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# MONGOLIA

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## MONGOLIA CENTRAL TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

### Key Information:

**Trip Length:** 5 days/4 nights.

**Tour Code:** **SMT-MCT-5D**

**Specialty Categories:** Adventure, Birdwatching, Cultural, Historic, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

**Group Size:** **1-32 travelers-guaranteed!**

**Tourist Season:** **May-September**

**Tour Highlights:** Pick up you in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet Samar Magic Tours team. **This unforgettable Mongolia journey designed especially for groups, families, private, and funny travel.** Meeting nomadic people, staying in a traditional tent, seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. Drive towards west to **Karakorum**-is located about 430kms/ west from the capital Ulaanbaatar in Ovorkhangai province. This is the **``Genghis (Chinggis)`` Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley**- is located along the Orkhon River in Ovorkhangai and Arkhangai Provinces, was the center of the **Mongol Empire**, the center of the **Uighur Empire**, and the birthplace of Mongolian Buddhism. Visitors, such as **Marco Polo**, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. Today, the **cultural heritage of the Okhon river valley** constitutes a **UNESCO World Heritage**. Drive to the **Gokhturk museum in Khoshoo Tsaidam (Turkish Memorials)** in honor of the Turkish princes in the Orkhon Valley, from the early 8th century Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin with their Orkhon inscriptions, written in the Old Turkic alphabet, which are admitted as the most impressive monuments of the nomadic Gokturk Khaganate. They were excavated and deciphered by Russian archaeologists in the years 1889-93. Next, departure by embankment towards **Lake Ugii**, an appropriate place for birds such as: swans, geese, cranes, ducks, pigeons, storks and other migratory species are cited in this area at the end of April, May and throughout the summer). **Lake Ugii** is located in the province of Uvurkhangai, where many migratory birds arrive at certain times of the year due to the abundance of fish. It is of great importance as a breeding and stopping place for waterfowl. Next, drive to **Elsen Tasarkhai (also know as Bayangobi Desert or MINIGOBI)**-is a part of the 80kms/50miles long **Mongol Els Sand Dunes** and is located on about 280kms west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The nature in this area is really spectacular and great for relaxing. During the trip, you will also have opportunities to visit a local nomadic family. **Enjoy ride two-humped Bactrian camel**. Walk on sand dunes, experience staying in a traditional Mongolian dwelling ger, and walk and relax in beautifully serene nature. **Enjoy the sunset!. We would be pleased to have you join us!**



## BRIEF ITINERARY:

**Day 1-08:00AM**-Pick up you in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet Samar Magic Tours team in Ulaanbaatar City-Karakorum (Central Mongolia). Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(L)(D)**

**Day 2**-The Monument to the Mongol States-Erdene zuu monastery-Karakorum museum-Orkhon Valley. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 3**-Karakorum-Turkish Memorials-Ugii Lake. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 4**-Ugii Lake-Bayangobi Desert-Bactrian Camel riding. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 5**-Bayangobi Desert-Ulaanbaatar. **(B)**



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**B (Breakfast), L (Lunch), D (Dinner)**

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

**Day 1-08:00AM**-Pick up you in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet **Samar Magic Tours team**. Today, we will head to **Karakorum** (about 430km, 6 - 7 hrs driving) 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. **Free time at your leisure, for walks through the Orkhon River Valley or rest**. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(L)(D)**



**Day 2-Breakfast. 09:00AM**-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**. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



**Day 3**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Departure by asphalt road (\*with the help of the Turkish Government) in the direction of the **Gokhturk museum in Khoshoo Tsaidam (Turkish Memorials)** in honour of the **Turkish princes in the Orkhon Valley** (approximately 47.2km/30miles, 1hr), from the early 8th century Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin with their Orkhon inscriptions, written in the **Old Turkic alphabet**, which are admitted as the most impressive monuments of the nomadic **Gokturk Khaganate**. They were excavated and deciphered by Russian archaeologists in the years 1889-93. Next, departure by embankment towards **Lake Ugii** (approximately 32.3km, 1hr), an appropriate place for birds such as: swans, geese, cranes, ducks, pigeons, storks and other migratory species are cited in this area at the end of April, May and throughout the summer). **Lake Ugii** is located in the province of Uvurkhangai, where many migratory birds arrive at certain times of the year due to the abundance of fish. Over 200 species of birds have been recorded at Lake Ugii, and where there are so many fish there are sure to be plenty of waterfowl; black-tailed godwit; Swan goose; Great Crested Grebe; whooper swan; Bar-headed goose; Rudy Shelduck; common goldeneye; Common Crane; and Northern Lapwing. Migratory birds arrive from May to June, from as far away as Siberia and the Himalayas. **Ornithological observation. Here there is an opportunity for optional horseback riding, fishing, boat rides, kayaks, etc. (\*pay extra on site!). Bring binoculars.** Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



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**Day 4**-Breakfast. Then heading to **Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes (known as the Bayangobi Desert or MINIGOBI)**, approx. 230km, 3-4hours drive), desert sand dunes spread over 80kms in a beautiful valley. **Opportunity for hiking, walking through the dunes, and photographing the landscapes. One hour of excursion included to cross the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel. At sunset we can admire a beautiful sunset over the dunes.** Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

**Day 5**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (about 280km/123miles, +5 hours drive, depending on the traffic at the entrance to Ulaanbaatar). To be transferred (**\*not included: the accommodation, food, transport and services in Ulaanbaatar city-on early request!**). **(B). Tour Ends.**

#### **INCLUDED SERVICES:**

**4** nights of lodging in the typical traditional tourist camps based on standard Ger 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 daily (**4B, 4L, 4D**)/

All transfers in private, traveling in a comfortable vehicle 4x4 (occupancy: **5-6** 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 Karakorum, monuments, museums, and monasteries.

Visits to authentic nomadic families with farms for horses, yaks, bulls, camels on the route.

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. Airport transfers. Accommodation, food, transport, guide, and all services in Ulaanbaatar city. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Excess baggage. Visa. 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, 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:

- 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.
- Explore Lake Ugii, an appropriate place for birds such as: swans, geese, cranes, ducks, pigeons, storks and other migratory species are cited in this area at the end of April, May and throughout the summer).
- We will enjoy an excursion on the back of a Bactrian camel.
- Listen to the mesmerizing sounds of Khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.

## TO CONSIDER:

- Guaranteed services from **1-32** people.
- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights not included.
- There is a surcharge during the Naadam Festival and applies to travel from **July 01 to July 15-High Season** in Mongolia, where all services and accommodations are crowded.

Accommodation outside Ulaanbaatar is in the tourist camps in Ger Standard 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.



## 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.

**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, full payment will be paid immediately by bank transfer per person (+**You need to add** \$ US 50 or 50 €, due **to the bank discount of the intermediary & Mongolian banks**) with a minimum advance notice of **65** business days, before arrival in Mongolia.
- No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.

**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).

**Your tour price is guaranteed:** once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.

### CANCELLATION:

**Refunds for Mongolia tours:** Deposits are non-refundable.

**90-19 business days before departure:** 50% of the Land Cost.

**18-00 business days before departure:** 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.

### CHARGE FOR CHILDREN IN MONGOLIA:

**0-3 years:** free;

**From 4 to 11 years old:** 50% of the usual adult price.

**From 12 years old:** 100% of the regular adult price.



**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.

**FORM TO FILL IN:**

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

**CITIZENSHIP:**

**SEX:**

**VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:**