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MONGOLIA ADVENTURE TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Key Information:

Trip Length: 10 days/9 nights.

Trip Type: Easy to Moderate.

Tour Code: **SMT-10D**

Specialty Categories: Adventure Expedition, Cultural Event Journey, Camel riding, 4x4 Expedition, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

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

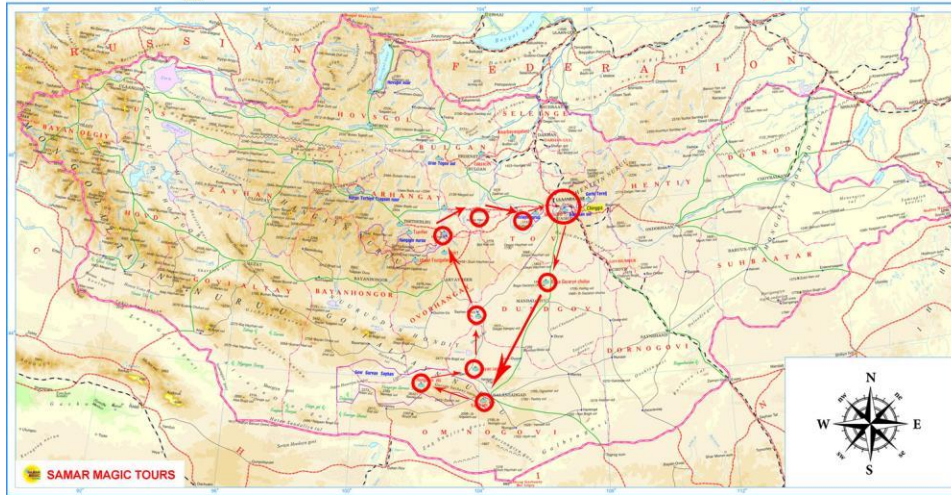
Group Size: **3-32 travelers-guaranteed!**

Valid Season: **June, July, August, September 20th.**

Total Distance: about 2500 km/1554 miles.



MAP OF MONGOLIA



BRIEF ITINERARY:

Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar ``Genghis Khan`` New Airport (UB city), meet **Samar Magic Tours team**. Ulaanbaatar City tour. **(L)**

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

Day 3-Ulaanbaatar-Bagazarin Chuluu (Rock Formations) in Middle Gobi. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 4-Tsagaan Tsuvarga (Stupas or White Pagodas) in Middle Gobi. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 5-Tsagaan Tsuvarga-Gobi Desert-Yolin Canyon. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Gobi Desert: Moltzog Sand Dunes-True Camel Family-Camel Riding Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 7-Gobi Desert-Ruins of Ongi Temple in Middle Gobi. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 8-Middle Gobi-Karakorum. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 9-Karakorum-Orkhon Valley-Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)**

Day 10-Departure Mongolia. **(B)**



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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

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 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**

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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 for more than US\$1 million 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. 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. 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.** Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included. (L)**

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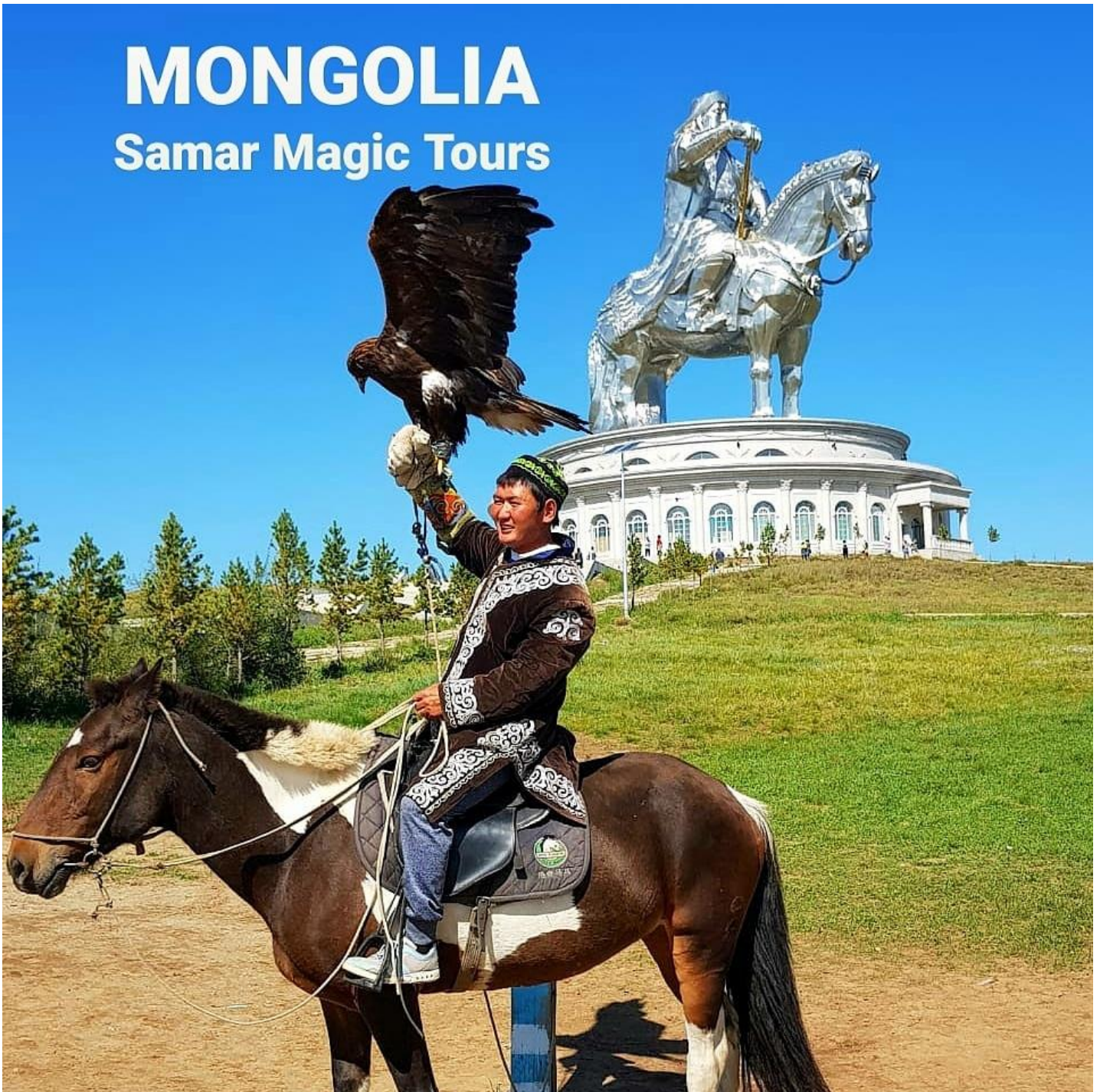


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Day 2-Breakfast. 08:30AM-Meet Samar Magic Tours team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards to visit the **40 meter / ~133,3 feet ``Genghis Khan´´ Statue on horseback** (55km/34miles) N/E of the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar. The statue is symbolically 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. After, continuous drive north further to reach **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**. 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**. Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included. (B)(L)**





Day 3-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards south to **Baga Gazariin Chuluu Rock Formations** – located in Delgertsogt sum, Dundgovi province and surrounded by plain. The highest one is 15 km long and 10 km wide granite stone-mountain elevated at 1768m above sea level. You will see rocks and stones in unique shapes and burials of Mongols from Middle Ages. Today, we explore **the ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple**. It was built in the 10th century from rocks transported from over 300kms/187 miles away. Accommodation in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Day 4-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Drive towards to **Tsagaan Tsvurga White Stupas or White Pagodas**, about 280 km/174 miles), 5-6hours drive from the **Bagazarin Chuluu (Rock Formations)**. **Tsagaan Tsvurga (Stupas or White Pagodas)** are located approximately 426 km (265 miles) from Ulaanbaatar, and 30 km east of the main road Ulaanbaatar - Umnugobi (Gobi South). The 30-60 m (196.85 ft) high, 400 m (1312.34 ft) long, colorful limestone formation was once the ocean floor where visitors find marine fossils and shells. Its colors stand out in the morning and at night. **Tsagaan Suvarga** got its name because its shape resembles relict Buddhist stupas or pagodas. There are some trails to walk down and up through the cliffs. Opportunity to photograph its colors in the morning and at night. Overnight in tourist Gers camp.
(B)(L)(D)



Day 5-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Drive to **Gobi Desert** in South Gobi province. Explore **Yolin Canyon** on foot in **Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park**-was established in 1993, and expanded to its current size in 2000. This is the **largest national park in Mongolia**. Famed for its rich bird habitat, **Yolin Canyon or commonly known as (Vulture's Gorge)** was originally established as a bird preserve and later for its stunning beauty and great hiking options **Yolin Canyon** became one of the major destinations in Gobi. **Here you will have the opportunity for hiking** in the ice valley of Gobi, the stunning landscapes. **There is a small museum**, which displays dinosaur eggs, some bones and stuffed birds and leopards. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



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Day 6-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Drive towards to **Moltsog Sand dunes**. **Exploration and enjoy and climb up**. Visit an **authentic camel breeding family**. **See their real nomadic life and ride two humped camels around**. Afternoon, drive towards to **Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs** in Gobi desert. **Explore Bayanzag (Rich in Saxual) or Flaming Cliffs-here Roy Chapman Andrews**, an American palaeontologist and staff of the Museum of Natural History in New York first found 4-6 inches dinosaur eggs here in 1922. **Bayanzag** is referred as **Flaming Cliffs** for its amazing colours and shape). **Enjoy the Gobi sunset at the legendary "Flaming Cliffs," which glow brilliantly at sunrise and sunset**. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Bayanzag or Flaming Cliffs





Ruinas del Templo Ongii en Gobi Central



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Day 7-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. A long trip towards north, to reach **the ruins of Ongi temple**-the unique 17th century sole monastery at the heart of the desert. **Ongiin khiid** (also referred as **Ongi Monastery ruins**) is an active small monastery with a temple which was built on the ruins of a monastery complex that was formerly one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia and founded in 1760 and consisted of two separate temple complexes, Barlim khiid and Khutagt khiid, on the North and South of the Ongi Gol river. Here there is an opportunity to enjoy and relax in the SAUNA or MASSAGE (***pay directly on site!**). In the evenings, cultural and entertainment programs are sometimes offered. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Day 8-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Today, we will head North to **Karakorum** 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. **(B)(L)(D)**



Day 9-Breakfast. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Today, 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 ovo**) 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 **ovo** 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**. **A long drive back to Ulaanbaatar** (about 390kms/242miles, +6 hours driving). **Latest purchases of Mongolian souvenirs and pure Mongolian cashmere**. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner is not included. (B)(L)**

Day 10-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.**

INCLUDED SERVICES:

3 nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on the indicated room, with breakfast.

6 nights of lodging in the typical traditional tourist camps based on standard ger for **2** people or more (according to the request!) with bathrooms outside (that is, shared, 1 building for the gentlemen, and 1 building for the ladies), in the rest of the route.

Food as specified (**9D,9L,6D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person/daily.

Welcome lunch in a traditional restaurant.

All private transfers in Ulaanbaatar, the 40 meter /~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue on horseback and Gorkhi/Terelj National Park by tour bus (*depending on confirmed group), all fuel included.

All transfers in private, traveling in a comfortable Japanese vehicle **LAND CRUISER TOYOTA 4x4** or similar (**occupancy: 4** tourists + **1** driver in 1 vehicle, **Limit: 15** kg per person) on the rest of the route, with all fuel included.

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

All entrance fees to the 40 meter /~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue on horseback, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, Gobi Gurvasaikhan National Park, Karakorum, monuments, museums, and monasteries.

Visits to authentic nomadic families with farms for horses, yaks, bulls on the route, and an authentic family nomad with camel herds in the dunes of the Gobi Desert.

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

Excursion to explore the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel. Gentle



hiking through wonderful landscapes.
Rates and services.

What's Not Included?

Airfares. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Excess baggage (**Limit: 15** kg per person). Visa. Any rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. **Early Check-in or Late Check-out.** 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. 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.
- Visit to the most beautiful Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, located in the N/E at 1600m above sea level, with high Mesozoic granitic rocks, mountains, steppes, alpine forests and large rock formations with curious Mesozoic shapes such as it is the rock of the Tortoise or the Monk Reading the Book, etc.
- 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 and we will enjoy the contrast of the Mongolian Gobi desert. We will visit an authentic family with Bactrian camel farms. We will get to know the Mongolian nomadic lifestyle.
- We will enjoy an excursion on the back of a Bactrian camel.
- We will explore the Bayan Zag Fire Cliffs on foot, where hundreds of fossilized dinosaur eggs have been discovered, as well as complete skeletons of these great prehistoric reptiles from the Cretaceous period.
- We will explore the Yolyn Canyon or Vulture Gorge in the "Gobi Gurvan Shaikhan" National Park.
- 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.
- Listen to the mesmerizing sounds of Khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.

TO CONSIDER:

- Guaranteed services from **3-32** people.
- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights not included.
- 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.



RESERVATION CONDITIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT

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.

Please note: Naadam Festival surcharge applies for travel from **Jul 01 to Jul 15 - Peak Season in Mongolia**, where all services, accommodations are overcrowded.

- At the time of registering for the trip, the amount of \$ US 660.00 or 660.00 € (six hundred and sixty) per person will be paid immediately by bank transfer as a **guarantee deposit**, with a minimum advance notice of **180-160** business days, before arrival in Mongolia.
- You must send us a photocopy of the original passport with a minimum validity of **6** months, in order to reserve and purchase domestic air tickets in Mongolia, hotels in Ulaanbaatar, and tickets to the **Naadam Festival** in the month of **July**.
- No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.
- The final payment of the trip will be made by bank transfer **95** business days before arrival in Mongolia, in order to guarantee the domestic air tickets (if any on the route) and all the indicated reservations.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: 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).

Refunds by wire bank transfer: Deposits are non-refundable.

90-19 working days prior to departure: 50% of Land Cost.

18-00 working days prior to departure: No refund.

Air or Train cancellation terms are additional: The air fares or train tickets are subject to change based on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates in international or national flights or train tickets only freeze the issuance and payment in full of the tickets. Tickets are not refundable and can only be annulled on the day of issue. All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

HOTELS: By hotels policy check-in time is after **14:00**. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon.



PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All participants are responsible for, and must be in possession of, a full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the end of the tour. In addition, participants must obtain any necessary visas and vaccination certificates required for the tour.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK: The Client acknowledges that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that such holidays may involve a significant amount of personal risk. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.

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: