72 well-equipped rooms, a Korean restaurant, and a lobby café. Five event venues: elegant ballroom, large conference hall, and other entertainment spaces. In addition, luxurious karaoke rooms.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon

RAMADA HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Ramada Hotel 4★

Located in a shopping complex with 17 floors of modern architecture, offering 121 rooms and suites. The Hotel Ramada is situated in the heart of Ulaanbaatar, 52 km (32.3 miles) from the new "Chinggis Khaan" Airport and a 15-20-minute walk from Gandan Monastery.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon



PREMIUM PALACE HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Premium Palace Hotel 4 ★

The is located 20 minutes on foot from the Gandan Monastery, the most important in Mongolia, and 2.3 km from Sukhbaatar Central Square.

The Premium offers 192 rooms, 2 elevators, 2 restaurants: Yu Long Chinese and buffet breakfast, number of floors: 20, Wi-Fi, gym, CU café on the 1st floor, and a small parking area.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon

NOVOTEL HOTEL 5*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Novotel Hotel 5★

A modern hotel located in the heart of downtown, within walking distance of the Government Palace, Chinggis Khan Square, and major offices and embassies. It is approximately 2+ hours from the new "Genghis Khan" International Airport and 1 hour from Ulaanbaatar's train station. The hotel features 192 rooms, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, a gym, an indoor swimming pool, and a 362 m² ballroom adaptable for events.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon



ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF MONGOLIA

Samar Magic Tours always stays in the best existing Tourist Ger Camps, **provided that payment is made within the indicated period in order to guarantee the reservations.** These are the typical dwellings of the nomads—spacious and adapted for tourists—with bathrooms located outside (one building for gentlemen and one building for ladies). All Tourist Gers Camps are equipped with restaurants.

NOTES:

- If you wish to stay in a **DELUXE** Ger with private bathroom in the **Gobi Desert** and in **Karakorum (Central Mongolia)**, it is necessary to add the supplement indicated in the net price table. In other locations, **DELUXE** Ger with private bathrooms are not available.
- In some Tourist Gers Camps, electricity is occasionally cut off after **10:00 or 12:00** at night. It is advisable to keep this in mind when planning to recharge batteries, etc.
- The published net prices correspond to **double-room accommodation in hotels in Ulaanbaatar**. On this trip, **single-room accommodation can only be confirmed in hotels in Ulaanbaatar**. In the Tourist Gers Camps throughout the interior of Mongolia, **it is not possible to guarantee single accommodation.**



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Flashlight.
- Spare batteries/bulb.
- Personal medications.
- Waterproof hiking boots.
- Waterproof jacket with hood.
- Waterproof over-trousers.
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater.
- Cotton t-shirts.
- Long-sleeved 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.



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 cancelled on the same day of issuance.

HOTELS: Rooms may be used from **2:00 PM** 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

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: _____



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, 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

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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.