











### MONGOLIA GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL SPECIAL GROUP TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

**Key Information:** 

**Trip Length:** 9 days/8 nights. **Trip Type:** Moderate. **Tour Code: SMT-AKEF-9D** 

Specialty Categories: Golden Eagle Festival, Local Culture, National Parks, Nature & Wildlife.

This is a small group tour with a fixed itinerary and guaranteed departures.

**Normally: 4-9** pax and max **16** passengers in a group.

Free Pax: If the group is of 16 people (15 pax subscribers + 1 person for free by land, based 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.

Distance to Bayan Ulgii province: about 1709 kms/1062 miles from Ulaanbaatar.

Internal Airfare Included: Yes, 2 Internal Airfares Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar, included the domestic tax (about \$ US 450 /420 € per person) is subject to the change by Internal airlines.

**Tour Highlights:** Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport, meet Samar Magic Tours team. The **Mongol Altai Kazakh Golden Eagle Festival** location in in Bayan-Ulgii province in the September-October with about 40 eagle hunters participating.



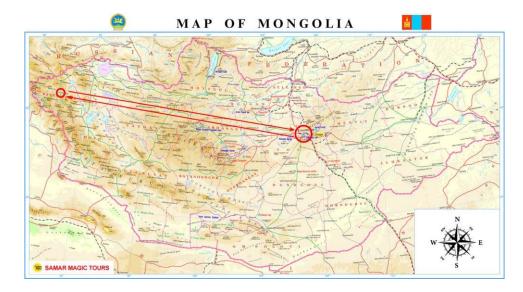








Bayan-Olgii is the westernmost of the 21 provinces of Mongolia. The country's only Muslim and Kazakh-majority province, it was established in 1940. Its capital is Olgii. Most inhabitants of Bayan-Olgii are Kazakhs (88.7%). Smaller parts of the population are composed of Uriankhai (7.2%), Dorvod (1.5%), Khalkha, Tuva and Khoshuud. A significant portion of the population speaks Kazakh as their mother tongue and the Mongolian language only as a second language. Eagle hunters will make a show catching small animals such as fox and hares by their trained eagles. The eagles are released from a rock cliff, while their owners stand below and signal for them to land upon their arms, as they do during hunting. Those with the fastest times and best technique are awarded the highest scores. In addition to the eagle hunting contests, the participants play such traditional Kazakh games known as kekbar. Anyhow the tourism infrastructure has somewhat developed. Be prepared for cold temperatures. Come with Samar Magic Tours to Mongolia and Discover Mongol Altai Golden Eagle Festival!.















DAY	BRIEF ITINERARY: MONGOLIA GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL SPECIAL GROUP TOUR / TOUR CODE: SMT-AKEF-9D	ACOMMODATION	FOOD
1.	Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport, meet Samar Magic Tours team. Change some money. Transfer to the hotel (*the check-in time at hotel is after 02:00PM). Enjoy the rest in the hotel in your own, to adapt to the local time.	Hotel	
2.	Ulaanbaatar Grand City Tour. Welcome Lunch in Traditional Local Restaurant.	Hotel	B - L
3.	Ulaanbaatar – Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show - Ulaanbaatar	Hotel	B - L
4.	Transfer to ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport (52 km/31.33 miles, 2 hours of travel, due to heavy vehicle traffic) of Ulaanbaatar. Take the <b>flight to Olgii</b> (about 2.5-3.00 hours flight), capital of the most extreme Bayan-Ulgii province of Mongolia. Meeting with the family of the Kazakh falconer-eagle.	Standard Gers Camp	B-L-D
5-6.	Festival of the Hunters with Golden Eagles.	Kazakh Tourist Standard Gers Camp	B-L-D
7.	Transfer to Ulgii local airport. Return flight to ``Genghis Khan' New Ulaanbaatar airport (52 km/31.33 miles, about +2 hours of travel, due to heavy vehicle traffic). Transfer to the hotel (*the checkin time at hotel is after 02:00PM).		B-L
8.	Ulaanbaatar-the 40-meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of Genghis or Chinggis Khaan-Gorkhi/Terelj National Park-Ulaanbaatar. Last shopping!.	Hotel	B-L
9.	Breakfast. By hotels policy check-out time is before 12:00 noon. Transfer to ``Genghis Khan'' New Airport. Departure Mongolia. End of our services.		В











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### Day-by-day Itinerary:

### DAY 1. ARRIVAL AT THE NEW ULAANBAATAR AIRPORT

Arrival at the ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport (52 km/32.31 miles, about +2 hours of travel, due to vehicle traffic) of Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. Reception by the **Samar Magic Tours** team. Change money in banks at the airport. Transfer to the hotel (\*the rooms can be used after 2:00 p.m. on the day of arrival). **Enjoy the rest in the hotel in your own, to adapt to the local time.** Hotel accommodation confirmed.

# DAY 2. COMPLETE TOUR IN ULAANBAATAR Breakfast and Lunch (B+L).

Breakfast. 09:00 AM-Meeting with the Samar Magic Tours team at the hotel reception. Panoramic Grand tour of the city: we will visit the highest and most important Buddhist monastery in Mongolia Gandan, which houses a 25-meter-high Buddhas. Gandan Monastery was founded in 1809 under the name of Yellow Temple. The Monastery houses a library with Gandjuur's Buddhist scriptures (08 volumes), his commentaries (225 volumes), and other scriptures using the 9 precious stones. It was declared a state heritage in the year 1994. Visit the Zanabazar Museum of Fine Arts, it contains 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. Next, visits to the Mongolian History Museum, with a rich collection of Historical and Cultural values from the Stone Age to the present. Welcome lunch included in a local restaurant. Next, visit the new museum "Genghis Khan" ("Chinggis Khaan") in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia opened in October 11th, 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-Enjoy a Mongolian folkloric singing and dancing show. Transfer to the hotel. Hotel accommodation confirmed. Dinner not included.











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# DAY 3. ULAANBAATAR/NOMADIC MONGOLIAN SHOW/ULAANBAATAR Breakfast and Lunch (B+L).

Breakfast. 08:00 AM-Meeting with the Samar Magic Tours team at the hotel reception. Then drive west of Ulaanbaatar, to attend an AUTHENTIC SHOW OF THE MONGOL NOMADS (about 25-40 km/16-25 miles, 1.30 hours of travel, depending on traffic), from 10:00AM to 01:00PM. The Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show demonstrates the traditional way of life of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels and horses. The Mongolian Ger, is the symbol of Mongolia, is made of traditional manufacturing, and all the furniture, pots and clothing are antiques, reflecting the characteristic and manner of the central Khalks. Return drive to Ulaanbaatar (about 25-40 km/16-25 miles, 1.30 hours of travel, depending on traffic). Transfer. Hotel accommodation confirmed. Dinner not included.













# DAY 4. FLIGHT TO ULGII/MEETING WITH A FAMILY OF THE KAZAKH EAGLE FALCONER Full Board.

Breakfast. At the corresponding time, transfer to ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport (52 km /32.31 miles, about +2 hours of travel, due to vehicle traffic) of Ulaanbaatar. Take the flight to Ulgii (approximately 2.30-3.00 flight hours). Arrival and meeting at Ulgii airport. Transfer to Kazakh Tourist Gers Camp. Visit a family of the **Kazakh eagle falconer**, to meet and **learn some training techniques and preparation of the Eagle-falconer in family, for the Eagle Festival.** Overnight in Kazakh Tourist Standard Gers Camp.













### **DAY 5. GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL**

### Full Board.

After breakfast, meeting with the transport, and departure to the **Golden Eagle Festival**, according to the indicated itinerary:

### TIMELINE:

10:00 AM: Opening ceremony, presentations, history and practice of the Golden Eagle Hunt.

10:30 AM: Parade of all participants.

10:30-13:00: Call of the Eagle-Tests the hunter's ability to "call" the eagle to his horse, from a distance.

13:00-13:30: Break for lunch.

13:30-15:00: Fox Fur-The true test of a hunter's skill, The Eagles must catch a fox pelt trailed behind their trainer's horse.

**15:00-16:00:** Bushkashi: tug-of-war, played on horseback with a dead goat, common in Central Asia. **Archery**-At the same time, the archery competition practiced in Western Mongolia will start. It will shoot from the bow towards the balls.

04:00PM-04:45PM (16:00-16:45): Kyz Kuar: Race between a man and a woman on horseback.

**04:45PM-05:30PM** (16:45-17:30): Tiyn Teru - Riders compete to pick up the flags or flowers from the ground, during the race or competition. Overnight in Kazakh Tourist Standard Gers Camp.













### **DAY 6. GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL**

### Full Board.

After breakfast, meeting with the transport, and departure to the **Golden Eagle Hunting Festival**, according to the indicated itinerary.

10:00-13:00: Call of the Eagle-Test of the hunter's ability to "call" his eagle to his horse, from a distance.

13:00-13:30: Break for lunch.

**13:30-14:15:** Tiyn Teru - Riders compete to pick up the flags or flowers from the ground, during the race or competition.

14:15-15:30: Bushkashi-tug-of-war, played on horseback with a dead goat, common in Central Asia.

15:30-16:15: Kyz Kuar-Race between a man and a woman on horseback.

**16:15-17:00: Awards and Closing Ceremony of the Golden Eagle Festival**. Overnight in Kazakh Tourist Standard Gers Camp.

## DAY 7. FLIGHT BACK TO ULAANBATAAR

### Breakfast and Lunch (B+L).

Breakfast. At the corresponding time, transfer to the local Ulgii airport. Take the flight to ``Genghis Khan' New Ulaanbaatar airport (approximately 2:30-3.00 flight hours). Arrival, meeting with Samar Magic Tours and transfer to the hotel (\*the rooms can be used after 2:00 p.m. on the day of arrival). Hotel accommodation confirmed. Dinner not included.

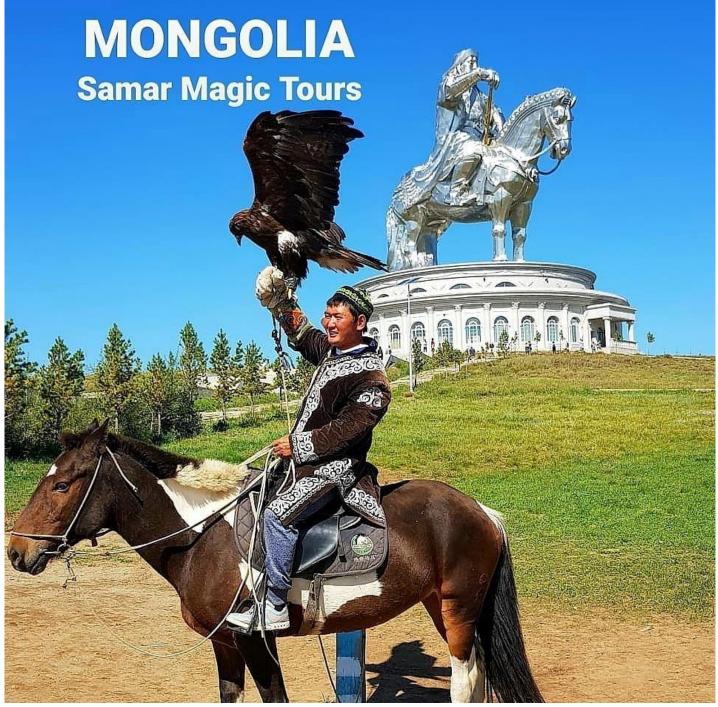












DAY 8.

EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF GENGHIS KHAN/GORKHI/TERELJ NATIONAL PARK/ULAAN BAATAR Half Board.

Breakfast. **09:00 AM**-Then, departure to visit the **Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan** (about 55 km/34.18 miles, 1:30 hr). The statue symbolically points to the east, towards his birthplace (the province



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of Khentii). 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. It was inaugurated in 2008. Visitors can reach the horse's head, through its chest and neck, where they have a panoramic view. The main statue area will be surrounded by 200 Gers designed (not yet built) and built following the pattern of the horse track that was used during the 13th century by the Mongol tribes. The museum integrated in the complex, shows exhibitions related to the Bronze Age and the Xiongnu archaeological cultures of Mongolia, highlighting the utensils they used on a daily basis, belt buckles, knives, sacred animals, etc.; and a second exhibition on the great Khan period of the 13th and 14th centuries, displaying ancient tools, goldsmithing, and some Nestorian crosses and rosaries. Adjacent to the museum is a tourist recreation center, which covers 212 hectares. At the base of the statue, visitors can see the replica of the Great Khan's legendary golden whip. Next, departure to the most beautiful Gorkhi/Terelj National Park of Mongolia (about 50 km /31.07 miles, 1.0hr), 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 the rock of the Turtle or the Monk Reading the Book, etc. It is located at the foot of the Khenti mountains, the region where Genghis Khan was born. It was declared a National Park in 1993, and covers an area of 300,000 hectares. Stop to take photos, do some shopping for souvenirs and with walks to the Rock in the shape of a Turtle, symbol of the Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. Return to Ulaanbaatar (about 70 km/44 miles, 1.30hours drive, depending on the traffic in Ulaanbaatar). Latest purchases of Mongolian souvenirs and pure Mongolian cashmere. Transfer to the hotel, Hotel accommodation confirmed, Dinner not included.

# DAY 9. DEPARTURE FROM MONGOLIA Breakfast (B).

Breakfast. The rooms must be vacated before 12 noon on the day of departure. Transfer to ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport (52 km/32.31 miles, about 2 hours of travel, due to vehicle traffic). Out of Mongolia. END OF THE GREAT JOURNEY.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 2 Internal Airfares Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar, included the domestic tax (about \$ US 450 /420 € per person) is subject to the change by Internal airlines.
- 5 nights at selected and confirmed hotel in Ulaanbaatar, based on double indicated room with daily breakfast.
- 3 nights in Kazakh Tourist Standard Gers Camp.

Food as specified (8B-breakfast, 7L-lunch, 3D-dinner), including one bottle of mineral water, a day per person.

Welcome Lunch in traditional local restaurant.

All transportation on 4x4 vehicle in private, including the all petrol.

Services of English or Spanish speaking local guide (according to your request), including 2 airfares Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar with domestic tax.

Entrance fees to the all-specified museums, monuments, the 40-meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of Genghis Khan Great Statue, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, and the monasteries.

Entrance ticket to Altai Eagle Hunting Festival.

One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in Ulaanbaatar city.

Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show.

Meeting a Kazakh Eagle-falconer's family.

Taxes and services.











### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

International Flights.

Occasional flight delays or cancellation.

Visa.

Early check-in at hotels.

Late check-out at hotels.

Excess luggage charges – 1.5\$ per kg for internal flights.

The binoculars, telescopes and tripod (if necessary).

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, proper visa, the necessary passport pictures, and the international airfares.

Travel Insurance.

Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities (sauna, fishing, horseback riding, etc), and services not specified in the itinerary.

Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, etc.













### **OUTSTANDING EXPERIENCES**

- There are great opportunities to take photos of the **Eagle Hunters** with their trained **Golden Eagles**. Also, it is able to hold and have a photo taken with a **Golden Eagle**.
- Discover Mongol Altai Golden Eagle Festival!.
- Visit the family of the Kazakh eagle falconer, to meet and learn some training techniques and preparation of the Eagle-falconer in family, for the Eagle Festival.
- The **Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show** demonstrates the traditional way of life of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels and horses.









- 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.
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### **TO CONSIDER**

- Guaranteed services from 4-32 people.
- This is a small group tour with a fixed itinerary and guaranteed departures.
- Normally: 4-9 pax and max 16 passengers in a group.
- Mongolian visa not included.
- · International flights not included.
- The hotel category information is for the Ulaanbaatar hotel.
- The entrance to the rooms in the hotels is at 02:00PM (14:00). Early entry to the rooms is not included (early check-in!).
- The departure of the rooms in the hotels is at 12:00M. Late check-out of the rooms is not included (late check-out!).
- Be prepared for cold temperatures.

### SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Warm clothes, hat, and gloves, for high places, and cold.
- Lantern.
- Spare batteries/bulb.
- · Personal medications.
- · Waterproof mountain boots.
- · Waterproof jacket with hood.
- Waterproof overpants.
- Polar jacket or wool sweater.
- Cotton t-shirts
- · Long sleeve shirts.
- Light pants.
- · Shorts.
- Stockings.
- · Underwear.
- · Sun hat.











- Flip flops.
- · Sunglasses.
- · Sunscreen.
- Insect repellent.
- Plastic bags with hermetic closure (ziploc).
- · Binoculars/camera.
- · Alarm clock.
- · Belt/money bag.

### **ACCOMMODATION IN ULAANBAATAR**

# BLUE SKY & TOWER HOTEL 5\*

**HOTELS** 

### **DELUXE DOBLE/TWIN**

**ROOM** 



The Blue Sky & Tower Hotel is located opposite (50 meters) to the Sukhbaatar Central Square of Ulaanbaatar, the Mongol Government Palace, in the very heart of Ulaanbaatar and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinaais 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.

**LOCATION** 











### **HOLIDAY INN HOTEL 4-5\***

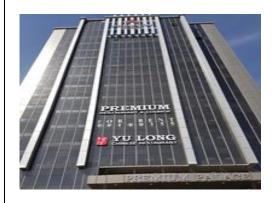


### **STANDARD TWIN**



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 the rooms at 12:00M.

### PREMIUM PALACE HOTEL 4\*



### STANDARD TWIN



The Premium Palace Hotel is located 20 min. walking distance from Gandan Monastery - the most important Mongolia, and 2.3 km from Sukhbaatar Central Square and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) "Chinggis Khaan" from 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 ULAANBAATAR HOTEL 4\***



### STANDARD TWIN



Ramada Ulaanbaatar 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 15-20 minutes and walking distance from Gandan Monastery. Checkin from 2:00 p.m. Check out of the rooms at 12:00M.











### **EAGLE HUNTING FESTIVAL RESERVATION CONDITIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT**

**PRICE:** 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 \$ US 800 or 800 € (eight hundred + \$ US 50 or 50 €, due to the bank discount of the intermediary & mongol banks) per person will be paid immediately by bank transfer as a deposit, with a minimum advance notice of 240 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 hotels in Ulaanbaatar, and for the **domestic air tickets**.
- No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.
- The final payment of the trip will be made by bank transfer 180 business days before arrival in Mongolia, in order to 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).

### **CANCELLATION**

**Refunds:** 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 canceled 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.** 

**CONDITIONS OF FORCE MAJEURE:** Although it is our absolute desire to fulfill 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 traveler, 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.

### **FORM TO FILL IN:**

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

**CITIZENSHIP:** 

SEX:

**VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:** 

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

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



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### **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.