

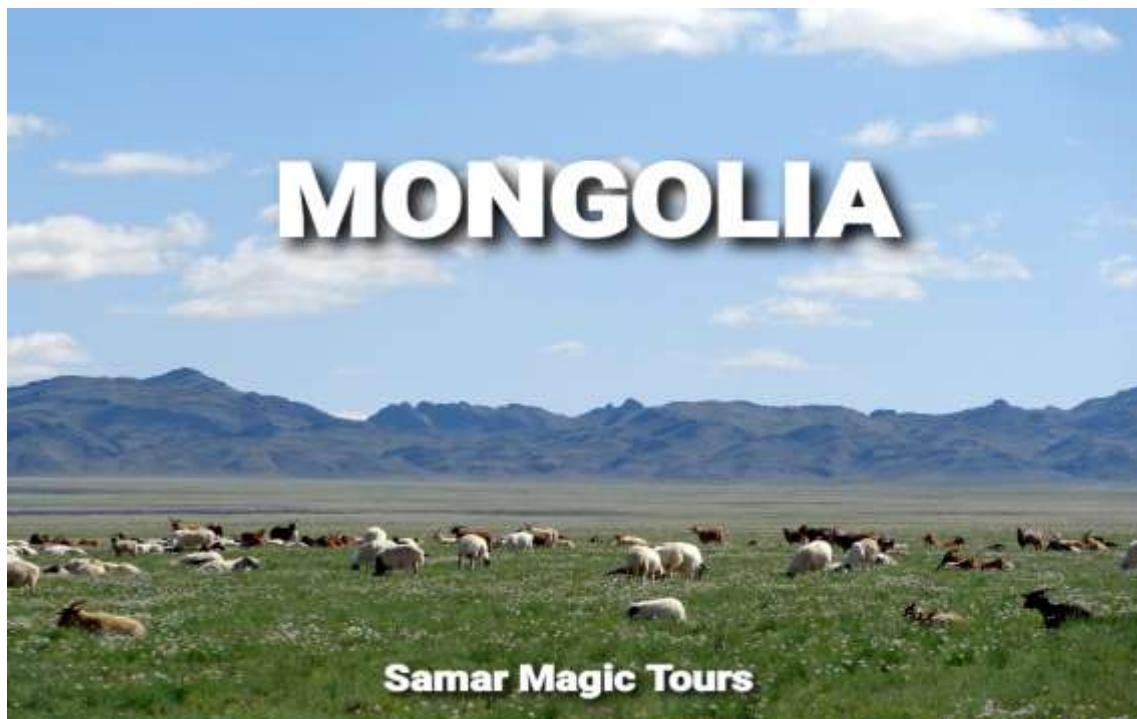


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PRIVATE EXPERIENCE IN MONGOLIA WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

MINIMUM TOUR DURATION: 6 days / 5 nights

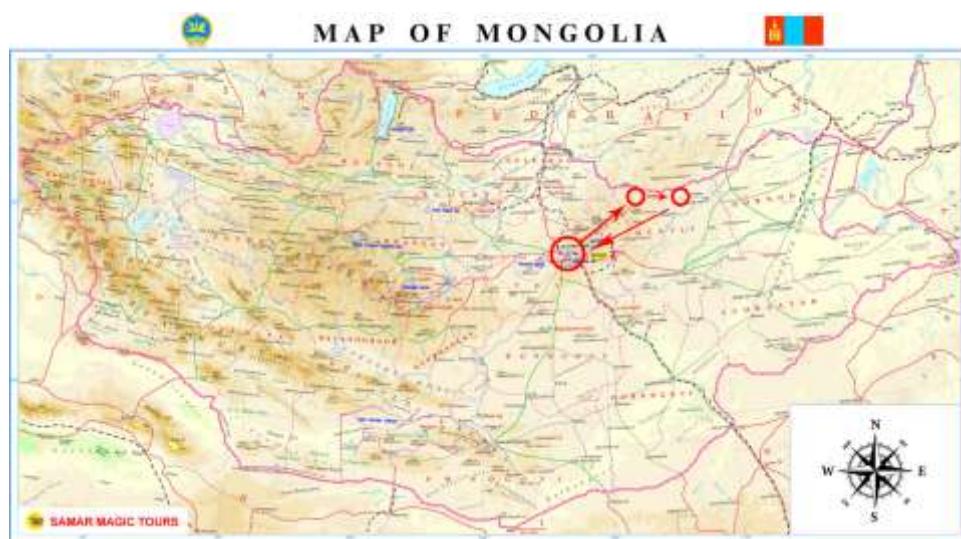
TOUR CODE: **SMT-6D**

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: **2-11** adults or more participants.

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

VALID PRIVATE DEPARTURES: **MAY, JUNE, JULY** (***except from July 1-20 – Peak Season!** Please consult special programs and **NAADAM Festival GROUP rates**), **AUGUST, SEPTEMBER.**

REQUEST GROUP RATES AND OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS BY: [CONTACT US](#)



TOUR DESCRIPTION: We will begin the route at the New "Genghis" Khan Airport in Ulaanbaatar (inaugurated on July 3, 2021, located 52 km/32.3 miles away, approx. +2-3 hours of travel depending on traffic), the capital of Mongolia, where you will be welcomed by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. This is one of the most fascinating routes in Mongolia. Next, we will head **northeast** to visit the **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 may ride the elevator inside the statue; the exit is located at the level of Genghis Khan's thigh, from where you can walk up to the horse's head for an outstanding panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small Bronze Age Museum, located in the basement of the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue. We then continue **northeast** to **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park**, situated 1,600 meters above sea level, with its impressive granite rock formations from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and iconic natural landmarks such as Turtle Rock. Declared a **National Park** in 1993, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares. Afterwards, we depart **westward** to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, which demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads: the breeding and use of the five main types of livestock, moving from one place to another with ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. A large part of Mongolia's population still lives as nomads, moving with their Gers and herds. Encountering these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience.



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

BRIEF ITINERARY:

(B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (**UBN**). Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at the reception of the New "Genghis Khan" International Airport. Transfer to hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, approx. **+2-3** hours depending on traffic). If clients arrive in Ulaanbaatar with **OM138 (Mongolia Airlines)** from Frankfurt at **05:10AM** or **TK236 (Turkish Airlines)** from Istanbul at **07:10AM**. **Early check-in must be arranged and paid for in advance (hotel rooms are available from 2:00PM only). No activities or meals included today. Rest at the hotel to adapt to local time.** Rest at the hotel to adapt to local time. Overnight at the selected hotel.

Day 2: 09:00AM - Meet Samar Magic Tours team at hotel reception. Full City Tour of Ulaanbaatar. Welcome Lunch. **06:00PM** - National Mongolian Concert. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar / Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue / Gorkhi-Terelj National Park / Ulaanbaatar. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 4: Ulaanbaatar / Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show / Ulaanbaatar. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 5: Ulaanbaatar City Tour. Last shopping. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

Day 6: Hotel check-out by **12:00PM**. Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at hotel reception. Transfer to the New "Genghis" Khan International Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, approx. **4-5** hours depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF TOUR. (B)**



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ITINERARY IN DETAILS:

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.



DAY 2: 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. **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.**



**DAY 3:
ULAANBAATAR/EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF GENGHIS KHAN/GORKHI-TERELJ
NATIONAL PARK/ULAANBAATAR**

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure for the excursion heading **N/E** to the **Great Equestrian Statue of ``Genghis`` Khan** (55 km / 34.2 miles, +2.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure). Part of the ``Genghis`` Khan Sculpture Complex, this is a 40-meter-high statue of Genghis Khan on horseback, on the banks of the Tuul River.



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The statue symbolically points east, toward his birthplace. At the base of the sculpture complex is a 10-meter-high visitor center with 36 columns representing the 36 khans of ``Genghis'' Khan and the Ligdan Khan dynasty. Designed by sculptor D. Erdenebileg and architect J. Enkhjargal, **it was inaugurated in 2008**. Visitors can access the horse's head, through its chest and neck, for a panoramic view. We will visit a museum integrated into the complex, showing exhibits related to the Bronze Age and archaeological cultures of the Xiongnu of Mongolia, highlighting everyday utensils, belt buckles, knives, sacred animals, etc.; and a second exhibition on the Great Khan period of the 13th and 14th centuries, showcasing ancient tools, goldsmithing, and some Nestorian crosses and rosaries. **At this location, you can rent horses and camels with local guides, and you can also take photos with the golden eagles and Kazakhs (*additional payment on-site, directly to the locals)**. Then, depart for **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park** (50 km / 31.1 miles, 1 hour), located in **the northeast** at **1,600 meters** above sea level, with high Mesozoic granite rocks, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large Mesozoic rock formations with curious shapes, such as

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Turtle Rock. Declared a National Park in 1993, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares. **Stop for photos, souvenir shopping, and hiking to the Great Turtle Rock, the symbol of Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. Gentle hike to the Arryabal Meditation Temple**, located on a hill. **Then, return to Ulaanbaatar (70 km/44 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance).** Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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MONGOLIA



DAY 5: ULAANBAATAR/AUTHENTIC MONGOLIAN NOMADIC 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 Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure), from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using oxcarts, yaks, camels, and horses. We can also observe what a Ger looks like. The Mongolian Ger, **one of the symbols of Mongolia**, is traditionally made. All furniture, pots, and clothing are

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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). **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**. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at your selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

DAY 6: 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?

- **5** nights' accommodation at the selected and confirmed hotel in Ulaanbaatar, in double rooms with breakfast.
- Welcome Lunch at a traditional local restaurant.
- Meals as specified **(5B, 4L)** with 1 bottle of mineral water per person per day.
- All private transfers by tourist coach or van (***depending on confirmed group size**) in Ulaanbaatar, ``Genghis'' Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, and the Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show. Fuel included. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change vehicles depending on group size; no claims will be accepted for such changes, and no refund applies.
- Local English or Spanish-speaking guide.
- All entrance fees: Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, Arryabal Meditation Temple, ``Genghis'' Khan Equestrian Statue, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a folklore performance featuring the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Attendance at an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show.
- Experience and insight into the real nomadic lifestyle.
- Light hiking through stunning landscapes.
- Service fees include 10% VAT, 2% municipal tax in Ulaanbaatar, and 5% service charge at Ulaanbaatar city hotels.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Flights. Occasional delays or cancellations of flights.
- **Early check-in at hotels.**
- **Late check-out at hotels.**
- Excess luggage in our vehicles.
- Visa.
- Any rescue costs or early departure expenses.
- Change of departure date from Ulaanbaatar.
- Travelers are responsible for having the proper travel documents, such as a valid passport and required passport photos.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenses such as hotel porter tips, telephone/telex/fax charges, laundry, beverages, 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 monumental **Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue**.
- Discover **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**, located northeast of Ulaanbaatar at 1,600m above sea level, featuring dramatic Mesozoic granite formations, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and rock formations such as Turtle Rock.
- Attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, showcasing the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, their livestock, and the use of ox-carts, yaks, camels, and horses when moving from place to place.



IMPORTANT TO NOTES

- Mongolian visa is not included.
- International flights are not included.
- Hotel check-in in Ulaanbaatar is at **2:00PM (14:00)**. **Early check-in is not included.** Hotel check-out in Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00 noon**. **Late check-out is not included.**
- A surcharge applies during the **Naadam Festival season (July 1-20) – peak season in Mongolia** when all services and accommodations are fully booked.
- **In Ulaanbaatar & Gorkhi/Terelj National Park: dinners are not included. Guests dine at their own expense.**
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to arrange lunches along the route wherever possible. No claims will be accepted for such arrangements, and no refunds will apply.
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change vehicles according to the number of participants. No claims will be accepted for such changes, and no refunds will apply.
- **Vegetarians must pay a supplement** since vegetables are very expensive in Mongolia and the local diet is meat-based. Requests must be made in advance, and supplements will vary depending on the number of days in Mongolia.
- **MONGOLIA** is not recommended as a destination for travellers with respiratory problems, heart conditions, those in wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years of age.
- **When visiting nomadic families:** enter the Ger from the left side with your right foot first. Hosts will guide you to your seat. It is customary to bring a gift for the nomads' children, but never money (considered offensive). Appropriate gifts include sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps, or similar treats.
- All photos are property of **Samar Magic Tours**. **They may be used for promotional purposes when working with Samar Magic Tours. Use of our photos for promotion with other Mongolian tour operators is strictly prohibited.**



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

★: 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 hotel 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 3+ 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 over-trousers.
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater.
- Cotton t-shirts.
- Long-sleeved shirts.
- Lightweight pants.
- Shorts.
- Socks.
- Underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Sandals.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Insect repellent.
- Zip-lock plastic bags.
- Binoculars/camera.
- Watch/alarm clock.
- Money belt/pouch.



GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR TRAVEL TO MONGOLIA

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

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

RESERVATION FORM DETAILS:

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

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

GENDER:

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

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

SELECTED HOTEL IN ULAANBAATAR (FROM THE INDICATED OPTIONS):

SELECTED TOUR CODE:

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

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

CANCELLATION POLICY:

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

90–19 days before arrival: 50% refund.

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

For air and train ticket cancellations: separate conditions apply.

International and domestic air and train fares are subject to modification depending on availability at the time of booking. Air and train fares are only



guaranteed once tickets are issued and fully paid. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be cancelled on the same day of issuance.

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

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

FREE PAX 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*





BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5*

