



## **MONGOLIA LUXURY TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS**

**MINIMUM TOUR DURATION:** 6 days/5 nights

**TOUR CODE:** **SMT-MLT-6D**

**VALID DEPARTURES IN PRIVATE AND GROUP ONLY:** **MAY, JUNE, JULY**  
(\*except from **July 1st–20th–Peak Season!** Please check special programs and Group **NAADAM FESTIVAL** rates), **AUGUST, SEPTEMBER**

**NOTE:** The **Naadam Festival** surcharge applies for travel from **July 1st to July 20th–Peak Season in Mongolia**, when all services and accommodations are overcrowded.

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

**START/END IN:** ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA (INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED).

**PLEASE INQUIRE FOR GROUP RATES AND PRICING IN OTHER HOTELS:**  
**CONTACT**

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**TOUR DESCRIPTION:** We will begin the journey at the New **"Genghis" Khan** International Airport in Ulaanbaatar (inaugurated on **July 3rd, 2021**, located 52 km/32.3 miles away, approx. +2 hours travel), the capital of Mongolia, with a warm welcome by **the Samar Magic Tours** team. This is one of the most fascinating grand routes in Mongolia.

Next, we depart **northeast** to visit the **Equestrian Statue of ``Genghis`` Khan**. At the base of the statue, visitors can view the replica of the legendary Golden Whip of the Great Khan. Tourists may take an elevator inside the statue, with the exit at the level of **``Genghis`` Khan's** thigh, from where it is possible to walk up to the horse's head for a panoramic view of the steppe. We will also visit a small museum, located in the basement of the Equestrian Statue.

Afterward, departure to **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**, located 1600 m above sea level, with high Mesozoic granite rocks, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and curious rock formations such as **Turtle Rock** or the Reading Monk. The Park lies at the foot of the Khentii Mountains, the region where **``Genghis`` Khan** was born. Declared a National Park in 1993, it covers an area of 300,000 hectares.

Departure **westward** to attend the **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional way of life of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses.

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### **BRIEF ITINERARY:**

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

**Ulaanbaatar – ``Genghis`` Khan Equestrian Statue – Gorkhi/Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show – Ulaanbaatar**

**Day 1:** Upon your arrival at the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, greet by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. **Exchange money at the airport banks.** Transfer to the hotel (52 km/32.3 miles, **+2** hours travel time, depending on traffic). **\*Rooms can be used from 2:00 PM on the day of arrival. An early check-in fee is required if tourists wish to check in early or leave their luggage at the hotel reception until 2:00 PM. There are no activities and no meals today. Rest at the hotel to adjust to local time.** Overnight at the selected hotel.

**Day 2:** Ulaanbaatar Grand Tour. Welcome lunch. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

**Day 3:** Ulaanbaatar/Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue/Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. **Deluxe** Resort. **(B)(L)**

**Day 4:** Gorkhi/Terelj National Park/Ulaanbaatar. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

**Day 5:** **07:00AM** –Meet the Samar Magic Tours team at the hotel lobby. Departure **westward** to attend the **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hrs depending on traffic). **From 10:00AM to 01:00PM. The Authentic Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, the breeding and use of five types of livestock, moving with ox carts, yaks, camels, and horses. **Mongol Lunch included at the camp. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hrs depending on traffic). Last Shopping. Overnight at the selected hotel. **(B)(L)**

**Day 6:** Rooms must be vacated before **12:00 noon** on departure day. Meet the **Samar Magic** Tours team at the hotel lobby. Transfer to the New "Genghis" Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **4-5 hrs** depending on traffic). **END OF THE GRAND TRIP. (B)**

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## ITINERARY IN DETAILS:

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ULANBAATAR/FREE DAY TO GET ACCOMMODATED TO YOUR SCHEDULE

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### 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.**

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

#### Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **8:00 AM** - Meet the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Departure for the excursion heading **N/E** to the **Great Equestrian Statue of ``Genghis`` Khan** (55 km / 34.2 miles, +2.0 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure). Part of the ``Genghis`` Khan Sculpture Complex, this is a 40-meter-high statue of Genghis Khan on horseback, on the banks of the Tuul River. The statue symbolically points east, toward his birthplace. 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. Accommodation at the **Deluxe Resort. Dinner not included, at your own expense.**



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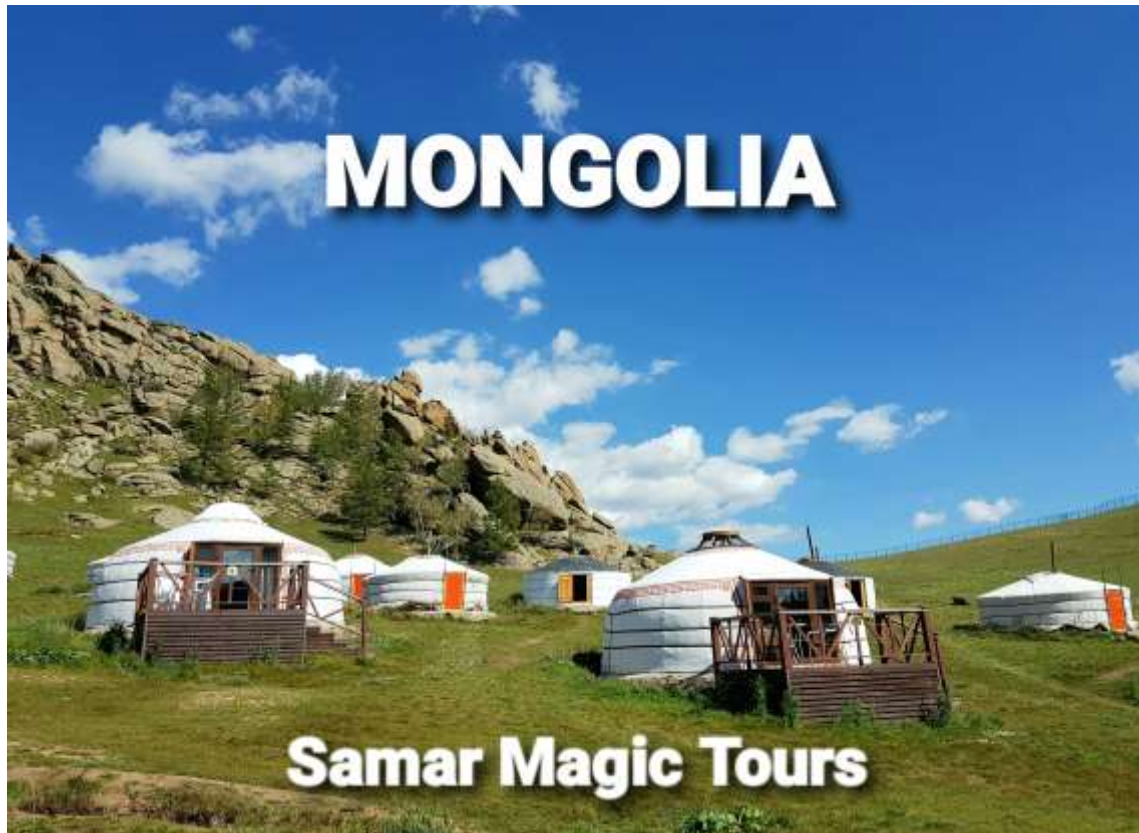


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#### **DAY 4: GORKHI/TERELJ NATIONAL PARK/ULAANBAATAR**

##### **Breakfast and Lunch**

Breakfast. **Free time in your own in Terelj National Park for hiking or walking. 12:00 M** - Meet the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the reception. **Then, return to Ulaanbaatar** (70 km/44 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance). **Lunch is included in local restaurant.** Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at the selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

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## DAY 5:

### ULAANBAATAR/AUTHENTIC MONGOLIAN NOMADIC SHOW/ULAANBAATAR Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast. **7:00 AM** - Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Then, **depart west** for an **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** (35 km/22 miles, +2.00 hours travel time, depending on traffic at departure), from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. The **Authentic Mongolian Nomadic Show** demonstrates the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock while moving from one place to another using oxcarts, yaks, camels, and horses. We can also observe what a Ger looks like. The Mongolian Ger, **one of the symbols of Mongolia**, is traditionally made. All furniture, pots, and clothing are antiques, reflecting the characteristics and manners of the central Khalks. **Mongolian lunch is included on-site**. **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (35 km/22 miles, +2 hours travel time, depending on traffic at the entrance). **Final shopping for pure Mongolian cashmere at the cashmere factory store**. Next, we will visit **Zaisan Hill**, which offers an overview of Ulaanbaatar. Next, we will visit **the**

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**Golden Buddha statue**, located at the base of the 75-foot-high (23-meter-high) **Zaisan Memorial**. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at your selected hotel. **Dinner not included, at your own expense.**

## DAY 6: DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA

### Breakfast

Breakfast. Rooms must be vacated by **12 noon** on the day of departure. Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New ``Genghis`` Khan Airport (52 km/32.3 miles, **+4-5** hours travel time, depending on traffic). **Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GREAT TRIP.**

### WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- **4** nights' accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on double specified room with breakfast.
- **1** nights' accommodation in **Deluxe** resort, based on double specified room with breakfast.
- All meals as specified (**5B, 4L**) with 1 bottle of mineral water daily.
- Welcome Lunch in a traditional local restaurant.
- All private transfers in Ulaanbaatar, ``Genghis`` Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, and the Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show, by tourist bus or van (depending on confirmed group size) with all fuel included.
- English or Spanish speaking local guide.
- All entrance fees to the ``Genghis`` Khan Equestrian Statue, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, monuments, museums, and monasteries.
- Attendance at a folklore show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show with experience and knowledge of true nomadic life.
- Service rates include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar municipal tax, and 5% service charge in Ulaanbaatar city hotels.

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## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

Flights not indicated.

Schedule changes, delays, or cancellations of flights.

Visa.

Excess baggage in our transportation (\*limit of **15kg** per person – **EXCESS BAGGAGE MUST BE LEFT FREE OF CHARGE AT THE HOTEL IN ULAANBAATAR**).

Single supplement in hotels.

**EARLY CHECK-IN AT HOTELS.**

**LATE CHECK-OUT AT HOTELS.**

Loss of luggage, belongings, passport.

Meals not specified.

Cold drinks outside Ulaanbaatar.

Visits and excursions not specified, such as sauna and massages, etc.

Photographs and videos inside monasteries and museums.

Personal extras, laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.

Travel Insurance.

Weather conditions.

Changes in the indicated program.

Any other item not mentioned as included.

## HIGHLIGHTED EXPERIENCES:

- Attendance at a folklore show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.
- Visit the ``Genghis`` Khan Equestrian Statue.
- Visit Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, located in the N/E at 1600m above sea level, with high granite rocks from the Mesozoic era, mountains, steppes, alpine forests, and large rock formations of curious shapes from the Mesozoic, such as the Turtle Rock, etc.
- Gentle hike to the Arryabal Meditation Temple, located on a hill.
- Attend an Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show, demonstrating the traditional way of life 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.

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### IMPORTANT TO NOTE:





- Mongolia visa not included.
- International flights not included.
- Hotel category information refers only to hotels in Ulaanbaatar.
- Hotel check-in time in Ulaanbaatar is **02:00PM (14:00)**. Early check-in is not included. Hotel check-out time in Ulaanbaatar is **12:00 noon**. Late check-out is not included.
- Excess baggage in our transport vehicles (\*limit of **15kg** per person – excess baggage must be left **free of charge** at the hotel in Ulaanbaatar).
- **MONGOLIA** is not recommended as a destination for travellers with respiratory problems, heart conditions, those in wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years of age.
- **When visiting nomadic families:** you must enter the Ger from the left side and with your right foot. Once inside, your hosts will invite you to sit in a specific place. It is customary to bring a small gift for the children of the nomads—never money, as it is considered offensive. Appropriate gifts include sweets, cookies, chocolates, candies, colored pencils, caps, or other similar treats.
- **Samar Magic Tours** reserves the right to change the vehicle depending on the number of participants. In no case will claims be accepted for this reason, nor will refunds be issued.
- All photos are the property of **Samar Magic Tours**. They may be used for promotional purposes when working with **Samar Magic Tours**. **Our photos are strictly prohibited from being used to promote or work with other Mongolian tour operators.**

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## PROPOSED LUXURY 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 noon</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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NOVOTEL HOTEL 5*	STANDART TWIN ROOM	<p><b>Novotel Hotel 5*:</b> is a modern hotel located in the heart of the city center, within walking distance of the famous Government Palace, Genghis Khan Square, and major offices and embassies. It is located more than two hours from the new Genghis Khan International Airport and one hour from Ulaanbaatar Train Station. The hotel has 192 rooms, two restaurants, two bars, a gym, an indoor pool, and a 362 m<sup>2</sup> ballroom adaptable to the needs of your event.</p> <p><b>Check-in from 2:00 PM.</b> <b>Check-out by 12:00 PM.</b></p>
		

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### **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-sleeve shirts
- Lightweight pants
- Shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sun hat
- Sandals
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Zip-lock plastic bags
- Binoculars/camera
- Watch/alarm clock
- Money belt/pouch

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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 in USD and are subject to change.

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

### RESERVATION FORM DETAILS:

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

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

GENDER:

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

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

SELECTED HOTEL IN ULAANBAATAR (FROM THE INDICATED OPTIONS):

SELECTED TOUR CODE:

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

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

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

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

**90-19 days before arrival: 50% refund.**

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

**For air and train ticket cancellations: separate conditions apply.**

International and domestic air and train fares are subject to modification depending on availability at the time of booking. Air and train fares are only guaranteed once tickets are issued and fully paid. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be cancelled on the same day of issuance.

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

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

**COMPLIMENTARY TRAVEL STAFF IN MONGOLIA:**

- For groups of **16** people (**15** paying + **1 free**, based on **double occupancy: 8 rooms**), **Samar Magic Tours** will cover all ground expenses and accommodation in double rooms. **Not included: single room supplement, domestic air tickets in Mongolia.**

- For groups of **32** people (**30** paying + **2 free**, based on double occupancy: 16 rooms), **Samar Magic Tours** will cover all ground expenses and accommodation in double rooms. **Not included: single room supplement, domestic air tickets in Mongolia.**

**PLEASE NOTE: MONGOLIA** is not recommended as a destination for travellers with respiratory problems, heart conditions, those in wheelchairs, disabled persons, or children under **3** years of age.

**CHILD POLICY IN MONGOLIA:**

**0–3 years:** free of charge

**4–11 years:** 50% of the regular adult price

**12 years and above:** 100% of the regular adult price

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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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**ELECTRONIC VISA TO TRAVEL TO MONGOLIA:** The electronic visa application system of Mongolia (<https://evisa.mn/en>) – **In just 3 steps, your eVisa is ready!** It has been in service since June 1, 2021, following the amendments made to the Law on the Legal Status of Foreigners, according to the Immigration Agency of Mongolia (IAM). This means that travellers no longer need to complete paperwork, send their passport, or submit an application form for consular processing. Under these amendments, the service is designed for foreigners who wish to travel to Mongolia for tourism purposes and who require an electronic visa from abroad. As of now, nationals of **99** countries are eligible to obtain visas for **tourism purposes (K2)**.

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**CLIMATE CHANGES:** Not included in our services. These are external conditions. In such cases, we will do everything possible to find the best available solution. However, no claims will be accepted for the consequences of weather changes, and no refunds will be made.

**TRAVEL CONDITIONS: MONGOLIA** is a country where tourist infrastructure is almost non-existent and still in development. Distances are vast, requiring many hours of travel and involving significant fuel costs. The journey is carried out mostly on dirt and sand tracks. Depending on their condition, travellers may spend many hours on the road. A large part of the Mongolian population is still nomadic, moving from place to place on horseback, camel, or yak, with their Gers and herds. An occasional encounter with one of these families and their way of life is an unforgettable experience. To enjoy the trip, travellers must accept these conditions in advance, let go of preconceived notions about how things "should" be, and remain open to what this country has to offer.

**FORCE MAJEURE CONDITIONS:** While it is our absolute desire to carry out the trip as detailed in the program, on occasion there may be force majeure circumstances that require modifications. **Samar Magic Tours** is not legally responsible for those force majeure situations beyond the organization's control that may force changes to the travel program. These reasons and circumstances include possible security risks for travellers, political instability or violence, rebellions or the threat of rebellion, strikes, riots and violent actions, decisions by governments or local authorities, technical or maintenance problems related to transport, changes in flight or road schedules or routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, and any other circumstances beyond the control of **Samar Magic Tours**. If, due to exceptional circumstances of force majeure, it becomes necessary to cancel the trip, there is no obligation of compensation. 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 night time. 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>Sept.</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.



**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 watercolours. 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.