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# MONGOLIA



## AUTHENTIC MONGOLIA PRIVATE TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

**TOUR DURATION:** 9 days/8 nights

**TOUR CODE:** **SMT-MAP-9D**

**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 01-20 – PEAK SEASON!). PLEASE CONSULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND THE GROUP FESTIVAL NAADAM RATES), AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 20.**

**CHECK GROUP RATES AND OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS: CONTACT**

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**TOUR DESCRIPTION:** We will begin the route at Ulaanbaatar's New "Genghis" Khan International Airport (inaugurated on July 3, 2021, located 52 km/32.3 miles away, approx. +2-3 hours' drive depending on traffic), capital of Mongolia, with a warm welcome from the **Samar Magic Tours** team. This is one of the most fascinating routes in Mongolia. Next, we will depart **northeast** to visit the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**, a stainless-steel monument standing 40 meters tall. At the base of the statue, visitors can see a replica of the legendary Golden Whip of the Great Khan. Tourists can take an elevator inside the statue. The exit is at the level of Genghis Khan's thigh, from where one can walk to the horse's head and enjoy a panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small **Bronze Age Museum**, located in the basement of the statue. Departure continues **northeast** to **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**, located 1,600 meters above sea level, with towering granite rocks from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations of unusual shapes such as **Turtle Rock**. Declared a **National Park** in 1993, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares. Afterward, we will head **west** to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, which demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, including the herding and use of five types of livestock, moving from one place to another with ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. We will then continue **westward to Karakorum (Central Mongolia), the former capital of the Mongol Empire**, where ``Genghis'' Khan began construction in 1220 (later destroyed by Manchu soldiers). Here we will visit the **Monument to the Mongolian States**, built in 2004 on a hill overlooking **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)** and the **Orkhon River**. The monument features a large stone ovoo (shamanic cairn) with nine poles rising from its top, mounted on a stone and concrete platform, and surrounded by three circular walls.

The outer walls are decorated with colourful mosaics depicting maps of three empires:

1. The **Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes inhabiting the steppe from the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD.
2. The **Turkic Khaganate**, established by the Göktürks in 682 and lasting until 744.
3. Finally, the **Mongol Empire**, founded by Genghis Khan in the 13th century.

The site combines imperial symbolism with **shamanic traditions**. Offerings of vodka, milk, tea, rice, and other foods are often left at the **ovoo**, attracting birds and even passing herds of sheep and goats. Animal skulls can also be found scattered nearby, adding to the surreal atmosphere. Located in **Karakorum** (then the capital

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under **Ogedei Khan**, successor of ``**Genghis**'' **Khan**), this monument also provides a panoramic viewpoint over the Orkhon River valley. Next, we will visit the **Erdene Zuu Monastery** (Hundred Treasures), the **Turtle Monument**, and the **Karakorum Museum to view relics of the Mongol Empire**. With its **108** stupas, walls, and temples, **Erdene Zuu** (built in the 16th century) **was the most important Buddhist lamasery**. Today, it remains a striking complex covering **400** square meters, surrounded by the steppe. Construction was continued by **Ogedei Khan after Genghis Khan's death**. Forty years later, **Kublai Khan** (grandson of **Genghis and host of Marco Polo**) moved the imperial capital to **Beijing (Yuan Dynasty)**. In the afternoon, we will visit the **Khushuu Tsaidam Memorials** in the Orkhon Valley, erected in honour of Turkic princes **Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin (8th century)**, with **Orkhon inscriptions** considered the most impressive monuments of **the Göktürk Empire**. Later, we will depart to **Lake Ugii**, a paradise for migratory birds during April, May, and summer. These 25 km/16-mile-wide valleys is also home to herds of yaks, sheep, horses, and cattle. We will visit a small museum dedicated to the local flora and fauna, with opportunities for birdwatching. **Return to Karakorum**. We will then continue to the **Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes** (also known as the **Bayangobi Desert**), stretching 80 km/50 miles through a picturesque valley. Here we will hike, climb the dunes, photograph the **landscapes, and enjoy an included camel trek across the golden sands**.

Much of the Mongolian population remains nomadic, moving across the land with their Gers and herds of livestock. Encounters with these families and their way of life are an unforgettable experience. **To fully appreciate this journey, travellers must embrace the conditions of Mongolia, set aside preconceived expectations, and remain open to all that this country can offer.**



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### **AUTHENTIC MONGOLIA PRIVATE TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS**

**Ulaanbaatar – Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show – Ulaanbaatar – Karakorum (Central Mongolia) – Orkhon Valley – Turkic Memorials – Ugii Lake – Karakorum – 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). For clients arriving 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**, an

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**early check-in must be pre-paid in advance (early entry to hotel rooms).  
Rooms are available only from 02:00PM (14:00) on the day of arrival. Today  
there are no activities and no meals included. Rest at the hotel to adapt to  
local time.** Selected Hotel.

**Day 2: 09:00AM**–Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception/Grand City 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:** Ulaanbaatar/Karakorum. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 6:** Monument to the Mongolian States/Erdene Zuu Monastery/Karakorum Museum/Orkhon Valley/Turkic Memorials/Ugii Lake/Karakorum. Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 7:** Karakorum/Bayangobi Desert/Excursion on Bactrian Camels/Ulaanbaatar. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

**Day 8:** Ulaanbaatar tour. Last Shopping. Selected Hotel. **(B)(L)**

**Day 9: Check-out from hotel rooms in Ulaanbaatar is at 12:00 noon.** Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New "Genghis" Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, approx. **4-5** hours' drive depending on traffic in Ulaanbaatar). Departure from Mongolia. **(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, **+2-3** 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. The

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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 **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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## DAY 4: 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

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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. Return to Ulaanbaatar**(35 km/22 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at your selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



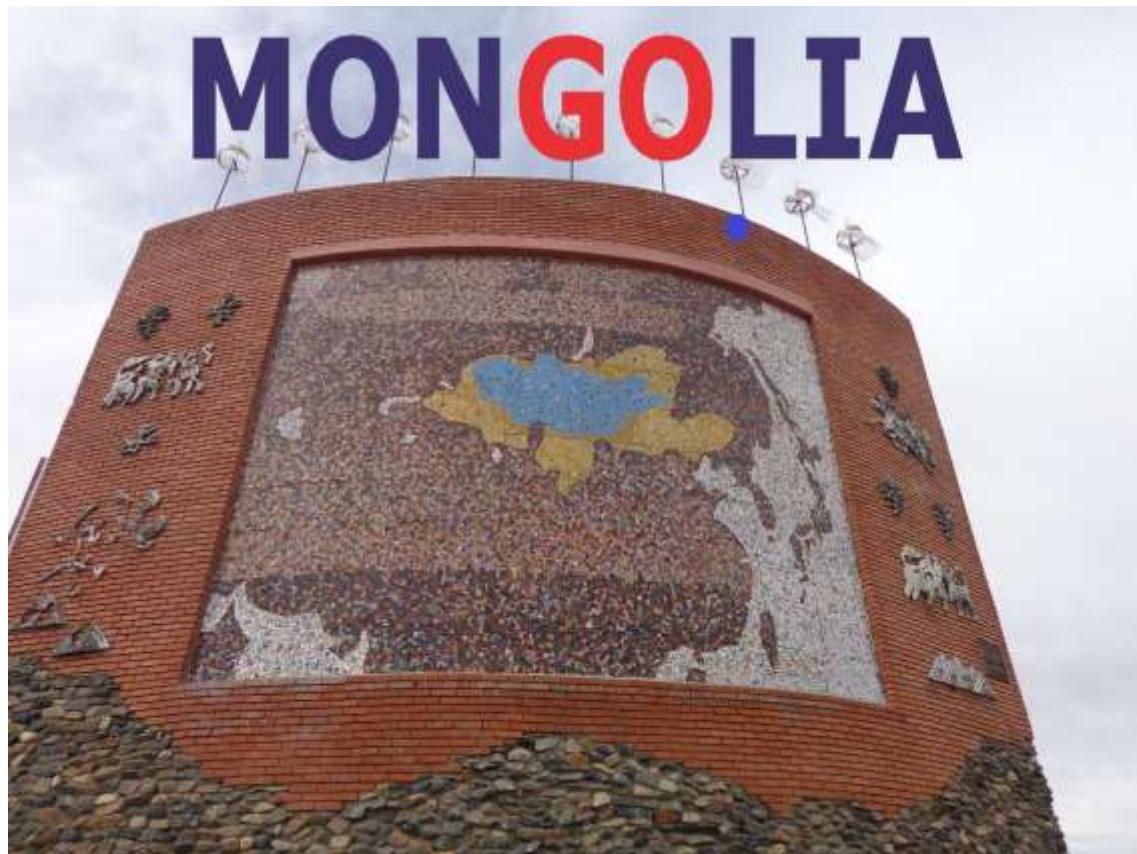
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## DAY 5: ULAANBAATAR/KARAKORUM (CENTRAL MONGOLIA)

### Full Board

Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Shopping for mineral water and other products at the main store (State Department Store). Departure westward** to legendary Karakorum (approx. 395 km/245 miles, 6-7 hours' drive) **in Central Mongolia. 1:00PM-Lunch is included in route at LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Free time to rest after a long journey.** Accommodation at tourist Gers camp in Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**



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## **DAY 6: MONUMENT TO MONGOLIAN STATES/ ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY /KARAKORUM MUSEUM / MONUMENTS / ORKHON VALLEY/ TURKISH MEMORIALS /LAKE UGII/KARAKORUM**

### **Full Board**

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, we will **visit the Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking the city of Karakorum (Kharkhorin), on the banks of the Orkhon River. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic 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. **Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes who lived on the steppes from approximately the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD.
2. Next came **the Turkic Khaganate**, established by the Göktürks in 682 and lasting only until 744.
3. Finally, and famously, ``**Genghis**'' **Khan** founded **the Mongol Empire** of the 13th and 14th centuries.

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



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**Next, visit the Erdene Zuu (Hundred Treasures) Monastery, the Turtle Monument, and the Karakoram Museum** to see the relics of the ancient capital of the **Mongol Empire**. The **Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery**, with its **108 stupas** and **the first Buddhist lamasery (16th century)**, was the most important religious center. Today it is an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas and temples, occupying an area of **400** square meters, and surrounded by the steppe. The construction was continued by his **son 'Ogedei' Khan**, after his death. After 40 years, '**Kublai Khan' (grandson of Genghis Khan and host of Marco Polo)** moved the capital of the Mongolian Empire to **Beijing (Peking-Yuan Dynasty)**, already invaded. By 1792, 62 temples and more than 10,000 Lamas remained. In 1930, Stalinist purges destroyed most of the temples, and the Lamas were exiled to die in Siberia. Of its more than one hundred temples, **only three have survived to our era; this remains Mongolia's most notable cultural vestige.** **1:00 PM - Mongolian lunch included in front the Erdene zuu Monastery. Then, departure by paved road**

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(46.4 km/29 miles, **financed by the Turkish Government**) to the **Khushuu Tsaidam Memorial Museum in the Orkhon River Valley**, erected in honor of the early 8th century Turkish princes **Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin** with their **Orkhon inscriptions**, which are admittedly the most impressive monuments of **the nomads of the Gokturk Empire**. Then, **departure by embankment (\*hard road) to Lake Ugii** (33 km/21 miles, 1 hour drive) - a suitable place for migratory birds. These are cited in this area in late April, May and throughout the summer. Over 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley, where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, bulls, etc. graze. We will visit a small museum of the local flora and fauna. **Here there are opportunities for ornithological observation. Return to the Karakorum** (80 km/50 miles, 2.0 hours). Overnight stay at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.





**DAY 7: 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 is included in LUN**. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**





#### **DAY 8: 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 9: 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?**

- **6** nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on the specified double room with breakfast, in Ulaanbaatar.
- **2** nights of accommodation in **Standard** Tourist Gers Camps, based on a minimum group of **2** adults (\*or more people upon request), with bathrooms located outside (1 building for gentlemen, and 1 building for ladies) in Karakorum. 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 (**8B,7L,2D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water daily.
- All private transfers by tourist bus or van (**\*depending on the confirmed group**) in Ulaanbaatar, Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show, and Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, with all fuel included.
- All private transfers by comfortable Japanese vehicle or similar, with all fuel included, in the remainder of the trip. **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle according to the number of participants; in no case will we accept claims for this reason, and no refunds will apply.
- English/Spanish-speaking local guide.
- All entrance fees to Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, Arryabal Meditation Temple, the Great Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, Karakorum, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a folklore show featuring the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Admission to an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show.
- Experience and knowledge about the true nomadic life.
- Excursion on Bactrian camels through the Bayangobi Desert sand dunes.
- Light hiking through wonderful landscapes.
- Birdwatching at Ugii Lake.

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- Service fees include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax, and 5% service charge in Ulaanbaatar city hotels.

### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?**

- Airfares not specified.
- Occasional flight delays or cancellations.
- **Early check-in at hotels.**
- **Late check-out at hotels.**
- Excess baggage in our vehicles (**15 KG PER PERSON – EXCESS BAGGAGE MUST BE LEFT FREE** OF CHARGE AT THE HOTEL BEFORE DEPARTURE TO THE MONGOLIAN COUNTRYSIDE).
- Visa.
- Any rescue costs or early departure expenses.
- Change of departure date from Ulaanbaatar.
- The traveller is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport and necessary 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 circumstance beyond our control, such as the imposition of 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 Equestrian Statue of "Genghis" Khan.
- Visit Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, located northeast at 1600m above sea level, featuring high granite rocks from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations of curious shapes from the Mesozoic such as the Turtle Rock.
- Attend an Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show, demonstrating the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.
- Visits to the "Erdene Zuu Monastery," the Turtle Monument, and the Karakorum Museum, to see relics of the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire. The Buddhist Monastery Erdene Zuu with its 108 stupas and the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century) was the most important religious seat. Today it remains an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas, and temples, covering a 400-square-meter area, surrounded by steppe.
- Visit the Museum of the Turkic Memorials (Khushuu Tsaidam) in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honor of the early 8th-century Turkic princes Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin with their Orkhon inscriptions, considered the most impressive monuments of the Göktürk Empire nomads.
- Explore Ugii Lake – an appropriate site for migratory birds, cited in this area at the end of April, May, and throughout the summer, with more than 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, bulls, etc., graze. Visit a small local flora and fauna museum. Birdwatching opportunities are available here.
- Ride Bactrian camels across the sand dunes.



## IMPORTANT TO NOTE

- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights not included.
- Hotel check-in time in Ulaanbaatar is **02:00 PM (14:00)**. **Early check-in is not included.**
- Hotel check-out time in Ulaanbaatar is **12:00 PM**. **Late check-out is not included.**
- There is a surcharge during the **Naadam Festival**, applied to travel between **July 01 and July 20 – Peak Season in Mongolia**, when all services and accommodations are overcrowded.
- **In the capital city of Ulaanbaatar & Gorkhi-Terelj National Park:** only breakfasts and lunches are included. **Dinners are on your own, not included.**
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to arrange lunches on the route wherever possible; in no case will we accept claims for this, and no refunds will apply.
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle according to the number of participants; in no case will we accept claims for this, and no refunds will apply.
- **Vegetarians must pay a supplement, since vegetables in Mongolia are very expensive**, and the Mongolian diet is based on meats, not vegetables. This must be informed 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 you cross the threshold, your hosts will invite you in, indicating where you should sit. It is proper to bring a small gift for the nomadic children – never money, as this is offensive. Examples: sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps... little treats of this kind.
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### PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR

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

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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**



<b>PREMIUM PALACE HOTEL 4*</b>  	<b>STANDART TWIN ROOM</b>  	<b>Premium Palace Hotel 4</b> ★: 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. <b>Check-in: from 14:00</b> <b>Check-out: by 12:00 noon</b>
<b>NOVOTEL HOTEL 5*</b>  	<b>STANDART TWIN ROOM</b>  	<b>Novotel Hotel 5★:</b> A modern hotel located in the heart of downtown, within walking distance of the Government Palace, Chinggis Khan Square, and major offices and embassies. It is approximately 2+ hours from the new "Genghis Khan" International Airport and 1 hour from Ulaanbaatar's train station. The hotel features 192 rooms, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, a gym, an indoor swimming pool, and a 362 m <sup>2</sup> ballroom adaptable for events. <b>Check-in: from 14:00</b> <b>Check-out: by 12:00 noon</b>



## ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE INTERIOR OF MONGOLIA

**Samar Magic Tours always stays in the best existing Tourist Gers Camps, provided that payment is made within the indicated timeframe in order to guarantee them.** These are the typical accommodations of the nomads, spacious and equipped for tourists, with bathrooms located outside (1 building for gentlemen, and 1 building for ladies). 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 is sometimes cut off after **10 or 12** at night. It is advisable to take this into account when planning battery recharges, etc.
3. The published net prices correspond to **double-room accommodations in hotels in Ulaanbaatar**. On this trip, it is only possible to confirm **single-room accommodations in hotels in Ulaanbaatar**. In the Tourist Gers Camps throughout the interior of Mongolia, **it is impossible to guarantee single accommodations**.

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### **SUGGESTED PACKING LIST**

- Flashlight
- Spare batteries/bulb
- Personal medication
- 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 ziplock bags
- Binoculars/camera
- Watch/alarm clock
- Money belt/pouch

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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.

### 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

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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.

**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:

<b>Spring:</b>	<b>May</b>	[around 14°C daytime, 6° °C nighttime. Occasional rain, generally cool.]
<b>Summer:</b>	<b>June-August</b>	[28–30 °C daytime, 18 °C nighttime. Mostly dry with occasional rain.]
<b>Autumn:</b>	<b>September</b>	[21–16 °C daytime, 0 °C nighttime. Dry and cold.]

**Luggage:** The lighter the luggage, the better. A soft backpack or travel bag is recommended, plus a small daypack for essentials during the day (camera, skin and lip cream, binoculars, canteen, and flashlight). A raincoat or poncho and a good parka, warm clothes for high places, light cotton clothes, sunglasses, and a cap for midday heat, as well as comfortable footwear, are recommended. Clients are advised to bring binoculars.

**Small first-aid kit:** mosquito repellent, saline solution, gauze, aspirin, paracetamol.

**Electricity:** 220V, 50Hz. European round plug.

**Clothing:** No special requirements regarding dress, just respect local customs.

**Photography:** The country is one of the most photogenic in the world, with its landscapes, wildlife, culture, and people. Entrance fees to museums, National Parks, and Monasteries are included in the trip according to the program, but photography is not. In many monasteries and temples, photos are not allowed unless you pay the set fee. Always check before taking photos, as notices are written in Cyrillic or Mongolian, often unintelligible for us; once you take a picture, payment is immediate.

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**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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