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MONGOLIA DISCOVER GRAND 4X4 EXPEDITION TO THE THREE WONDERS OF THE GOBI DESERT WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

TOUR DURATION: 13 days / 12 nights

TOUR CODE: **SMT-13D**

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

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

PRIVATE VALID DEPARTURES: **JUNE, JULY** (*except July 1-15 - Peak Season!. Please check special programs and **FESTIVAL NAADAM GROUP RATES**), **AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 20.**

CHECK GROUP RATES AND OTHER HOTELS: CONTACT

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MAP OF MONGOLIA



TOUR DESCRIPTION: We will begin our journey at the New "Genghis" Khan International Airport of Ulaanbaatar (inaugurated on July 3, 2021, located 52 km / 32.3 miles away, about +**2-3** hours' drive), the capital of Mongolia, with a welcome by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. This is Mongolia's most fascinating route, covering more than **2,500 km / 1,553.4 miles**.

Next, departure northeast to visit the **Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**. At the base of the statue, visitors can see a replica of the legendary Golden Whip of the Great Khan. Tourists can take an elevator inside the statue, exiting at the level of Genghis Khan's thigh, from where it is possible to walk to the horse's head and enjoy a panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small Bronze Age Museum located in the basement of the **Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**. Departure toward **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park**, located 1,600 meters above sea level, featuring high granite rock formations from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and striking rock formations such as the famous Turtle Rock or the Reading Monk. Situated at the foot of the Khentii Mountains, the region where **Genghis Khan** was born, the park was declared a National Park in 1993 and covers an area of 300,000 hectares.

Then we head south toward the **Baga Gazarin Chuluu Rock Formations** (meaning "Rocks" in Mongolian), a granite rock complex in the Middle Gobi at 1,768 meters in height, stretching 15 km long and 10 km wide. It is said that Genghis Khan once camped here during his expeditions. Arrival and accommodation. After some rest, excursion to the **Ruins of Sum Khunkh Burd Temple**, built in the 10th century. In **Central Gobi**, we will explore **Tsagaan Suvarga (White Stupas or White Cliffs)**, located about 426 km (265 miles)



from Ulaanbaatar, and 30 km east of the main Ulaanbaatar–Umnugobi road (South Gobi). This colorful limestone formation stands 30–60 meters (98–196 ft) high and stretches 400 meters (1,312 ft) long, once the seabed where visitors can still find marine fossils and shells. Its colors are particularly striking in the morning and evening. **Tsagaan Suvarga** takes its name because its shape resembles ancient Buddhist stupas or pagodas. There are trails leading up and down the cliffs, offering opportunities for photography at sunrise and sunset.

Then we continue south, heading to the **fascinating Gobi Desert**. We will explore the **Yolyn Am Canyon (Vulture Gorge)** in the **Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park** (meaning “Three Beauties” of the Eastern, Middle, and Western ranges). We will visit paleontological sites **the legendary Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag**, where fossils of giant dinosaurs were discovered, and the majestic **Khongor Singing Largest Sand Dunes**. Visit to a nomadic family with Bactrian camel herds, followed by an excursion riding Bactrian camels through the dunes.

In **Central Mongolia**, we will visit **Karakorum, the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire founded by Genghis Khan**, and the **Orkhon Valley**, declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004** for representing the evolution of nomadic pastoral traditions for over two millennia. We will also explore the beautiful **Lake Ugii**, an important bird sanctuary for swans, geese, cranes, ducks, pigeons, storks, and other migratory species.

A large part of Mongolia’s population still lives a nomadic lifestyle, moving from place to place on horseback, by camel, or by yak, with their Gers and herds. The occasional encounter with one of these families and their traditional way of life is an unforgettable experience. **To fully enjoy it, one must accept beforehand the conditions mentioned above, set aside preconceived notions of how things “should be,” and remain open to all that this country has to offer.**



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BRIEF ITINERARY:

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

Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Baga Gazarin Chuluu Rock Formations in Central Gobi – Ruins of Sum Khunkh Burd Temple – Tsagaan Suvarga (White Stupas or White Cliffs) in Central Gobi – Gobi Desert – ‘‘Yolyn’’ Am Canyon (Vulture Valley) – Largest Singing Sand Dunes ‘‘Khongor’’ – the legendary ‘‘Flaming Cliffs’’ of Bayanzag – Ruins of Onguin Temple in Central Gobi – Karakorum (Central Mongolia) – Orkhon Valley – Turkic Memorials – Ugii Lake – Karakorum – Ulaanbaatar

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (**UBN**). Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the reception of the New ‘‘Genghis’’ Khan Airport. Transfer to the hotel (52 km / 32.3 miles, +**2-3** hours’ drive, depending on traffic). For the clients arriving on flight **OM138 (Mongolia Airlines)** from **FRAN (Frankfurt, Germany)** at **05:10AM** or on flight **TK236 (Turkish Airlines)** from **IST (Istanbul, Turkey)** at **07:10AM**. **Early check-in must be paid in advance (hotel rooms are available only from 2:00PM on arrival**

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day). No activities and no meals are included today. Rest at the hotel to adjust to local time. Selected Hotel.

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

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar / Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue / Terelj National Park / Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 4: Ulaanbaatar / Baga Gazarin Chuluu Rock Formations / Ruins of Sum Khunkh Burd Temple. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 5: Tsagaan Suvarga (White Stupas or White Cliffs) in Central Gobi. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6: Gobi Desert: **Yolyn Am Canyon** (Vulture Valley). Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 7: Gobi Desert: **Largest Singing Sand Dunes "Khongor"** / Excursion riding Bactrian camels. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8: Gobi Desert: **the legendary "Flaming Cliffs" of Bayanzag.** Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 9: Ruins of Onguin Temple in Central Gobi. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 10: Onguin Temple Ruins / Karakorum (Central Mongolia). Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 11: Imperial Monument to the Mongolian States / Erdene Zuu Monastery / Karakorum Museum / Monuments / Orkhon Valley / Turkic Memorials / Ugii Lake / Karakorum. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 12: Karakorum / Ulaanbaatar. Last shopping. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 13: Rooms must be vacated by **12:00 noon** on departure day. 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' drive, depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. End of the Grand Journey.** (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 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. **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**

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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).**

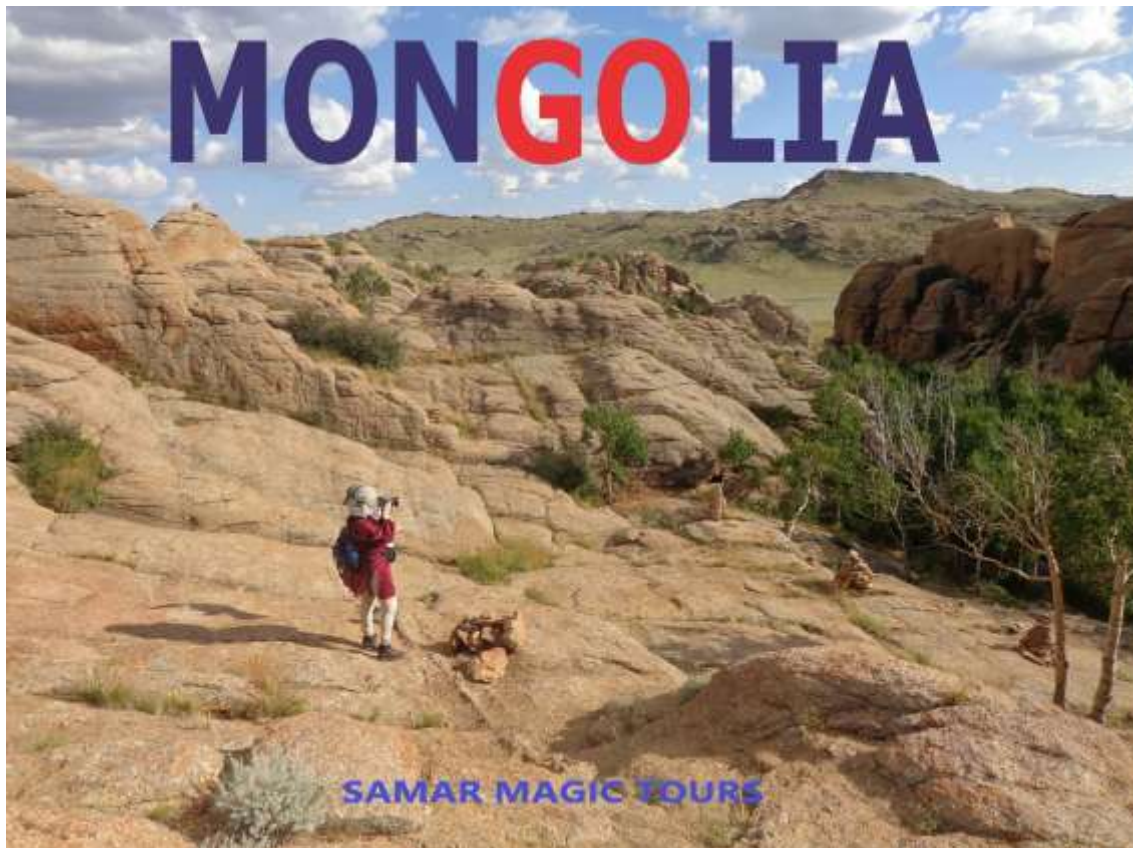


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Day 4-Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards south to **Baga Gazariin Chuluu Rock Formations** – located in Delgertsogt sum, Dundgovi province (Central Mongolia) and surrounded by plain. The highest one is 15 km long and 10 km wide granite stone-mountain elevated at 1768m above sea level. You will see rocks and stones in unique shapes and buries of Mongols from Middle Ages. Today, we explore **the ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple**. It was built in the 10th century from rocks transported from over 300kms/187 miles away. Accommodation in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

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Day 5-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Drive towards to **Tsagaan Tsvurga White Stupas or White Pagodas**, about 280 km/174 miles), 5-6 hours' drive from the **Bagazarin Chuluu (Rock Formations)**. **Tsagaan Tsvurga (Stupas or White Pagodas)** are located approximately 426 km (265 miles) from Ulaanbaatar, and 30 km east of the main road Ulaanbaatar - Umnugobi (Gobi South). The 30-60 m (196.85 ft) high, 400 m (1312.34 ft) long, colorful limestone formation was once the ocean floor where visitors find marine fossils and shells. Its colors stand out in the morning and at night. **Tsagaan Tsvurga** got its name because its shape resembles relict Buddhist stupas or pagodas. There are some trails to walk down and up through the cliffs. **Opportunity to photograph its colors**. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

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Day 6-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Drive to **Gobi Desert** in **South Gobi province**. Explore "Yolin" Canyon on foot in **Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park**-was established in **1993**, and expanded to its current size in **2000**. This is the **largest national park in Mongolia**. Famed for its rich bird habitat, **Yolin Canyon or commonly known as (Vulture's Gorge)** was originally established as a bird preserve and later for its stunning beauty and great hiking options **Yolin Canyon** became one of the major destinations in Gobi. **There is a small museum**, which displays dinosaur eggs, some bones and stuffed birds and leopards. **Here you will have the opportunity for hiking** in the valley of Gobi, the stunning landscapes. **Here there is an opportunity to enjoy horseback riding** in the valley of Gobi (***pay directly on site!**). Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

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Day 7-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Today, a long trip towards to ``**Hongor**`` **Largest Sand dunes. Exploration and enjoy and climb up** to over 200 m high **Khongoryn els (Singing sand dunes)**. At the north end of the dune, it has formed a beautiful oasis where they grow grass and flowers, so it is nice to see vegetation in the desert. **Visit an authentic camel breeding family. See their real nomadic life and ride two humped camels around picturesque desert oasis Khongor river.** Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

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Day 8-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Drive towards to **Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or the legendary "Flaming Cliffs"** in Gobi Desert. **Explore Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs-here Roy Chapman Andrews**, an American palaeontologist and staff of the Museum of Natural History in New York first found 4-6 inches dinosaur eggs here in 1922. **Bayanzag** is referred as **Flaming Cliffs** for its amazing colours and shape). **Enjoy the Gobi sunset at the legendary "Flaming Cliffs," which glow brilliantly at sunrise and sunset.** Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

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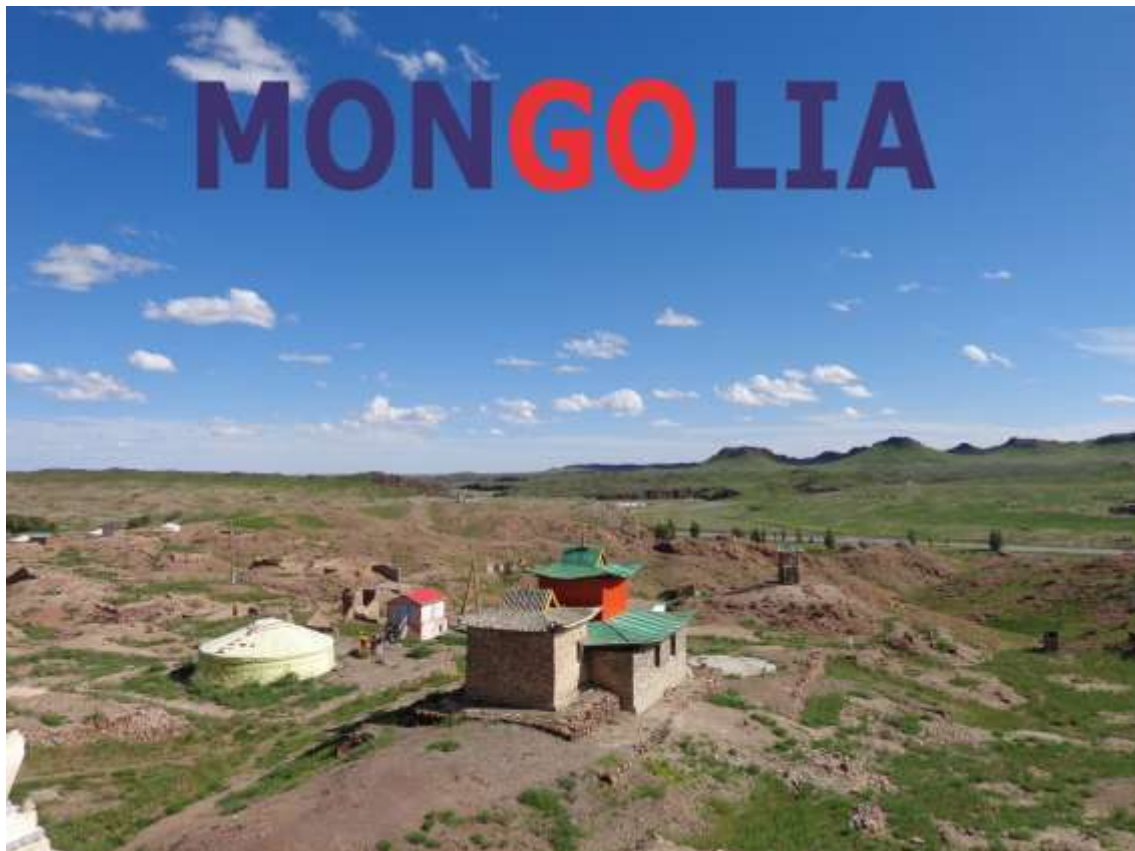


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Day 9-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. A long trip towards north, to reach **the ruins of Ongi temple**-the unique 17th century sole monastery at the heart of the desert. **Ongiin khiid** (also referred as **Ongi Monastery ruins**) is an active small monastery with a temple which was built on the ruins of a monastery complex that was formerly one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia and founded in 1760 and consisted of two separate temple complexes, Barlim khiid and Khutagt khiid, on the North and South of the Ongi Gol river. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

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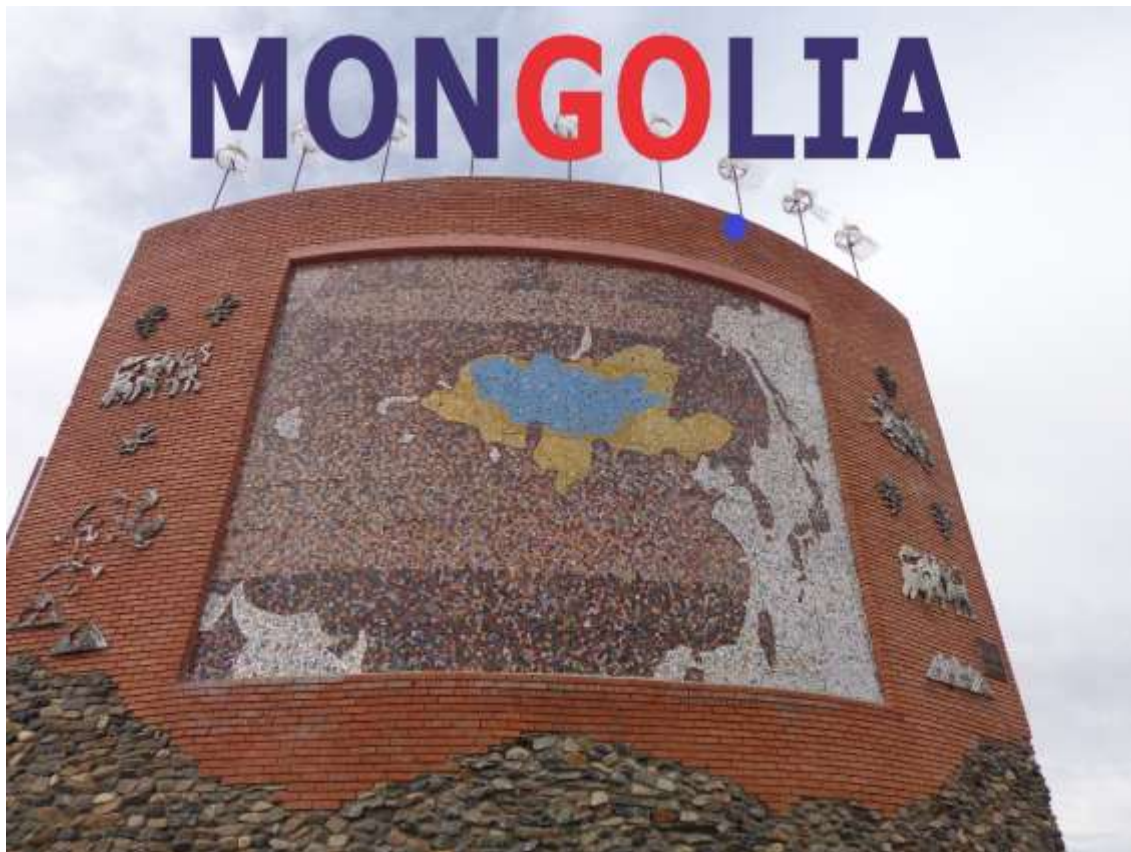
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Day 10-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Today, we will head North to **Karakorum** in **Central Mongolia**-the **Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's** 13th century capital and heart of the mighty **Mongolian Empire** and **Okhon river Valley**, cradle of **Mongolian civilization**. Visitors, such as **Marco Polo**, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters **Palace of Worldly Peace**. **Free time in your own**. Overnight in tourist Gers camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

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Day 11-Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Today, we will visit the **Monument to the Mongol States** located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the bank of the **Orkhon River**. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic oboo**) carefully assembled into a cone shape, approximately the same size as a tipi, with nine posts protruding from the top. This structure is mounted on a stone and concrete platform and is surrounded by three walls that represent three sections of a circle. The outer sides of these walls feature three colorful mosaics representing three maps, one for each of the empires.

1. First, there was the **Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes that lived on the steppes from about the 3rd century BC. until the 1st century AD.
2. The **Turkish Khaganate Empire** followed, 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 some than another herd of goats and sheep passing by. You can also find several animal skulls around the monument, completing the surreal scene. It is no coincidence that **the Monument of The Imperial Map** 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 look out 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**. Also, today, we will visit to the legendary **Erdene zuu** (Hundred Treasures) Monastery, **the Turtle monument**, and the **Karakorum 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 seat. Currently it constitutes an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas and temples, occupying an enclosure of **400** square meters, and surrounded by the steppe. The construction was continued by his son **'Ogedei' Khan**, after his death. After 40 years,

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'Kublai' Khan (grandson of 'Genghis' Khan and host of Marco Polo) moved the capital of the Empire to **Beijing** (Peking-Yuan dynasty), already invaded. In the year 1792, there were 62 temples left and more than 10,000 Lamas. In the year 1930, the Stalinist purges destroyed most of their temples and the Lamas were banished to die in Siberia. Of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived to our era, **it remains the most outstanding cultural vestige of Mongolia.**



The Three Great Temples That Survived the Purge:

These temples are dedicated to the **three stages of Buddha's life**—childhood, youth, and adulthood.

1. **The Western Temple**, built by **Abtai Khan and his son**, is dedicated to the **adult Buddha**. Inside, on either side of Sakyamuni (the historical Buddha), there are statues of **Divangar** (adapted from the Sanskrit *Dīpankara*), the Buddha of the past, on the left, and **Maidar** (from the Sanskrit *Maitreya*), the Buddha of the future, on the right. The latter is one of the most beloved bodhisattvas—a deity who delays his own attainment of nirvana to guide others. In fact, Zanabazar himself, after one of his visits to Tibet, performed a series of ceremonies that included a circumambulation of the monastery while carrying an image of this Buddha—an act that became a tradition in Mongolian Buddhism and is still occasionally practiced at the monastery today. Other exhibited items include a **golden "Wheel of Eternity"**, the **Naimin Takhel**, or eight auspicious symbols (in this case: umbrella, fish, vase, flowers, cards, luck diagram, victory banner, and wheel), figurines from the 17th and 18th centuries, and traditional ornaments called **balin**, made of wheat dough and beautifully decorated, accompanied by **mutton and goose fat**.



2. **The Central Temple**, known as the **Zuu of Buddha**, features an entrance flanked by the deities **Tsagaan Mahagal** (from the Sanskrit *Sita Mahākāla*, or White Mahakala) on the left and **Baldan Lkham** (from the Tibetan *Palden Lhamo*, Sanskrit *Shri Devi*, translated into Mongolian as *Ukin Tengri*) on the right. Both are **Dharmapalas**, wrathful protective deities—emanations of bodhisattvas—that embody their fierce actions. Their role is to destroy and remove obstacles that appear before sincere followers of the Buddhist teachings, as reflected in their title *Dharmapala*, meaning “Defenders or Protectors of the Dharma.”

3. **The Eastern Temple** houses a statue representing the **Adolescent Buddha**. To his right stands **Tsongkhapa**, founder of the **Gelug tradition** or “Yellow Hat tradition” of Tibetan Buddhism. To his left is **Migjid Janraisig** (from Tibetan *Jainraisig*, Sanskrit *Avalokiteśvara*, translated into Mongolian as *Nidüber Üjegci*), the **Bodhisattva of Compassion**.



1:00PM-Mongolian lunch included in front of the 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 Ugi** (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 Gers Camp in Karakorum. **(B+L+D)**

Day 12-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Today, we will return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 395 km/245.4 miles, +6-7 hours, depending on traffic upon entry). **1:00PM-Lunch included in route at LUN. Arrival and the last chance for Mongolian souvenir shopping at the main State Department Main Store.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

Day 13-Breakfast. Hotel check-out time in Ulaanbaatar is **12:00 PM**. Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar's "Genghis" Khan New Airport (52 km / 32.3 miles, about **4-5** hours depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GRAND TOUR.**

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- **4** nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, in the indicated double room with breakfast.
- **8** nights of accommodation in tourist camps, in **standard** Gers with outside bathrooms (shared facilities: 1 building for men and 1 building for women), for **2-3-4 adults** (*as requested), in the rest of the route. **Note:** If you wish to stay in a **DELUXE** Ger with private bathroom **in 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.
- All meals as indicated (**12B, 11L, 8D**) with **1** bottle of mineral water per person daily.
- Welcome Lunch in a traditional local restaurant.
- All private transfers in Ulaanbaatar, to the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, and to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park in a tourist bus or van (*depending on the confirmed group) with all fuel included.
- All private transfers: traveling 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, with all fuel included. **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 the vehicle depending on the number of participants; no claims will be accepted for this reason, and no refund will be granted.
- English-speaking local guide or Spanish-speaking local guide.



- All entrance fees to the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, Baga Gazarin Chuluu Rock Formations, Yolyn Am Canyon in Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park, Khongor Largest Sand dunes, the legendary Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag Archaeological Site, Ongin Temple Ruins, Karakorum, Turkish Memorials, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a folklore show featuring the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Visits to an authentic nomadic family with Bactrian camel herds in the dunes.
- **1**-hour excursion riding Bactrian camels through the largest sand dunes.
- Gentle hikes and treks through wonderful landscapes.
- Experience and knowledge of true nomadic life.
- Service rates include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar municipal tax, and 5% service charge in city hotels in Ulaanbaatar.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Flights.
- Flight schedule changes, delays, or cancellations.
- Visa.
- Excess baggage in our transport (*limit: **15 kg** per person—EXCESS LUGGAGE **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.**
- The published net prices correspond to accommodation in double rooms and in Gers with **2-3-4** beds or more (as requested). On this trip, single rooms can only be confirmed in the indicated hotels in Ulaanbaatar. In tourist Ger camps in the Mongolian countryside, **A SINGLE GER CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.**
- Loss of luggage, belongings, or passport.
- Meals not specified.



HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Grand Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan. At the base of the monumental complex stands a visitor center, 10 meters high, featuring 36 columns representing the 36 khans from Genghis to Ligdan Khan.
- Explore Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, located in the northeast at 1,600 meters above sea level, with high granite rocks from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and striking rock formations such as Turtle Rock or the "Reading Monk."
- Walk through **Yolyn Am Canyon**, also known as the Vulture's Gorge, located in the "Gobi Gurvan Saikhan" National Park.
- Climb the **Khongor sand dunes**, giant dunes in Mongolia also known as "singing dunes" because of the unique sound produced by the wind sweeping across them. Stretching for kilometers, with some rising up to 300 meters high, they form an impressive desert landscape. From the highest peaks, admire the breathtaking contrast of the Mongolian Gobi Desert.
- Visit an authentic nomadic family with Bactrian camel herds and discover the unique lifestyle of Mongolian nomads.
- Enjoy a camel trek across the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel.
- Walk through the **legendary Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag**, where hundreds of fossilized dinosaur eggs and complete skeletons of these great Cretaceous reptiles have been discovered.
- Visit the legendary Erdene Zuu Monastery (Hundred Treasures), the Turtle Monument, and the Karakorum Museum to see relics of the ancient Mongol Empire capital. With its 108 stupas, this 16th-century Buddhist monastery was the most important religious seat of its time.
- Experience the Orkhon Valley, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004.
- Listen to the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.
- Relax in an outdoor natural spa, whose waters are renowned for their healing properties.
- Explore the beautiful Ugii Lake, a sanctuary for migratory birds including swans, geese, cranes, ducks, pigeons, storks, and many other species.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE





1. **Minimum Group Size:** **6-16** adults or more participants are required to guarantee departure.
2. We require exact arrival and departure dates for Mongolia, flight times, and flight numbers (*well in advance).
3. We also need confirmation of the selected hotel in Ulaanbaatar, and the number of single and twin rooms (***well in advance**).
4. **Individual Gers cannot be confirmed in tourist camps under any circumstances.** Guests must share Gers with **2-3-4** beds (*as requested) with travellers of the same gender.
5. **Single rooms can only be confirmed in Ulaanbaatar**, with payment of the applicable single supplement listed in the price table.
6. **1** free land-only participant is confirmed when **16** participants are booked (**15** fully paid + **1** free of charge traveling by land) sharing **TWIN** rooms (**8** twin rooms total). **Not included: single rooms or domestic flight tickets.**
7. Luggage Limit: **15** kg per person. Excess baggage **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 for this, and no refunds will be granted.
8. Hotel check-in in Ulaanbaatar is at **2:00 PM**. Early check-in is not included. Hotel check-out in Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00 noon**. Late check-out is not included.
9. **Mongolia's** tourist infrastructure is still developing. Distances are vast, involving many hours of travel and high fuel costs. The journey is mostly along dirt and sand tracks, and depending on conditions, long stretches may take several hours. Much of Mongolia's population is still nomadic, moving on horseback, camel, or yak with their Gers and herds. Encountering such families and experiencing their lifestyle is unforgettable. To enjoy this trip, travellers must accept these conditions in advance, set aside preconceived expectations, and remain open to what this unique country has to offer.
10. **Vegetarians must pay a supplement, as vegetables in Mongolia are very expensive** and the Mongolian diet is primarily meat-based. This must be requested and paid for in advance, depending on the duration of the trip.
11. From **July 1 to July 20 is a Peak Season** in Mongolia (**Naadam Festival**), when all services and accommodations are fully booked.



12. **In Ulaanbaatar and in Gorkhi-Terelj National Park:** only breakfasts and lunches are included. **Dinners are not included and are at the traveller's own expense.**
13. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to organize lunches in route in places where it is feasible; no claims will be accepted for this, and no refunds will be given.
14. **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.
15. **When visiting nomadic families:** enter the Ger from the left side and step in with your right foot first. Once inside, the hosts will invite you to sit. It is customary to bring a small gift for the children of the nomadic families—never money, as it is offensive. Suitable gifts include sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps, or similar treats.
16. All photos are property of **Samar Magic Tours**. They may be used for promotional purposes only when working with **Samar Magic Tours**. **Our photos are prohibited for advertising use 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>



<p>MILLENIUM PLAZA HOTEL 4*</p> 	<p>STANDART TWIN ROOM</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Check-in: from 14:00 Check-out: by 12:00 noon</p>
<p>RAMADA HOTEL 4*</p> 	<p>STANDART TWIN ROOM</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Check-in: from 14:00 Check-out: by 12:00 noon</p>



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 Gers 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 Ger 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 trousers.
- Shorts.
- Socks.
- Underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Sandals.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Insect repellent.
- Plastic zipper bags (Ziploc).
- 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 milk) and goat, yak, or sheep cheese, all acidic and dry. Refusing would not be polite.

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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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