



CENTRAL MONGOLIA PRIVATE TOUR – FROM THE STEPPES TO KARAKORUM WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

TOUR DURATION: 8 days/7 nights

TOUR CODE: **SMT-8D**

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

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

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

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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' drive, depending on traffic), the capital of Mongolia, where you will be met 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 the replica of the legendary golden whip of the Great Khan. Tourists can take an elevator inside the statue. The exit is at the level of Genghis Khan's thigh, from where one can walk up to the horse's head to enjoy a magnificent panorama of the steppe. We will also visit a small **Bronze Age Museum**, located in the basement of the Equestrian Statue of "Genghis" Khan. We will continue **northeast** to **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**, located at an altitude of 1,600 meters above sea level, featuring high Mesozoic granite rock formations, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and remarkable rock shapes such as the **Turtle Rock**. Declared a **National Park** in 1993, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares.

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Next, we will head west to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, which demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads—the livestock and use of the five types of livestock as they move from one place to another, using carts drawn by oxen, yaks, camels, and horses. We will then continue **westward** to **legendary Karakorum, the former capital of the Mongol Empire**, where **Genghis Khan** began construction of the capital in 1220 (later destroyed by the Manchu soldiers).

On the return journey to Ulaanbaatar, we will visit the **Elsen Tasarkhai sand dunes** (known as the **Bayangobi Desert**). These desert sand dunes stretch over 80 km in a beautiful valley. There will be opportunities for hiking, walking across the dunes, and photographing the landscapes.

An excursion is included to ride a Bactrian camel across the dunes. Much of Mongolia's population still lives as nomads, moving from one place to another on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds. The occasional encounter with one of these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience.

We stress that, in order to truly enjoy this journey, one must accept the conditions outlined above, set aside preconceived notions of how things "should be" according to our own mindset, and remain open to all that this country can offer.

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Ulaanbaatar – Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show – Karakorum (Central Mongolia) – Bayangobi Desert – 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 Airport. Transfer to hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, approx. **+2-3** hours' drive depending on traffic).

If the 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**, **customers must pre-pay in advance for early check-in at the hotel. Hotel rooms are only available from 2:00PM (14:00) on the day of arrival. Today no activities and no meals are included. Rest at hotel to adjust to local time. Selected Hotel.**

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

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

Day 4: Ulaanbaatar/Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show/Karakorum (Central Mongolia). **Tourist Gers Camp. (B)(L)(D)**

Day 5: Karakorum /Monument to the Mongol States / Erdene Zuu Monastery/ Karakorum Museum/ Monuments in the Orkhon Valley. **Tourist Gers Camp. (B)(L)(D)**

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Day 6: Karakorum / Bayangobi Desert / Bactrian Camel Ride Excursion/Ulaanbaatar. **Selected Hotel. (B)(L)**

Day 7: Ulaanbaatar City Tour/Last Shopping. **Selected Hotel. (B)(L)**

Day 8: Hotel check-out at **12:00** noon. Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at hotel reception. Transfer to new "Genghis" Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, approx. **4-5** hours' drive depending on Ulaanbaatar traffic). Departure from Mongolia. **END OF THE TOUR. (B)**

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.

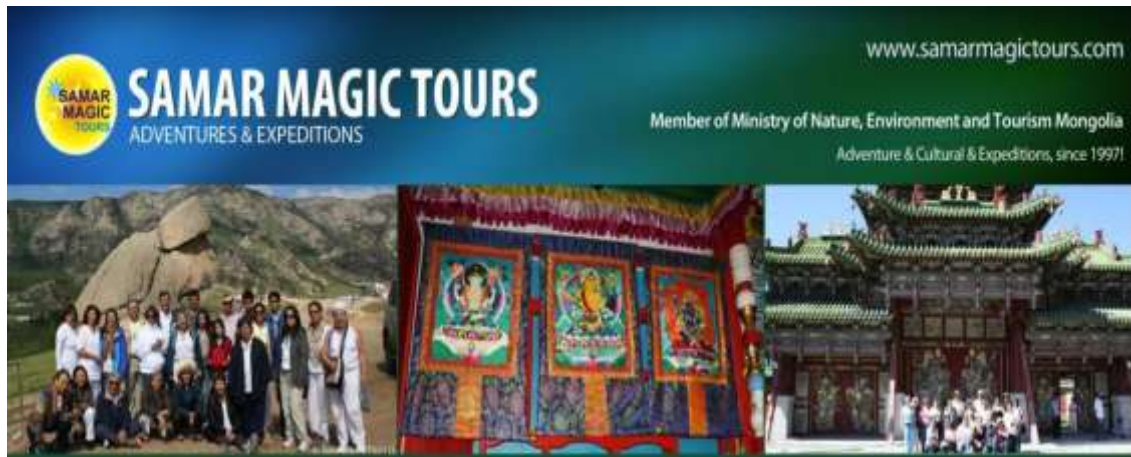
DAY 2: GRAND TOUR OF ULANBAATAR/WELCOME LUNCH

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**.

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Next, we will visit the Dinosaurs Museum. Nicolas Cage agreed to return a rare dinosaur skull to the Mongolian government. The Oscar-winning actor purchased the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull in 2007, unaware it had been stolen. Authorities said he voluntarily agreed to hand over the skull after learning of the circumstances. The museum also includes examples of Velociraptor and Protoceratops, and a nest of Oviraptor eggs. Visits include the **Mongolian History Museum**, with a rich collection of historical and cultural artifacts from the Stone Age to the present day, **Sukhbaatar Central Square**, and the **Genghis Khan Monument Complex**, built in 2006 to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Mongol State or Mongol Empire by ``**Genghis**´´ Khan (1206–2006) and located across from the Mongolian Parliament and Government House. **1:00 PM - Welcome lunch included at a traditional local restaurant.** Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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

Breakfast and Lunch

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

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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.

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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 **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 4: ULAANBAATAR/AUTHENTIC MONGOLIAN NOMADIC SHOW /KARAKORUM (CENTRAL MONGOLIA)

Full Board

Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Then, **depart west** for an **Authentic Mongolian**

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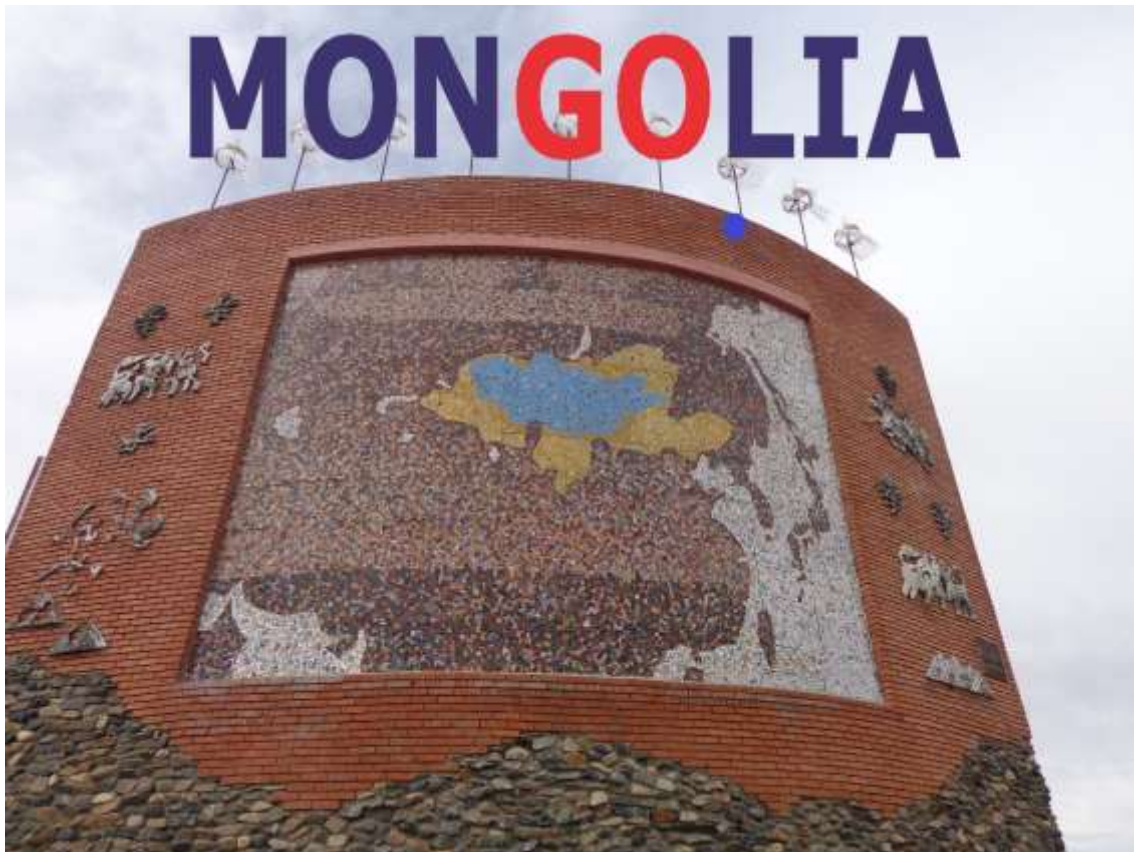


Nomadic Show (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure), from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using oxcarts, yaks, camels, and horses. We



can also observe what a Ger looks like. The Mongolian Ger, **one of the symbols of Mongolia**, is traditionally made. All furniture, pots, and clothing are antiques, reflecting the characteristics and manners of the central Khalks. **Mongolian lunch is included on-site**. Then, depart westward to **the legendary Karakorum** (approx. 360 km/224 miles, +6 hours travel time), located in Central Mongolia. Arrival and transfer. **Rest at your leisure after a long day of travel**. Overnight at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.

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DAY 5: MONUMENT TO THE MONGOLIAN STATES / ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY/ KARAKORUM MUSEUM/MONUMENTS/ORKHON VALLEY

Full Board

Breakfast. **10:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, we will **visit the Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking the city of Karakorum (Kharkhorin), on the banks of the

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Orkhon River. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic ovoo**) carefully assembled in a cone shape, roughly the size of a teepee, with nine poles protruding from the top. This structure is mounted on a stone and concrete platform and is surrounded by three walls representing three sections of a circle. The outer sides of these walls feature three colorful mosaics depicting three maps, one for each of the empires.



1. First, there was **the Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes who lived on the steppes from approximately the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD.
2. Next came **the Turkic Khaganate**, established by the Göktürks in 682 and lasting only until 744.

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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 the occasional passing herd of goats and sheep. Several animal skulls can also be found around the monument, completing the surreal scene. It is no coincidence that **the Imperial Map Monument** is located in **Kharkhorin**, as **this city (then called Karakorum) was the capital of the Mongol Empire** under **Genghis Khan's successor, Ogedei Khan**. **The Imperial Map Monument** is a great vantage point from which to gaze over the city of Kharkhorin and the Orkhon River, and imagine what this collection of dirt roads and low-rise buildings may have looked like in its glory days. **Next, visit the Erdene Zuu (Hundred Treasures) Monastery, the Turtle Monument, and the Karakoram Museum** to see the relics of the ancient capital of the **Mongol Empire**. The **Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery**, with its **108 stupas** and **the first Buddhist lamasery (16th century)**, was the most important religious center. Today it is an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas and temples, occupying an area of **400 square meters**, and surrounded by the steppe. The construction was continued by his **son 'Ogedei' Khan**, after his death. After 40 years, **'Kublai Khan' (grandson of Genghis Khan and host of Marco Polo)** moved the capital of the Mongolian Empire to **Beijing (Peking-Yuan Dynasty)**, already invaded. By 1792, 62 temples and more than 10,000 Lamas remained. In 1930, Stalinist purges destroyed most of the temples, and the Lamas were exiled to die in Siberia. Of its more than one hundred temples, **only three have survived to our era; this remains Mongolia's most notable cultural vestige**. **1:00 PM - Mongolian lunch included in front the Erdene zuu Monastery**. Overnight stay at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.

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DAY 6: KARAKORUM/BAYANGOBI DESERT/BACTRIAN CAMEL RIDING EXCURSION/ULAANBAATAR

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Then, depart for the **Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes** (known as the **Bayangobi**



desert, approx. 115 km/72 miles, +2 hours' drive). These desert sand dunes stretch for 80 km/50 miles in a beautiful valley. Opportunities include hiking, dune walking, and landscape photography. **Bactrian camel riding excursion included. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 280 km/174 miles, +5 hours, depending on traffic at the entrance). **1:00 PM - Lunch included in LUN.** Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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DAY 7: ULAANBAATAR TOUR/LAST SHOPPING

Breakfast and Lunch

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



hotel reception. Next, we will visit **the new "Genghis" Khan Museum ("Chinggis" Khaan)**, which finally opened on **October 11, 2022**. The museum is designed to showcase the history of the Mongolian kings from the reign of King Hunnu Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba. **Final shopping for pure Mongolian cashmere at the cashmere factory store.** Next, we will visit **Zaisan Hill**, which offers an overview of Ulaanbaatar. Next, we will visit **the Golden Buddha statue**, located at the base of the 75-foot-high (23-meter-high) **Zaisan Memorial**. **1:00 PM - Lunch is included at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner at your own expense.**

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DAY 8: DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA

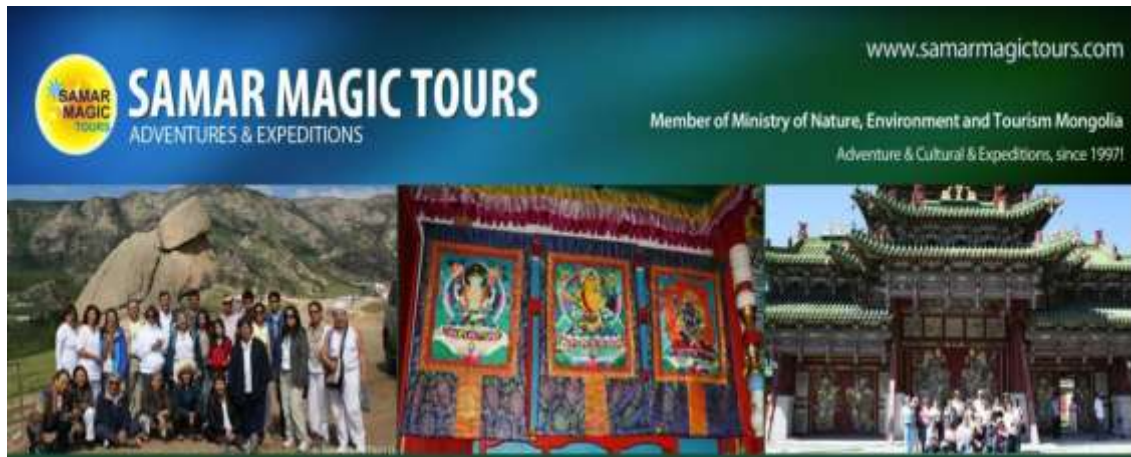
Breakfast

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 of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on the indicated double room with breakfast, in Ulaanbaatar.
- **2** nights of accommodation in a **Standard** Tourist Gers Camp, based on a minimum group of **2** adults (*or more people upon request), with shared bathrooms (1 building for men and 1 building for women) in Karakorum (***Note**: If you like to be accommodated in **LUXURY** Ger, based on a minimum group of **2** adults with inside toilet and shower, then you need to pay a supplement per person per night).
- Welcome lunch in a traditional local restaurant.
- Meals as specified (**7B, 6L, 2D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per day.
- All private transfers in a comfortable Japanese vehicle or similar, with all fuel included, for the rest of the journey. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle according to the number of participants; in no case will we accept claims for these reasons, and no refund will be issued.
- English or Spanish-speaking local guide.
- All entrance fees to the 40-meter Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, Arryabal Meditation Temple, Karakorum, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attend a folklore performance with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Admission to an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show.
- Excursion riding Bactrian camels across the sand dunes.
- Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.
- Service charges include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax, and 5% service charge at city hotels in Ulaanbaatar.

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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.
- The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport and required passport photos.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenses such as tips for hotel porters, phone/telex/fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.
- Any circumstances beyond our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, road conditions, etc.

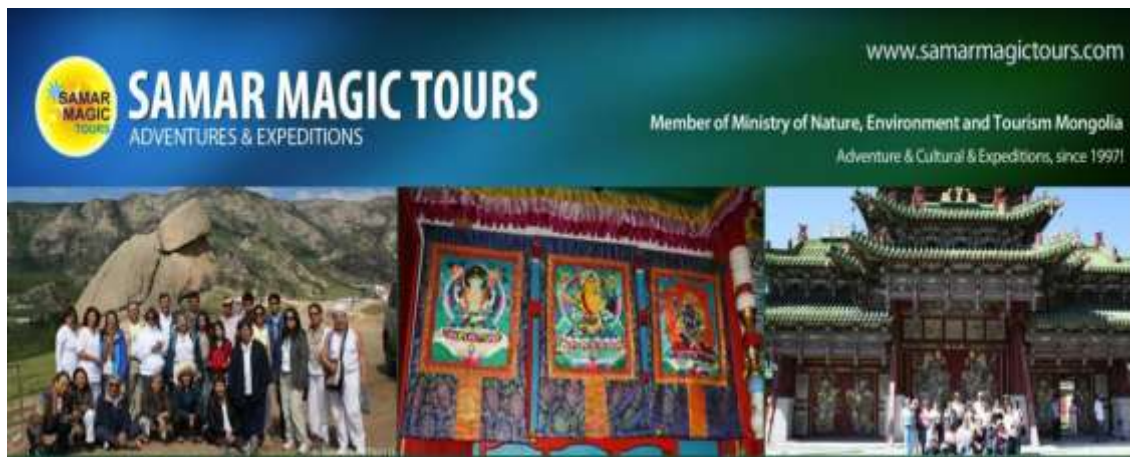
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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights not included.
- Hotel check-in in Ulaanbaatar is at **2:00PM (14:00). Early check-in not included.**
- Hotel check-out in Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00** noon. **Late check-out not included.**
- A surcharge applies during the **Naadam Festival (July 1–20 – Peak Season)** in Mongolia, when all services and accommodations are fully booked!).
- **In Ulaanbaatar & in Gorkhi-Terelj National Park: dinners are not included.**
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to organize lunches on route in available locations. In no case will claims be accepted for these reasons, and no refund will be issued.
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on the number of participants. In no case will claims be accepted for these reasons, and no refund will be issued.
- **Vegetarians must pay a supplement**, as vegetables are very expensive in Mongolia and the Mongolian diet is based on meat. This must be requested in advance, and the supplement paid depending on the number of days in Mongolia.
- **When visiting nomadic families:** you must enter the Ger from the left side and with your right foot first. Once inside, your hosts will invite you in and indicate where to sit. It is customary to bring a small gift for the nomads' children, never money, as it is considered offensive. Suggested gifts include sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps, or similar small treats.
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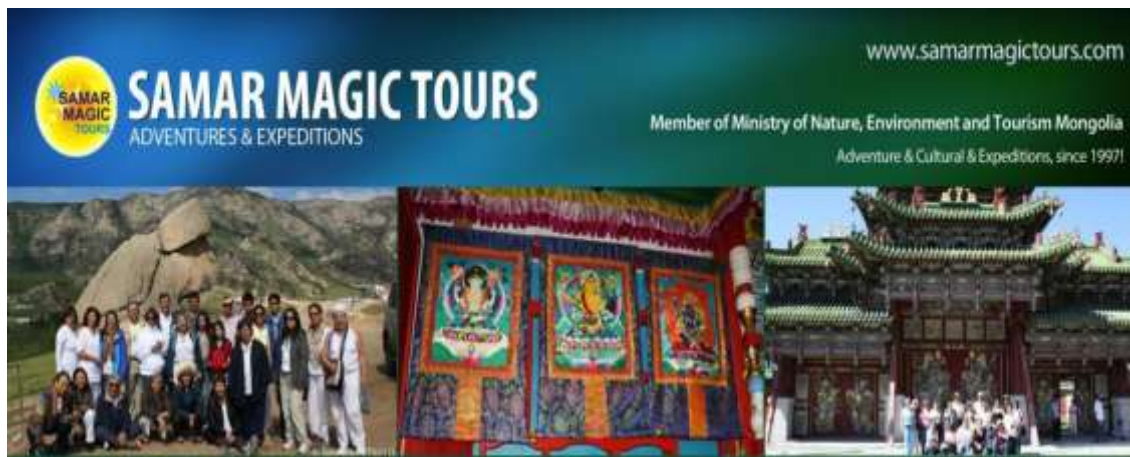
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PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR

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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>

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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

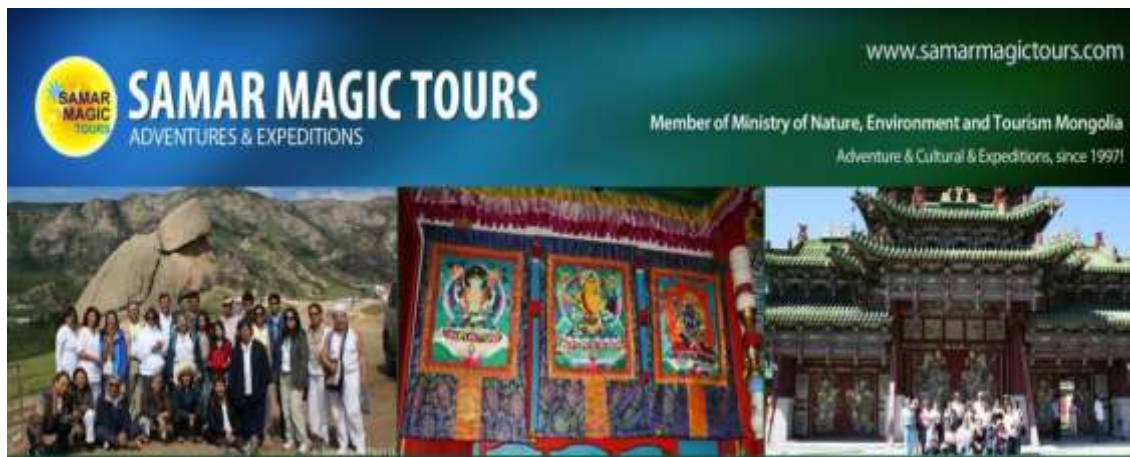


Ramada Hotel 4★: located in a shopping complex with **17** floors of modern architecture, offering 121 rooms and suites.

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

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PREMIUM PALACE HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



The 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



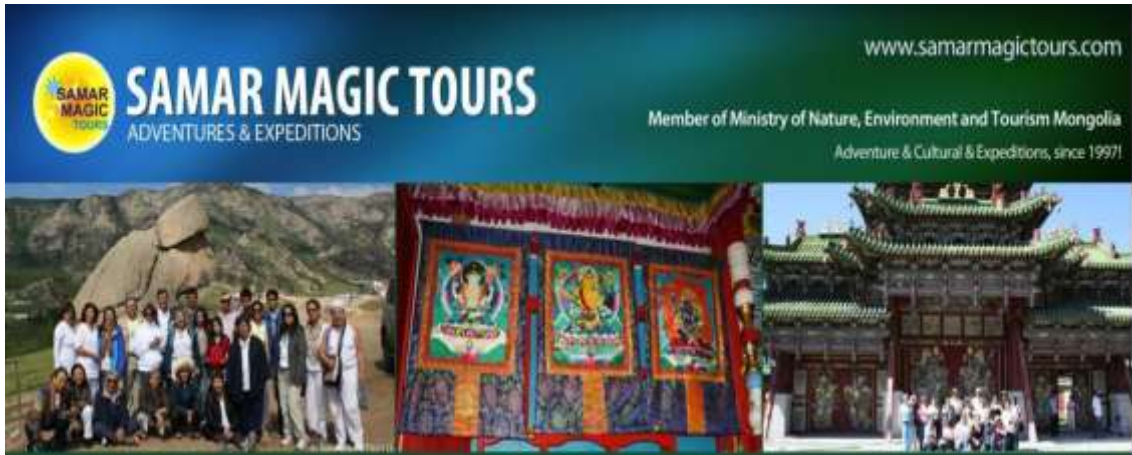
Novotel Hotel 5★:

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

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SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Flashlight.
- Spare batteries/bulb.
- Personal medications.
- Waterproof hiking boots.
- Waterproof jacket with hood.
- Waterproof over-pants.
- Fleece jacket or wool sweater.
- Cotton T-shirts.
- Long-sleeved shirts.
- Lightweight pants.
- Shorts.
- Socks.
- Underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Sandals.
- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Insect repellent.
- Plastic zip-lock bags.
- Binoculars/camera.
- Watch/alarm clock.
- Money belt/pouch.

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ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE MONGOLIAN COUNTRYSIDE

Samar Magic Tours always stays at the best existing Tourist Gers Camps, provided that payment is made within the indicated deadline to guarantee them. These are the traditional dwellings of the nomads, spacious and adapted for tourists, with bathrooms located outside (i.e., shared: 1 building for men and 1 building for women). All Tourist Gers Camps have restaurants.

NOTES:

1. If you wish to stay in a **DELUXE** Ger with a **private bathroom in Karakorum (Central Mongolia)**, it is necessary to add the supplement indicated in the net price table.
2. In some Tourist Gers Camps, electricity may be cut off after **10 or 12** at night. It is advisable to keep this in mind when planning to recharge batteries, etc.
3. 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 Tourist Gers Camps throughout the Mongolian countryside, **it is not possible to guarantee single room accommodation**.

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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:

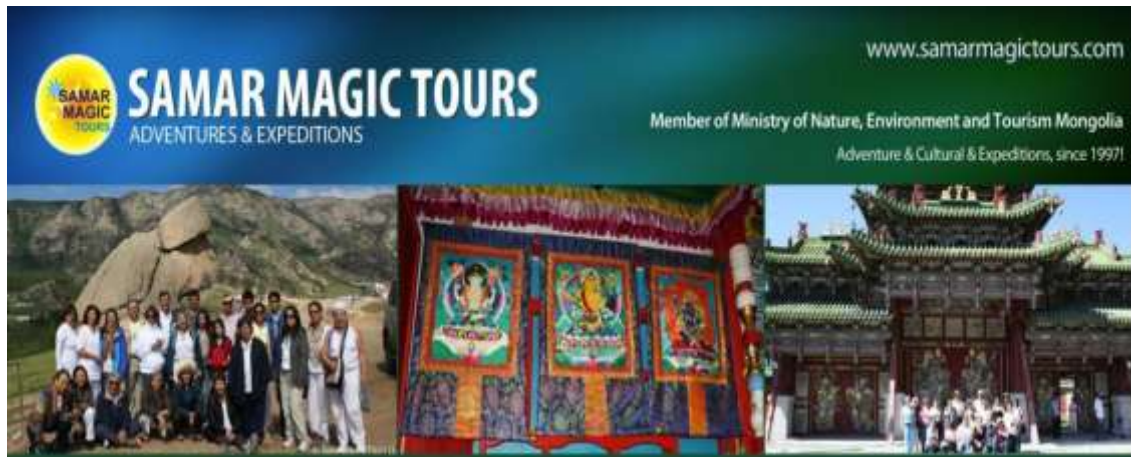
SELECTED HOTEL IN ULAANBAATAR (FROM THE INDICATED OPTIONS):

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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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: _____

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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.

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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.

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HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 5*



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BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5*

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