



## 7-DAY OF REINDEER FESTIVAL MONGOLIA SPECIAL GROUP TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS (04 JULY-10 JULY-THIS IS A PEAK SEASON!)

### Key Information:

**Trip Length:** 7 days/6 nights.

**Tour Code:** **SMT-REINDEER-7D**

**Specialty Categories:** **Reindeer Herders Festival**, Adventure, Cultural Journey, Birdwatching, E-co Travel, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

**Meeting/Departure Points:** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (excluding flights).

**Minimum Group:** **4/6-19 travelers-guaranteed!.**

**Special Group Departure:** **04 July-10 July (PEAK SEASON!)**

**Domestic Airfares Included:** **Yes!** The Domestic Airfares cost (about \$ US 450 per person)-**is subject to the change by Mongolian airlines.** **Murun local airport** is about 110 km (68.35 miles) and 3 hours from Khatgal (Hatgal) village (102 km/64 miles), which is located at the southernmost tip of the lake.

**Domestic Air tickets Booking:** The Domestic Air tickets **Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Ulaanbaatar (2 ways)** need to be done at least before **April 1<sup>st</sup>.** **Domestic flight pending final Schedule.**



**Tour Highlights:** The **Reindeer Herders Festival** takes place near the **Khuvsgul Great Lake**, in Khuvsgul province **on July 06 and July 07**, annually. There are **85 families** live in the depths of the Taiga forest herding their **2690 reindeer**. **At the beginning of July**, numerous reindeer people arrive near the **Khuvsgul Lake** with their reindeer from the depths of the Taiga forest to introduce their customs and tradition while participating in the **Reindeer Festival**. It is an opportunity for travelers to discover this unique culture not traveling far on rough roads and riding horses for several days to the remote Taiga. Except for the **Reindeer Festival**, Khuvsgul Lake is the world's freshest water lake and famous leisure holiday destination. The **Reindeer/Tsaatan Festival** aims to promote Reindeer herding, protect the animal and culture, attract both domestic and foreign tourists.

**Great Lake Khuvsgul**-is the largest fresh water lake in Mongolia by volume, and it is located in the northwest of Mongolia, near the Russian border, at the foot of the eastern Sayan Mountains. It is 1,645 metres (5,397 feet) above sea level, 136kms (85 miles) long and 262 metres (860 feet) deep. It is the second- most voluminous freshwater lake in Asia, and holds almost 70% of Mongolia's fresh water and 0.4% of all the fresh water in the world and second largest by area. The Park is home to a variety of wildlife such as ibex, argali, elk, wolf, wolverine, musk deer, brown bear, Siberian moose, and sable. **Khuvsgul Lake** was added to **UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves**. The decision was made during the **34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme** taking place in **Paris, France**.



## The Reindeer Herders Festival continues for 2 days:

- **Reindeer/Tsaatan Herders Festival** opening followed by a traditional Mongolian and Tsaatan concert.
- Visit the Reindeer families, explore their culture and lifestyle.
- Reindeer race.
- You can ride horses, ox-cart, and reindeer
- Mini Naadam Festival and traditional wrestling.
- Reindeer polo.
- Bonfire and Shamanic ceremony.
- Horse racing.
- Local handmade souvenirs and art exhibition.

**Contact us / Book Now!:** [info@samarmagictours.com](mailto:info@samarmagictours.com). **We would be pleased to have you join us!**



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### BRIEF ITINERARY:

**July 04, Day 1**-Upon your arrival in ``Chinggis Khaan`` New Ulaanbaatar Airport, meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Transfer to hotel. Grand Ulaanbaatar City Tour **(L)**

**July 05, Day 2**-Transfer to ``Chinggis Khaan`` New Airport-Take a Flight **Ulaanbaatar/Murun**-Great Lake Khuvsgul National Park. **(B)(L)(D)**

**July 06/July 07, Days 3/4-Reindeer/Tsaatan Herders Festival. (B)(L)(D)**

**July 08, Day 5**-Transfer to Murun Local Airport- Take a Flight **Murun/Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)**

**July 09, Day 6**-Ulaanbaatar-The 40 meter/~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue-Gorkhi/Terelj National Park-Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)**

**July 10, Day 7**-To be transferred to ``Chinggis Khaan`` New Ulaanbaatar Airport. Departure Mongolia or **Post tour to Naadam Festival (on early request!). (B)**



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

### July 04, Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar/Ulaanbaatar Grand Tour/Welcome Lunch (L)

Upon your arrival in **Ulaanbaatar** ``**Chinggis Khaan**`` **New Airport** and after custom formalities and baggage claim, you will be met by **Samar Magic Tours team** and taken to the centrally located hotel in Ulaanbaatar (52 km/32.31 miles, 2 hrs driving.\*By hotels policy the check-in time is after **02:00PM/14:00**). **Ulaanbaatar Grand City Tour:** visit the **Gandantegchinlen Monastery** is a Tibetan-style Buddhist monastery that has been restored and revitalized since 1990. The Tibetan name translates to the "GreatAS Place of Complete Joy". It currently has over 150 monks in residence. It features a 26.5-meter-high statue of Avalokitesvara. It came under state protection in 1994. Here you will have the opportunity to attend a Buddhist ceremony. Next, we will visit a **small museum of dinosaur fossils**. The centerpiece of the museum is the 4m tall, 3 tonne UV light Tarbosaurus bataar (cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex) and a smaller Saurolophus, with its



distinctive skull crest. The Tarbosaurus bataar made international headlines in 2012, when it sold at auction in Texas. The Mongolian government protested that the fossil had been illegally removed from Mongolia and demanded its return. The legal battle ended when a US judge ruled in favor of Mongolia. The museum also includes examples of Velociraptor and Protoceratops, and a nest of Oviraptor eggs. It is located inside the former Lenin Museum, built in the year 1974. Visit the **National History Museum**-where you will see artefacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. Here you will see a large statue of the **Genghis Khan**-inaugurated in 2006 on the occasion of 800th Anniversary of the Great Mongolian Empire of **Genghis Khan** (1206-2006), the **Sukh Baatar Hero** along with The Parliament House, Stock Exchange, the Drama Theatre and the Palace of Culture. **Welcome lunch in traditional local restaurant.** Next, visit the **New Museum "Genghis Kan" ("Chinggis Khaan")**, opened in the month of **October 11, 2022**. The museum is designed to show the history of the Mongol kings from the reign of King Hunnu Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba. **06:00PM-Evening National Performers** (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included.**





## July 05, Day 2-Take a flight to Murun. (B)(L)(D)

Breakfast. **The rooms must be vacated before 12 noon on the day of departure.** Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the hotel reception. Transfer to **Ulaanbaatar ``Chinggis Khaan`` New Airport** (52 km/32.31 miles, 2 hrs driving). **Take a flight to Murun local airport. Meet the local transport** and drive in private to **Khuvsgul Lake National Park** (about 110 km/68.35 miles and 3 hours driving)-known as **blue pearl of Mongolia**, located close to the Siberian border. **Khuvsgul** is the second largest freshwater lake in Central Asia. **Khuvsgul** water is crystal fresh and clear that you can drink the water and see points at as deep as 24.5m. Explore the area on foot or on horseback (**optional payment on site!**). Here, you will have the opportunity to do several optional activities. Trek and ride to the lake side, mountain for exploring, taking pictures, enjoy wildlife, flora and fauna. **See a Reindeer people.** Ride on a reindeer. Here also, you will have the opportunity to take a boat tour, sauna, etc (**optional payment on site!**). Overnight in tourist Gers camp.



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## July 06/July 07, Days 3/4-Reindeer/Tsaatan Herders Festival. (B)(L)(D)

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- Reindeer race.
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- Mini Naadam Festival and traditional wrestling.
- Reindeer polo.
- Bonfire and Shamanic ceremony.
- Horse racing.
- Local handmade souvenirs and art exhibition.

Overnights in tourist Gers camp.



## July 08, Day 5: Take a flight back to Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

Breakfast. **Drive to Murun local airport** (about 110 km/68.35 miles and 3 hours driving). **Take a flight back to Ulaanbaatar ``Chinggis Khaan`` New Airport.** Meet by **Samar Magic Tours team** and taken to the centrally located hotel in Ulaanbaatar (52 km/32.31 miles, 2 hrs driving. \*By hotels policy the check-in time is after **02:00PM/14:00**). Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included.**



## July 09, Day 6: The Genghis Khan Statue/Gorkhi/Terelj National Park/Ulaanbaatar (B)(L)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards to visit the **40 meter /~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue on horseback** (55km/34miles, +1.30 hrs) N/E of the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar. The statue is symbolically pointed east towards his birthplace. It is on top of the **Genghis Khan Statue Complex**, a visitor center, itself 10 meters (32 ft 10 in) tall, with 36 columns representing the 36 khans from **Genghis** to Ligdan Khan. Visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. Near the Great Statue of **Genghis Khan**, we can take beautiful photos with **the Kazakhs and their Golden Eagles**, rides on the backs of **Bactrian camels**, or rides on **Mongolian horses** through the steppes, shooting with a bow and arrow (**\*extra payment at the same place**). **Mongolian lunch is included on the way**. After, continuous drive north further to reach **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park** (50km/ 31 miles, 1.00 hr). Seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. The valley is about 20kms/12miles long at 1600m. This picturesque National Park is a part of **Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area**. It is a great place for hiking, trekking, even you can rock climb here at its natural steep granite walls. Explore the **Turtle shaped original giant rock** - symbol of Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. Walking & Easy Trekking to **Arrayabal Meditation Temple**, on the top of the small hill. **Drive back to Ulaanbaatar** (70km/ 44 miles, 2.00 hrs). **Latest purchases of Mongolian souvenirs and pure Mongolian cashmere**. Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included**.



## July 10, Day 7: Departure Mongolia or Post tour to Naadam Festival. (B)

Breakfast. The rooms must be vacated before **12 noon** on the day of departure. Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours** at the hotel reception. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar ``**Chinggis Khaan**´´ New Airport (52 km/32.31 miles, 2hrs driving). **Departure Mongolia or Post tour to the Great Naadam Festival Special Group Tour (on early request!). Tour Ends.**



## What's Included?

**2** Airfares **Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Ulaanbaatar**. **Domestic flight pending final Schedule.**

**3** nights of accommodation at selected and confirmed hotel, based on double indicated room with breakfast.

**3** nights of accommodation at the tourist Gers camp in Khvusgul Lake National Park, based on standard ger for **2** people or more (according to the request!).

Meals as specified (**6B, 6L, 3D**), included 1 litre of mineral water a day, per person.

All transportation on comfortable vehicle in private, including the all petrol.

Services of English or Spanish speaking local guide (according to the request!) with **2** Airfares **Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Ulaanbaatar**.

All entrance tickets to **Reindeer Herders Festival on July 06 and July 07**.

Entrance fee to Khuvsgul National Park.

Discovering Tsaatan people (Nomadic Reindeer Herders).



Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.

Meeting True Nomadic people.

Service fees include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax and 5% service charge for Ulaanbaatar city hotels.

### What's Not Included?

International Airfares. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. The program may undergo unexpected changes, depending on the confirmation of domestic flights. In these cases, we will do everything in our power to find the best available solution. In no case will we accept a claim for the consequences of temperature changes, without this entailing a refund. Excess baggage. Visa. Any rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. **Early Check-in or Late Check-out.** Excess baggage (\*the internal flight allowance only to carry **5 kg** and luggage **10 kg** totally **15 kg** load for domestic flight, and above that overweight must be paid (+\$1.5/1kg). The traveller is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, and the necessary passport pictures. Travel insurance. Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary. **Binocular and drone.** Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, road conditions, etc.



## EXPERIENCES:

- Enjoy the view of the beautiful Great Lake Khuvsgul, a crystal-clear water lake that stretches over 100 miles.
- Enjoy the **Reindeer Herders Festival** continues for **2** days
- Explore the area on foot or on horseback (optional payment on site!). Enjoy horse riding. Here, you will have the opportunity to do several optional activities.
- Here also, you will have the opportunity to take a boat tour (optional payment on site!).
- Meeting True Nomadic people (Tsaatan-Reindeer people). Ride on a reindeer.
- Vacation on the Great Lake Khuvsgul gets you to the Natural Wonder of Northern Mongolia.



## TO CONSIDER:

- Guaranteed services from **4/6-19 travellers-guaranteed!**
- Mongolian visa not included.
- You must send us a photocopy of the original passport with a minimum validity of **6** months before **April 1st**, in order to buy the domestic air tickets, and to reserve the hotels in Ulaanbaatar.
- **Domestic flight pending final Schedule.**
- **The Domestic Air tickets Ulaanbaatar/Murun/Ulaanbaatar (2 ways)** need to be done at least before **April 1st.**
- Excess baggage (\*the internal flight allowance only to carry **5** kg and luggage **10** kg totally **15** kg load for domestic flight, and above that overweight must be paid (+\$1.5/1kg).
- The program may undergo unexpected changes, depending on the confirmation of domestic flights. In these cases, we will do everything in our power to find the best available solution. In no case will we accept a claim for the consequences of temperature changes, without this entailing a refund.





- Accommodation outside Ulaanbaatar is in the tourist camps in Ger Standard for 2 people with bathrooms outside (so shared, 1 building for men, and 1 building for women). The tourist camps in Gers do not have an official category.
- The hotel category information is for the Ulaanbaatar hotel.
- The entrance to the rooms in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar is at **02:00PM (14:00)**. Early entry to rooms is not included.
- The departure of the rooms in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00M**. Late check-out of rooms is not included.
- Excess baggage must be left for **free** at hotels in Ulaanbaatar before departure to the countryside of Mongolia.





## MONGOLIA TOUR CONDITIONS

**PRICE:** The price of our trips has been calculated based on exchange rates, transport rates, fuel costs and applicable taxes and fees on the date of publication of the program/brochure or subsequent dates that, if applicable, are have been made public in print. Any variation in the price of the aforementioned elements may give rise to the revision of the final price of the trip, both upwards and downwards, in the strict amounts of the aforementioned price variations. These modifications will be notified to the consumer, in writing or by any means that allows proof of the communication made, being able, when the modification made is significant, to withdraw from the trip, without any penalty, or accept the modification of the contract. In no case, will it be revised upwards in the twenty days prior to the departure date of the trip, regarding the requests already made. **Prices are calculated based on double room.** Prices and fees are quoted in \$ Us dollars or in € euros and are subject to change.

- At the time of registering for the trip, the amount of 635.00 (six hundred and thirty-five \$ US dollars or € Euros) per person will be paid immediately by bank transfer as a **guarantee deposit**, before **March 1st.**

### FORM TO FILL IN:

**NAMES AND SURNAMES (\*HOW IT IS WRITTEN ON THE PASSPORT):**

**CITIZENSHIP:**

**SEX:**

**VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:**

**DATE OF ARRIVAL IN ULAANBATAAR, NO. OF THE FLIGHT AND TIME OF ARRIVAL:**

**DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA, NO. OF THE FLIGHT AND THE SCHEDULE:**

**THE SELECTED HOTEL IN ULAANBAATAR FROM OUR HOTEL ´S LIST:**

- You must send us a photocopy of the original passport with a minimum validity of **6** months before **April 1st**, in order to buy **the domestic air tickets**, and to reserve the hotels in Ulaanbaatar.
- No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.
- The final payment of the trip will be made by bank transfer before **April 1st**, in order to guarantee the domestic air tickets (if any on the route) and all the indicated reservations.

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTES:** If you do not pay us on the indicated dates, we cannot guarantee the indicated services (\*so in this case, you need to check the new rates and if there is availability in other hotels).



## CANCELLATION

Deposits are non-refundable.

**90-19 days:** 50%

**18-00 business days:** 100%-NO REFUND.

**In the case of cancellations of air and train tickets: it is another concept.** The rates of air tickets or international and national trains subject to modifications, depending on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates on air tickets or on international and national trains are only frozen with the issuance and full payment of the tickets. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be cancelled on the day of issue.

**DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:** The program may undergo unexpected changes, depending on the confirmation of domestic flights. In these cases, we will do everything in our power to find the best available solution. In no case will we accept a claim for the consequences of temperature changes, without this entailing a refund.

## PERSONAL TRAVELING FOR FREE IN MONGOLIA:

A) If the group is of **16** people (**15** pax subscribers + **1** person for free by land, based only on **DOUBLE** room: **8**). Samar Magic Tours will pay all expenses for land, accommodation in **DOUBLE** room. **Not included: accommodation in a single room, and air tickets.**

B) If the group is of **32** people (**30** pax subscribers + **2** people for free by land, based only on **DOUBLE** room: **16**). Samar Magic Tours will pay all expenses for land, accommodation in **DOUBLE** room. **Not included: accommodation in a single room, and air tickets.**

## CHARGE FOR CHILDREN IN MONGOLIA:

**0-3 years:** free;

**From 4 to 11 years old:** 50% of the usual adult price.

**From 12 years old:** 100% of the regular adult price.

**CONDITIONS OF FORCE MAJEURE:** Although it is our absolute desire to fulfil the trip as detailed in the program, sometimes there are conditions of force majeure that mean that it may be modified. Samar Magic Tours is not legally responsible for those conditions of force majeure outside the organization of the trip that may force changes to the travel program. These reasons and circumstances of force majeure include possible situations of insecurity for the traveller, political instability or violence, rebellions or risk of rebellion, strikes, altercations and violent actions, decisions of governments or local authorities, technical or maintenance problems related to transportation. , changes in schedules or aviation or road routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, as well as any other circumstance beyond the control of Samar Magic Tours. If due to unusual circumstances of force majeure it is necessary to carry out a cancellation of the trip, there is no obligation for compensation.