

Great Mongolian Discovery: Ulan Bator, Terelj, Gobi Desert, Karakorum, Hustai

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This exciting 15-day tour brings together the very best of modern and historical Mongolia via its customs, folklores, history and nature. Over the course of two weeks, you will visit the unique capital Ulan Bator, Erdene-Zuu which is home to one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia as well as the country's very first Buddhist monastery and the fascinating remnants of Karakorum - the former stronghold of Genghis Khan's Mongolian Empire. As well as enjoying the main sights, we will also explore the fascinating national parks of Terelj and Hustai Nuruu with their outstanding views and wildlife, the rolling and eerie sand dunes of Khongor and the South Gobi. The tour will also call at the legendary 'Flaming Cliffs' where fossils and dinosaur eggs were discovered. If it is wild adventure that you seek, join us on this exciting Mongolia exploration tour.

DEPARTURE DATES: 05.11.2024; 05.18.2024; 05.25.2024; 06.01.2024; 06.08.2024; 06.15.2024; 06.22.2024; 06.29.2024; 07.06.2024; 07.13.2024; 07.20.2024; 07.27.2024; 08.03.2024; 08.10.2024; 08.17.2024; 08.24.2024; 08.31.2024; 09.07.2024; 09.14.2024; 09.21.2024.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Ulan Bator

Upon arrival in Ulan Bator, you will be met by your guide and driver who will transfer you to your hotel in Ulan Bator. (D).

Day 2 - Terelj National Park

After breakfast, our first adventure in Mongolia will see us drive to the stunning Terelj National Park, 80km northeast of Ulan Bator. Here, we will spend the day absorbing the magnificent alpine scenery. There are great opportunities for hiking, rock climbing and horse riding in a truly wild and photogenic setting. We will explore the unique formation of Turtle Rock and after lunch at the camp we will hike up to the striking Aryabal monastery. Afterwards we will immerse ourselves in Mongolian culture when we visit a local nomadic family and find out about their traditional way of life. They will show us how they live, and will demonstrate how important dairy farming is. Return to the hotel in Ulan Bator. Driving distance - 80 km (50 miles). (B/L/D)

Day 3 - Baga Gazriin Chuluu (Middle Gobi)

We will set off early morning to begin our journey to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, an otherworldly formation of rocky mountains comprised of granite that glows red at sunset and sunrise. We will also visit the remains ruins of an ancient temple and explore the area by foot before taking a rest with a picnic lunch. Dinner will be at our ger camp where we will overnight. Driving distance - 220 km (135 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 4 - Tsagaan Suvarga

After breakfast we will visit the ruins of Sum Khukh Bird Temple. Afterwards we will continue to the Tsagaan Suvarga, a remote and striking white lime stone cliff that remarkably looks like a Buddhist stupa. We will picnic at a scenic spot and take in the scenery. Dinner and overnight

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

Accommodation
Full board meals
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions

Practical information

Mongolian visa procedure
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stay in a traditional ger camp. Driving distance - 280 km (175 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 5 - Yol Valley

On day five we continue on our adventure by driving further south. After arriving at the Three Beauties of the Gobi National Park, we will spend the day exploring the area, including the beautifully remote Yol Valley where we will hike and make the most of the stunning photographic opportunities available here. We will have lunch and dinner at our ger camp. Driving distance - 280 km (175 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 6 - Khongor Sand Dunes

This day is sure to be one of the most exciting of the whole itinerary. After a quick but tasty breakfast we will drive to the Khongor Sand Dunes, also known as the Singing Dunes. After a stirring climb up to these magical dunes we will be rewarded with the most breathtaking panoramic view. In the evening we will make the most of the spectacular sunset, this is a time to make sure your cameras are prepared! Lunch, dinner and overnight in a ger camp. Driving distance - 200 km (125 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 7 - Bayanzag

More natural wonder awaits us today as we drive to the world famous Flaming Cliffs, also known as Bayanzag (saxaul tree forest of the Gobi). Here, we will follow in the footsteps of Roy Chapman Andrews who made key early paleontological discoveries in Mongolia. We will visit those iconic symbols of the desert - camels - and meet a nomadic camel breeding family to experience the legendary hospitality of the Mongolian nomads. We will hop on a camel for a short ride. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 150 km (94 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 8 - Ongi Monastery

Today, we drive north to visit the ruins of the once mighty Ongi Monastery. We will visit a local restored temple and enjoy a walk in the surrounding area. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 150 km (94 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 9 - Karakorum

This morning we will drive to Karakorum, the 13th century capital of the Great Mongol Empire. Once we've arrived we will travel to the Erdene-Zuu Monastery, which was not only the first but the largest monastery in all of Mongolia. Here, we can visit several temples and witness well-preserved and very special examples of Buddhist Thangka painting dating back from the 16th century. Visit the little-visited and unique Karakorum Museum which has many fine examples of ancient relics. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 300 km (187 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 10 - Tsenkher Hot Springs

Today, it is all about relaxing, Mongolian style! We travel to the Tsenkher hot spring where we will spend the day relaxing in its natural spa and walking in the surrounding forest. This is your chance to relax and swim so please do

not forget to pack your swimming kit. If you feel like really chilling-out there are optional massage and beauty services available here too. Enjoy the spa again after dinner. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 150 km (94 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 11 - Tsenkher Hot Spring

This is a relaxation day when you can take a break from the long drives and digest all the amazing things you've seen so far. Most travellers like to take advantage of the spa and wander in the natural setting. Optional treks are available. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a ger camp. (B/L/D).

Day 12 - Lake Ugi

Today we journey to Lake Ugi in Mongolia's Arkhangai province. We will camp here, on the shore of Lake Ugi, where you will discover a plethora of water birds. Lunch, dinner, and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 240 km (150 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 13 - Hustain Nuruu National Park

After breakfast today we take to the road again to drive to Hustain Nuruu National Park. Here, we will search for Przewalski horses (takhi), who are believed to be the grandfather of all the horses in the world. If you have binoculars, bring them to view the outstanding nature here in detail. Watch a short documentary and visit the museum. Overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 270 km (169 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 14 - Ulan Bator

Breakfast at the camp. Drive to Ulan Bator and transfer to your hotel. Driving distance - 120 km (75 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 15 - Ulan Bator

Breakfast at the hotel. Our driver will meet you at the hotel lobby. Transfer to the airport for your flight back home

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Single suppliment
05/11/2024 - 05/25/2024	\$3795	\$325
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09/21/2024 - 10/05/2024	\$3795	\$325

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Great Mongolian Discovery with Naadam: Ulan Bator, National Parks, Gobi, Naadam \(MN-02\)](#), Price from \$3,595, 15 days
- > [Best of Mongolia Jeep Tour: Ulan-Bator, Gobi Desert, Karakorum \(MN-03\)](#), Price from \$2,495, 10 days
- > [Tracing Genghis Khan's Path: Unearthing the Hidden History of the Mongol Empire \(MN-04\)](#), Price from \$2,595, 10 days
- > [Best of the Gobi by Air: Luxury Exploration with Premium Lodging \(MN-07\)](#), Price from \$4,245, 7 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in the US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in the USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:

www.justgorussia.com/us/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.com and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.com, or

Phone: call us on +1 (917) 259 13 33

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum \$250) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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