



MONGOLIA PRIVATE EXPERIENCE TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

TOUR DURATION: 6 days / 5 nights

TOUR CODE: **SMT-6D**

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: **2-16** adults or more participants.

STARTS/ENDS IN: ULAANBAATAR (INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS OR TRAINS ARE NOT INCLUDED).

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

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TOUR DESCRIPTION: We will begin the route at the new "Genghis" Khan Airport of Ulaanbaatar (inaugurated on July 3, 2021, located 52 km/32.3 miles away, about **2-3** hours of travel depending on traffic), capital of Mongolia, with a reception by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. This is one of the most interesting routes in Mongolia. Afterwards, departure **northeast** to visit the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**. At the base of the statue, visitors can see a replica of the Great Khan's legendary golden whip. Tourists may take an elevator inside the statue. The exit is at the height of Genghis Khan's thighs, from where one can walk up to the horse's head to enjoy a panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small Bronze Age Museum, located in the basement of the **Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue**. Next, we will continue **northeast** to the **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**, located 1,600 m above sea level, with high Mesozoic granite rocks, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations of curious Mesozoic shapes, such as Turtle Rock or the Monk Reading a Book. The Park was declared a **National Park** in 1993, and covers an area of 300,000 hectares. We will then depart **WEST** to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, which demonstrates the traditional way of life of Mongolia's nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock, moving from place to place using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. A large part of Mongolia's population remains nomadic, traveling from place to place on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds, and the occasional encounter with one of these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience.

We insist that in order to enjoy this experience, one must accept in advance the conditions outlined above, let go of preconceived notions about how things should be according to our mindset, and remain open to what this country can offer.



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Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show – Ulaanbaatar

BRIEF ITINERARY:

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

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (**UBN**)/Meet 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 of travel, depending on traffic). If the clients arrive in Ulaanbaatar with **OM138 (Mongolia Airlines)** from FRAN (Frankfurt, Germany) at **05:10AM** or on **TK236 (Turkish Airlines)** from IST (Istanbul, Turkey) at **07:10AM**. **Clients need to prepay the early check-in (early access to hotel rooms). Rooms can only be used starting from 02:00PM on the day of arrival. Today there are no activities and no meals included. Rest at the hotel to adapt to the local time.** Selected Hotel.

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

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

Day 4: Ulaanbaatar/Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show/Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 5: Grand Tour in Ulaanbaatar. Last Shopping. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 6: Hotel check-out in Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00M**. 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 of travel, depending on traffic in Ulaanbaatar). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF TOUR. (B)**



DETAILED ITINERARY:

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

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (**UBN**)/Meet 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** hours of travel, depending on traffic). If clients arrive in Ulaanbaatar on **OM138 (Mongolia Airlines)** from **FRAN (Frankfurt, Germany)** at **05:10AM** or on **TK236 (Turkish Airlines)** from **IST (Istanbul, Turkey)** at **07:10AM**. **Clients must prepay the early check-in (early access to hotel rooms). Rooms can only be used starting from 02:00PM on the day of arrival. Today there are no activities and no meals included.** Rest at the hotel to adapt to the local time. Selected Hotel.



Day 2: Grand Tour in Ulaanbaatar/Welcome Lunch/Mongolian National Concert. Selected Hotel. (B)(L)

09:00AM – Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. 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 Main 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.**



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

Breakfast. **09:00AM** – Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure heading **N/E** to the **40-meter / ~133.3-foot Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue** (55 km/34.2 miles, **2.00** hours, depending on outbound traffic). The statue symbolically points east towards his birthplace. It stands atop the **Genghis Khan** Statue Complex, a 10-meter (32 ft 10 in) visitor center, with **36** columns representing the **36** khans **from Genghis to Ligdan Khan**. Visitors can walk up to the horse's head through its chest and neck, where they will enjoy a panoramic view. Near the **Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue**, guests may take beautiful photos with **Kazakhs and their Golden Eagles**, ride **Bactrian camels**, or take horseback rides across the steppes, as well as practice archery (***extra charge payable on site**). **Mongolian traditional lunch included en route**. Continue to **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park** (50 km/31.1 miles, 1 hr), located in the **N/E** at 1600 m above sea level, with high **Mesozoic granite rocks**, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and impressive rock formations of curious Mesozoic shapes, such as the **Turtle Rock**, etc. It lies at the foot of the Khentii Mountains, the region where Genghis Khan was born. It was declared a **National Park in 1993** and covers an area of 300,000 hectares. Stop for photos, souvenir shopping, and walks to the **Great Rock shaped like a Turtle**, the symbol of **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park**. Gentle hike to the **Arryabal Meditation Temple**, located on a hill. Afterwards, **return to Ulaanbaatar** (70 km/44 miles, **+2** hours of travel, depending on inbound traffic). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own**.



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Day 4: Ulaanbaatar/Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show/Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. (B)(L)

Breakfast. **07:00AM** – Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Afterwards, departure heading West to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, **+2** hours of travel, depending on outbound traffic), from **10:00AM until 01:00PM**. The **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of the Mongolian nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock, moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. **Mongolian traditional lunch included at the camp. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 35 km/22 miles, **+2.0** hours of travel, depending on inbound traffic). **Transfer to the hotel.** Accommodation at the selected and confirmed hotel based on the indicated double room. **Dinner not included, on your own.**

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Day 5: Great Tour in Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. (B)(L)

Breakfast. **09:00AM** – Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Next, we will visit the **new “Genghis” Khan (“Chinggis Khaan”) Museum**, which officially opened on October 11, 2022. The museum is designed to showcase the history of Mongolian kings from the reign of the **Hunnu King Modun Shanyu** to the abdication of the **Eighth Jebtsundamba**. The **National Genghis (Chinggis) Khaan Museum** has been named one of the **20 must-visit museums** by **National Geographic**. The “**World’s Best List**” is compiled annually by **National Geographic** editors. Afterwards, we will visit a store at a **pure Mongolian cashmere factory**, for **last shopping**. Then, we will visit the **Winter Palace of Bogd Khan**, one of the imperial residences of **Bogd Khan (1869–1924)**, located in the **southern part of Ulaanbaatar**, on the road to **Zaisan**. Today it is a museum. The palace is the only remaining one of the four original residences of the Eighth Reincarnation of **Jebtsundamba Khutughtu**, who later proclaimed himself **Bogd Khan of Mongolia**. The complex includes six temples. Exhibits include many of Bogd Khan’s possessions, such as his throne and bed, his art collection and taxidermy animals, his ornate

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ceremonial Ger, and a pair of ceremonial boots gifted to the Khan by Tsar Nicholas II of Russia. Next, we will visit the **Zaisan Memorial**, a monument located south of Ulaanbaatar. We will also see the **Golden Buddha Statue**, located at the base of the **Zaisan Memorial**, standing 75 feet tall (23 meters). **01:00PM – Lunch included at a local restaurant. Some shopping for Mongolian souvenirs at the State Department Store (Main Store).** Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**

Day 6: Departure from Mongolia. (B)

Breakfast. Check-out from hotel rooms in Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00PM**. Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New "Genghis" Khan International Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, approx. **4-5** hours travel, depending on traffic in Ulaanbaatar). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GRAND TOUR.**

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- **5** nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on the specified double room with breakfast, in Ulaanbaatar.
- Welcome lunch at a traditional local restaurant.
- Meals as specified (**5B, 4L**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person daily.
- All private transfers by bus or tourist van (*depending on the confirmed group size) in Ulaanbaatar, to the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, and the Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show, with all fuel included. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on the number of participants. Under no circumstances will claims be accepted for these reasons, nor will refunds be issued.
- English or Spanish-speaking local guide.
- All entrance fees to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, Arryabal Meditation Temple, Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a folklore show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Attendance at an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show.
- Experience and knowledge of true nomadic life.
- Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.



- Service rates include 10% VAT, 2% municipal tax of Ulaanbaatar, and 5% service charge in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar city.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Flights and trains.
- Occasional flight delays or cancellations.
- **Early check-in at hotel rooms.**
- **Late check-out at hotel rooms.**
- Excess baggage in our vehicles.
- Visa.
- Any rescue costs or early departure expenses.
- Change of departure date from Ulaanbaatar.
- The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport and required passport photos.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal items such as tips to porters in hotels, telephone/telex/fax charges, laundry, drinks, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.
- Any circumstances beyond our control, such as quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, road conditions, etc.

HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES:

- Listen to the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.
- Visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue.
- Visit Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, located in the N/E at 1600m above sea level, with high granite rocks from the Mesozoic, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations of curious shapes from the Mesozoic era such as the Turtle Rock, etc.
- 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.

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IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights and trains not included.
- Hotel check-in time in Ulaanbaatar is **02:00PM**. Early check-in is not included.
- Hotel check-out time in Ulaanbaatar is **12:00 noon**. Late check-out is not included.
- There is a surcharge during the **Naadam Festival**, applicable for travel from **July 01 to July 20 – Peak Season in Mongolia**, when all services and accommodations are fully booked.
- **In Ulaanbaatar capital and in Gorkhi-Terelj National Park: dinners are not confirmed. Dinners at your own expense.**
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to arrange lunches along the route where possible. Under no circumstances will claims be accepted for these reasons, nor will refunds be issued.
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on the number of participants. Under no circumstances will claims be accepted for these reasons, nor will refunds be issued.
- **Vegetarians must pay a supplement, as vegetables are very expensive in Mongolia**, and the Mongolian diet is based on meat, not vegetables. You must inform us in advance and pay the supplement, depending on the number of days in Mongolia.
- Please remember that **MONGOLIA** is **not recommended** for people with respiratory problems, heart conditions, wheelchair users, disabled persons, and children under **3** years old.
- **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, indicating where you should sit. It is proper etiquette to bring a gift for the nomads' children, **never money** as it is considered offensive. Gifts may include candies, cookies, chocolates, caramels, colored pencils, caps... small treats of this kind.
- All photos are the property of **Samar Magic Tours**. They may be used for publicity purposes only when working with **Samar Magic Tours**. **Our photos are strictly prohibited from being used for publicity purposes when working with other Mongolian tour operators.**

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PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR

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



MILLENIUM 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



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Flashlight.
- Spare batteries/bulb.
- Personal medications.
- Waterproof hiking boots.
- Waterproof jacket with hood.
- Waterproof overpants.
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater.
- Cotton T-shirts.
- Long-sleeved shirts.
- Lightweight trousers.
- Shorts.
- Socks.
- Underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Sandals.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Insect repellent.
- Plastic zip-lock 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 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.



HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 5*



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BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5*



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