

# Mongolia in Depth including Gobi Desert

## Small group tour - 15 days/14 nights

Discover one of the world's last real frontiers on this in-depth exploration of Mongolia including the Gobi Desert. You'll experience amazing scenery, incredible history, and a fascinating people and culture.

### Inclusions

- Locally escorted in **English only**
- 3 nights accommodation with breakfast in superior 3-star hotel
- 11 nights in ger twin share with all meals daily
- Meals - 12 lunches, 14 dinners
- Arrival/departure transfers by private car
- Ulaanbaatar - City tour
- Comprehensive touring and sightseeing in modern A/C Mitsubishi 4-wheel drive with driver and **English speaking** guide
- Includes all entrance fees to museums, monasteries and national parks. (There may be a minimal fee for use of camera at some monasteries, museums and concerts)

### Your accommodation

- **ULAANBAATAR** - Bayangol
- **TOURING** - Gers (twin share) in permanent camps with communal facilities

*Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.*



### Day 1 Sun. Ulaanbaatar

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and meet your guide and driver at the airport or train station. They will transfer you to your central superior 3-star hotel. Brief afternoon orientation tour of Ulaanbaatar city. Welcome dinner at the local restaurant. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **D**

### Day 2 Mon. Ulaanbaatar

Full day guided city tour of Ulaanbaatar, including visit to morning chanting and 26.5m tall statue of Megjid Janraisag at Gandan Monastery and National History Museum with stop at Sukhbaatar Square. Lunch break (not included). Afternoon free. Evening program is a dinner and folklore concert featuring traditional song and dance. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **BD**

### Day 3 Tue. Ulaanbaatar to Baga Gazriin Chuluu

Check out of your hotel and meet your guide and driver to begin your tour. First

you'll travel into Middle Gobi province until you reach Baga Gazriin Chuluu which is an area of rocky granite mountains in the desert plain. Its highest peak reaches 1,751 metres above sea level. There you'll take a guided walk in the surrounding area in the afternoon. Overnight accommodation in ger camp. **BLD**

### Day 4 Wed. Baga Gazriin Chuluu to South Gobi Province

Today you drive into South Gobi province to Gobi Gurvan Saikhan Mountain Range, which is part of the Altai Mountains, stretching from the northwest corner of Mongolia. You first reach Dalanzadgad town, the centre of South Gobi province. After a short stop, you head to the mountains to the place known as Eagle Valley. This is a perfect area for hiking and if you are lucky enough you might spot ibex and wild sheep grazing high on the rocky walls of the mountains. In the late afternoon you arrive at the ger lodge



Mongolia, caravan of camels





Ulaanbaatar, Winter Palace

nearby for dinner and overnight at the ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 5 Thu. Khongor Sand Dunes**

Check out of ger lodge and drive to Khongor Sand Dunes that stretch over 180 km and lie at the northern part of the mountains of Sevrei. You'll reach the ger camp at the sand dunes early afternoon. Overnight accommodation will be at the ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 6 Fri. Khongor Sand Dunes. Riding two humped camels**

Full day at the sand dunes. Today you hike along the sand hills, and those who would like to ride two-humped camels will have an opportunity here (riding fee is not included). Today you will also visit a local nomadic family to experience their lifestyle. (On the 10 August departure there will be a local Festival with wrestling and horse racing.) Overnight accommodation will be at the ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 7 Sat. Bayanzag Red Cliffs, South Gobi Province**

Check-out of ger lodge and travel to the ger camp near the Bayanzag Red Cliffs. Bayanzag is well known as the location where the American adventurer Roy

Chapman Andrews carried out extensive excavations in the 1920s and found the very first dinosaur eggs. You'll enjoy an afternoon walk by the red cliffs. Dinner and overnight at the ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 8 Sun. Ruins of Ongi Monastery**

Check-out of ger lodge and drive back to the Middle Gobi province. Today's destination is Ongi Monastery. This monastery was erected about 250 years ago and at that time almost 1,000 monks worshipped there daily. Dinner and overnight at a ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 9 Mon. Orkhon Waterfall**

Check-out of the ger lodge and set out early to drive to Orkhon Waterfall which was formed by volcanic eruptions about 20,000 years ago. The waterfall cascades from a height of 20 metres. In the afternoon enjoy a guided walk in the surrounding area. Dinner and overnight at a ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 10 Tue. Tuvkhun Monastery & Tsenkher Hot Springs**

Check-out of ger lodge and drive to Tuvkhun Monastery, resting on the armchair-shaped peak of Shireet Ulaan Mountain at a height of 2,312 metres. The monastery was built on the initiative of

Zanabazar and is the place where many of his most famous artworks were created. After walking up the mountain to visit the monastery you'll continue the journey to reach Tsenkher Hot Springs. Dinner and overnight at a ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 11 Wed. Tsenkher Hot Springs**

Enjoy a full day at the natural hot springs which are a constant 85.5 celsius and prized by Mongolians for their healing, medicinal properties. You'll also take a leisurely walk in the picturesque and wooded surroundings. Dinner and overnight accommodation at a ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 12 Thu. Karakorum & Erdenezuu Monastery**

Check out of the ger lodge this morning and drive to Karakorum, the ancient capital of Mongolia between 1235 and 1260, where Genghis Khan launched his mighty cavalry. In the afternoon you visit Erdenezuu Monastery. Dinner and overnight at a ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 13. Fri. Khustain Nuruu National Park**

Check-out of the ger lodge and continue your journey to Khustain Nuruu National Park. This is the place where the

Mongolian government reintroduced Przewalski's horse, the only remaining true wild horse in the world. After lunch at the ger camp you'll walk in the surrounding area, and after dinner take a short drive to the mountain to see the wild horses grazing. Dinner and overnight accommodation at a ger lodge. **BLD**

**Day 14 Sat. Ulaanbaatar**

Check-out of the ger lodge and drive to Ulaanbaatar to your hotel. In the afternoon last time for shopping for Mongolian souvenirs and cashmere. Tonight, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **BLD**

**Day 15 Sun. Ulaanbaatar**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (Hotel check out by 12:00). **B**

**Tour price & departures**

Prices shown per person in AUD. Sunday departures Jun & Aug 2018.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
3 Jun, 10 Aug	4219	4856

■ Tour is guaranteed with minimum 2 guests. Maximum capacity - 15 guests.



Mongolia, nomads



Ulaanbaatar