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### **MONGOLIA SPECIAL NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS**

**DURATION:** 12 days/11 nights

**CODE:** **SMT-GNF-12D**

**SPECIAL NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP DEPARTURE:** **JULY 2 – JULY 13**

**MINIMUM GROUP SIZE:** **3/16** adults or more participants.

**STARTS/ENDS IN:** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED).

**NAADAM FESTIVAL SPECIAL GROUP DEPARTURE DATES:**

**PLEASE INQUIRE FOR GROUP RATES AND PRICING IN OTHER HOTELS: CONTACT**

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**TOUR DESCRIPTION:** We will attend the Opening Ceremony of the **National Festival** in Ulaanbaatar. **This is the most important cultural, nomadic, social, and sporting event in Mongolia.** It formally commemorates the **1921** Revolution, when Mongolia declared independence from China. This is Mongolia's **high season**, when all hotels and services are crowded, and large gatherings take place. However, the content and vibrant atmosphere attract hundreds of thousands of tourists from all over the world to witness this important event.

The **three traditional games—wrestling, horse racing, and archery—**were recorded in a 13th-century book, *The Secret History of the Mongols*. In 2010, Naadam was inscribed on **UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage** of Humanity. Another popular **Naadam** activity is playing **games with shagai** (sheep ankle bones), which are used as game pieces and as symbols of divination and friendship.

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### **Mongolian National Wrestling:**

This spectacular event takes place at the Central Stadium. A total of **512** wrestlers competes, but only **one** will emerge as the winner. The first to touch the ground, except with their hands or feet, loses the match.

Before each round, wrestlers honour the judges and audience with the **Eagle Dance**, a traditional ritual performed again by the victor after each bout.

Titles are awarded according to the number of rounds won:

**Nachin (Falcon):** awarded to a wrestler who wins **5** rounds.

**Zaan (Elephant):** awarded to a wrestler who wins **7** rounds.

**Arslan (Lion):** awarded to the national champion, the wrestler who wins all **9** rounds.

**Avarga (Champion):** a title of great prestige, granted to a wrestler who has twice earned the title of **Lion**.



## **MONGOLIA SPECIAL NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS (JULY 2 – JULY 13)**

### **BRIEF ITINERARY:**

**D** – Breakfast, **A** – Lunch, **C** – Dinner

**Ulaanbaatar – Karakorum (Mongolia Central) – Orkhon Valley – Turkish Memorials – Ugii Lake – Karakorum – Bayangobi Desert – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show – Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Ulaanbaatar – “Deel Mongol” Parade – Naadam Festival Horse Races – Ulaanbaatar – Opening Ceremony of the Great Naadam Festival – Closing Ceremony of the Great Naadam Festival – Ulaanbaatar**

**JULY 2, Day 1:** Arrival at the New “Genghis” Khan Airport in Ulaanbaatar. Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team and transfer to the hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, +2 hours driving, depending on traffic). Rooms will be available starting from **2:00PM** on the day of arrival. **An early check-in fee is required if tourists wish to check in early or the luggage to be left at the hotel reception until 2:00PM. Transfer to the**



**hotel. Today there are no activities and no meals included. Rest at the hotel to adapt to local time.** Overnight at the selected hotel.

**JULY 3, Day 2:** Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Purchase of mineral water and other products at the main store (State Department Store).** Afterwards, **departure westward** to the legendary **Karakorum** (approx. 395 km/245.44 miles, +7 hours driving), **located in Central Mongolia. 1:00PM-Lunch included en route at LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Free time to rest after a long travel day.** Overnight in a tourist Ger Camp in Karakorum. **(B+L+D)**

**JULY 4, Day 3:** Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Then, visit to the **Monument to the Mongol States** located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the bank of the Orkhon River. Next, visits **Erdene Zuu Monastery ("Hundred Treasures")**, **the Turtle Monument**, and **the Karakorum Museum**, to view the relics of the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire. The Buddhist Monastery of Erdene Zuu with its **108 stupas**, and **the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century)**, was the most important religious center. Of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived until today, remaining as Mongolia's most significant cultural vestige. **1:00PM-Mongolian lunch included in front of Erdene Zuu Monastery.** Next, departure via paved road (46.4 km/29 miles, financed by the **Turkish Government**) to the **Khushuu Tsaidam Memorials Museum** in the **Orkhon River Valley**, erected in honor of the early 8th-century Turkic princes **Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin**, with their Orkhon inscriptions, regarded as the most impressive monuments of the **Gokturk nomads**. Afterwards, departure via embankment (hard road) to **Lake Ugii** (33 km/21 miles, 1 hour driving) – a suitable site for migratory birds in late April, May, and throughout summer, with over 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, and cattle graze. **Visit to a small museum of local flora and fauna. Birdwatching opportunities available here. Return to Karakorum** (80 km/50 miles, 2.0 hours driving). Overnight in a tourist Ger Camp in Karakorum. **(B+L+D)**

**JULY 5, Day 4:** Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Then, departure towards the **Elsen Tasarkhai dunes** (known as the **Bayangobi Desert**, approx. 115 km/72 miles, +2 hours driving). These desert sand dunes stretch over 80 km/50 miles in a beautiful valley. Opportunity for hiking, walking on the dunes, and photographing landscapes. **Excursion included to ride on Bactrian camels through the dunes. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 280 km/174 miles, +5 hours, depending on traffic upon entry). **1:00PM-Lunch included in route at LUN.** Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

**JULY 6, Day 5:** Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Join the Main Naadam Festival Group.** Grand City Tour in Ulaanbaatar. **1:00PM-Welcome Lunch at a traditional local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**



**JULY 7, Day 6: 07:00AM** – Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Then departure **towards the West** to attend an **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours of travel, depending on traffic in Ulaanbaatar), **from 10:00AM until 01:00PM**. The **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show** demonstrates 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. **Mongolian Lunch included at the camp**. **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours of travel, depending on traffic in Ulaanbaatar). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**.

**JULY 8, Day 7: 09:00AM** – Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Ulaanbaatar**. **Lunch included at a local restaurant**. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**.

**JULY 9, Day 8: 09:00AM/10:00AM** – We will attend the **Traditional Costumes Parade (MONGOL DEEL)** at the Central Square “**Sukhbaatar**” (**Pre-Naadam Festival activity**). The “**Mongol Deel**” Parade, also known as “**Deeltei Mongol**”, is an annual event in Ulaanbaatar that celebrates traditional Mongolian clothing. It takes place at **Sukhbaatar Square** and is an important part of the **Naadam Festival**. The “**Mongol Deel**” aims to promote Mongolian cultural heritage, encourage the use of the deel among younger generations, and attract tourists. **Lunch included at a local restaurant**. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**.

**JULY 10, Day 9: 07:00AM** – Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure towards **Western Mongolia** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00-04:00 hours of travel, depending on traffic leaving Ulaanbaatar). **Ulaanbaatar – Naadam Festival Horse Races – Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00-4.00 hours of travel, depending on traffic upon entering Ulaanbaatar). **Picnic lunch included at the site**. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**.

**JULY 11, Day 10: 08:00AM** – Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Departure to the Central Stadium. 11:00AM – Opening of the Grand Naadam Festival. Competitions begin. 13:00 – Lunch included at a local restaurant**. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**.

**JULY 12, Day 11: 09:00AM** – Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. City Tour. 13:00 – **Lunch included at a local restaurant**. **Departure to the Central Stadium. Continuation of the Naadam Festival Competitions**. Closing of the **Grand Naadam Festival. Last Shopping**. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**.

**JULY 13, Day 12:** Rooms must be vacated before **12:00 noon** on the departure day. Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the hotel reception. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar's new airport “**Genghis Khan**” (52 km/32.3 miles, **4-5** hours' drive, depending on traffic). Departure from Mongolia. **END OF THE GRAND TOUR! (B)**.



## GRAND TOUR IN DETAIL:

### **JULY 2, DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ULANBAATAR/FREE DAY TO GET ACCOMMODATED TO YOUR SCHEDULE**

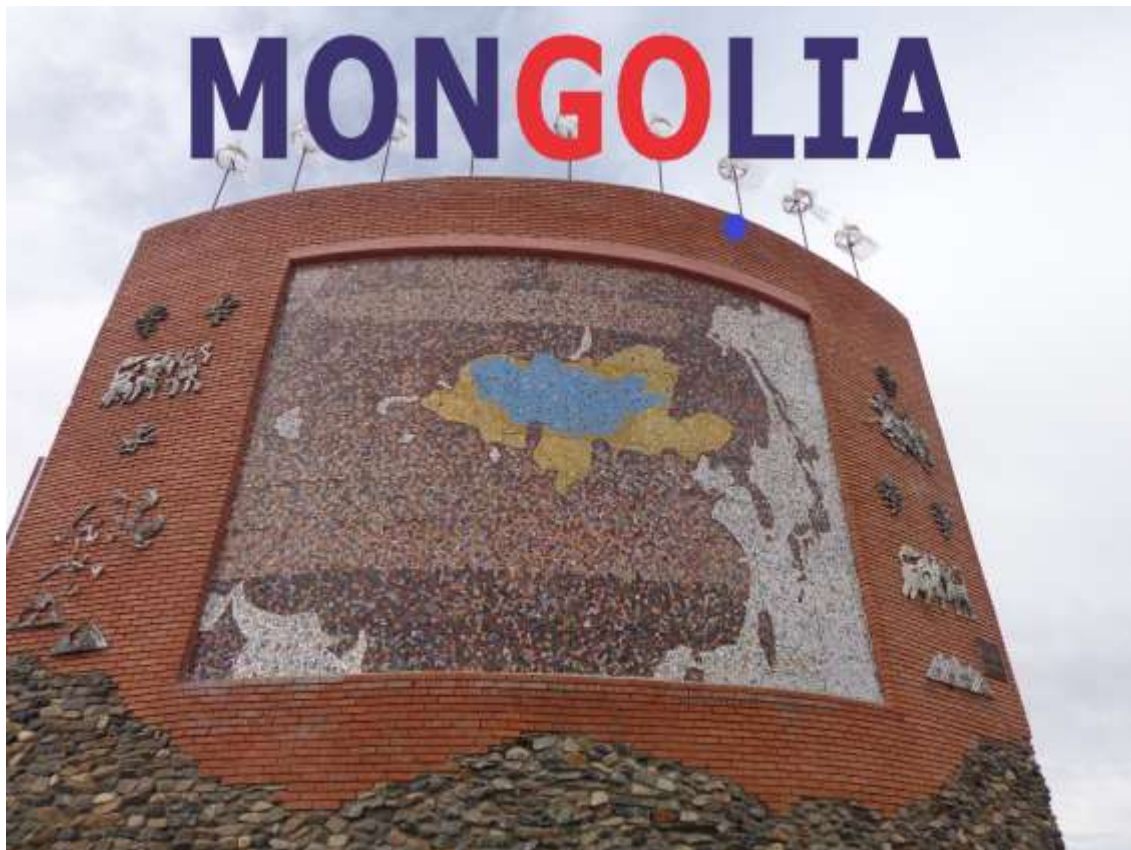
Upon your arrival at the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, greet by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Exchange money at the airport banks.** Transfer to the hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, **+2** hours travel time, depending on traffic). **\*Rooms can be used from 2:00 PM on the day of arrival. An 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. There are no activities and no meals today. Rest at the hotel to adjust to local time.** Overnight at the selected hotel.



**JULY 3, DAY 2: ULANBAATAR/KARAKORUM (CENTRAL MONGOLIA)**

**Full Board**

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Purchase mineral water and other supplies at the **State Department Store**. Then, depart westward to **the legendary Karakorum** (approx. 395 km/245.44 miles, 6-7 hours travel time), located in Central Mongolia. **1:00 PM - Lunch included in the tour in LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Rest at your leisure after a long day of travel.** Overnight at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.



**JULY 4, DAY 3: MONUMENT TO THE MONGOLIAN STATES/ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY/KARAKORUM MUSEUM/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 oboo**) 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.

**The iconic place of the Mongol Empire in culture**, combined with the shamanic symbolism of the ovoos 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.



**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**. 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.



## **JULY 5, DAY 4: 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 included in LUN.** Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



## **JULY 6, DAY 5: JOIN THE MAIN NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP/GRAND TOUR OF ULANBAATAR/WELCOME LUNCH**

### **Breakfast and Welcome Lunch**

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Join the NAADAM FESTIVAL Main Group. 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. Next, we will visit the Dinosaurs Museum. Nicolas Cage** agreed to return a rare dinosaur skull to the Mongolian government. The Oscar-winning actor purchased the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull in 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.** Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



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## **JULY 7, DAY 6:**

### **ULAANBAATAR/AUTHENTIC MONGOLIAN NOMAD SHOW/ULAANBAATAR**

#### **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Then, **depart west** for an **Authentic Mongolian Nomad 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 Nomad Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using ox carts, 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. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at your selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



## **JULY 8, DAY 7:**

### **ULAANBAATAR/GREAT EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF GENGHIS KHAN/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**

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**the locals**). **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (55 km/34.2 miles, +2.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance). **1:00 PM - Lunch included at a local restaurant in Ulaanbaatar. 6:00 PM - Enjoy a Mongolian folk singing and dancing performance.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at your selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



## **JULY 9, DAY 8: MONGOLIAN DEEL PARADE IN ULAANBAATAR**

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception.

**9:00 AM/10:00 AM** - Attend **the Traditional Costume Parade (MONGOL DEEL)** in **Sukhbaatar Central Square** (\***pre-Naadam Festival activity**). The **Mongolian Deel Parade**, known as "**Deeltei Mongol**," is an annual event in Ulaanbaatar that celebrates traditional Mongolian attire. It takes place in **Sukhbaatar Square** and is an important part of the Naadam Festival. The "**Mongol Deel**" seeks to promote Mongolian cultural heritage, encourage the use of deel among younger generations, and attract tourists. **Lunch included at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



**JULY 10, DAY 9:**

**ULAANBAATAR/NAADAM FESTIVAL HORSE RACING/ULAANBAATAR**

**Breakfast and Picnic Lunch**

Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Departure west** (35 km/22 miles, +2.0-4.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure) to watch the **NAADAM FESTIVAL horse races**. These races take place on the steppes **over 15 to 30 km distance** and involve **1,800-2,000 horses**. This is a tough test of strength and skill for horses of different ages and for riders from 3 to 10 years old. **Riders are girls and boys. Picnic lunch included. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2.0-4.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic on departure). Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



## **JULY 11, DAY 10:**

### **NAADAM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY/COMPETITIONS BEGIN**

#### **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the **Central Stadium**. **11:00 AM** - Upon the arrival of the national flag at the stadium, we will attend **the opening ceremony of the Mongolian National Day—the Naadam Festival**, celebrating the Mongolian Revolution and independence from China. **Competition Attendance: 512 wrestlers** take part in the Naadam. **Archery:** The target consists of **360** leather hoops fixed to the wall, measuring 40–50 cm high and 4 cm long. Men and women shoot 40 and 20 arrows. The **"Taba" (Taboo Throw)**: This involves throwing a bone with your fingers and attempting to hit two "Tabas" (bones) placed on a board about **10** meters apart. **Lunch included at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner at your own expense.** In the evenings, numerous cultural and entertainment programs are offered. A fireworks display takes place to celebrate the national holiday.



## **JULY 12, DAY 11: NAADAM FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY**

### **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 included at a local restaurant.** **Transfer to the Central Stadium.** Attendance at the **final competitions and the Naadam Festival Closing Ceremony.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner at your own expense.** Numerous cultural and entertainment programs are offered in the evenings.

## **JULY 13, DAY 12: 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.**



## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- **9** nights' accommodation in the selected hotel, in specified double room with breakfast, in Ulaanbaatar.
- **2** nights' accommodation in **Standard** Tourist Ger Camps, based on a minimum of **2** adults (\*or more upon request), with shared bathroom facilities (1 building for gentlemen, 1 building for ladies) in Karakorum. (**Note:** if do you like to overnight in a **luxury** Ger with inside toilet and shower, need to pay a supplement, informed on the table).
- Welcome lunch at a traditional local restaurant.
- Meals as specified (**11B,10L,2D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person per day.
- All private transfers by bus or tourist minibus (**\*depending on confirmed group size**) with all fuel included.
- English/Spanish speaking local guide.
- All entrance tickets to the **Naadam Festival** in Ulaanbaatar, **on July 11 and July 12.**
- Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show, with experience and knowledge of true nomadic life, **on July 7.**
- The Traditional Costume Parade known as "Deeltei Mongol" **on July 9.**
- The Naadam Festival Horse Races on **July 10.**
- All entrance tickets to the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Karakorum, Turkic Memorials, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a folk show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Service rates include 10% VAT, 2% municipal tax in Ulaanbaatar, and 5% service charge in hotels in Ulaanbaatar.



## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- International flights.
- Occasional flight delays or cancellations.
- **Early check-in to hotel rooms.**
- **Late check-out from hotel rooms.**
- Visa.
- Any rescue costs or early departure costs.
- Change of departure date from Ulaanbaatar.
- **Vegetarians must pay a supplement**, since vegetables are very expensive in Mongolia and the Mongolian diet is meat-based. This must be requested in advance and the supplement depends on the number of days in Mongolia.
- Travelers are responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport and the required passport photos.
- Travel insurance.
- **Mongolia** is not recommended for people with respiratory problems, heart problems, wheelchair users, disabled people, or children under **3** years of age.
- Personal expenses such as tips for hotel porters, phone/telex/fax charges, laundry, drinks, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.
- Any circumstances beyond our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, road conditions, etc.
- Any other item not mentioned in the "included services" section.







## HIGHLIGHT EXPERIENCES:

- Attend the **Naadam Festival**, the most important nomadic, cultural, social, and sporting event in Mongolia.
- Witness the **Naadam Festival competitions**: horse racing, national wrestling, archery, and ankle-bone shooting.
- Experience an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show, demonstrating the traditional lifestyle of nomads in Mongolia, the breeding and use of five types of livestock moving from one place to another using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.
- Visit the Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan.
- Attend the "Deel Mongol" Parade, known as "Deeltei Mongol," an annual event in Ulaanbaatar celebrating traditional Mongolian dress. It takes place in Sukhbaatar Square and is an important part of the **Naadam Festival**.
- 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 kings from the reign of Hunnu King Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba.
- Enjoy the fascinating sounds of Khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.



**PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR**

HOTELS	ROOM	LOCATION
<p><b>BLUE SKY &amp; TOWER HOTEL 5*</b></p> 	<p><b>DELUXE TWIN ROOM</b></p> 	<p><b>Blue Sky &amp; Tower Hotel 5★</b> 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><b>Check-in: from 14:00</b> <b>Check-out: by 12:00 noon</b></p>
<p><b>HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 5*</b></p> 	<p><b>STANDART TWIN ROOM</b></p> 	<p><b>Holiday Inn Hotel 5★</b> 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><b>Check-in: from 14:00</b> <b>Check-out: by 12:00 noon</b></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 m<sup>2</sup> ballroom adaptable for events.

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



## SPECIAL PAYMENT & CONDITIONS FOR **NAADAM FESTIVAL MONGOLIA TOURS**

All tour prices are calculated on the basis of double occupancy rooms and expressed in in EUROS or in USD, based on current rates and currency exchange at the time of printing.

At the time of booking, the reservation form must be completed, and a **reservation guarantee** must be paid immediately via bank transfer, **before December 1st.**

The **2nd payment (50%)** must be paid via bank transfer **before March 1st.**

The **final payment** must be completed via bank transfer **before April 1st.**

### MONGOLIAN HOLIDAYS:

Banks in Mongolia do not operate **on Saturdays, Sundays, and on Mongolian public holidays**, such as **March 8th, June 1st, and the Naadam Festival (July 1st–15th).**

Bank transfers take approximately **5 business days** to be received.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you do not make payments by the specified deadlines, we cannot guarantee the indicated services. In this case, you will need to consult new rates and availability in other hotels.

The price of your tour is guaranteed once **Samar Magic Tours** has received full payment.

### PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM:

- FULL NAME (as written in passport):
- NATIONALITY:
- VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:
- GENDER:
- ARRIVAL DATE IN ULAANBAATAR, FLIGHT NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME:
- DEPARTURE DATE FROM MONGOLIA, FLIGHT NUMBER AND DEPARTURE TIME:
- SELECTED HOTEL IN MONGOLIA:
- TOUR CODE:

**HOTELS:** Rooms are available from **2:00 PM on the day of arrival** and must be vacated by **12:00 PM** on the day of departure.

### CANCELLATION:

**180-91 days:** The **reservation guarantee is non-refundable.**

**90-19 days:** 50%

**18-00 business days:** 100% - **NO REFUND.**

**For cancellations of airline and train tickets: this is a separate concept.** Fares for airline tickets or international and domestic trains are subject to change, depending on availability at the time of booking. Fares for airline tickets or international and domestic



trains are only frozen upon issuance and full payment of the tickets. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be cancelled on the day of issue.

### FREE PAX TRAVELING IN MONGOLIA:

- If the minimum group is **16 adults (15 paying + 1 person free of charge on land services, based on DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 8 rooms)**, Samar Magic Tours will cover all land expenses and accommodations in double occupancy. **Not included: single room and domestic flight tickets.**
- If the minimum group is **32 adults (30 paying + 2 persons free of charge on land services, based on DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 16 rooms)**, Samar Magic Tours will cover all land expenses and accommodations in double occupancy. **Not included: single room and domestic flight tickets.**

**CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN MONGOLIA:** Not included in our services. These are external conditions. In such cases, we will do our best to find the best available solution. Under no circumstances will claims be accepted for the consequences of temperature changes, and no refunds will be issued.

**TRAVEL CONDITIONS:** Mongolia is a country where tourist infrastructure is almost non-existent and still under development. Distances are vast, requiring many hours of travel and significant fuel costs. The journey is mostly along dirt and sand tracks. Depending on their condition, long hours may be spent on the road.

Much of Mongolia's population remains nomadic, moving from place to place on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds. The occasional encounter with these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience. **To fully enjoy the 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 has to offer.**

**MONGOLIA** is not recommended for people with respiratory problems, heart problems, wheelchair users, disabled people, or children under **3** years of age.

### CHILDREN'S FEE IN MONGOLIA:

**Births 0-3:** free;

**Ages 4-11:** 50% off the regular adult price.

**Ages 12 and over:** 100% off the regular adult price.

**TRANSPORTATION: Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change vehicles depending on the number of participants. We will not accept claims for these reasons, and this will not entail a refund.

**FORCE MAJEURE CONDITIONS:** Although it is our absolute intention to fulfil the trip exactly as detailed in the program, on some occasions force majeure conditions may require modifications. **Samar Magic Tours** is not legally responsible for such force majeure circumstances beyond the organization's control that may require changes to the itinerary.



These reasons and circumstances include possible situations such as traveller insecurity, political instability or violence, rebellions or risk of rebellion, strikes, riots, violent actions, government or local authority decisions, technical or maintenance problems related to transportation, changes in flight schedules or routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, and any other circumstance beyond the control of **Samar Magic Tours**.

If, due to exceptional force majeure circumstances, the trip must be cancelled, there is no obligation of compensation.

I have read and understood the section on Obligations and Liability detailed earlier in the form, as well as the General Information and Special Booking Conditions as stated in the tour information literature, and I accept them on my behalf and on behalf of my group. I declare that I am not traveling against any medical advice.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITIZENSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTRONIC VISA APPLICATION

1. Albania	34. Cabo Verde	67. Rwanda
2. Angola	35. Cambodia	68. Samoa
3. Andorra	36. Kenya	69. San Marino
4. Antigua and Barbuda	37. Kiribati	70. Sao Tome and Principe
5. Armenia	38. Colombia	71. Seychelles
6. Nepal	39. Comoros	72. Saudi Arabia
7. Barbados	40. Congo	73. Senegal
8. Bahamas	41. Democratic Republic of the Congo	74. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
9. Belize	42. Costa Rica	75. Saint Kitts and Nevis
10. Benin	43. Côte D'Ivoire	76. Saint Lucia
11. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	44. Cuba	77. Solomon Islands
12. Bosnia and Herzegovina	45. Kuwait	78. Suriname
13. Botswana	46. Lesotho	79. Sierra Leone
14. Brunei Darussalam	47. Mauritius	80. Taiwan
15. Burundi	48. Mauritania	81. United Republic of Tanzania
16. Bhutan	49. Madagascar	82. Togo
17. Vanuatu	50. Malawi	83. Tonga
18. Vatican City State	51. Marshall Islands	84. Central African Republic
19. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	52. Mexico	85. Trinidad and Tobago
20. Vietnam	53. Micronesia (Federated States of)	86. Tuvalu
21. Gabon	54. Mozambique	87. Uganda
22. Guyana	55. Moldova	88. North Macedonia
23. Gambia (Republic of The)	56. Montenegro	89. Fiji
24. Ghana	57. Myanmar	90. Haiti
25. Guatemala	58. Namibia	91. Honduras
26. Guinea	59. Nauru	92. China
27. Guinea Bissau	60. Nicaragua	93. Equatorial Guinea
28. Grenada	61. South Africa	94. El Salvador
29. Dominica	62. South Sudan	95. India
30. Djibouti	63. Palau	96. Eritrea
31. Zambia	64. Panama	97. Eswatini
32. Zimbabwe	65. Papua New Guinea	98. Ethiopia
33. Timor-Leste	66. Paraguay	99. Jamaica

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**E-VISA FOR TRAVELING TO MONGOLIA:** The electronic visa application system of Mongolia (<https://evisa.mn/en>) – **just 3 steps and your e-visa is ready!** The system was launched on **June 1, 2021**, as part of the amendments to the Law on the Legal Status of Foreign Nationals, according to the Immigration Agency of Mongolia (IAM). This means you no longer need to complete paperwork, send your passport, or submit a printed application form for consular processing. Under the amendments, this service is designed for foreign nationals who wish to travel to Mongolia for **tourism purposes** and require an e-visa from abroad. Currently, citizens of **99** countries are eligible to obtain an e-visa for tourism purposes (**K2**)



## 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:

<b>Spring:</b>	<b>May</b>	[around 14°C daytime, 6° °C nighttime. Occasional rain, generally cool.]
<b>Summer:</b>	<b>June-August</b>	[28–30 °C daytime, 18 °C nighttime. Mostly dry with occasional rain.]
<b>Autumn:</b>	<b>September.</b>	[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.

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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 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.