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**MONGOLIA SPECIAL GRAND NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP TOUR
(*INCLUDED TWO FLIGHTS TO GOBI DESERT) WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS
(JUNE 29-JULY 13)**

DURATION: 15 days / 14 nights

CODE: **SMT-GNF-15D**

SPECIAL GRAND NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP DEPARTURE: **June 29 – July 13**

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

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

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TOUR DESCRIPTION: We will attend the opening ceremony of the **National Festival in Ulaanbaatar**. **It is the most important nomadic cultural, social, and sporting event in Mongolia.** It formally commemorates the **1921 Revolution**, when Mongolia declared independence from China. This is the **High Season in Mongolia**, when all hotels and services are congested, and large crowds gather, yet the content and vibrant colors make hundreds of thousands of tourists from around the world travel to Mongolia to attend this major event.



The three games—**wrestling, horse racing, and archery**—were recorded in a 13th-century book, *The Secret History of the Mongols*. In 2010, Naadam was inscribed on the **UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**. Another popular Naadam activity is playing games using **shagai** (sheep ankle bones), which serve as game pieces as well as symbols of divination and friendship among Mongols.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The **Naadam Festival** surcharge applies for travel from **July 1 to July 20—Peak Season in Mongolia**—when all services and accommodations are fully booked!.



We will take a **flight Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad** (capital of South Gobi Province, 1 hr. 30 min. **Domestic flights may be subject to cancellations or modifications without prior notice**). Afterwards, we will explore the **Yolyn Canyon** or **Vulture Gorge** in Gobi Gurvan **Saikhan National Park** ("Three Beauties" of the eastern, middle, and western ranges), **the fossil sites of the giant dinosaurs, and the beautiful sand dunes known as Moltsoq**. We will visit a family taking care of **Bactrian camels**. **Excursion included: a ride atop a Bactrian camel. Return flight Dalanzadgad/Ulaanbaatar. Domestic flights pending final schedule.**



Dalanzadgad is the capital of **Ömnögovi Province (Gobi Desert)** in Mongolia. It is located **540 km / 336 miles south of Ulaanbaatar**.

Altitude: 1,470 m a.s.l.

Climate: Desert

Coordinates: 43°34'12"N 104°25'33"E / 43.57, 104.42583333333



In **Central Mongolia**, 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. Afterwards, visits to the **Erdene Zuu Monastery (One Hundred Treasures)**, the **Turtle Monument**, and the **Karakorum Museum**, to see the 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 center. Of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived to our era, and it remains the most prominent cultural legacy of Mongolia. Next, we will depart for **Lake Ugii**, a place suitable for migratory birds that gather in this area from late April, May, and throughout the summer. Covering more than 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley, herds of yaks, sheep, horses, and cattle graze here. We will visit a small museum dedicated to the local flora and fauna. There are opportunities here for **birdwatching**. Afterwards, we will head northeast to visit the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**, a stainless-steel statue measuring 40 meters in height. At the base of the statue, visitors can see the replica of the legendary **Golden Whip of the Great Khan**. Tourists may ascend by elevator inside the statue. The exit is at the height of Genghis Khan's thigh, from where one can walk up to the horse's head to enjoy a wide panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small museum located in the basement of the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue. Finally, we will depart westward to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, which demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock as they move from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.



MONGOLIAN NATIONAL WRESTLING: This spectacular event takes place in the **Central Stadium**. A total of **512 wrestlers** participates, of which only one (1) will be the winner. A wrestler loses if he touches the ground first, except with hands and feet.



The wrestlers honour the judges and the public with the **Eagle Dance** before starting the round of matches, and the winner also performs the Eagle Dance after finishing each match.

The title of **Nachin or Falcon** is awarded to a wrestler who wins **5** rounds.
Zaan or Elephant is a winner of **7** rounds.

The wrestler who wins all **9** rounds becomes the **national wrestling champion** and is awarded the title of **Arslan or Lion**.

A wrestler who has been **Lion** twice is honoured with the title of **Avarga or Champion**.



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BRIEF ITINERARY:

B-BREAKFAST, **L**-LUNCH, **D**-DINNER

Ulaanbaatar – Flight Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad (Gobi Desert) – Yolin Canyon or Vulture Valley – Sand Dunes known as “Moltsog” – Flaming Cliffs of “Bayanzag” – Flight Dalanzadgad (Gobi Desert)/Ulaanbaatar – Karakorum (Central Mongolia) – Orkhon Valley – Turkic Memorials – Lake Ugii – Karakorum – Bayangobi Desert – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show – Ulaanbaatar – Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan – Ulaanbaatar – “Deel Mongol” Parade – Naadam Horse Racing – Ulaanbaatar – Opening of the Great Naadam Festival – Closing of the Great Naadam Festival – Ulaanbaatar



JUNE 29, Day 1: Arrival at the New "Genghis" Khan Airport in Ulaanbaatar. Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team and transfer to the hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, +2 hours driving, depending on traffic). Rooms will be available starting from **2:00PM** on the day of arrival. **An early check-in fee is required if tourists wish to check in early or the luggage to be left at the hotel reception until 2:00PM. Transfer to the hotel. Today there are no activities and no meals included. Rest at the hotel to adapt to local time.** Overnight at the selected hotel.

JUNE 30, Day 2: At the corresponding time, meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New "Genghis" Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **4.0** hours driving, depending on traffic). **We will take the flight from Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad** (capital of South Gobi province, 1hr.30min). **Domestic flights may be subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice.** **Gobi Desert: Yolín Canyon or Vulture Valley.** Tourist Ger Camp in the Gobi Desert. **(B+L+D)**

JULY 1, Day 3: Gobi Desert: Beautiful Sand Dunes known as "Moltsog"/**Camelback Ride** on Bactrian Camels/**Flaming Cliffs** of "Bayanzag." Tourist Ger Camp in the Gobi Desert. **(B+L+D)**

JULY 2, Day 4: At the corresponding time, meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team, transfer to the local Dalanzadgad airport, capital of South Gobi province. **We will take the flight Dalanzadgad/Ulaanbaatar (1hr.30min).** **Domestic flights may be subject to cancellations or modifications without prior notice.** Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the New "Genghis" Khan Airport. Transfer to the hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, +2.0 hours driving, depending on traffic). Rooms will be available starting from **2:00PM** on the day of arrival. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B+L)**

JULY 3, Day 5: Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Purchase of mineral water and other products at the main store (State Department Store).** Afterwards, departure westward to the legendary **Karakorum** (approx. 395 km/245.44 miles, +7 hours driving), **located in Central Mongolia.** **1:00PM-Lunch included in LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Free time to rest after a long travel day.** Overnight in a tourist Ger Camp in Karakorum. **(B+L+D)**

JULY 4, Day 6: Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Then, visit to the **Monument to the Mongol States** located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the bank of the Orkhon River. Next, visits to the **Erdene Zuu Monastery ("Hundred Treasures")**, the **Turtle Monument**, and the **Karakorum Museum**, to view the relics of the ancient capital of the **Mongol Empire.** The **Buddhist Monastery of Erdene Zuu** with its **108 stupas**, and the **first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century)**, was the most important religious center. Of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived until today, remaining as Mongolia's most significant cultural vestige. **1:00PM-Mongolian lunch included in front of the Erdene Zuu Monastery.** Next, departure via paved road (46.4 km/29 miles, financed by the **Turkish Government**) to the **Khushuu Tsaidam**



Memorials Museum in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honour of the early 8th-century Turkic princes **Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin**, with their **Orkhon inscriptions**, regarded as the most impressive monuments of the **Gokturk nomads**. Afterwards, departure via embankment (hard road) to **Lake Ugii** (33 km/21 miles, 1 hour driving) – a suitable site for migratory birds in late April, May, and throughout summer, with over 25 km/16 miles in a beautiful valley where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, and cattle graze. **Visit to a small museum of local flora and fauna. Birdwatching opportunities available here. Return to Karakorum** (80 km/50 miles, 2.0 hours driving). Overnight in a tourist Ger Camp in Karakorum. **(B+L+D)**

JULY 5, Day 7: Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Then, departure towards the **Elsen Tasarkhai dunes (known as the Bayangobi Desert)**, approx. 115 km/72 miles, +2 hours driving). These desert sand dunes stretch over 80 km/50 miles in a beautiful valley. Opportunity for hiking, walking on the dunes, and photographing landscapes. **Excursion included to ride on Bactrian camels through the dunes. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (approx. 280 km/174 miles, +5 hours, depending on traffic upon entry). **1:00PM-Lunch included in LUN.** Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 6, Day 8: Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Join the NAADAM FESTIVAL Main Group.** Grand City Tour in Ulaanbaatar. **1:00PM-Welcome Lunch at a traditional local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 7, Day 9: **07:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Afterwards, departure westward to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours driving, depending on Ulaanbaatar traffic), from **10:00AM until 1:00PM. The Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads, breeding and using five types of livestock while moving from place to place, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. **Mongolian lunch included at the camp. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2.0 hours driving, depending on traffic). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. Dinner not included, on your own. **(B+L)**

JULY 8, Day 10: **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **Ulaanbaatar-Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan-Ulaanbaatar. Lunch included in a local restaurant.** Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 9, Day 11: **09:00AM**-Attend the **Traditional Costume Parade (DEEL MONGOL)** at **Sukhbaatar Central Square (Pre-Naadam Festival activity)**. The "Deel Mongol" Parade, known as "Deeltei Mongol," is an annual event in Ulaanbaatar that celebrates traditional Mongolian clothing. It takes place at **Sukhbaatar Square** and is an important part of the **Naadam Festival**. The "Deel Mongol" aims to promote Mongolian cultural heritage, encourage the use of the deel among younger



generations, and attract tourists. **Lunch included at a local restaurant. Overnight at the selected hotel. Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 10, Day 12: 07:00AM-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure towards **Western Mongolia** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00-4.00 hours of travel, depending on traffic exiting Ulaanbaatar). **Ulaanbaatar-Naadam Festival Horse Racing-Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00-4.00 hours driving, depending on traffic re-entering Ulaanbaatar). **Picnic Lunch included at the site.** Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 11, Day 13: 08:00AM-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure to the **Central Stadium. 11:00AM-Opening of the Great Naadam Festival.** Competitions begin. **1:00PM-Lunch included in a local restaurant.** Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 12, Day 14: 09:00AM-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. City Tour. **1:00PM-Lunch included in a local restaurant.** Departure to the **Central Stadium.** Continuation of the **Naadam Festival Competitions. Closing of the Great Naadam Festival. Last shopping.** Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own. (B+L)**

JULY 13, Day 15: Rooms must be vacated before **12:00PM** on departure day. Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New **"Genghis" Khan Airport** (52 km/32.3 miles, **4-5** hours driving, depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GREAT JOURNEY! (B)**



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GRAND TOUR IN DETAIL:

JUNE 29, 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.





JUNE 30, DAY 2:

FLIGHT ULAANBAATAR/GOBI DESERT OF MONGOLIA/YOLIN CANYON IN GOBI GURVASAIKHAN NATIONAL PARK

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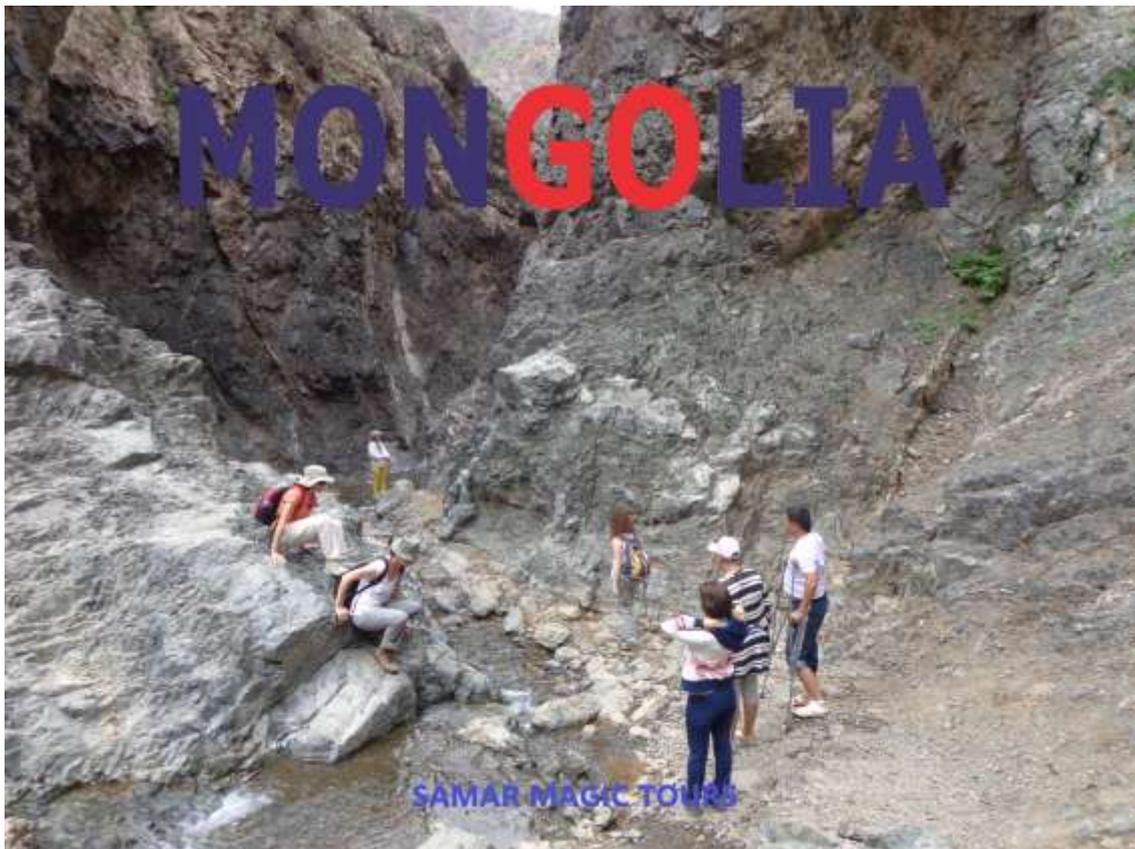
Breakfast. At the appropriate time, meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **+4.0** hours travel time, depending on traffic). **We will take the flight from Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad** (capital of South Gobi Province, 1 hour 30 minutes. **Domestic flights are subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice**). **Arrival at Dalanzadgad Airport in the Gobi Desert.** Meeting with



comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicles or similar. Transfer to the Gers Tourist Camp. **After a short rest**, we head for **Yolin Canyon, or Vulture Gorge**. The word **GOBI** means "**desert**" in Mongolian. **The Gobi Desert** is a place teeming with life. It consists mostly of steppes and plains where vegetation grows and livestock graze, with only 3 percent of the total surface area being sand. It is the largest protected area in Asia and was designated a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** in 1991. Significant fossil sites have also been discovered in the region. The mountains surround it, the Altai and the Mongolian steppes to the north. The **Gobi** is composed of distinct geographic and ecological regions, based on their variations in climate and topography. Historically, the **Gobi Desert** is notable for having been part of the **Mongol Empire** and for the location of several important cities along the **Silk Road**. Occupying 30% of the national territory, the Great Gobi of Mongolia encompasses whimsical hills, sandy dunes, vast plateaus, steppes with their aromatic grasses, and,



of course, a very diverse animal world. The Gobi is the source of some of history's most incredible fossil finds, including the first dinosaur eggs. The desert and surrounding regions provide food for many animals, including the black-tailed gazelle, the spotted polecat, and the plover. **Departure in comfortable 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser vehicles or similar for Yolin Canyon or Vulture Gorge.**



We will explore on foot (round-trip hikes) the "Yolin" Canyon or Vulture Gorge, where we will navigate a small stream, located in the **Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park** - established in 1993 with about 27,000 km², it is the largest in Mongolia. **Yolyn Am (Mongolian: Ёлын Ам, Lammergeier Valley)** is a deep and narrow gorge in the **Gurvan Saikhan Mountains of southern Mongolia**. The valley is named after **Lammergeier**, which is called **Yol in Mongolian**. The bearded vulture is an Old World vulture, so the name is often translated as **Valley of Vultures or Valley of Eagles**. The valley is located within the Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park. **Yolyn Am** is located in the Zuun Saikhanii Nuruu (Eastern Beauty) subrange of the **Gurvan Saikhan Mountains**. The area, as part of the Gobi Desert, sees little precipitation. However, **Yolyn Am** is notable for a deep ice field. The ice field reaches several meters thick in late winter and is several kilometers long. In previous years, the ice field remained frozen year-round, but the modern ice field tends to disappear



by September. **There is a small museum displaying dinosaur eggs, some bones, stuffed birds, and leopards. Here you will have the opportunity to hike in the Gobi Valley with breathtaking landscapes.** Once in the Yolín Canyon, we will walk through the valley, which narrows to a gorge at the bottom of which runs a torrent, frozen for most of the year until early July. **This is one of the most spectacular spots in the Gobi.** If we are lucky, we may spot bearded vultures, other birds, and small rodents. **Horses can be rented with local guides to cross the canyon (*extra charge on-site, directly from the locals).** **Return.** Overnight at the Gers Tourist Camp. Here, at night (weather permitting), we can admire **the Milky Way** constellation with millions of stars.



JULY 1, DAY 3: MONGOLIA'S GOBI DESERT: MOLTSOG SAND DUNES / FAMILY WITH BACTRIAN CAMEL RANCH / CAMEL RIDES / BAYANZAG FIRE CLIFFS **Full Board**

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team and board comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicles or similar. **Departure for the beautiful ``Moltsog`` sand dunes. We will visit an authentic nomadic family with Bactrian camel ranches. We will enjoy an excursion on Bactrian camels.** We will walk through the dunes and climb to the highest peak, where we will observe a wonderful landscape of sand dunes and enjoy the contrast of the Gobi Desert. **Next,**



departure to the **Fire Cliffs of Bayan Zag**, a Paleolithic-era archaeological site.

Roy Chapman Andrews (January 26, 1884 – March 11, 1960) was an American explorer, adventurer, and naturalist who became the director of the American Museum of Natural History. He is best known for leading a series of expeditions through early 20th-century China to the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. **Expeditions made important discoveries and brought back to the museum the first known fossil dinosaur eggs, found in the Fire Cliffs of Bayanzag. The largest dinosaur fossil sites in the world were found in the Bayanzag area.** We will **hike to explore the Fire Cliffs of Bayanzag**, where hundreds of fossilized dinosaur eggs have been discovered, as well as complete skeletons of these great prehistoric reptiles from the Cretaceous period. Currently, several complete dinosaur fossils from Bayanzag are on



display at the Natural History Museum in New York, in Ulaanbaatar, and in the new Gobi Museum of Nature and History in Umnugovi Aimag (South Gobi Province). **Return for lunch at the tourist camp.** Overnight at the Gers Tourist Camp.



JULY 2, DAY 4: FLIGHT FROM DALANZADGAD/ULAANBAATAR

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. At the appropriate time, meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team and **transfer to the local airport in Dalanzadgad**, the capital of South Gobi Province. We bid farewell to the drivers in Mongolian and board the comfortable Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicles or similar. **We will take the flight from Dalanzadgad/Ulaanbaatar** (1 hour 30 minutes). **Domestic flights are subject to cancellations or changes without prior notice.** Meet with **Samar Magic Tours** at the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport. Transfer to the hotel (52 km, +2.0 hours of driving, depending on traffic. **Rooms may be used after 2:00 PM on the day of arrival**). Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



JULY 3, DAY 5: ULANBAATAR/KARAKORUM (CENTRAL MONGOLIA)

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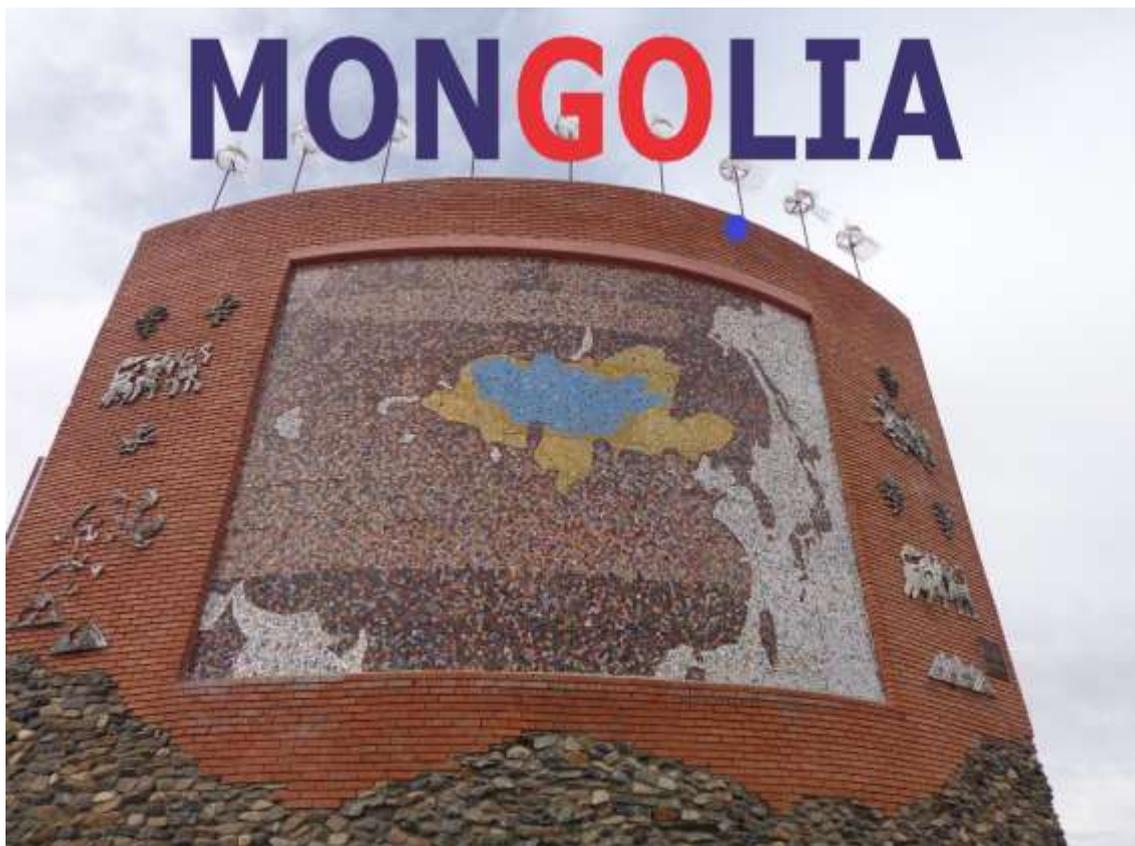
Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Purchase mineral water and other supplies at the **State Department Store**. Then, depart westward to **the legendary Karakorum** (approx. 395 km/245.44 miles, 6-7 hours travel time), located in Central Mongolia. **1:00 PM - Lunch included in the tour in LUN.** Arrival and transfer. **Rest at your leisure after a long day of travel.** Overnight at a Gers tourist camp in the Karakorum.



JULY 4, DAY 6: MONUMENT TO THE MONGOLIAN STATES/ERDENE ZUU MONASTERY/KARAKORUM MUSEUM/MONUMENTS/ORKHON VALLEY/TURKISH MEMORIALS/LAKE UGII/KARAKORUM

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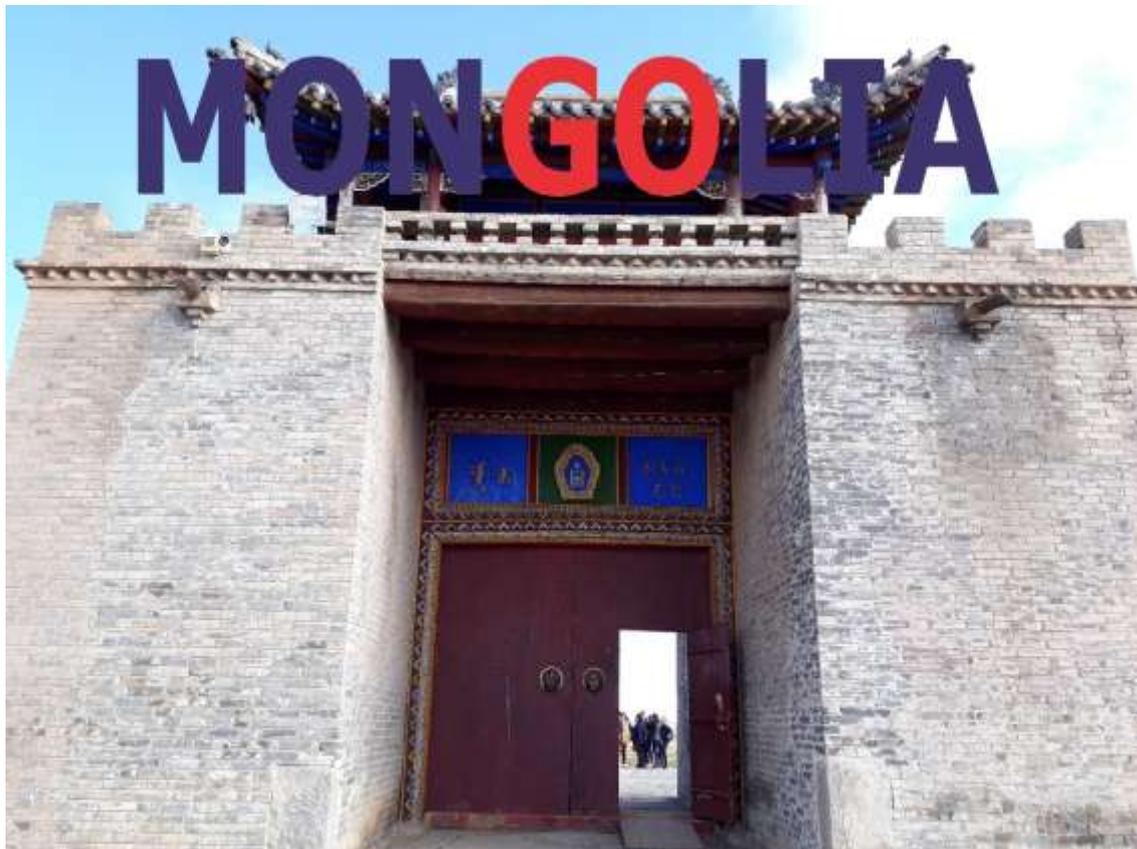
Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, we will **visit the Monument to the Mongol States**, located on a hill overlooking the city of Karakorum (Kharkhorin), on the banks of the Orkhon River. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (**a shamanic ovo**) 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.
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 ovoos 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.** Then, departure by paved road (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 Ugi** (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.





JULY 5, DAY 7: KARAKORUM/BAYANGOBI DESERT/BACTRIAN CAMEL RIDING EXCURSION/ULAAN BAATAR

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.**





JULY 6, DAY 8: JOIN THE MAIN NAADAM FESTIVAL GROUP/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.

Join the NAADAM FESTIVAL Main Group. 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**.



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JULY 7, DAY 9:

ULAANBAATAR/AUTHENTIC MONGOLIAN NOMAD 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 Nomad 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 Nomad 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. 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.**



JULY 8, DAY 10: ULAANBAATAR/GREAT EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF GENGHIS KHAN/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 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).** **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (55 km/34.2 miles, +2.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance). **1:00 PM - Lunch included at a local restaurant in Ulaanbaatar. 6:00 PM - Enjoy a Mongolian folk singing and dancing performance.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at your selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



JULY 9, DAY 11: MONGOLIAN DEEL PARADE IN ULAANBAATAR **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast. **9:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. **9:00 AM/10:00 AM** - Attend **the Traditional Costume Parade (MONGOL DEEL)** in **Sukhbaatar Central Square** (***pre-Naadam Festival activity**). The **Mongolian Deel Parade**, known as "**Deeltei Mongol**," is an annual event in Ulaanbaatar that celebrates traditional Mongolian attire. It takes place in **Sukhbaatar Square** and is an important part of the Naadam Festival. The "**Mongol Deel**" seeks to promote Mongolian cultural heritage, encourage the use of deel among younger generations, and attract tourists. **Lunch included at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



JULY 10, DAY 12:

ULAANBAATAR/NAADAM FESTIVAL HORSE RACING/ULAAN BAATAR

Breakfast and Picnic Lunch

Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception.

Departure west (35 km/22 miles, +2.0-4.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure) to watch the **NAADAM FESTIVAL horse races**. These races take place on the steppes **over 15 to 30 km distance** and involve **1,800-2,000 horses**. This is a tough test of strength and skill for horses of different ages and for riders from 3 to 10 years old. **Riders are girls and boys. Picnic lunch included. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2.0-4.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic on departure). Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**





JULY 11, DAY 13:

NAADAM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY/COMPETITIONS BEGIN

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the **Central Stadium**. **11:00 AM** - Upon the arrival of the national flag at the stadium, we will attend **the opening ceremony of the Mongolian National Day—the Naadam Festival**, celebrating the Mongolian Revolution and independence from China. **Competition Attendance: 512 wrestlers** take part in the Naadam.

Archery: The target consists of **360** leather hoops fixed to the wall, measuring 40–50 cm high and 4 cm long. Men and women shoot 40 and 20 arrows. The **"Taba" (Taboo Throw)**: This involves throwing a bone with your fingers and attempting to hit two "Tabas" (bones) placed on a board about **10** meters apart. **Lunch included at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner at your own expense.** In the evenings, numerous cultural and entertainment programs are offered. A fireworks display takes place to celebrate the national holiday.





JULY 12, DAY 14: NAADAM FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY

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 included at a local restaurant. Transfer to the Central Stadium.**



Attendance at the **final competitions and the Naadam Festival Closing Ceremony**. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the selected hotel. **Dinner at your own expense**. Numerous cultural and entertainment programs are offered in the evenings.

JULY 13, DAY 15: 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?

Two domestic flights Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad – Gobi Desert/Ulaanbaatar, including the domestic tax (baggage allowance: 15 kg per person (5kg hand luggage, 10 kg checked)).

IMPORTANT NOTES: Domestic flights are subject to final scheduling. The program may suffer unexpected changes **depending on flight confirmations.** In such cases, we will do everything within our reach to find the best available solution. Under no circumstances will we accept claims for the consequences of changes or cancellations of domestic flights, and no refunds will apply. TO RESERVE THE INDICATED AIRLINE TICKETS, WE MUST RECEIVE IN **ADVANCE A VALID PHOTOCOPY OF EACH PASSENGER'S PASSPORT.**

- **10** nights' accommodation in the selected hotel in Ulaanbaatar, based on double occupancy with breakfast included.
- **4** nights' accommodation in **Standard** Tourist Ger Camps, based on a minimum of **2** adults (*or more upon request), with shared bathroom facilities (1 building for gentlemen, 1 building for ladies). (**Note:** if do you like to overnight in a **luxury** Ger with inside toilet and shower, need to pay a supplement, informed on the table).
- Welcome lunch at a traditional local restaurant.
- Meals as specified (**14B, 13L, 4D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person per day.
- All private transfers by tourist bus, minibus, or van (*depending on confirmed group size), with all fuel included.
- All private transfers by comfortable 4x4 vehicle (*depending on confirmed group size), with all fuel included, in the Gobi Desert.
- English/Spanish speaking local guide with the **two included flights Ulaanbaatar/Gobi Desert/Ulaanbaatar.**
- Admission tickets to the **Grand Naadam Festival** in Ulaanbaatar on July 11th and 12th.
- Admission to the **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show** on **July 7th.**
- Admission to the **Traditional Costume Parade "Deeltei Mongol"** on **July 9th.**
- Admission to the **Naadam Festival Horse Races** on **July 10th.**

- All entrance fees to the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan, Yolyn Canyon in Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park, Bayanzag Flaming Cliffs, Karakorum, Turkic Memorials**, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a **folk performance** featuring the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Service fees include: 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax, and 5% hotel service charge in Ulaanbaatar.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- International Flights.
- Occasional flight delays or cancellations.
- **Early check-in at hotel rooms.**
- **Late check-out at hotel rooms.**
- Visa.
- **Domestic flights pending final schedule.** The program may undergo unexpected changes depending on the confirmation of domestic flights. **In such cases, we will do everything in our power to find the best available solution, under no circumstances will we accept claims for the consequences of changes or cancellations of domestic flights, and no refund will be issued.**
- **Excess baggage on domestic flights (domestic flight baggage limit: 15kg per person: 5kg carry-on, and 10kg checked).**
- Any rescue costs or early departure costs.
- Change of departure date from Ulaanbaatar.
- 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**).
- **Vegetarians must pay a supplement, since in Mongolia vegetables are very expensive**, and the Mongolian diet is based on meat, not vegetables. Notice must be given in advance, and the supplement must be paid depending on the number of days in Mongolia.
- The traveller is responsible for having the proper travel documents, such as a valid passport and the required passport photos.
- Travel Insurance.
- **MONGOLIA** is not recommended for people with respiratory problems, heart problems, wheelchair users, disabled people, or children under **3** years of age.
- Personal items such as hotel porter tips, phone/telex/fax charges, laundry, drinks, 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.
- Any other concept not mentioned under the included services section.



HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES:

- We will attend the **Naadam Festival**, the most important nomadic cultural, social, and sporting event in Mongolia.
- We will attend the competitions of horse racing, national wrestling, archery, and knucklebone shooting at the **Naadam Festival**.
- We will walk through the beautiful dunes known as **"Moltsog"**, and climb to the highest peak, where we will enjoy the contrast of the Gobi Desert.
- We will visit an authentic family with Bactrian camel breeding.
- We will enjoy an excursion riding Bactrian camels in the Gobi Desert.
- We will explore on foot the **Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag**, where hundreds of fossilized dinosaur eggs have been discovered, as well as complete skeletons of these great prehistoric reptiles of the Cretaceous period.
- We will explore the **Yolyn Canyon or Vulture Gorge**, in the **"Gobi Gurvanshaikhan" National Park**.
- In Central Mongolia, we will visit the **"Erdene Zuu Monastery"**, the Turtle Monument, and the Karakorum Museum, to see the relics of the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire. The **Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery** with its 108 stupas and the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century) was the most important religious center. Today it remains an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas, and temples, occupying an area of 400 square meters, surrounded by the steppe.
- We will visit the **Khushuu Tsaidam Memorials Museum**, in the Orkhon Valley.
- We will visit the beautiful **Lake Ugii** – a suitable place for migratory birds that gather in this area in late April, May, and throughout the summer, where herds of yaks, sheep, horses, cattle, etc. graze.
- Explore, enjoy, and climb the sand dunes in the **Bayangobi desert**. Ride Bactrian camels across the sand dunes.
- We will attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show**, demonstrating the traditional lifestyle of Mongolia's nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock while moving from place to place, using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.
- We will visit the **Grand Equestrian Statue of "Genghis" Khan**.
- We will attend the **"Deel Mongol" Parade**, known as "Deeltei Mongol," an annual event in Ulaanbaatar that celebrates traditional Mongolian clothing. It takes place in



Sukhbaatar Square and is an important part of the **Naadam Festival**.

- We will visit the new **"Genghis" Khan ("Chinggis" Khaan) Museum**, which finally opened its doors on October 11, 2022. The museum is designed to showcase the history of Mongolian kings from the reign of Hunnu King Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba.
- Listen to the fascinating sounds of **khoomi throat singing** during a traditional dance performance.



PROPOSED HOTELS IN ULAANBAATAR

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



MILLENIUM PLAZA HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Millennium Plaza Hotel 4★

Situated less than 1.5 km from Sukhbaatar Square in central Ulaanbaatar, and 52 km (32.3 miles) from the new "Chinggis Khaan" Airport. The hotel has 72 well-equipped rooms, a Korean restaurant, and a lobby café. Five event venues: elegant ballroom, large conference hall, and other entertainment spaces. In addition, luxurious karaoke rooms.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon

RAMADA HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Ramada Hotel 4★

Located in a shopping complex with 17 floors of modern architecture, offering 121 rooms and suites. The Hotel Ramada is situated in the heart of Ulaanbaatar, 52 km (32.3 miles) from the new "Chinggis Khaan" Airport and a 15-20-minute walk from Gandan Monastery.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon



PREMIUM PALACE HOTEL 4*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Premium Palace Hotel 4 ★

The is located 20 minutes on foot from the Gandan Monastery, the most important in Mongolia, and 2.3 km from Sukhbaatar Central Square.

The Premium offers 192 rooms, 2 elevators, 2 restaurants: Yu Long Chinese and buffet breakfast, number of floors: 20, Wi-Fi, gym, CU café on the 1st floor, and a small parking area.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon

NOVOTEL HOTEL 5*



STANDART TWIN ROOM



Novotel Hotel 5★

A modern hotel located in the heart of downtown, within walking distance of the Government Palace, Chinggis Khan Square, and major offices and embassies. It is approximately 2+ hours from the new "Genghis Khan" International Airport and 1 hour from Ulaanbaatar's train station. The hotel features 192 rooms, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, a gym, an indoor swimming pool, and a 362 m² ballroom adaptable for events.

Check-in: from 14:00
Check-out: by 12:00 noon



ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE MONGOLIAN COUNTRYSIDE

Samar Magic Tours always arranges stays in the best available **Tourist Ger Camps**, **provided payment is made within the indicated timeframe to guarantee reservations**. These are the traditional dwellings of nomads, spacious and adapted for tourists, with shared bathroom facilities (one building for men, one building for women). All Ger camps include restaurants.

NOTES:

1. If you wish to stay in a **DELUXE Ger** with **private bathroom** in Karakorum (**Central Mongolia**), it is necessary to **add the supplement indicated in the net price table**.
2. In some Ger tourist camps, electricity may be cut off after **10:00 or 12:00** at night. It is advisable to keep this in mind when planning to recharge batteries, etc.
3. Published net prices are based on **double rooms in Ulaanbaatar hotels**. For this trip, **single rooms can only be confirmed in Ulaanbaatar hotels**. In countryside Ger tourist camps, **single occupancy cannot be guaranteed**.



SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

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



SPECIAL PAYMENT & CONDITIONS FOR NAADAM FESTIVAL MONGOLIA TOURS

All tour prices are calculated on the basis of double occupancy rooms and expressed in in EUROS or in USD, based on current rates and currency exchange at the time of printing.

- At the time of booking, the reservation form must be completed, and a **reservation guarantee** must be paid immediately via bank transfer, **before December 1st.**
- The **2nd payment (50%)** must be paid via bank transfer **before March 1st.**
- The **final payment** must be completed via bank transfer **before April 1st.**

MONGOLIAN HOLIDAYS:

Banks in Mongolia do not operate on Saturdays, Sundays, and on Mongolian public holidays, such as **March 8th, June 1st, and the Naadam Festival (July 1st-15th).**

Bank transfers take approximately **5 business days** to be received.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not make payments by the specified deadlines, we cannot guarantee the indicated services. In this case, you will need to consult new rates and availability in other hotels.

The price of your tour is guaranteed once **Samar Magic Tours** has received full payment.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM:

- FULL NAME (as written in passport):
- NATIONALITY:
- VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:
- GENDER:
- ARRIVAL DATE IN ULAANBAATAR, FLIGHT NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME:
- DEPARTURE DATE FROM MONGOLIA, FLIGHT NUMBER AND DEPARTURE TIME:
- SELECTED HOTEL IN MONGOLIA:
- TOUR CODE:

HOTELS: Rooms are available from **2:00 PM** on the day of arrival and must be vacated **by 12:00 PM** on the day of departure.



FREE PAX OF CHARGE TRAVELING IN MONGOLIA:

- If the minimum group is **16 adults (15 paying + 1 person free of charge on land services, based on DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 8 rooms)**, Samar Magic Tours will cover all land expenses and accommodations in double occupancy. **Not included:** single room and domestic flight tickets.
- If the minimum group is **32 adults (30 paying + 2 persons free of charge on land services, based on DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 16 rooms)**, Samar Magic Tours will cover all land expenses and accommodations in double occupancy. **Not included:** single room and domestic flight tickets.

CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN MONGOLIA: Not included in our services. These are external conditions. In such cases, we will do our best to find the best available solution. Under no circumstances will claims be accepted for the consequences of temperature changes, and no refunds will be issued.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS: Mongolia is a country where tourist infrastructure is almost non-existent and still under development. Distances are vast, requiring many hours of travel and significant fuel costs. The journey is mostly along dirt and sand tracks. Depending on their condition, long hours may be spent on the road.

Much of Mongolia's population remains nomadic, moving from place to place on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds. The occasional encounter with these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience. **To fully enjoy the trip, participants must accept these conditions in advance, let go of preconceived notions of how things "should be," and remain open to what this country has to offer.**

MONGOLIA is not recommended for people with respiratory problems, heart problems, wheelchair users, disabled people, or children under **3** years of age.

CHILDREN'S FEE IN MONGOLIA:

Births 0-3: free;

Ages 4-11: 50% off the regular adult price.

Ages 12 and over: 100% off the regular adult price.

TRANSPORTATION: Samar Magic Tours reserves the right to change vehicles depending on the number of participants. We will not accept claims for these reasons, and this will not entail a refund.



FORCE MAJEURE CONDITIONS: Although it is our absolute intention to fulfil the trip exactly as detailed in the program, on some occasions force majeure conditions may require modifications. **Samar Magic Tours** is not legally responsible for such force majeure circumstances beyond the organization's control that may require changes to the itinerary.

These reasons and circumstances include possible situations such as traveler insecurity, political instability or violence, rebellions or risk of rebellion, strikes, riots, violent actions, government or local authority decisions, technical or maintenance problems related to transportation, changes in flight schedules or routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, and any other circumstance beyond the control of **Samar Magic Tours**.

If, due to exceptional force majeure circumstances, the trip must be cancelled, there is no obligation of compensation.

I have read and understood the section on Obligations and Liability detailed earlier in the form, as well as the General Information and Special Booking Conditions as stated in the tour information literature, and I accept them on my behalf and on behalf of my group. I declare that I am not traveling against any medical advice.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER: _____

CITIZENSHIP: _____



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LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTRONIC VISA APPLICATION

1. Albania	34. Cabo Verde	67. Rwanda
2. Angola	35. Cambodia	68. Samoa
3. Andorra	36. Kenya	69. San Marino
4. Antigua and Barbuda	37. Kiribati	70. Sao Tome and Principe
5. Armenia	38. Colombia	71. Seychelles
6. Nepal	39. Comoros	72. Saudi Arabia
7. Barbados	40. Congo	73. Senegal
8. Bahamas	41. Democratic Republic of the Congo	74. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
9. Belize	42. Costa Rica	75. Saint Kitts and Nevis
10. Benin	43. Côte D'Ivoire	76. Saint Lucia
11. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	44. Cuba	77. Solomon Islands
12. Bosnia and Herzegovina	45. Kuwait	78. Suriname
13. Botswana	46. Lesotho	79. Sierra Leone
14. Brunei Darussalam	47. Mauritius	80. Taiwan
15. Burundi	48. Mauritania	81. United Republic of Tanzania
16. Bhutan	49. Madagascar	82. Togo
17. Vanuatu	50. Malawi	83. Tonga
18. Vatican City State	51. Marshall Islands	84. Central African Republic
19. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	52. Mexico	85. Trinidad and Tobago
20. Vietnam	53. Micronesia (Federated States of)	86. Tuvalu
21. Gabon	54. Mozambique	87. Uganda
22. Guyana	55. Moldova	88. North Macedonia
23. Gambia (Republic of The)	56. Montenegro	89. Fiji
24. Ghana	57. Myanmar	90. Haiti
25. Guatemala	58. Namibia	91. Honduras
26. Guinea	59. Nauru	92. China
27. Guinea Bissau	60. Nicaragua	93. Equatorial Guinea
28. Grenada	61. South Africa	94. El Salvador
29. Dominica	62. South Sudan	95. India
30. Djibouti	63. Palau	96. Eritrea
31. Zambia	64. Panama	97. Eswatini
32. Zimbabwe	65. Papua New Guinea	98. Ethiopia
33. Timor-Leste	66. Paraguay	99. Jamaica

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E-VISA FOR TRAVELING TO MONGOLIA: The electronic visa application system of Mongolia (<https://evisa.mn/en>) – **just 3 steps and your e-visa is ready!**. The system was launched on **June 1, 2021**, as part of the amendments to the Law on the Legal Status of Foreign Nationals, according to the Immigration Agency of Mongolia (IAM). This means you no longer need to complete paperwork, send your passport, or submit a printed application form for consular processing. Under the amendments, this service is designed for foreign nationals who wish to travel to Mongolia for **tourism purposes** and require an e-visa from abroad. Currently, citizens of **99 countries are eligible to obtain an e-visa for tourism purposes (K2)**

Prices, services, and other information about the products detailed on this page and on the website www.samarmagictours.com are non-binding and subject to change without prior notice.



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 flavour. 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.