

MONGOLIA YAK FESTIVAL SPECIAL GROUP TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Key Information:

Trip Length: 9 days/8 nights.

Tour Code: **SMT-YAKF-9D**

Specialty Categories: **Yak Festival**, Adventure Expedition, Camel riding, Cultural Journey, Birdwatching, Eco-Travel, Historic, Local Culture, Nature, UNESCO World Heritage, Wildlife.

Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar. Your international flight to Mongolia is on your own arrangement.

Minimum Group Size: **3-19 travelers-guaranteed!**

Special Group Departure: **19 July-27 July.**

Total Distance: about 2000 kms/1243 miles.



The Yak Festival (in the last week of July): The **Yak Festival** is held in **the last week of July** in Bat Ulzii village (sum) of Ovorkhangai province, which is considered as the motherland of yaks, with cooperation's of yak herders and yak down product producers. During the festival activities such as, yak parade, yak race, a fashion show and an exhibition of yak down products will be organized. **Visit a Yak breeder's family and experience the traditional customs and lifestyle of local residents.** Övörkhongai /Uvurkhongai (Mongolian: Өвөрхангай, Öwörhngai; "southern Khangai") is one of the **21** aimags (provinces) of Mongolia, located in the south of the country. Its capital is Arvaikheer. The **Erdene Zuu monastery and Karakorum**, the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire are located in this province.

The Yak Festival is one of the most important festivals in Mongolia. It's held each year on the **23rd of July** in Orkhon Valley, in Bat Ulzii sum, province of Ovorkhangai. In Mongolia, the yak has a great value for nomadic breeders. It has many uses and is necessary for the good development of a farm. The yak can carry equipment on its back or tract a cart. Its wood is used for doing clothes, and, as any animal, its meat and milk are eaten.

The main purpose of the festival is to promote the yak herder nomads, improve and increase the benefits of the yak related products, introduce the yak culture to the public, and attract tourists.



The main events of the Yak Festival are:

1. The opening speech of a local governor followed by yak parade and performance.
2. Yak lassoing (the participants lasso a yak from an untrained herd of yaks).
3. Yak training (the participants ride and train the yaks they lasso).
4. Team competition of the yak herders (the competition type differs).
5. Polo sport while riding yaks (could be some of the most interesting and fun sport. Yak is a strong animal among the other animals of the nomads).
6. Yak racing (the Yak Festival tends to be a fun activity and could be some of the slowest races. Almost half of the yaks reach the finish line walking or barely trotting).
7. Best yak product competition (dairy products, yak hair/skin/horn products, and all new ideas or creativity).
8. A demonstration of yak wool rope making (the rope plays in an important role for the nomadic housing and animal tethering).
9. Demonstration of yak dairy product making (you will see how many different types of products the nomads produce).
10. The Yak Festival closes by the competition winner prizes.



About Mongol Yak: There are approximately 1,005,000 yaks in 13 provinces of Mongolia. Thus, Mongolia has the world's second-largest yak heads in the world. The world yak population is 14.2 million. The mountainous yak habitat areas of Arkhangai, Uvurkhangai, Khuvsgul, Bayan-Ulgii, Uvs, and Khovd provinces are among the top tourist destinations in Mongolia. Not only the mountainous northern and western regions of Mongolia. The yaks are in mountainous areas of the Gobi Desert such as Bayankhongor, Zavkhan, and Gobi Altai provinces. The yaks were domesticated relatively late and their isolated mountainous pastureland influences the animal's strong characters.

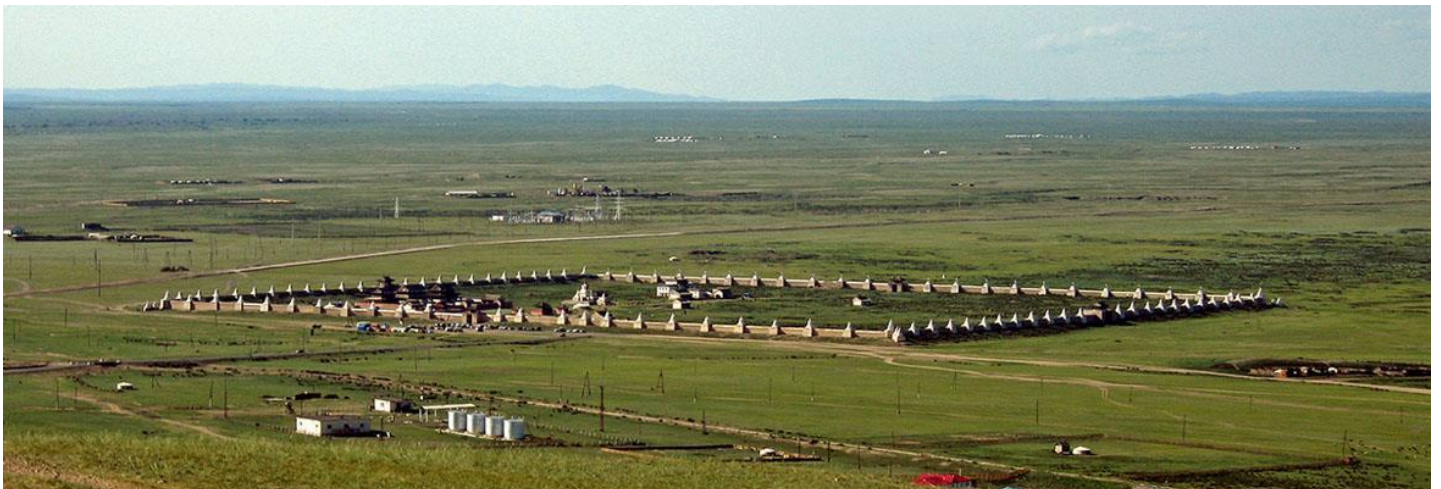


Tour Highlights: This journey designed especially for groups, families, and funny travel. First at all, we visit **the 40-meter (~133, 3 feet) Statue of ` ` Genghis or Chinggis Khan` `**, visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. The attached museum has exhibitions relating to the Bronze Age and Xiongnu archaeological cultures in Mongolia, which show everyday utensils, belt buckles, knives, sacred animals, etc. and a second exhibition on the Great Khan period in the 13 and 14th centuries which has ancient tools, goldsmith subjects and some Nestorian crosses and rosaries. **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**-is one of the most popular national parks in Mongolia. **Gorkhi/Terelj** features stunning granite mountains and flowery endless grassy green meadows. 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. Drive towards west to see the **Authentic Mongol Nomad Show**. It demonstrates traditional living way of real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Nex, drive west to visit the **Elsen Tasarkhai (also known as Bayangobi desert or Mini-Gobi)**-is a part of the 80kms/50miles long **Mongol Els Sand Dunes** and is located on about 280kms west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The nature in this area is really spectacular and great for relaxing. **Enjoy to ride two-humped Bactrian camel**. Walk on sand dunes, experience staying in a traditional Mongolian dwelling ger, and walk and relax in beautifully serene nature. **Enjoy the sunset**. Drive towards west to **Karakorum**-is located about 430kms/ west from the capital Ulaanbaatar in Ovorkhangai province. This is **the ` ` Genghis (Chinggis)` ` Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley**- is located along the Orkhon River in Ovorkhangai and Arkhangai Provinces, was the center of the Mongol Empire, the center of the Uighur Empire, and the



birthplace of Mongolian Buddhism. Visitors, such as Marco Polo, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. Today, **the cultural heritage of the Okhon river valley** constitutes a **UNESCO World Heritage**.

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BRIEF ITINERARY

19 July, Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar ``Chinggis or Genghis Khan`` New Airport, meet Samar Magic Tours team. Ulaanbaatar Great City tour. Welcome Lunch. **(L)**

20 July, Day 2-Ulaanbaatar-The 40 meters/~133,3 feet ``Genghis Khan`` Statue-Gorkhi/Terelj National Park-Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)**

21 July, Day 3-Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show-Bayangobi Desert (MiniGobi)-Bactrian Camel riding-Karakorum (Central Mongolia). **(B)(L)(D)**

22 July, Day 4-Monument to the Mongol States-Erdene zuu Monastery-Karakorum Museum-Orkhon Valley. **(B)(L)(D)**

23 July, Day 5-Yak Festival-Orkhon Waterfall. **(B)(L)(D)**

24 July, Day 6-Turkish Memorial Museum - Ugii Lake - Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

25 July, Day 7-Hustain Nuruu National Park - Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)**

26 July, Day 8-Ulaanbaatar City Tour. Last shopping! **(B)(L)**

27 July, Day 9-Departure Mongolia. **(B)**



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

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

Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar `` **Genghis Khan**´´ 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 (*by hotels policy the check-in time is after **02:00PM/14:00**). **Ulaanbaatar Great 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 "**Great 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. **10:00AM-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-ton ultraviolet **Tarbosaurus bataar (cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex)** and a smaller Saurolophus, with its distinctive cranial crest. The **Tarbosaurus bataar** made international headlines in 2012, when it sold at an 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. **Nicolas Cage** has agreed to return a rare dinosaur skull to the Mongolian government. The Oscar-winning actor bought the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull in 2007, not knowing it had been stolen. Authorities said he voluntarily agreed to hand over the skull after learning of the circumstances. 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 1974. Next, visit the **Sukh Baatar Main Square** to 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. Visit the **National History Museum**-where you will see artefacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. **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-Mongolian 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.**



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20 July, Day 2: 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 **Arryabal Meditation Temple**, on the top of the small hill. **Drive back to Ulaanbaatar** (70km/ 44 miles, 2.00 hrs). Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included.**



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21 July, Day 3-Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show-Bayangobi Desert (MiniGobi)-Bactrian Camel riding-Karakorum (Central Mongolia). (B)(L)(D)

Breakfast. **08:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards west to observe the **Authentic Mongol Nomaic Show** (about 35-40km/25miles, 1.30 hrs). It demonstrates traditional living way real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Here you will have the opportunity to hear a Mongolian folk song, to see 5 herding animals, to observe the demonstration of catching and milking sheep, goat, to observe the demonstration of making dairy products. Also, we will see the Mongolian archery, playing



traditional games, the demonstration of making felt and tanning, the demonstration of moving one place to another use by cart, yak freight, camel and horse carts. Continuous drive **West to Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes (known as the Bayangobi desert or MiniGobi**, about 280 km/174 miles, 4hours drive), desert sand dunes spread over 80kms in a beautiful valley. Opportunity for hiking, walking through the dunes, and photographing the landscapes. **Excursion included to cross the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel.** Continuous drive to **Karakorum** (about 150 km/94 miles, 2 hrs) in Central Mongolia-**the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization.** Visitors, such as **Marco Polo**, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp.



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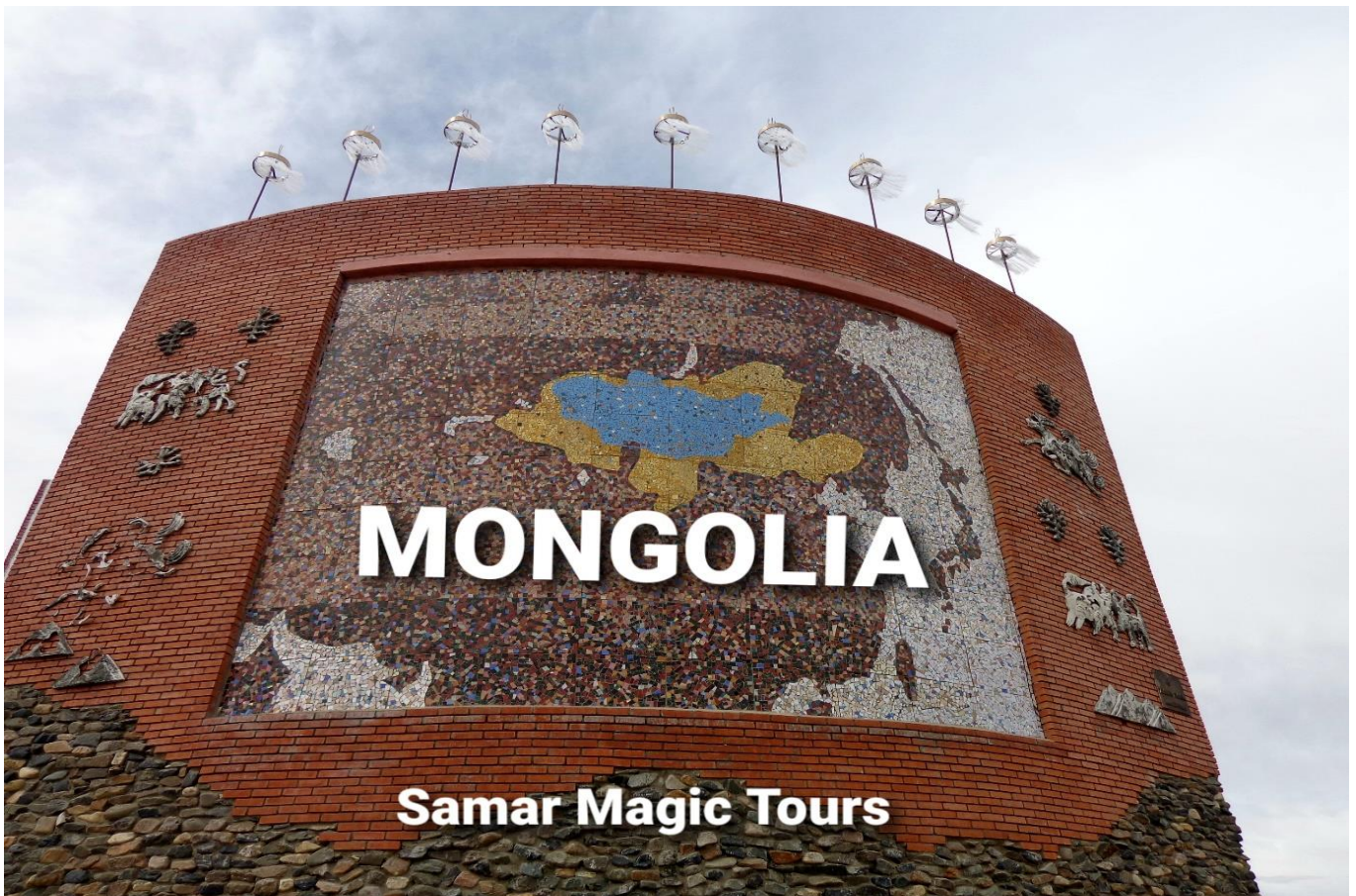
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23 July, Day 4-Monument to the Mongol States-Erdene zuu Monastery-Karakorum Museum-Orkhon Valley. (B)(L)(D)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, we will visit the **Monument to the Mongol States** located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the bank of the **Orkhon River**. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (a shamanic oboo) carefully assembled into a cone shape, approximately the same size as a tipi, with nine posts protruding from the top. This structure is mounted on a stone and concrete platform and is surrounded by three walls that represent three sections of a circle. The outer sides of these walls feature three colorful mosaics representing three maps, one for each of the empires.

1. First, there was the **Xiongnu Empire**, a confederation of nomadic tribes that lived on the steppes from about the 3rd century BC. until the 1st century AD.
2. The **Turkish Khaganate Empire** followed, established by the Göktürks in 682 and lasting only until 744.
3. Finally, and famously, **Genghis Khan** founded the **Mongol Empire** of the 13th and 14th centuries.



The iconic place of the Mongol Empire in culture, combined with the shamanic symbolism of the **ovoo** at the center of the monument, prompts people to leave offerings of vodka, milk, tea, rice and other edible delicacies that inevitably attract birds and some than another herd of goats and sheep passing by. You can also find several animal skulls around the monument, completing the surreal scene. It is no coincidence that **the Monument of The Imperial Map** is located in **Kharkhorin**, as this city (then called **Karakorum**) was **the capital of the Mongol Empire** under **Genghis Khan's successor, Ogedei Khan**. The Imperial Map Monument is a great vantage point from which to look out over the city of **Kharkhorin** and the **Orkhon River**, and imagine what this collection of dirt roads and low-rise buildings may have looked like **in its glory days**. Also, today, we will visit to the legendary **Erdene zuu (Hundred Treasures) Monastery, the Turtle monument, and the Karakorum museum, to see the relics of the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire**. The **Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery** with its 108 stupas and the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century) was the most important religious seat. Currently it constitutes an impressive sight, with its walls, stupas and temples, occupying an enclosure of 400 square meters, and surrounded by the steppe. The construction was continued by his son '**Ogedei**' Khan, after his death. After 40 years, '**Kublai Khan**' (grandson of **Genghis Khan** and host of **Marco Polo**) moved the capital of the Empire to Beijing (**Peking-Yuan dynasty**), already invaded. In the year 1792, there were 62 temples left and more than 10,000 Lamas. In the year 1930, the Stalinist purges destroyed most of their temples and the Lamas were banished to die in Siberia. Of its more than one hundred temples, only three have survived to our era, **it remains the most outstanding cultural vestige of Mongolia**. **Mongolian lunch is included in front of the Erdene zuu monastery**. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp in Karakorum.



23 July, Day 5-Yak Festival-Orkhon Waterfall. (B)(L)(D)

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24 July, Day 6-Turkish Memorial Museum - Ugii Lake - Karakorum. (B)(L)(D)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours team**. Next, departure in the direction of the **Turkish Memorial Museum (Khushuu Tsaidam)** in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honor of the **Turkish princes** of the early 8th century **Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin** with their Orkhon inscriptions, which are admitted as the most impressive monuments of the nomads of the **Gokturk Empire**. The **Bilge Qaghan and Kul Tigin monuments** were found in the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape**, (47 km, 1 hour drive by paved road from Karakorum, funded by the **Turkish Government**) northwest of Kharkhorin (Karakorum). The museum was built in cooperation with the **Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency in 2008**. For better conservation of the monuments, they were brought to the museum and copies of them were placed in the places where they were originally found. Next, departure by embankment (off road) towards **Lake Ugii** (about 32.3km, 1hr), an appropriate place for birds such as: swans, geese, cranes, ducks, pigeons, storks and other migratory species are cited in this area at the end of April, May and throughout the summer). **Lake Ugii** is located in the province of Uvurkhangai, where many migratory birds arrive at certain times. We visit the **Ornithological local museum for observation**. Continuous drive further to **Karakorum** (about 80 km/50 miles). Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp in **Karakorum**.



25 July, Day 7-Hustain Nuruu National Park - Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet **Samar Magic Tours** team. Next, drive to **Hustain Nuruu National Park** (about 300km/187 miles, 5 - 6 hrs) of the **Wild Horses Przewalski or Takhi** (as known by the Mongolians). The Takhi is the last species of wild horse left on the planet. In 1878, the Polish-born Russian geographer and naturalist **Nikolai Mikhailovich Przewalski** found a new species of wild horse in Mongolia, known locally as Takhi, and took several foals to European zoos. The only way to prevent the complete extinction of the last species of wild horse was to reintroduce it into the wild. In 1975, the **Dutchman Ian Bouman and his wife**, and other entities that joined later, created the **Foundation for the Conservation and Protection of the Przewalski Horse (FPPPH)**, with the aim of saving the Takhi from extinction through acclimatization of the zoo specimens in open field pastures, for later release into the wild. In 1992, the **FPPPH** brought the first **15** horses to the Hustain Nuruu area in Mongolia, to reintroduce them to their original habitat. Currently, the population of takhi in the wild in Hustai Nuruu National Park reaches **220** individuals. The practice of taming wild animals and then returning them to the wild is truly rare. Visit to a small museum, about the history of the Hustain Nuruu National Park, about the founders, and the reintroduction of the Przewalski or Takhi wild horses in their original habitat. **Excursion through the interior of the Hustain Nuruu National Park, exploration and observation of wild horses (*bring binoculars and drone).** Return to Ulaanbaatar (about 120km/75miles, +2 hours drive). Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included.**



26 July, Day 8-Ulaanbaatar City Tour. Last shopping! (B)(L)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Visit the **Zanabazar Museum of Fine Arts**, containing a large collection of Mongolian art, including the works of the 17th century sculptor and artist **Zanabazar**, as well as **the country's most famous painting, A Day in Mongolia, by B. Sharav**. We will visit the **Zaisan Memorial**, a monument south of the capital Ulaanbaatar. Next, we will visit the **Buddha statue** located at the base of the Zaisan Memorial, 75 feet high (23 meters high). Below the statue is a small room containing sutras and images of Buddha and his disciples. **Latest purchases of Mongolian souvenirs and pure Mongolian cashmere. Lunch at a local restaurant.** Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**



Day 9 -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 ``Genghis Khan`` New Airport. **Departure Mongolia (B). Tour Ends.**

What's Included?

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

4 nights of accommodation at the tourist Gers camp, based on standard ger for **2** people or more (according to the request!).

Meals as specified (**8B,8L,4D**), included 1 litre of mineral water a day, per person.

All transfers in private, traveling in a tourist bus or micro-bus (*depending on the group) in Ulaanbaatar, and the 40meter /~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue with all fuel included.

All private transfers in **2 options**: traveling in a comfortable Japanese **Land Cruiser Toyota 4x4 vehicle or similar** (occupancy: **4** tourists + **1** Mongolian-speaking driver in **1** vehicle, Limit: **15** kg per person) or in a Russian Van UAZ 4x4 or similar (occupancy: **6** tourists + **1** Mongolian-speaking driver in **1** vehicle, Limit: **15** kg per person) on the rest of the tour, with all fuel included.

Services of English or Spanish speaking local guide (according to the request!).

All entrance fees to **Yak Festival**, the 40meter /~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue on horseback, National Parks, karakorum, museums, monasteries, and the monuments.

Entrance fee to the **Authentic Mongol Nomaic Show**

Attend a folk show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.

Excursion included to cross the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel.

Meeting True Nomadic people.

Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.

Discovering Yak Nomadic Herders.

Enjoy ornithological observation in Ugii lake.

Enjoy the Wild Horses observation in Hustain Nuruu National Park.

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

What's Not Included?

Airfares. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Excess baggage. Visa. Any rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. 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, photographic camera, and drone. Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, road conditions, etc.



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OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES:

- Visit the Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan. At the base of the sculpture complex is a visitor center, 10 meters high, with 36 columns representing the 36 khans of Genghis of the Ligdan Khan.
- Near the Great Statue of Genghis Khan, we can take beautiful photos with the Kazakhs and their Golden Eagles.
- Visit to the most beautiful Gorkhi/Terelj National Park.
- We will observe the Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show.
- We will walk through the dunes and we will be able to climb the highest peak, where we will be able to observe a wonderful landscape of sand dunes. We will enjoy an excursion on the back of a Bactrian camel.
- Visit the Monument to the Mongol States located on a hill overlooking the city of Karakorum (Kharkhorin), on the bank of the Orkhon River.
- We will visit the legendary Erdene zuu (Hundred Treasures) Monastery, the Turtle monument, and the Karakorum museum to see the relics of the ancient capital of the Mongol Empire. The Erdene Zuu Buddhist Monastery with its 108 stupas and the first Buddhist Lamasery (16th century) was the most important religious seat.
- We will visit the Turkish Memorial Museum (Khushuu Tsaidam) in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honor of the Turkish princes of the early 8th century Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin with their Orkhon inscriptions, which are admitted as the most impressive monuments of the nomads of the Gokturk Empire.
- Enjoy ornithological observation in Ugii lake.
- Excursion through the interior of the Hustain Nuruu National Park, exploration and observation of wild horses (*bring binoculars).
- Listen to the mesmerizing sounds of Khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.







TO CONSIDER:

- Guaranteed services from **2-32** people.
- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights and trains are not included.
- There is a surcharge during the Naadam Festival and applies to travel from **July 01 to July 15-High Season** in Mongolia, where all services and accommodations are crowded.
- 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 is not included. Limit: **15** kg per person.



ACCOMMODATION IN ULAANBAATAR

HOTELS	ROOM	LOCATION
<p>BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5*</p> 	<p>DELUXE DOBLE/TWIN</p> 	<p>The Blue Sky & Tower Hotel is located opposite (50 meters) to the Sukhbaatar Central Square of Ulaanbaatar, and the Mongol Government Palace, in the very heart of Ulaanbaatar and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinggis Khaan" international new airport. It has 6 restaurants: Korean (Seoul), Chinese Jade Palace (prepares Cantonese dishes), Japanese Zen, and All Seasons (offers excellent buffet breakfast), Sauna, Massages, Swimming pool, Gym, WIFI, viewpoint from the top floor, several cafes, and parking. All rooms feature a flat-screen TV, mini bar and safe. Check-in from 2:00 p.m. Check out of the rooms at 12:00M.</p>
<p>HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 5*</p> 	<p>STANDARD TWIN</p> 	<p>The Holiday Inn Hotel is located a 20-minute walk from Gandan monastery, the most important in Mongolia, and 1.2 km from the Suje Bator Central Square of Ulaanbaatar and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinggis Khaan" international new airport. It has 2 elevators, 1 restaurant, Number of floors: 20, WIFI, cafeteria on the 1st floor, and parking. Check-in from 2:00 p.m. Check out of</p>



the rooms at **12:00M.**

PREMIUM HOTEL 4*



STANDARD TWIN

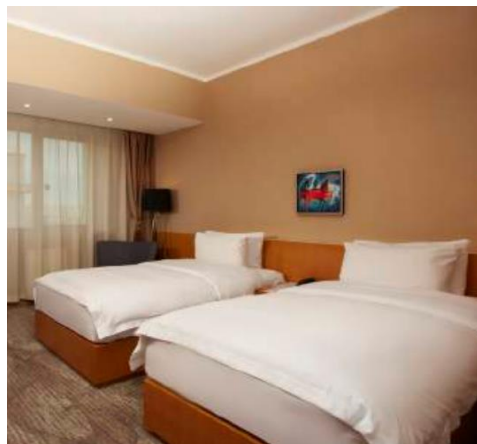


The Premium Hotel is located 20 min. walking distance from Gandan Monastery - the most important in Mongolia, and 2.3 km from Sukhbaatar Central Square and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinggis Khaan" international new airport. The Premium Palace hotel has 192 rooms, 2 elevators, 2 restaurants: Yu Long Chino, and buffet breakfast, number of floors: 20, WIFI, gym, CU cafeteria on the 1st floor, and small parking lot. Check-in from **2:00 p.m.** Check out of the rooms at **12:00M.**

RAMADA HOTEL 4*



STANDARD TWIN



Ramada Hotel is an upscale 4-star hotel, which is set in a luxury shopping mall complex and standing 17 stories with a modern architecture, it features 121 guest rooms and suites.

Ramada Ulaanbaatar Hotel is located in the heart of downtown and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinggis Khaan" international new airport and 15-20 minutes walking distance from Gandan Monastery. Check-in from **2:00 p.m.** Check out of the rooms at **12:00M.**



MONGOLIA TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Currency: The official currency in Mongolia is the Tugrik or Tugrug (T), it is divided into mongos, cents. There are coins of 10, 20 and 50 mongos (MNT) and bills of 1, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 Tugrik. It is convenient to carry the euro and gradually change it. The change can be made at banks and hotels in Ulaanbaatar.

Climate: It is known as the land of the blue sky, but its climate is extreme and severe. Sybaritic winters cover the Gobi Desert with snow until April and keep lakes frozen until May. The rainy season is brief from mid-July to September with short, mild downpours. The nights are cool even in summer.

Approximate temperatures in Mongolia:

Spring: May [14th days, 6th nights, occasional rain, cold]

Summer: **June-August** [28-30° days, 18° nights, dry, occasional rain]

Fall: Sept. [21-16° days, 0° nights, dry, cold]

Luggage: The lighter the luggage, the better. A backpack without a frame or a rucksack or a travel bag is advisable, a small backpack to carry what each one needs during the day (camera, skin and lip cream, binoculars, water bottle, and flashlight). A raincoat or cape and a good anorak, warm clothing for high places, light cotton clothing, sunglasses and a visor for the hottest hours of midday, comfortable shoes. Clients are recommended to bring a binocular.

Small first aid kit: mosquito repellent, physiological serum, gauzes, aspirin, paracetamol.

Electricity: 220V, 50Hz. European round spike.

Clothing: There is no need to dress, be respectful of local customs.

Photography: The country is one of the most photogenic in the world with its landscapes, wildlife, culture and people. The entrances to the museums, National Parks and Monasteries are included in the trip according to the program, but the photographs are not. In many monasteries and temples photos are not allowed unless the price established for this purpose is paid. You have to look before you shoot because these ads are in Cyrillic or Mongolian, unintelligible to us, and once the camera is triggered, payment is immediate.

Food: The basis of food in Mongolia is meat. Lamb meat and flour are the basis of their meals. The Mongolian diet also includes horse meat. Milk and yogurt have an exquisite flavor, although a little strong. Cow and goat cheese is common.

Shopping: Keep in mind that there is hardly any haggling in the country. Even haggling will not be able to pay less than 70% of the price. In some stores you can find handicrafts, postcards and clothes. There are also rugs and fur and leather goods, as well as cashmere wool and camel hair products. Wooden toys, puzzles and games. Oils and watercolors. In the shops of the capital there are European, expensive products, especially in the State Department Store or in the SKY Center, and in other new shopping centers that have practically everything you want from both the Mongolian world and abroad.



Precautions: Mongolia is a safe place for tourism, because there are no drugs, muggings and no weapons, but like anywhere in the world, you need to be aware of pickpockets.

It is recommended immediately upon arrival at the hotel: to leave in the hotel safe (either in the room or at the reception): passport, visas, money, documents, valuables, etc., before leaving of visits by Ulaanbaatar. Be careful in restaurants, pizzerias, cafes, markets, in the central post office, and in monasteries there are pickpockets. Milk may not be pasteurized and therefore some of its derivatives may be dangerous. It should be boiled and take preferably cooked food. This is the health standard, but the reality is that once you stop at a Ger, any passenger is invited to enter and is offered aromatically "airag" or fermented mare's milk and goat, yak and sheep cheeses, all of them acidic. and dry. Refusing would not be correct.

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 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.

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.



I have read and understand the Obligations and Responsibility section detailed above on the form and the General Information and Special Booking Conditions as set out in the tour information literature and accept them on behalf of myself and my group. I declare that I am not traveling against any medical advice.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____