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Tracing Genghis Khan's Path: Unearthing the Hidden History of the Mongol Empire

MN-04

Delve into the legacy of the renowned 13th-century Mongol Empire founder and Great Khan, a towering figure in world history. Our tour is a journey through time, offering a unique perspective on the enduring impact of this iconic leader, while shedding light on modern Mongolia and the intriguing, often hidden history of this vast nation. Explore the captivating legend of this formidable yet legendary ruler, whose influence continues to shape the present.

DEPARTURE DATES:

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Day 1 - Ulan Bator
Upon arrival in Ulan Bator you will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel for the night. Overnight stay in the hotel. (D).

Day 2 - Lake Khukh Nuur
After an early breakfast we will drive to Khukh Nuur, 215 km from Ulan Bator. The long drive will be scenic and will serve as a great introduction to the country. On arrival we will enjoy lunch and camp in the Khukh Nuur tourist camp which is located near Khukh Nuur. Khukh Nuur is known as the location where Temujin was bestowed with his legendary title `Chinggis Khaan`. After lunch, we will visit the lake and explore the Khar Zurkhen (Black Heart) Mountain. A historian will explain to us all about Chinggis Khaan's life, which is very specific to this area. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 215 km (135 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 3 - Binder Soum
This morning we will drive to Binder Soum, 220 km from Lake Khukh Nuur. We will explore the famous Uglugchiin Kherem Wall which at 3km in length is made entirely of stones without the use of mortar. It is one of the world's little-known wonders. Today, it stands 3.1 meters tall at its highest point and there are approximately 60 tombs scattered near the wall. It is of particular note that Oglochiin Kherem may be a burial place of many great historical Mongol figures, such as Chinggis Khaan or Khubilai Khaan. Picnic lunch and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 220 km (138 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 4 - Dadal Soum
In the morning we will drive to Chinggis Khaan's birthplace, Dadal Soum, 120km away from Binder Soum. The journey will follow the banks of Onon River that stretches all the way from Russia to Mongolia. It is a spectacular and photogenic drive. Eventually, we will arrive to our ger camp, which is close to Chinggisiin Gurvan Lake. In the afternoon we will visit a Buriad family and experience unique culture of this ethnic group. The group live along the easternmost section of the world's

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

longest border between the Caspian Sea to the Sea of Japan. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 120 km (75 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 5 - Dadal Soum
Explore the birthplace of Chinggis Khaan, Deluun Boldog and the sparkling Chinggisiin Gurvan Lake. A historian will take us on a unique journey through Chinggis Khan's life. Afterwards, we will visit the Chinggis Khaan Monument. In the afternoon, we will enjoy horseback riding on the vast steppes. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp. (B/L/D)

Day 6 - Undurkhaan
Drive to the center of Khentii province, Undurkhaan, 260 km (160 miles) from Dadal. Undurkhaan provides a wealth of cultural and historical experiences for visitors, with attractions that include museums, monuments, and sites connected to Genghis Khan.Dinner and overnight in a ger camp. (B/L/D)

Day 7 - Khuduu Aral
Today, we drive to Khuduu Aral, 135 km from Undurkhaan. This is a vitally important place as Khuduu Aral was where the "Secret History of the Mongols" was written in 1240. Also in the area, archaeologists discovered the ruins of the ancient city of Aurag. After lunch, explore Chinggis Khaan's monument and the ruins of Aurag city. It is believed that Chinggis Khaan used to drink from the natural mineral springs near the ruins. Dinner and overnight stay in a ger camp. Driving distance - 135 km (85 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 8 - XIII century park
Today, we will drive to the XIII century park. This special complex covers an area of 15 x 15 km and has six camps and many tribes which are very unique. Everything is built in the XIII century style. It offers a unique insight into Mongol history. Overnight in a ger camp. Driving distance - 150 km (95 miles). (B/L/D).

Day 9 - Ulan Bator
Today we drive back to Ulan Bator covering around 96 km (60 miles) and stopping along the way at the famous Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex. Transfer to your hotel after arrival in Ulan Bator. Stay overnight in a hotel. (B/L/D).

Day 10 - Ulan Bator
After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport or railway station for international departure. (B).

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: Ulan Bator, Terelj, Gobi Desert, Karakorum, Hustai (MN-01), Price from $, 15 days

> Best of Mongolia Jeep Tour: Ulan-Bator, Gobi Desert, Karakorum (MN-03), Price from $, 10 days
> Best of the Gobi by Air: Luxury Exploration with Premium Lodging (MN-07), Price from $, 7 days
> Experience Mongolia's Winter Magic: Ice & Camel Festivals (MN-09), Price from $, 10 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.

YOUR NOTES

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.