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# MONGOLIA EXOTIC ECOTOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

#### **Key Information:**

Trip Length: 10 days/9 nights. Tour Code: SMT-ORKHON-10D

**Specialty Categories:** Adventure 4X4 Expedition, Camel riding, Cultural Journey, Eco-Travel, Historic, Hiking, Hot Springs, Local Culture, Nature, UNESCO World Heritage, Wildlife.

**Meeting/Departure Points:** Ulaanbaatar. Your international flight to Mongolia is on your own arrangement.

#### Group Size: 2-32 travelers-guaranteed!.

Tourist Season: 20 May-20 Septemer

Total Distance: 2300 kms/1430 miles.

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Tour Highlights: Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar ``Genghis or Chinggis Khaan'' New Airport (52 km/31.33 miles, 2 hrs driving, depending on the high traffic), 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. First at all, we visit the 40-meter (~133, 3 feet) Statue of ``Genghis or Chinggis Khaan'', visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. The attached museum has exhibitions relating to the Bronze Age and Xiongnu archaeological cultures in Mongolia, which show everyday utensils, belt buckles, knives, sacred animals, etc. and a second exhibition on the Great Khan period in the 13 and 14th centuries which has ancient tools, goldsmith subjects and some Nestorian crosses and rosaries. Gorkhi/Terelj National Park-is one of the most popular national parks in Mongolia. Gorkhi/Terelj features stunning granite mountains and flowery endless grassy green meadows. This picturesque National Park is a part of Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area. It is a great place for hiking, trekking, even you can rock climb here at its natural steep granite walls. Drive towards west to see the Authentic Mongol Nomad Show. It demonstrates traditional living way of real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Nex, drive west to visit the Elsen Tasarkhai (also known as Bayangobi desert or MiniGobi)-is a part of the 80kms/50miles long Mongol Els Sand Dunes. The nature in this area is really spectacular and great for relaxing. Enjoy to 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. Drive towards west to Karakorum-is located 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. Next, departure in the direction of the Turkish Memorial Museum (Khushuu Tsaidam) in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honor of the Turkish princes of the early 8th century Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin with their Orkhon inscriptions, which are admitted as

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the most impressive monuments of the nomads of the Gokturk Empire. The Bilge Qaghan and Kul Tigin monuments were found in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Orkhon Valley **Cultural Landscape,** 47 km (1 hour drive by paved road, funded by the **Turkish Government**) northwest of Kharkhorin (Karakorum). The museum was built in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency in 2008. For better conservation of the monuments, they were brought to the museum and copies of them were placed in the places where they were originally found. Next, departure 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. Departure in the direction of the **Tsenkher Hot Springs** Resort, located near the Khangai mountains and in a forested area, in the province of Arkhangai. These hot springs are sulphurous springs that flow at a temperature of more than 80 degrees, allowing visitors to enjoy an open-air spa in the middle of nature. Departure along **hard** tracks towards the Orkhon River Waterfall, ten meters wide and twenty meters high. The small lake that forms under the waterfall is impressive, the basalt stones give it some wonderful views by playing with the light and creating dazzling effects in a waterfall in the middle of the country.

Next, drive towards to explore Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park (hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the buffer zone 120.000 ha. The flagship species for the Hustain Nuruu Nature Reserve is the reintroduced Przewalski or takhi horse. We would be pleased to have you join us!.

#### **BRIEF ITINERARY:**

Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar ``Genghis Khan'' New Airport, meet Samar Magic Tours team. Ulaanbaatar Great City tour. (L)

Day 2-Ulaanbaatar-the 40 meters/~133,3 feet ``Genghis Khan'' Statue-Gorkhi/Terelj National Park-Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

Day 3-Authentic Nomad Show-Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

Day 4-Bayangobi desert-Bactrian Camel riding-Karakorum (Central Mongolia). (B)(L)(D)

Day 5-Imperial Monument of the Mongol States-Erdene zuu Monastery-Karakorum Museum-Orkhon Valley. (B)(L)(D)

Day 6-Orkhon Valley - Turkish Memorial Museum – Ugii Lake - Karakorum. (B)(L)(D)

**Day 7**-Karakorum – Tsenkher Hot Springs. (B)(L)(D)

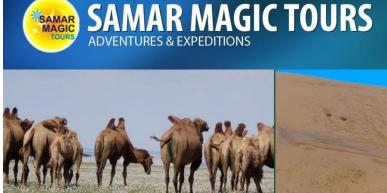
**Day 8**-Tsenkher Hot Springs – Orkhon Waterfall. (B)(L)(D)

Day 9-Hustain Nuruu National Park - Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

**Day 10**-Departure Mongolia. (B)

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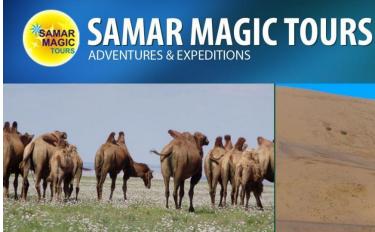


#### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar `` Genghis Khan´´ New Airport and after custom formalities and baggage claim, you will be met by Samar Magic Tours team and taken to the centrally located hotel in Ulaanbaatar (\*by hotels policy the check-in time is after 02:00PM/14:00). Ulaanbaatar Great City tour: visit the Gandantegchinlen Monastery is a Tibetan-style Buddhist monastery that has been restored and revitalized since 1990. The Tibetan name translates to the "Great Place of Complete Joy". It currently has over 150 monks in residence. It features a 26.5meter-high statue of Avalokitesvara. It came under state protection in 1994. 10:00AM-Here you will have the opportunity to attend a Buddhist ceremony. Next, we will visit a small museum of dinosaur fossils. The centerpiece of the museum is the 4m-tall, 3-ton ultraviolet Tarbosaurus bataar (cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex) and a smaller Saurolophus, with its distinctive cranial crest. The Tarbosaurus bataar made international headlines in 2012, when it sold at an auction in Texas. The Mongolian Government protested that the fossil had been illegally removed from Mongolia and demanded its return. The legal battle ended

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when a US judge ruled in favor of Mongolia. Nicolas Cage has agreed to return a rare dinosaur skull to the Mongolian government. The Oscar-winning actor bought the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull in 2007, not knowing it had been stolen. Authorities said he voluntarily agreed to hand over the skull after learning of the circumstances. The museum also includes examples of Velociraptor and Protoceratops, and a nest of Oviraptor eggs. It is located inside the former Lenin Museum, built in 1974. Here you will see a large statue of the **Genghis Khan**-inaugurated in 2006 on the occasion of 800th Anniversary of the Great Mongolian Empire of Genghis Khan (1206-2006), the Sukh Baatar Hero along with The Parliament House, Stock Exchange, the Drama Theatre and the Palace of Culture. Visit the National History Museum-where you will see artefacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. Welcome lunch in traditional local restaurant. Next, visit the New Museum "Genghis Kan" ("Chinggis Khaan"), opened in the month of Octubre 11-2022. 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-Mongolian National Performers (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. Dinner is not included. (L)



**Day 2**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards N/E to visit the **40 meters /~133,3 feet** ``**Genghis Khan**'´ **Statue on horseback** (55km/34miles) N/E of the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar. The statue is symbolically pointed east towards his birthplace. It is on top of the **Genghis Khan Statue Complex**, a visitor center, itself 10 meters (32 ft 10 in) tall, with 36 columns representing the 36 khans from **Genghis** to Ligdan Khan. Visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. At the base of the statue, visitors can see the replica of the Great Khan's legendary golden whip. Near the Great Statue of Genghis Khan, we can take beautiful photos with the Kazakhs and their Golden Eagles, rides on the backs of Bactrian camels, or rides on Mongolian horses through the steppes, shooting with a bow and arrow (\***extra payment at the same place**). **Mongolian lunch is included on the way.** After, drive north further to reach **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park**. Seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. The valley is about 20kms/12miles long at 1600m. This picturesque National Park is a part of **Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area**. It is a great place for hiking, trekking, even you can rock climb here at its natural steep granite walls. Explore the **Turtle shaped original giant rock** - symbol of **Gorkhi/Terelj** 

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National Park. Walking to Arryabal Meditation Temple, on the top of the small hill. Drive back to Ulaanbaatar (70km/44miles). Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. Dinner is not included. (B)(L)

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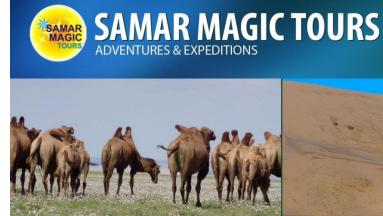
**Day 3**-Breakfast. **08:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team at reception of the hotel. Drive towards west to observe the **Authentic Mongol Nomad Show** (about 35-40km/25miles, 1.30 hrs). It demonstrates traditional living way real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Here you will have the opportunity to hear a Mongolian folk song, to see 5 herding animals, to observe the demonstration of catching and milking sheep, goat, to observe the demonstration of making dairy products. Also, we will see the Mongolian archery, playing traditional games, the demonstration of making felt and tanning, the demonstration of moving one place to another use by cart, yak freight, camel and horse carts. **Drive back to Ulaanbaatar** (about 35-40km/25miles, 1.30 hrs). **Lunch is included in local restaurant in Ulaanbaatar**. Transfer to hotel. Overnight at selected hotel. **Dinner is not included. (B)(L)** 



**Day 4**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team at reception of the hotel. Today, we will head **West** to **Elsen Tasarkhai Dunes** (known as the **Bayangobi desert or MINIGOBI**, about 280 km/174 miles, 4hours drive), desert sand dunes spread over 80kms in a beautiful valley. **Mongol lunch is included in LUUN.** Opportunity for hiking, walking through the dunes, and photographing the landscapes. **Excursion included to cross the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel.** Continuous drive to **Karakorum** (about 150 km/94 miles, 2 hrs) 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. **(B)(L)(D)** 

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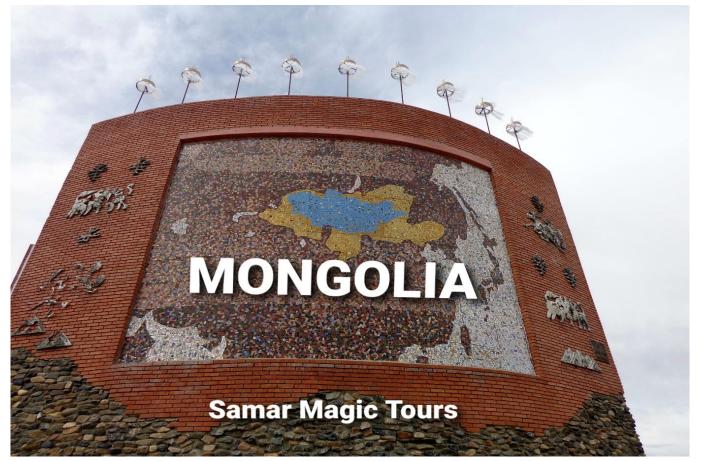


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**Day 5**-Breakfast. **10:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Next, we will visit the **Monument to the Mongol States** located on a hill overlooking the city of **Karakorum (Kharkhorin)**, on the bank of the **Orkhon River**. It was built in 2004. The monument consists of a large pile of stones (a shamanic ovoo) 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 **ovoo** 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

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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. Mongolian lunch is included in front of the Erdene zuu monastery. Free time at your leisure, for walks through the Orkhon River Valley or rest. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. (B)(L)(D)

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**Day 6**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Next, departure in the direction of the Turkish Memorial Museum (Khushuu Tsaidam) in the Orkhon River Valley, erected in honor of the Turkish princes of the early 8th century Bilge Khan and Kul Tigin with their Orkhon inscriptions, which are admitted as the most impressive monuments of the nomads of the **Gokturk** Empire. The Bilge Qaghan and Kul Tigin monuments were found in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape, (47 km, 1 hour drive by paved road, funded by the **Turkish Government**) northwest of Kharkhorin (Karakorum). The museum was built in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency in 2008. For better conservation of the monuments, they were brought to the museum and copies of them were placed in the places where they were originally found. Next, departure by embankment (off road) towards Lake Ugii (about 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. It is of great importance as a breeding and stopping place for waterfowl, for example, the white-necked crane (Grus vipio), the swan goose (Anser cygnoides), the great bustard (Otis tarda), the duck (Oxyura leucocephala), cranes common (Grus Grus), demoiselle cranes (Anthropoides virgo), black storks (Ciconia nigra), and species declared vulnerable or endangered in the Red Book. We will be able to admire and photograph a great variety of species such as the White-necked Crane and the Monk Crane surrounded by a beautiful valley where herds of sheep, horses, bulls, and yaks graze. 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

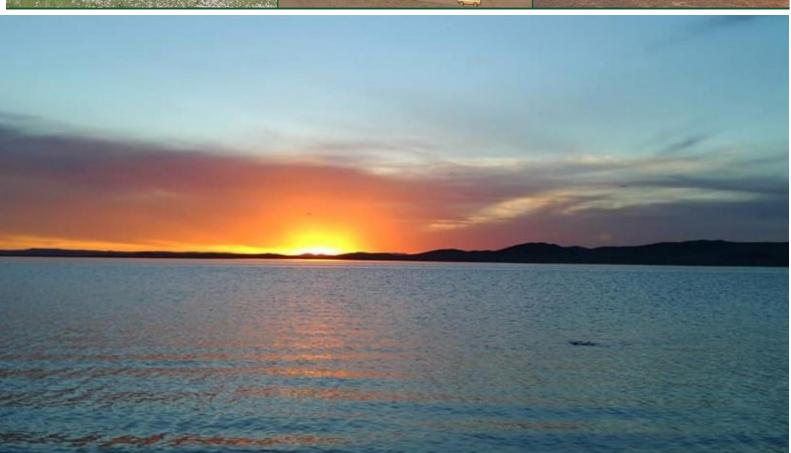
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headed goose; Rudy Shelduck; common goldeneye; Common Crane; and Northern Lapwing. Migratory birds arrive from May to June, from as far away as Siberia and the Himalayas. We visit the **Ornithological local museum for observation.** Continuous drive further to **Karakorum** (about 80 km/50 miles). Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp in **Karakorum**. **(B)(L)(D)** 

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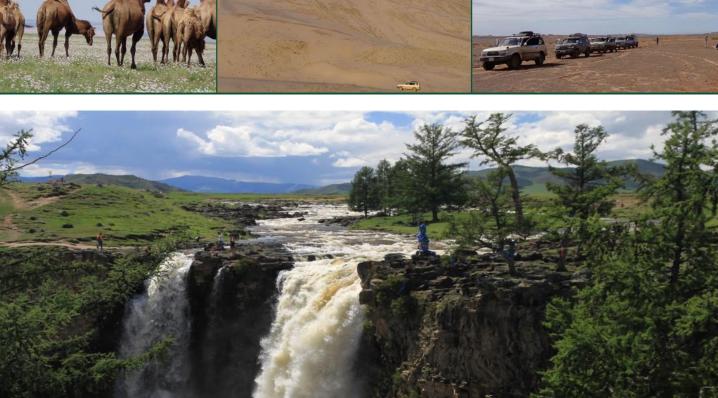
**Day 7**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Departure in the direction of the **Tsenkher Hot Springs Resort** (about 120 km / 75 miles, + 2.30 hours), located near the **Khangai mountains and in a forested area**, in the province of Arkhangai. These hot springs are sulphurous springs that flow at a temperature of more than 80 degrees, allowing visitors to enjoy an open-air spa in the middle of nature. These waters are appreciated for their healing properties. One hour of **relaxing baths in the Tsenkher hot springs.** In this area there is a presence of nomadic families where they graze with their herds of horses, yaks, sheep, bulls, etc. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)** 

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**Day 8**-Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Departure along **hard tracks** towards the **Orkhon River Waterfall** (about 245km, 5:30-6 hours), ten meters wide and twenty meters high. The small lake that forms under the waterfall is impressive, the basalt stones give it some wonderful views by playing with the light and creating dazzling effects in a waterfall in the middle of the country. In route, we will visit **Shank Khiid monastery**, it is connected to the acclaimed Buddhist sculptor and artist **"Zanabazar".** This monastery was once known as the Western Monastery, where more than 1,500 monks lived and miraculously survived the purges of the 1930s. At the waterfall of the Orkhon River, we can enjoy some relaxing baths. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. **(B)(L)(D)** 

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Day 9-Breakfast. 08:00AM-Meet Samar Magic Tours team. Next, drive to Hustain Nuruu National Park (about 402km/250 miles, +6 hrs) of the Wild Horses Przewaslki or Takhi (as known by the Mongolians). The Takhi is the last species of wild horse left on the planet. In 1878, the Polish-born Russian geographer and naturalist Nikolai Mikhailovich Przewaslki found a new species of wild horse in Mongolia, known locally as Takhi, and took several foals to European zoos. The only way to prevent the complete extinction of the last species of wild horse was to reintroduce it into the wild. In 1975, the Dutchman Ian Bouman and his wife, and other entities that joined later, created the Foundation for the Conservation and Protection of the Przewalski Horse (FPPPH), with the aim of saving the Tahki from extinction through acclimatization. of the zoo specimens in open field pastures, for later release into the wild. In 1992, the **FPPPH** brought the first 15 horses to the Hustain Nuruu area in Mongolia, to reintroduce them to their original habitat. Currently, the population of takhi in the wild in Hustai Nuruu National Park reaches 220 individuals. The practice of taming wild animals and then returning them to the wild is truly rare. Mongolian lunch is included on the way. Visit to a small museum, about the history of the Hustain Nuruu National Park, about the founders, and the reintroduction of the Przewaslki or Takhi wild horses in their original habitat. Excursion through the interior of the Hustain Nuruu National Park, exploration and observation of wild horses (\*bring binoculars and drone). Return to Ulaanbaatar (about 100km/62 miles, +2 hrs drive). Latest purchases of Mongolian

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souvenirs and pure Mongolian cashmere. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at selected and confirmed hotel. Dinner is not included. (B)(L)

**Day 10**-Breakfast. The rooms must be vacated before **12 noon** on the day of departure. Meeting with Samar Magic Tours at the hotel reception. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar ``Genghis Khan´´ New Airport. **Departure Mongolia (B). Tour Ends.** 

#### **INCLUDED SERVICES:**

**4** nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel, based on the indicated double room with breakfast.

**5** nights of lodging in the typical traditional tourist camps based on standard Ger for **2** people with bathrooms outside (that is, shared, 1 building for the gentlemen, and 1 building for the ladies). (**Note**: the Ger **DELUXE** exists in Karakorum (Central Mongolia) with a private bathroom attached to your Ger. If you wish to stay in a Ger **DELUXE** it is necessary to pay a supplement in advance. **Consult it!**), in the rest of the route.

Food as specified daily (**9B**,**9L**,**5D**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person.

Welcome lunch in a traditional restaurant.

All private transfers in Ulaanbaatar, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park and the Authentic Mongol Nomad Show by tour bus or minivan (\*depending on confirmed group), all fuel included.

All transfers in private, traveling in a comfortable japanese vehicle Land Cruiser Toyota 4x4 or similar (occupancy: **4-5** tourists + **1** Mongolian driver in **1** vehicle, **Limit: 15** kg per person) with all fuel included.

English or Spanish speaking local guide (according to the request!).

All entrance fees to the 40 meters /~133,3 feet ``Genghis Khan'' Statue on horseback, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, Hustain Nuruu National Park, Karakorum, the Turkish memorial museum, monuments, museums, and monasteries.

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

Attend a folk show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.

Authentic Mongol Nomad Show.

Excursion to explore the dunes on the back of a Bactrian camel.

Near the Great Statue of Genghis Khan, we can take beautiful photos with the Kazakhs and their Golden Eagles.

**1** hour of relaxing baths in the Tsenkher hot springs.

Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.

Service fees include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax and 5% service charge for Ulaanbaatar city hotels.

#### What's Not Included?

Airfares. 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:**

• 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.

• Near the Great Statue of Genghis Khan, we can take beautiful photos with the Kazakhs and their Golden Eagles.

• Visit to the most beautiful Gorkhi/Terelj National Park.

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• We will observe the Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show. It demonstrates traditional living way of real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Here you will have the opportunity to hear a Mongolian folk song, to see 5 herding animals, to observe the demonstration of catching and milking sheep, goat, to observe the demonstration of making dairy products. Also, we will see the Mongolian archery, playing traditional games, the demonstration of making felt and tanning, the demonstration of moving one place to another use by cart, yak freight, camel and horse carts.

• We will walk through the dunes and we will be able to climb the highest peak, where we will be able to observe a wonderful landscape of sand dunes. We will enjoy an excursion on the back of a Bactrian camel.

• Visit the Monument to the Mongol States located on a hill overlooking the city of Karakorum (Kharkhorin), on the bank of the Orkhon River.

• 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.

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- Relaxing baths in the Tsenkher hot springs.
- At the waterfall of the Orkhon River, we can enjoy some relaxing baths.
- Excursion through the interior of the Hustain Nuruu National Park, exploration and observation of wild horses (\*bring binoculars and drone).

• Listen to the mesmerizing sounds of Khoomi throat singing during a traditional dance performance.

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#### **TO CONSIDER:**

- Guaranteed services from 2-32 people.
- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights and trains are 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.

• The hotel category information is for the Ulaanbaatar hotel.

• The entrance to the rooms in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar is at **02:00PM (14:00)**. Early entry to rooms is not included.

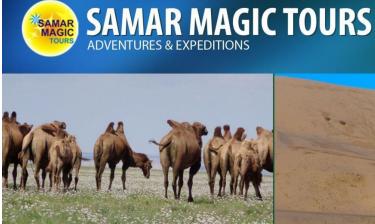
• The departure of the rooms in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00M.** Late check-out of rooms is not included.

• Excess baggage is not included. Limit: **15** kg per person.

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#### **ACCOMMODATION IN ULAANBAATAR**

HOTELS	ROOM	LOCATION
<image/>	<section-header></section-header>	The Blue Sky & Tower Hotel is located opposite (50 meters) to the Sukhbaatar Central Square of Ulaanbaatar, and the Mongol Government Palace, in the very heart of Ulaanbaatar and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinggis 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.
<section-header></section-header>	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 <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Check out of

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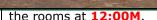
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		the rooms at <b>12:00M</b> .
<section-header></section-header>	<section-header></section-header>	The Premium Hotel is located 20 min. walking distance from Gandan Monastery - the most important in Mongolia, and 2.3 km from Sukhbaatar Central Square and 52 kms/32.31 miles (2 hours driving) from "Chinggis Khaan" 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.
<section-header></section-header>	<section-header></section-header>	Ramada 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 and 15-20 minutes walking distance from Gandan Monastery. Check- in from 2:00 p.m. Check out of the rooms at 12:00M.

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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]

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**Summer: June-August** [28-30° days, 18° nights, dry, occasional rain]

Fall: Sept. [21-16º days, 0º 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.

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**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.

#### **RESERVATION CONDITIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT**

**PRICE:** The price of our trips has been calculated based on exchange rates, transport rates, fuel costs and applicable taxes and fees on the date of publication of the program/brochure or subsequent dates that, if applicable, are have been made public in print. Any variation in the price of the aforementioned elements may give rise to the revision of the final price of the trip, both upwards and downwards, in the strict amounts of the aforementioned price variations. These modifications will be notified to the consumer, in writing or by any means that allows proof of the communication made, being able, when the modification made is significant, to withdraw from the trip, without any penalty, or accept the modification of the contract. In no case, will it be revised upwards in the twenty days prior to the departure date of the trip, regarding the requests already made. 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, the amount of \$ US 660.00 or 660.00  $\in$  (six hundred and sixty) per person will be paid immediately by bank transfer as a guarantee deposit, with a minimum advance notice of **160** 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 and purchase domestic air tickets in Mongolia, hotels in Ulaanbaatar, and tickets to the Naadam Festival in the month of July.

• No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.

• The final payment of the trip will be made by bank transfer **95** business days before arrival in Mongolia, in order to guarantee the domestic air tickets (if any on the route) and all the indicated reservations.

Reservation requests with a guarantee deposit will be considered in order of receipt. A booking form is accepted and acceptance becomes final only from the date on which we confirm acceptance in writing and issue a confirmation invoice. At this point, a contract comes into effect between the applicant and us. We reserve the absolute right to refuse any booking for any legal reason, at our sole discretion.

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**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.

FORM TO FILL IN:

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

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

SEX:

## DATE OF ARRIVAL IN ULAN BATOR, NO. OF THE FLIGHT AND TIME OF ARRIVAL:

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

THE SELECTED HOTEL'S NAME FROM OUR HOTEL'S LIST:

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**FORCE MAJEURE CONDITIONS:** Although it is our absolute desire to carry out the trip as detailed in the program, sometimes there are force majeure conditions that mean it can be modified. Samar Magic Tours is not legally responsible for force majeure conditions beyond the travel organization that may require 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 air 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 exceptional circumstances of force majeure it is necessary to cancel the trip, there is no obligation for compensation.

I have read and understand the Obligations and Responsibility section detailed above on the form and the General Information and Special Booking Conditions as set out in the tour information literature and accept them on behalf of myself and my group. I declare that I am not traveling against any medical advice.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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