

THE ANCIENT GOBI DESERT

Validity 20 May 2017 – 30 Sep 2017

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| Itinerary | Ulaanbaatar – Middle Gobi Highlights – Baga Gazryn Chuluu |
| Availability | 20 May 2017 – 30 September 2017 |
| Duration | 12 days, 11 nights |
| Total driving distance | 2060 km |
| Accommodation | 9 nights in Ger camps, 2 nights in Hotel |
| Meals | Halal |

Highlights: Khustai Nature Reserve with Przewalski-Horses, ancient city Kharkhorin, paleontological findings in Bayanzag, Vulture Valley, Khongor Sand dunes, Baga gazriin chuluu.

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1. Arrival

Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, our guide will warmly welcome you, and check-in to your preferred hotel (** to *****) for overnight rest. According to schedule of arrival, lunch and dinner at local restaurants, also half day city tour is available (optional). (Hotel)

Day 2. Mongol Nomadic Show- Khustai Nature Reserve (100 km)

Start the morning with buffet breakfast at the hotel, and the tour starts off in direction of Khustai National Reserve. On the way, enjoy “Nomadic Show” from 10:00 – 12:00 and have lunch there. The show briefly introduces you the ways of Mongolian Nomad’s life.

In the afternoon transfer to Khustai Nature reserve to explore the one last true wild horse -Takhi/Przewalski horses. Upon arrival watch short documentary film about these wild horses, then around dinnertime go look for the last true wild Takhi/Przewalski horses in the field by transportation provided by the reserve administration. Dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)



Day 3. Karakorum (280 km)

After breakfast in the camp, drive to 13th century capital of the Mongol Empire – Karakorum. Upon arrival have lunch in a ger camp, then visit the symbolic ruins, and visit Erdenezuu Monastery, Rock turtle, museum of Karakorum and Khaadiin Khaad hill. Erdene Zuu Monastery was one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. Tour the monastery grounds and visit several chapels with excellent exemplary Buddhist iconographies dating from the 16th century. Visit to Karakorum museum let you see how glorious Karakorum city stood in its time, and opportunity to learn more about the city ruins. Dinner and overnight in ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)



Day 4. Tuvkhun Monastery (100 km)

Today you will travel further from Karakorum to Tuvkhun Monastery, where Undur Gegeen Zanabazar has created the Soyombo scripts, of which the first symbol appears in our National Flag. Lunch and dinner, overnight in ger camp near Tuvkhun Monastery. (B/L/D, Camp)

Day 5. Ongy Monastery (360 km)

After breakfast drive to north heading Ongy Khiid. Visit the ruins of Ongy Monastery and have walk in the mysteriously beautiful surrounding area. Dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)



Day 6. Bayanzag (180 km)

Drive to the world famous Flaming Cliffs and Bayanzag (forest of the Gobi). Discover the area of the first paleontological finding in Mongolia by following footsteps of Roy Chapman Andrews.. Enjoy a short camel ride. Lunch, dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)



Day 7. Khongor Sand dunes (200 km)

After breakfast transfer to Khongor sand dunes known as Singing Dunes Mongolia's largest and most famous sand dunes, reaching heights of approximately 800 meters and stretching over 100kilometers along the mountains. It is known locally as the "Singing" or "Sounding" Dunes. A climb up to the sand dunes will be rewarded with a breath taking view. In the evening observe a spectacular sunset. Lunch, dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)

Day 8. Khongor Sand Dunes

In the morning, we will have a full day exploration of the extraordinary Khongor sand dunes. The view from the top of the sand dunes has to be one of the most amazing in Mongolia. You will know why when you get on top. We will visit a camel breeder family in their nomadic dwelling Ger and explore their unique lifestyle. You might have chance to taste the drink "Hoormog" (fermented Mongolian camel milk). The Khongor Sand Dunes are also the perfect place for camel riding. Why not give it a try? This is your chance to take a photo on back of a camel beside sand dunes in the middle of nowhere. Lunch, dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)



Day 9. Yoliin Am / Vulture Valley (200 km)

After breakfast, travel to the east heading Yoliin Am (Vulture Valley). Transfer takes about ~5 hours and you arrive at the destination. Then spend the afternoon on an excursion to Yoliin Am for hiking and stunning photograph opportunities. Lunch, dinner and overnight in a ger camp near the gorges. (B/L/D, Camp)

Day 10. Middle Gobi (370 km)

Today's journey begins to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a unique formation of rocks. It's a picturesque mountain in the Gobi Desert. With at an elevation of 1.751 metres, it's located in the granite belt. Its valleys abound with streams. The ruins of a small monastery are on the south east part of the mountain. The area has got many species of wild animals and birds, such as ibex, Siberian argali, vultures, hawks and eagles. Visit ruins of an ancient temple and explore the area. Lunch is on the way. Dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D, Camp)

Day 11. Ulaanbaatar (270 km)

After breakfast drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Lunch is in a city restaurant. Then half day city tour takes you to the top attractions of Ulaanbaatar: including a visit to the Chinggis Khaan Square and excursion to Zaisan Hill War Memorial - that let you see the panoramic view of the whole city. A short shopping Tour in Cashmere Outlet Store is possible. In the evening attend a traditional art performance to see Mongolian dances, short long songs, contortions, and “Huunii” throat singing. After the show, have dinner then settle at your hotel to rest and prepare for your international departure on following day. (B/L/D, Camp)

Day 12. Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to your international departure point. (B)



Price:

| PAX | Grand Hill Hotel **** | Chinggis Khan Hotel **** | Blue Sky Hote ***** | Kempinski Hotel ***** |
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| 2 | 1999 USD | 2029 USD | 2110 USD | 2169 USD |
| 4 | 1557 USD | 1588 USD | 1668 USD | 1728 USD |
| 6 | 1419 USD | 1450 USD | 1530 USD | 1590 USD |
| 8 | 1343 USD | 1374 USD | 1454 USD | 1514 USD |
| 10 | 1379 USD | 1310 USD | 1490 USD | 1550 USD |
| SGL Supp | 65 USD | 85 USD | 75 USD | 105 USD |

| Package price include: | Package price exclude: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport or train station transfers; • English speaking professional local guide; • Chauffeured couch transport during the tour; • Entrance fees to National Parks and protected areas; • Road usage taxes outside city; • Tickets to museums and performances; • Meals as mentioned in itinerary; • Two bottles of 0,5 litre drinking water per day; • Sightseeing as per itinerary; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ger camp single supplement 45 USD per person/ per night; • Visa application fee; • International airfare; • Travel insurance; • Hotel extras (phone calls, laundry, minibar,. etc); • Personal toiletries; • Gratuity to local guides and drivers; • Optional excursions unless stated in the itinerary; |

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