

GOBI DESERT AND CENTRAL MONGOLIA TOUR

DURATION: 11D/10N

TOUR DATE: 16th -26th of June

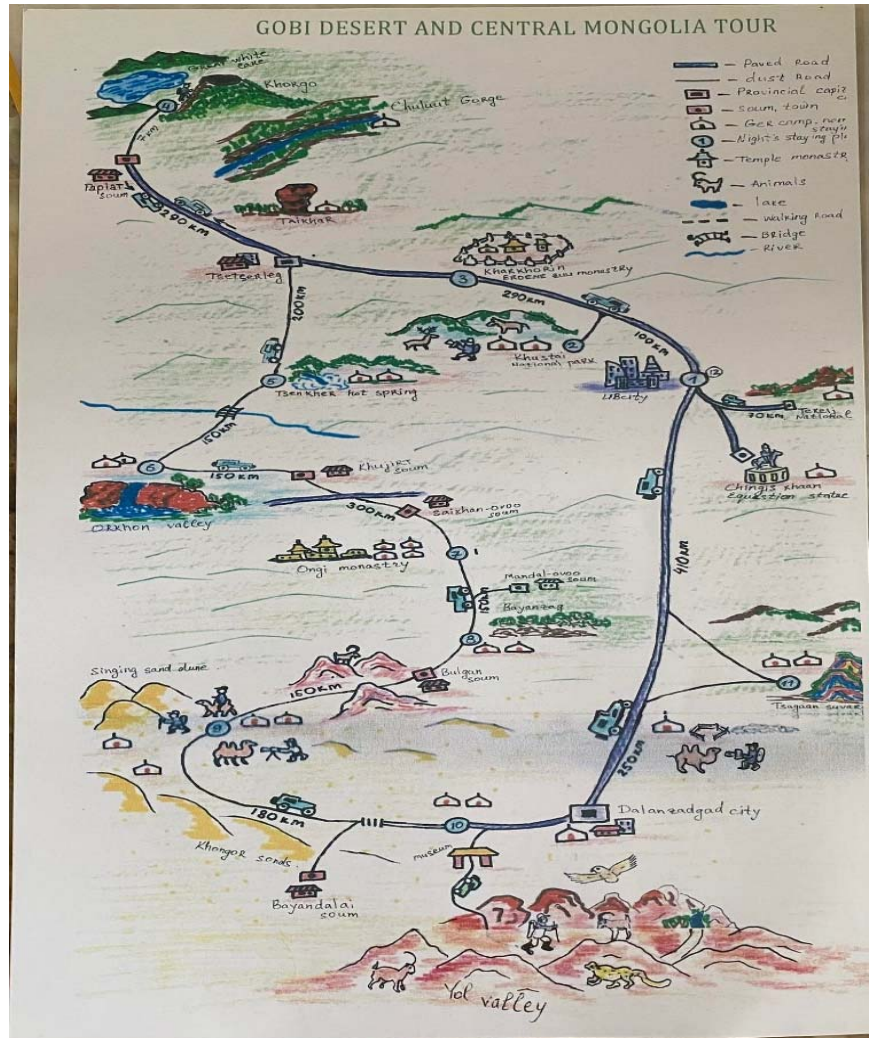
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- ✓ Explore Gobi Desert
- ✓ Explore Central Mongolia
- ✓ Explore National Parks
- ✓ Learn nomadic life

TOUR INTRODUCTION

Mongolia is a land of miracles! There's no fences on this vast land, horsemen and animals roam free here! At the first part of the tour, we have an opportunity to see two of the most famous attractions close to Ulaanbaatar; seeing wild horses roaming through holy hills of Khustai National Park, and visiting the Terej National Park, the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area in Mongolia.

Traveling overland in safari style, you visit the vast expanses of the Gobi Desert, where explores the lofty sand dunes of Khongoriin Els, the glacial canyon of Yolyn Am, and the red cliffs of Bayanzag, where the world's richest deposits of dinosaur fossils are found. Then, you will visit Orkhon valley where was registered in UNESCO as a world cultural heritage as the valley has rich historical remains ranging from prehistoric time to present day, beautiful Arkhangai province (Tsenkher Hot Spring, Great White lake, Khorgo mountain, Chuluut River) and the ancient capital at Karakorum, where you will visit the legendary 15th century ErdeneZuu monastery. You will have the chance to visit families of nomads, remote Buddhist monasteries and traditional events, and to take part in horse-riding or guided walking if you wish · there are also endless opportunities for photography. Now come and take this wonderful trip and visit the Gobi and the Central Mongolia with us!



Day by day itineraries



Day1. Drive to Terelj National Park and Khustai National Park (L/D)

We will pick you up from your hotels and drive to Terelj National park. On the way to NP, we will visit Chingis Khaan Equestrian statue that is the highest one in the world. We will make short hiking to the Arayabal temple and visit Turtle rock. Then, we will drive to Khustai NP. The park lies in the foothills of southern



Khentii mountain range and it is the place where you can see wild horse called Takhi known as Przewalski horse to the world. The wild horses survive in nature by themselves because they have been reintroduced successfully to their homeland after 40 years of extinction. Stay in ger camp (About 250kms- about 5-6 hours driving)

Day2. Drive to Kharkhorin, ancient capital of Mongolia and Erdenezuu monastery (B/L/D)

Explore Kharkhorin and visit Erdenezuu monastery. Kharkhorin is the ancient capital of Chingis Khaan's



Mongolia and was established in 1220 and served as the capital for 140 years. The Monastery was built in 1586 and is surrounded by a massive 400m X 400m wall. Only a few temples remain standing after the communist purges of 1930s. In previous times the grounds held over 60 temples with 10,000 monks using them for daily worship. Stay in ger camp (About 300kms-about 5-6 hours driving)

Day3. Drive to Great White lake and Khorgo Volcano extinct mountain (B/L/D)



Travel beside the Chuluut River which has carved a deep canyon into the basalt rocks. This canyon is famous for its rich fishing grounds. Arrive Khorgo Volcano that is an extinct volcano, covered with basalt and lays to the east of Lake Terkhiin. It is an astonishingly beautiful lake formed by a dam of lava flowing from a volcanic eruption many millennia ago. Stay in ger camp (About 300kms- About 6 hours driving)

Day4. Drive to Tsenkher hot spring (B/L/D)



After breakfast, we will drive to Tsenkher hot spring, Mongolia's most famous hot spring is located in Tsenkher village. This natural beauty is located 27km south from Tsetserleg town which is the central town of the Arkhangai province. The hot spring surrounded by cliffs and rapid rivers is located between woody hills and breathtaking mountains. Stay in the ger camp

(About 130kms- About 4 hours driving)

Day5. Drive to Orkhon Valley and Waterfall (B/L/D)



Today, we will drive to Orkhon valley, registered as World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO in 2005, this Orkhon River valley is known as the cradle of the Mongolian civilization holding many of Mongolia's ancient monuments lie within its basin. We will walk to Orkhon waterfall also called UlaanTsutgalan, formed by a series of volcanic eruptions about 20.000 years ago. It cascades from the height of 22 metres and is

10m wide. We will visit nomadic family and learn their life. Stay in ger camp (About 140kms-about 4 hours driving)

Day6. Drive to Ongi temple (B/L/D)



Today, we will drive to Ongi temple. The monastery, with its temple Damba Darjaalan Sum, was built in the late 18th century to commemorate the first ever visit to Mongolia by a Dalai Lama. The monastery was once the largest monastery in South Mongolia and was used by about 500 monks. It was the only monastery out of nine in the immediate vicinity to survive the Stalinist purges - by becoming a warehouse and shop. The monastery was reopened in 1990 and the current Dalai Lama

visited in 1992. Stay in ger camp (About 300kms- about 8hours driving)

Day7. Drive to Bayanzag or Flaming Cliffs (B/L/D)



In the morning we will drive to the Bayanzag area. Known as a Flaming Cliffs "Cradle of Dinosaurs" this is where the first nest of dinosaur eggs ever discovered was found in 1922. A site famous for the remains of dinosaur that lived here 60 million years ago. You can walk around where dinosaurs once roamed and see saxaul trees and other classic desert vegetation. Stay in ger camp (About 150- about 4hours driving)

Day8. Drive to Khongor sand dunes and hike to the sand dunes (B/L/D)



Today we will drive to Khongor sand dunes. At 28 m in height the giant sand dunes stretch lengthwise some 180 kms. Sometimes the area is only several hundred meters wide but can grow to 7-20 kms. We will hike to the top of the sand dunes. It is possible to make camel riding. It is around 15USD per person. Stay in ger camp (about 150 kms- About 4 hours driving)

Day9. Drive to Yol valley (Vulture Canyon) (B/L/D)

Today, will drive to Yol Valley (Vulture canyon). The Vulture Canyon, which nestles between the



beautiful peaks of Gurvansaikhan of the Three Beauties. After arrival at the canyon, we will take 2-hour hike through the canyon. On our way in/out of the park we can visit the local Natural History Museum where dinosaur eggs and bones, petrified trees and a snow leopard are on display. Overnight in ger camp (about 180 kms- About 5 hours driving)

Day10. Tsagaan Suvarga, rock formation (B/L/D)



We will drive to Tsagaan Suvarga. The scarp of Tsagaan Suvarga is located in Ulziit soum of Dundgobi province. It is interesting to see the sheer slope, facing east, which from cliff is 30 meters high and 100 meters wide. Over thousands of years the wind has created this amazing structure. Stay in ger camp (about 280kms -About 4 hours driving)

Day11. Drive back to UB (B/L)

After breakfast we drive back drive to UB and do shopping. Take you to the hotel (About 470kms-about 7 hours driving)

B-BREAKFAST L-LUNCH D-DINNER

THANKS FOR JOINING US

Inclusion

All transportation listed in the itinerary

Twin share accommodation: in ger camps for 10 nights

Three meals per day

Services of English speaking guide

All taxes and entrance fees to the protected areas