



## Taimen & Trout Fishing Tour in Central Mongolia

### Key Information:

**Trip Length:** 12 days/11 nights.

**Trip Type:** Moderate.

**Tour Code:** **SMT-CR-12D**

**Specialty Categories:** Extreme Fishing, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

**Meeting/Departure Points:** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**Group size:** 2-9 fishermen or fisherwomen or more participants.

### Fishing Season in Mongolia:

**The Spring Season:** The Mongolia Fishing Season starts on **June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>** (\*in this period the Taimen & Trout begin feeding aggressively). Sometimes is possible to start to fish on May 15th, but is too cold!).

**The Fall Season (\* this is autumn, and this is a best season to fish in Mongolia):** from very **late August to September 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Total Distance:** approx. 3000kms/1864miles.

**Airfare Included:** No.

**Taimen conservation-Catch and Release is exercised.**

**Tour Highlights:** Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet **Samar Magic Tours Fishing team**. An incredible fishing journey in Central Mongolia. Wilderness fishing in the untouched Mongolia. This **12-day package in Mongolia with 6 full days fishing trip** gets well off the beaten track and into the best rivers of the Central Regions of Mongolia where your only companions will be the natural habitat and the few nomadic people who still forage the plains as their forefathers have done for thousands of years. Wilderness Camp at the banks of the legendary Chuluut river. **If you are a fisherman, Mongolia is destination to be experienced and definitely not to be missed.**



**Dear Fisherman:** Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet Samar Magic Tours Fishing team. Mongolia offers one of the last wildernesses in Asia and in the World. It has got plenty of waters with often rich marine life. One of the largest living freshwater fish on earth, the Taimen (Hucho Hucho Taimen) lives within the waters of various rivers and lakes. Taimen are known to the Mongolians as the "River Wolf". The Big Taimen is a particularly ferocious fish which can often obtain weights of 50 kilos or more. They are an exceptionally ferocious predator which feed on birds, prairie dogs, mice, and fish. The taimen (Hucho taimen), also known as Siberian

taimen and Siberian salmon, is a species of fish in the salmon family (family Salmonidae) of order Salmoniformes.

**Others species are:** the Lenok- the Mongolian equivalent of a trout, generally around 15 to 20 inches (2 to 3 lb) they can grow to over 30 inches and the Grayling are plentiful in Mongolia's rivers, Pike, Grayling, Sig, River Perch, Siberian Umber, Roach, Ide, Bull Ide, Golden Carp, Amur Catfish and Burbot.

**A typical fishing day:** begins with early morning breakfast and return to our Fishing Camp for dinner and overnights. Cuisine at the camp is a variety of Occidental and Mongolian dishes. Each meal is complemented with homemade soup, a variety of salads, fresh-baked bread, a modest dessert, coffee and tea.

**The Chuluut river:** rises in Egiin davaa of the Khangai mountain range and flows for 415 kms/258 miles north to join the Ider river. The Chuluut river flows through a sheer basalt canyon which extends 100 kilometers from the mouth of the Teel River to the Atsat. The basalt is formed of Lava of nearby extinct volcanoes such as; Khorgo volcano and others. The river is 15-30 meters wide, 3 meters deep covers 10750 square kilometers and the speed of stream is 2 m/sec. Many Lakes and rivers feed to the Chuluut river such as; Ikh jargalant, Khuremt, Tuul, Ajirga, Khangal,

Bumbat, Ulziit, Murun, Uujim, Daaga, Atsat, Teel and Suman etc. The Chuluut river is rich in Fish such as Taimen, Pike, Mirror Carp, River Perch, Amur, Cat fishing and Burbot.

**The Suman river:** is located in Arkhangai province. It springs from the Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur and is a tributary of the Chuluut river. The length is about 50kms/31miles.

**The Orkhon river:** It rises in the Khangai Mountains of Arkhangai Aimag and flows northwards for 1,124 km (698 miles) before joining the Selenge River, which flows north into Russia and Lake Baikal. The Orkhon is longer than the Selenge, making it the longest river in Mongolia. Major tributaries of the Orkhon river are the Tuul river and Tamir river.

**The Tamir:** is a river flowing through the valleys of the Khangai Mountains in central Mongolia. It is a main tributary of the Orkhon river.



#### **Brief Itinerary:**

**Day 1-** Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar New Airport (52 km /31.33 miles, about 2 hrs driving, depending on the high traffic). Meet Samar Magic Tours team. **Change money.** Transfer to hotel (\*the check-in time at hotel is after **02:00P.M.**). Overnight at confirmed hotel. **(D)**

**Day 2-** Drive towards west to Tamir river. Arrive at the 1st camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 3-** A long drive to the untouched Central Mongolia. Arrive and transfer to the 2nd camp. Fishing at night. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Days 4/9-** Taimen & Trout Fishing at the banks of the legendary Chuluut, and Suman rivers in the Central Mongolia. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 10-** Morning fishing. A long drive out to Tsenkher Hot Springs (including the hot baths and relaxing). Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp in Tsenkher Hot Springs. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 11-** A long drive back to Ulaanbaatar. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 12-** Departure Mongolia. **(B)**

#### **Day-by-day Itinerary:**

**Day 1-** Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar New Airport (52 km /31.33 miles, about 2 hrs driving, depending on the high traffic). Meet Samar Magic Tours team. **Change money.** Transfer to hotel (\*the check-in time at hotel is after **02:00P.M.**). **Welcome dinner in local restaurant Mongolian Barbecue.** Overnight at confirmed hotel. **(D)**

**Day 2-** Breakfast. A long drive towards west to Tamir river in the untouched Central Mongolia. Arrive and transfer to the 1st camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 3-** Continuous drive towards west to the legendary Chuluut, and Suman rivers. Arrive and transfer to the 2nd camp. Fishing at night. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Days 4/9-Taimen & Trout Fishing** at the banks of the legendary Chuluut, and Suman remote rivers in the Central of Mongolia. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 10-Morning fishing.** A long drive out to Tsenkher Hot Springs (including the hot baths and relaxing). Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp in Tsenkher Hot Springs. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 11-A long drive back to Ulaanbaatar.** Dinner is included in local restaurant. Overnight at confirmed hotel. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 12-Breakfast.** By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar New Airport (52 km /31.33 miles, about 2 hrs driving, depending on the high traffic). Departure Mongolia. **(B). End of our services**

### **What's Included?**

**2** nights of accommodation at Novotel Ulaanbaatar hotel 4\*or at Holiday Inn hotel 5\* or similar, based on twin standard room with daily breakfast.

**1** night of accommodation in Tourist Gers Camp in Tsenkher Hot Spa.

**8** nights overnight in Fishing Gers Camps or camping in tents close to the rivers, based on twin occupancy. River access and transport per itinerary.

Full board during all trip 1L of mineral water per person/a day.

Welcome dinner at local restaurant Mongolian Barbecue in Ulaanbaatar city.

4WD private transport included all petrol and Mongolian speaking Mongolian driver.

Trained English-speaking local guide.

Fishing trained local Mongolian speaking guide.

Entrance fees to the all specified protected areas, and the national park.

Fishing license: Failure to have the appropriate paperwork may result in heavy fines, and the confiscation of equipment.

Cook and the all kitchen equipment.

The hot baths and relaxing in Tsenkher Hot Springs (**1** hr).

Visa support invitation letter if needed.

Mongolian taxes.

### **What's Not Included?**

International flight. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Visa (if it will be necessary). Excess baggage. Any rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. Single supplement at hotel or at fishing camps. Fishing equipment and tackle. The traveler 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, and services not specified in the itinerary. Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, river conditions, etc. Items for personal nature.

### **Recommended Tackles, Rods and Lines:**

#### **Taimen (Hucho Hucho taimen)**

**Spinning tackle:** A stout 9-10 foot rod handling 10-40 grams (a heavy pike rod) with a strong spinning reel holding 150-200 meter of 15-25 lbs. line. Wobblers suited for pike, surface wobblers (mice) a selection of pike spoons and large spinners. Spinning reels or bait casting reels.

**Fly tackle:** Fly rods 8/9/10 weight for taimen, floating, sink tip and sinking lines (T-200/300). 9 foot rod AFTM 8-10 – alternatively a two-handed salmon rod may be used. A floating line and a selection of floaters (T-200, T-300). Short and stout leaders 1-1,5 meter 15-25 lbs. And a robust fly reel with a solid brake system and a capacity of 150-200 meters of backing. Large flies are needed to tease the taimen effectively. Streamers same type as used for pike preferably 12-20 sm long or tied as tarpon flies made of light and colorful materials. A must are large mouse patterns tied with deer hair. They work well in sizes up to 10 cm body + tail or as big as can be cast on the fly rod.

#### **Lenok (Brachymstax lenok) and Grayling (Thymallus thymallus)**

**Spinning:** 3-5 for lenok, floating line. A 6-7 foot rod casting 5-15 grams 5-7 lbs line and a selection of spinners, wobblers and spoons as for trout fishing. Medium-heavy spin fishing rods 8-10' for lure weights 15-40 g.

**Fly tackle:** a light rod 8-9 foot AFTM 4-7, a standard fly reel with a floater, 9 foot leader 5-7 lbs., a selection of dries, nymphs and streamers.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**HOW TO JOIN:** All the tours are "Land Only", so you need to book your own International flights, unless otherwise specified in the tour description. Joining information will be sent to you upon confirmation.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** These require a deposit which is non-refundable. Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt. A booking form is accepted and acceptance becomes definite only from the date that we have confirmed acceptance in writing and issued a confirmation invoice. At this point, a contract between the applicant and us comes into existence. We reserve the absolute right to decline any bookings for any legal reasons whatsoever, at our sole discretion.

**Payment of the balance:** of the tour cost is due not later than twelve weeks before the departure date. **Your tour price is guaranteed:** once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment. All tour prices are in US dollars and in Euro and are based on tariff and rates of currency exchange in effect at the time of printing.

No further reminder will be sent and, if payment is not received by the due date, I reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and charge a cancellation fee, the amount of which will not exceed the total cost of the holiday. You are therefore strongly recommended to take out travel insurance at an early stage to cover you in event of cancellation. All itineraries are as written, but reserve the right to alter these due to any unforeseen circumstances, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

**Refunds:** 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**. Early check-in is 30% of regular day extra charge directly to the tourists and **NO** to Samar Magic Tours. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Late check out extra fee is required directly from the tourists and **no** from Samar Magic Tours. From 12:00-15:00 30%, from 15:00 - 18:00 50% charge and after 18:00 its full day charge.

**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.