

## EXCURSIONS AND SIGHTSEEING



**General information:** All tours start from Ulan Bator. You can set off for the excursion either from your accommodation or on your arrival from the train station if the timetable permits. You don't need sleeping bags for the nights in gers. It is good to take warm clothes and thermo-underwear as there are usually high temperature amplitudes within 24 hours.

The camps are of gers or yurts that are made of canvas and felt as bricks and wood obviously are scarce in the nomad living areas. A ger can be built up in 3 or 4 hours (depending on its size) and usually are more comfortable than they might look on first sight, although they don't have electricity or water (apart from the ones in urban areas). Ger camps often have a bath house and a toilet, serving the whole camp. Gers are usually equipped with a wood or dung fuelled stove, that is used for both cooking and heating. The internal setup of the ger is universal in whole Mongolia by tradition. The stove is located in the middle, as it has a pipe through the ger's roof. Nomadic people who live in gers are very welcoming people, although for a foreigner it will be hard to communicate with them, especially as nomads have many rituals and are very superstitious people.

Find details about the hotels and prices of the tours here: coming soon

### **MNG-1: Welcome package in Mongolia (3 days).**

The welcome package includes 1 overnight in ger camp in Terelj National Park and 1 overnight in hotel in Ulan Bator (incl. sightseeing with a guide).

**Day 1:** Arrival in Ulan Bator. Transfer to Terelj National Park which is situated approximately 60 km northeast from Ulan Bator. In the wild nature there is a possibility for hiking or renting a horse with payment on spot (appr. 15 eur per day). There is a village nearby which can be visited. Accommodation in ger-camp (gers are traditional Mongolian round tents, in each sleep up to 4 people). **Day 2:** After breakfast transport to Ulan Bator. City sightseeing tour. Visit of old buildings and squares that tell about the rich history of the city. Included are The Temple Gandan Hiid, The Museum of Nature and History with skeletons of dinosaurs, The Winter Palace of Bogd Khan, Zaisan Memorial. Breakfast and dinner with Mongolian folklore show are included. Accommodation in Hotel Dream (new building). **Day 3:** Departure from Ulan Bator or another extension.

The tour includes: 1 night in a ger camp in Terelj National Park and 1 night in Hotel Dream (new building) in Ulan Bator. Transport to/from Terelj National Park, city sightseeing tour with English-speaking guide (included are all entrance fees and a ticket for folklore show), all meals (lunch and dinner on

day 1; breakfast lunch and dinner on day 2; breakfast on day 3). The package can be booked with higher or lower category of accommodation with additional payment/discount. It is also possible to have extra nights. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: All year



### **MNG-2: City sightseeing tour (7 hrs)**

The tour gives a good introduction about Ulan Bator, where you visit famous buildings, streets and squares related with the rich history of the city. Included are The Temple Gandan Hiid, The Museum of Nature and History with skeletons of dinosaurs, The Winter Palace of Bogd Khan, Zaisan Memorial. In the evening dinner with Mongolian folklore show is included.

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, all entrance fees, ticket for folklore show, lunch and dinner. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: All year (museums are closed Monday and Thursday in the periods 01/10-31/5).

### **MNG-3: Terelj National Park A (7 hrs)**

Excursion to Terelj National Park which is situated approximately 60 km northeast from Ulan Bator. In the wild nature there is a possibility for hiking or renting a horse with payment on spot (appr. 15 eur per day). You can visit a nearby village and see the famous stone formations on the way.

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator and lunch. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: All year.

### **MNG-4: Terelj National Park B (2 days)**

**Day 1:** Transport in the morning from Ulan Bator to Terelj National Park (see MNG-3). Accommodation in

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ger-camp (gers are traditional Mongolian round tents, in each sleep up to 4 people). **Day 2:** After breakfast return to Ulan Bator.

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, 1 night in ger-camp with full board. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: All year.

### **MNG-5: Hustai National Park (14 hrs)**

Excursion to Hustai National Park (appr. 90 km west from Ulan Bator, see [www.hustai.mn](http://www.hustai.mn)), famous for the unique population of the original Mongolian wild horses – Takhi. During the tour you pass through the classic Mongolian landscape – the vast steppes. Together with the driver you will try to track down the horses, but there is no guarantee that you will see them.

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator and lunch. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: All year.

### **MNG-6: Kharkorin and Hustai National Park (3 days)**

The tour takes you appr. 360 km southwest from Ulan Bator to Kharkorin town (former Karakorum) which was founded as a capital of Mongolia in 13<sup>th</sup> century by the son of Djengis Khan. During the day visit to the Bughist Monastery Erdene Zuu from 1586 which is still active. On your way, you see Hustai National Park which is the home for about 160 of the original Mongolian wild horses (Takhi, see MNG-5). During the tour (altogether appr. 720 km) you pass through the classic Mongolian landscape – the vast steppes.

**Day 1:** Transport from Ulan Bator to Kharkorin (360 km). See the monastery and the ruins of the former city wall. Overnight in ger-camp (traditional Mongolian round tents in which sleep up to 4 people). **Day 2:** Forward to Hustai National Park (280 km). Overnight in a ger-camp. **Day 3:** Transport to Ulan Bator (80 km).

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, 2 nights in ger-camp (sleeping bag is not necessary), full board from lunch on day 1 to and incl. breakfast on day 3. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: 1/5-1/10

### **MNG-7: Visit to nomad family (3 days)**

On this tour you stay 2 nights in a ger (traditional Mongolian round tent) next to a real nomad family. You become part of the everyday life of the nomads

(preparing of food, taking care of the livestock, etc) and the second day the camp can be moved to 10-15 km. The tour is divided in halves and gives you a real choice if you are willing to take pleasure experiencing the nomad everyday life from closer.



**Day 1:** Transport from Ulan Bator to the nomad family (appr. 80 km). Setting up of the tent and accommodation (the tent sleeps up to four people). You observe and/or help in the daily care for the animals (sheep, yaks, horses, etc.) where possible. There is also an option for a horse riding tour. Lunch and dinner in the family. **Day 2:** After breakfast help the nomads in taking down and packing the tent. Move the camp (10-15 km) together with all the animals. You can choose whether to sit in the ox/horse-cart or to walk. Setting up the camp and dinner.

**Day 3:** Transport to Ulan Bator (appr. 80 km).

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, 2 nights in felt tents (sleeping bag is not necessary), full board from lunch on day 1 to and incl. breakfast on day 3. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: 1/5-1/10

### **MNG-8: Short tour to Gobi desert (5 days)**

Excursion to the vast Gobi desert to see the most famous places in the heath. Transport between Ulan Bator and Gobi with flight.

**Day 1:** Transport from accommodation in Ulan Bator to the airport. Flight in the morning to Dalanzadgad (1.5 hrs). Excursion to Eagle Valley (appr. 50 km) where you can see wild goats. Transport to Dalanzadgad and accommodation in ger-camp. **Day 2:** Further to Bayanzag with the red cliffs ("Flaming Cliffs"). After that continue to Khongoryn Els where are the singing sand dunes in Gobi (300 m high, 12 km wide and appr. 100 km long). Accommodation in ger-camp. **Day 3:** Free day in Khongoryn Els with an opportunity for walking on the sand dunes and camel riding. **Day 4:**

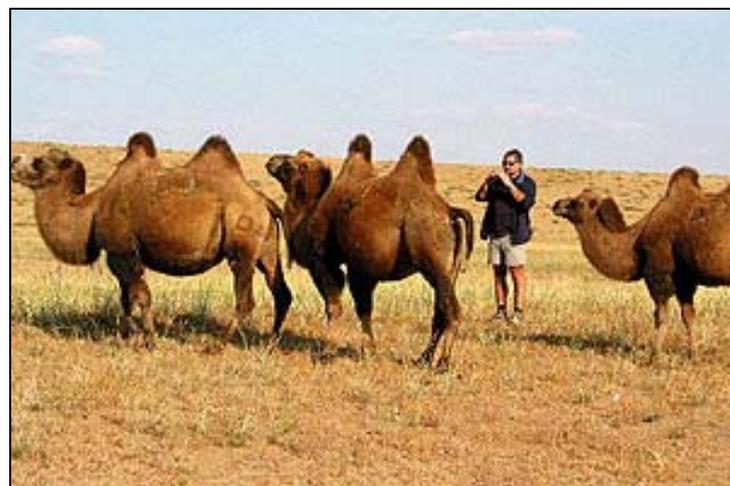
Transport to Dalanzadgad visiting on the way camelbreeding nomads. **Day 5:** Flight to Ulan Bator.

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, return flight ticket Ulan Bator-Dalanzadgad, 4 nights in ger-camp with full board (gers are traditional Mongolian round felt tents, in each sleep up to 4 people). Sleeping bag is not necessary. It is paid on spot for camel riding. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: 1/5-1/10

### **MNG-9: Gobi-safari including Kharkorin and Hustai National Park (7 days)**

This tour is a version of MNG-6 but it takes you also southwards to the Gobi-desert. You will pass appr. 1490 km through extremely various landscapes – from lush green grass steppes and canyonlike rock formations to dry desert and steppe landscape. All overnights are in ger-tents (traditional Mongolian round felt tents, in each sleep up to 4 people). Four of the nights are in the so called ger-camps which are made for tourists and equipped with toilet, shower and dining facilities. Two of the nights (day 2 and 3) are in similar tents (gers) set up next to real nomad families where the conditions are more primitive. You stay together with the nomad families where there is no possibility for shower with running water and the toilet is a hole on the ground. But this is a unique chance to feel the experience of the real Mongolia!



**Day 1:** From Ulan Bator appr. 280 km southwards to Ih Garzyn Chuluu in Dundgov province. Overnight in ger-camp. **Day 2:** Further to the south to Dalanzadgad (280 km south), the capital of South Gobi (Omnogov). Overnight in a felt tent next to a real nomad family close to Eagle Valey. **Day 3:** Tour to the highlight of this area: Eagle Valey which is a mountain region with a narrow gorge in the middle of the desert. Here you can see eagles and wild goats. Overnight with the same family as day 2. **Day 4:** Further to the north (appr. 270 km) to Bayanzag ("Flaming Cliffs") through the area

where most of the dinosaurs' skeletons in Gobi were found. Overnight in ger-camp close to Ongi (Dundgov province). **Day 5:** Further to Kharkorin (245 km) with a visit to the monastery (see MNG-6). **Day 6:** Further to Hustai National Park (see MNG-6). 280 km. **Day 7:** Transport to Ulan Bator (80 km).

The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, 4 nights in ger-camp with full board (gers are traditional Mongolian round felt tents, in each sleep up to 4 people), 2 nights in ger (felt tent) next to a nomad family with full board. Sleeping bag is not necessary. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

Best period: 1/5-1/10



### **MNG-10: Roundtrip in Central Mongolia ("Green Route") (7 days)**

This tour is a version of MNG-6 but it takes you also in the central part of Mongolia which is rich in grass-steppes areas, mountains and wild rivers. The overnights are in ger-tents (traditional Mongolian round felt tents, in each sleep up to 4 people). Four of the nights are in the so called ger-camps which are made for tourists and equipped with toilet, shower and dining facilities. Two of the nights (day 2 and 3) are in similar tents (gers) set up next to real nomad families where the conditions are more primitive. You stay together with the nomad families where there is no possibility for shower with running water and the toilet is a hole on the ground. But this is a unique chance to feel the experience of the real Mongolia!

**Day 1:** From Ulan Bator to the beautiful lake Ogii Nuur which is a wonderful place for birdlife (350 km). Overnight in ger-camp. **Day 2:** Continue to the southwest towards Tsetserleg, the capital of Arkhangai. Further along the Tamir River to the extinct volcano Khorgo and the Khorgo Lake (The White Lake). Here is the accommodation in felt tent (ger) next to a real nomad family 2 km away from the lake. Appr. 300 km drive. **Day 3:** You can climb the volcano, swim in the lake or walk around. The rest of the day you are

together with the family and follow their everyday life. The picnic lunch will be prepared by the nomad family on the shore of the lake, a traditional Mongolian BBQ if the weather permits. **Day 4:** We leave the nomad family and drive eastwards to Tsetserleg. Overnight in ger-camp close to the hot springs Tsenkher. You have free time to take a bath in the hot springs, relax or walk in the splendid nature around. **Day 5:** Further eastwards to Kharkorin, where you stay in ger-camp and see the old monastery (see MNG-6). Appr. 150 km. **Day 6:** Further eastwards to Hustai National Park (see MNG-6). 270 km. **Day 7:** Transport to Ulan Bator (90 km).



The tour includes: English-speaking guide, transport from/to accommodation in Ulan Bator, 4 nights in ger-camp with full board (gers are traditional Mongolian round felt tents, in each sleep up to 4 people), 2 nights in ger (felt tent) next to a nomad family with full board. Sleeping bag is not necessary. ATT: You may be joined on the tour by other tourists booked on the same dates of different nationalities which could not be clear before the start of the tour.

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### **MNG-11: Expedition to the Gobi-desert and Central Mongolia (10 days).**

The roundtrip combines MNG-9 and MNG-10.

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