

BEST OF MONGOLIA (master itinerary)

Region: Gobi and Central Mongolia.
Interesting sites: Middle Gobi, South Gobi, Karakorum and Erdene-Zuu Monastery.
Length of tour: 14 days (13 nights)

Day 1 Ulaanbaatar.

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and transfer to a three or four star hotel. No other service. Half or full day tours are available.

Day 2 Terelj NP.

After breakfast drive to Terelj national park, 80km north-east of city. Spend the day touring the area and enjoying the magnificent alpine scenery. There are great opportunities for hiking, rock climbing and horse riding. You can visit to nomad family and explore the unique lifestyle and horse riding. Return back to the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Ulaanbaatar/Middle Gobi.

After an early breakfast leave UB. On the way to the Gobi visit Baga Gazriin Chuluu Lake and the ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple. Overnight in traditional Mongolian gers at our Middle Gobi camp. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tsagaan suvarga.

After breakfast we head to Tsagaan suvarga about 30 m tall, strangely shaped, white limestone rock formation. Lunch on the way. Dinner and overnight in the ger camp. (B, L, D)

Day 5 South Gobi/Eagle Valley.

Breakfast at the camp. Full day excursion to Yol Valley (Eagle Valley) National Park for hiking and an opportunity to photograph the stunning landscape. Picnic lunch in the Yoliin Am National Park. Spend the afternoon hiking or relaxing. Return to the camp and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 6 South Gobi/Bayanzag.

Early breakfast at the camp. Start the drive towards Karakorum. On the way explore the world famous Flaming Cliffs (Bayan Zag), the Gobi Dinosaurs Cemetary and the trail of paleontologist Roy Chapman Andrews. Visit local camel breeding family and short camel riding. Dinner and overnight in the ger camp near Flaming cliffs. (B, L, D)

Day 7 South Gobi/Ongyn Khiid.

After breakfast drive to north. Stop for the night in a ger camp near Ongyn Khiid. Visit local small temple museum. Dinner and overnight in the ger camp. (B, L, D)

Day 8. Karakorum.

Breakfast at our ger camp. Continue driving to Karakorum. Arrive at Karakorum in the afternoon. Archery competition. Overnight at our ger camp. (B, L, D)

Day 9. Erdene-Zuu.

Early breakfast at the camp. Visit Erdene-Zuu, once one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia and almost destroyed in the 1930s. Tour of the monastery grounds and several chapels with excellent examples of Buddhist iconography dating from the 16th century. Visit the symbolic ruins of Karakorum, the 13th century capital of the Mongol Empire. Drive to Tsenkher hot springs. Enjoy natural hot bath and foot massage at the ger camp. (B, L, D)

Day 10. Ogy nuur lake.

Drive to Lake Ugiy in Arkhangai province. Bird watching by the lake shores and night rest at the ger camp located on the shore of the Ogy lake. (B, L, D)

Day 11. Hustain Nuruu Natural Reserve.

After breakfast drive to Hustain Nuruu Natural Reserve 60 km. Drive deep into Natural reserve to search for wild horse TAKHI. Back to Hustai Nuruu camp, dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 12. Hustai Nuruu Natural reserve/Ulaanbaatar.

Breakfast at the camp. Drive to Ulaanbaatar and transfer to the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 13. Ulaanbaatar.

All day free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 14. Ulaanbaatar/Beijing.

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to airport or railway station for departure. (B)

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GROUP 1; 11/JUN/2010 - 24/JUN/2010

GROUP 2; 29/JUN/2010 - 12/JUL/2010

GROUP 3; 10/JUL/2010 - 23/JUL/2010

GROUP 4; 26/JUL/2010 - 08/AUG/2010

GROUP 5; 09/AUG/2010 - 22/AUG/2010

GROUP 5; 23/AUG/2010 - 05/SEP/2010

Above prices based on multiple occupancy in the Ger camps.

Tour includes:

- Transfers on arrival and departure
- One local English speaking all time.
- All lodging will be in Ger camps and twin tents.
- All meals are provided as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Ground transportation by chauffeured 4WD jeep (Day3-9) and depending on group size bus in the city area (Day1, 2, 10).
- Park Entrance Fees
- Horse rental
- Saddle, helmet, leg protector
- Porterage
- Sightseeing as per itinerary

2L of drinking water every day per person