



## Itinerary

### 21 Day Mongolia Explorer Small Group Tour

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

#### DAY 1: Ulaanbaatar

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar, you will be greeted by your guide and driver. Transfer to the hotel. Explore for the rest of the day at your own leisure.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: 3 star Hotel

#### DAY 2: Ulaanbaatar City Tour

After breakfast venture on a full day city tour starting at Gandan monastery - the largest Buddhist center in Mongolia. The national history museum next to Sukhbaatar square. Lunch at a Mongolian restaurant. Continue your visit to Bogd Khan Palace, Zaisan square and Buddkha park. Enjoy a Mongolian traditional folklore concert followed by a welcome dinner. Return to your hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 3 star Hotel

#### DAY 3: Middle Gobi - Baga Gazriin Chuluu (220km)

Early morning, begin your journey to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a unique formation of rocks. In the afternoon explore the area. Picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### DAY 4: Middle Gobi - Tsagaan Suvarga (280km)

After breakfast visit the ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple. Continue driving to Tsagaan Suvarga, a fascinating white limestone cliff which resembles a Stupa. Picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger Camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### DAY 5: South Gobi - Yol Valley (280km)

Drive further south. Arrive at the Three Beauties Mountain range of the Gobi National Park. Spend the day on an excursion to Yol Valley, hiking and enjoying stunning photographic opportunities. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 6: Yol Valley - Khongor Sand Dunes (200km)**

After breakfast drive to Khongor Sand Dunes known as the Singing Dunes. A climb up to the sand dunes will be rewarded with breathtaking views. In the evening observe a spectacular sunset, please prepare your cameras. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 7: Khongor Sand Dunes**

Full free day for camel ride, sand dune trekking etc... in the evening enjoy an Authentic Mongolian Barbecue cooked in the traditional way. Enjoy a short camel ride. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 8: South Gobi - Bayanzag (150km)**

Drive to the world-famous Flaming Cliffs (Bayanzag), rich in saxaul trees of Gobi. Explore the site of the first paleontological discoveries in Mongolia by following the footsteps of Roy Chapman Andrews (January 26, 1884 – March 11, 1960), an American explorer, adventurer and naturalist. Visit a nomadic camel breeding family and experience the hospitality of Mongolian nomads. Enjoy a short camel ride. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 9: Middle Gobi - Ongi Monastery (150km)**

After breakfast drive north and visit the ruins of the once great Ongi Monastery, local restored temple and have a walk in the surrounding area. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 10: Orkhon Waterfall (300km)**

After relaxing in the morning we will drive to Orkhon waterfall. This waterfall was formed by unique combination of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes about 20 000 years ago. The fall is most impressive

after a heavy rain. The Orkhon waterfall is the biggest waterfall in Mongolia. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 11: Karakorum - Erdene-Zuu Monastery (160km)**

After breakfast drive to Karakorum, once the capital of the 13th century Great Mongol Empire. Visit Erdene-Zuu Monastery, which was the first and the largest monastery in Mongolia built on the ruins of the ancient capital. Tour the monastery and visit several temples with excellent examples of Buddhist Thangka paintings and statues dating back to the 17th century. Visit the Karakorum museum. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 12: Tsenkher Hot Spring (115km)**

Drive to the Tsenkher hot spring. Spend the day relaxing in a natural spa and walking in the surrounding forest. Please do not forget to pack your swimsuit for this day. Optional massage and beauty services are available. Enjoy the spa again after dinner. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 13: Khorgo Volcano & White lake (215km)**

Drive to the magnificent volcanic area of Khorgiin Togoo, which is located on the eastern shore of Lake Terkhiin Tsagaan. Today, you will have plenty of opportunities for hiking, please wear hiking shoes to climb up the volcanic crater. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 14: Jargal Jiguur - Zuun Lake (105 - 170km)**

After breakfast, start the drive to Jargal Jiguur hot spring. The spring comes out from a depth of 150m and its water is not mixed with soil water due to its high temperature. The camp transfers the hot water via pipes. Enjoy the stargazing in the hot spa in the pool. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp. *In Zuun Lake – overnight stay next to lake is optional instead of Jargal Jiguur*

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

#### **DAY 15: Khuvsgul lake (240 - 320km)**

In the morning, drive north to Khuvsgul province. Please keep your cameras handy, photo opportunities will present themselves often. Late afternoon, reach the beautiful Khuvsgul Lake and settle at the ger camp located on the shore. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

### DAY 16: Khuvsgul lake

Explore the breathtaking shores of Mongolia's biggest and most beautiful freshwater lake. There is an opportunity to go horse riding. After lunch, visit a reindeer herder family and short horse riding. Learn about their unique lifestyle and culture. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

### DAY 17: Uran togoo (400km)

After breakfast, drive to Uran Togoo, an extinct volcano in Bulgan province. You will have a scenic drive with endless green pastures and the deep blue sky. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

### DAY 18: Amarbayasgalant Monastery (220km)

In the morning, start your journey to Amarbayasgalant Monastery, or the "Monastery of Tranquil Felicity" – one of the three largest Buddhist monastic centers in Mongolia. The monastery was established in 1727 and completed in 1736 to serve as a final resting place for Zanabazar (1635–1723), the first Jebtsundamba Khutuktu, or spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhism for the Khalkha Mongolians in Mongolia. His remains were transferred to a newly created temple in 1788. Amarbayasgalant was one of the very few monasteries to have partly escaped destruction during the Stalinist purges of 1937. Visit and explore the grounds of the monastery. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

### DAY 19: Selenge Province - Mongolian Secret history camp (245km)

Drive to beautiful Aglag Buteel Monastery and be amazed by the combination of natural beauty and Buddhist heritages. This monastery is located 62mi/100km away from Ulaanbaatar in Bornuur soum of Tuv province. It is on the way to the second largest city of Mongolia, Darkhan. Buddhism is a widely practiced religion in Mongolia and has been revived since the 1990s after the collapse of communism. As people's religious freedom return, a number of new Buddhist monasteries have been established. Aglag Buteel Monastery is one of the monasteries built by renowned Buddhist lama and artist, Purevbat, of Mongolia. The monastery was built to the south of Garid (Garuda) Uul, a stunning mountain with larch forest. Enjoy a walk around the monastery and explore its rich heritage. Dinner and overnight stay in a Ger camp.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ger Camp

### **DAY 20: Ulaanbaatar (100km)**

In the morning we will return to the capital Ulaanbaatar - checkin to your hotel. The rest of the day at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT 3 or 4\* Hotel, Ulaanbaatar

### **DAY 21: End of Tour**

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