

# 1. OPTIONAL TOUR ITINERARIES

## ULAANBAATAR CITY

Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, is the country's economic, cultural and a political center and has a number of tourist attractions and hosts the most varied types of entertainment.

Ulaanbaatar is city of contrast where modern life comfortably blends with Mongolian traditional lifestyle.

**Sukhbaatar square**, the main square in the heart of Ulaanbaatar. A large statue of Sukhbaatar, the famous patriot characterizes the square, and it is named after this historic figure. Such important landmarks as the Parliament House, Stock Exchange and Cultural Palace are located surrounding the area.

**Gandan Monastery** which is the largest and most significant monastery in Mongolia. Built in mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, it is the only monastery where Buddhist services continued to function even during the communist past. Temples are flocked by visitors during religious services. The Migjid Janraisag Temple is an important part of Gandan Monastery. The temple houses the majestic new gilded statue of Mighid Janraisag, decorated with jewels. This 26 m high 20 ton statue is a copy of another statue that was destroyed in the 1920's by communists.

**The National History Museum** boasts its large collection of exhibits showing the history and culture of Mongolia since the period when mankind ever existed in this land up to the present day. Its huge number of interesting exhibits includes utensils and clothes of nomads, furnishing of their unique dwelling, musical instruments and artworks.

**The Natural History Museum** displays a number of stuffed animals and birds and samples of various minerals found in Mongolia. Fossilized skeletons and eggs of several different kinds of ancient dinosaurs in the paleontological section are the main attraction of this museum.

**The Bogd Khaan Palace Museum**, built between 1893 and 1903, was the home of Mongolia's last king Javzandamba VIII. This complex of temples and houses contain a number of Buddhist artworks and the private collection of Javzandamba composed of gifts of rulers and kings from all over the world.

### 18. UB - FULL DAY CITY TOUR

(9:30 - 20:30)

You will visit Sukhbaatar Square, Gandan Monastery and National History Museum in the morning. Have lunch at the Mongolian restaurant.

In the afternoon visit the Bogd Khaan Palace museum. Climb to the Zaisan Hill for viewing Ulaanbaatar city in a whole. Go for shopping Mongolian souvenirs.

In the evening you will enjoy Mongolian traditional music and dance performance. Have dinner at a local restaurant and transfer to your hotel. Tour concludes.

Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 1.475:-, vid 2, 900:-, vid 3-5, 775:-

## TOURS OUT OF ULAANBAATAR CITY

### CHINGGISIIN HUREE DAY TRIP

Chinggisyn Huree (translated as Chinggis Village) is a unique ger camp, composed of gers built in the style of those from Chinggis Khaan's period. The camp is situated only about in a Bogd Khaan Mountain valley not far from the city. It is about half an hour's drive to reach the camp. The view of ancient gers some built on the ground some built on ancient royal cart is impressive.

Drive to Chinggisyn Huree ger camp and have lunch at the large ger restaurant imitating Chinggis Khaan's moving palace. In the afternoon have short hiking around the area and hone your archery skills in the archery court of the camp.

This tour can be adjusted to an evening program depending on clients' needs.

Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 1.400:-, vid 2, 950:-, vid 3-5, 800:-

### CHINGGISYN HUREE OVERNIGHT TOUR (1 night, 2 days)

#### Day 1

Drive to Chinggisyn Huree ger camp and have lunch at the large ger restaurant imitating Chinggis Khaan's moving palace. In the afternoon have short hiking around the area and hone your archery skills in the archery court of the camp. Evening at leisure after dinner.

Overnight in the gers built in ancient styles.

#### Day 2

After breakfast, visit a local nomad's family nearby and get introduced nomadic culture. Drive back to Ulaanbaatar for lunch.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 2.350:-, vid 2, 1.600:-, vid 3-5, 1.350:-**

### HIKING TO THE PEAK OF MT. BOGD (1 night, 2 days)

#### Day 1

After breakfast, depart Ulaanbaatar for the Tur Hurah valley on the southeastern side of Bogd Khaan Mountain. The journey should take approximately 45 minutes from Ulaanbaatar. The path ascends gently through meadows and then upwards through mountain forest.

After 3 hours the peak is reached and lunch is served. A short talk about sacred mountains and Mongolian traditions based around mountains is given. After the talk the hike continues downwards 2.5 hours to Manzushir. Dinner. Overnight in ger camp.

#### Day 2

Breakfast. Morning visit to the ruins of Manzushir monastery and natural museum. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar.

**Pris per person vid: 3-5, 1.550:-**

## HUSTAI NATURAL RESERVE

The takhi, or Przewalski horse, the last true wild horse in the world, is being reintroduced in this area. The takhi disappeared from Gobi desert the 1960 and the world was left with a small captive breeding population of horses in European zoos. Now there are over 170 takhis including foals born in wild since their parents brought from zoos in the Netherlands and Switzerland were released in 1995.

Perfect hiking, trekking and horse riding tours are arranged in Hustai area.

### 7. HUSTAI WILD HORSE TOUR (1 night, 2 days)

#### Day 1

Drive to Hustai Natural Reserve (90 km from Ulaanbaatar). After checking-in to the tourist camp, go for hiking the area. Horse riding session. Lunch and dinner at the tourist camp. Overnight at the gers, Mongolian traditional dwellings.

#### Day 2

After early breakfast go for seeing the Takhi or Przewalski wild horses, the last remaining wild horse in the world. Visit the nomadic family and explore the nomadic lifestyle. See making of the traditional dairy food and taste it. Return to Ulaanbaatar.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 2.950:-, vid 2, 1.875:-, vid 3-5, 1.550:-**

### DUGANA HAD TOUR (1 night, 2 days)

Suitable for groups of any size with a reasonable level of fitness.

You will have an opportunity to see the unique scenery, flora and fauna of the Dugana Had area.

#### Day 1

Transfer to Dugana Had. Familiarization with the camp facilities and then lunch will be served. Horse riding experience for an hour. Overnight in the ger camp.

#### Day 2

After breakfast, the hike begins along the milder slopes of the Dugana Had Rock. Transfer back to Ulaanbaatar.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 2.700:-, vid 2, 1.700:-, vid 3-5, 1.450:-**

## BAYANGOBI & KARAKORUM

The Bayangobi, located 270 km west of Ulaanbaatar, is a unique combination of forested mountains and desert-type landscape in the same location.

Karakorum, the ancient capital of Mongols is one of the most popular travel destinations along with Erdenezuu Monastery, the second largest Buddhist monastery in the country. Karakorum city was established in 1220 and served as the capital of Mongols for 140 years.

### 8. KARAKORUM EXPERIENCE (2 nights, 3 days)

The authentic Mongolian nomadic culture blends with Buddhist cultural and spiritual heritage. The beauty of tranquility of wide and open steppes of central Mongolia and diversity of varied landscape including sand dunes and Rocky Mountains.

Day 1

Drive to Karakorum situated 385 km to the west from Ulaanbaatar. Have picnic lunch on the way. After arriving in Karakorum late afternoon, visit the nomadic family and experience nomadic culture and hospitality. Dinner and overnight in gers, Mongolian traditional dwellings.

Day 2

After breakfast check out from tourist camp and have a morning visit to Erdenezuu, the first Buddhist monastery in Mongolia. Transfer to Bayangobi area, which is 2 hours drive from Karakorum to the direction of Ulaanbaatar, where you settle in another ger camp. After having lunch in the ger camp explore the local area including excursions to Bayangobi sand dunes, Khugnukhaan mountain and Uvgun temple. Overnight in gers.

Day 3

After breakfast, drive back to Ulaanbaatar.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 6.800:-, vid 2, 4.400:-, vid 3-5, 3.400:-**

### 9. KARAKORUM AND HUSTAI WILD HORSE TOUR (2 nights, 3 days)

You can see how the authentic Mongolian nomadic culture blends with Buddhist cultural and spiritual heritage, unique combination of sand dunes and Rocky Mountains, observe Takhi, the last remaining wild horse in whole world are being raised in Hustai Natural Reserve.

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Day 3

After breakfast, drive to Hustai Natural Reserve. After having lunch in a nearby tourist camp, transfer to the sight where the wild horse are grazing to observe and take photos. Leave the natural reserve late afternoon and arrive in Ulaanbaatar for dinner.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 6.900:-, vid 2, 4.300:-, vid 3-5, 3.600:-**

## TSENHER HOT SPA AT ARKHANGAI PROVINCE

Arkhangai province has astounding scenery: wide rivers full of fish, several volcanoes and volcanic lakes, extensive forests, and pastures where yak thrive. Tsenher Jiguur spring is remarkably hot at +86.5 C and contains hydrogen sulfide.

### 10. ARKHANGAI HOT SPA TOUR VIA KARAKORUM (3 nights, 4 days)

See the beauty and tranquility of wide and open steppes of central Mongolia and stunning diversity of varied landscape including sand dunes and rocky mountains and experience bathing in natural hot spa.

Day 1

Drive to Karakorum situated 385 kms to the west from Ulaanbaatar. Have picnic lunch on the way. After arriving in Karakorum late afternoon, visit the nomadic family and experience nomadic culture and hospitality. Dinner and overnight in gers, Mongolian traditional dwellings.

Day 2

After breakfast check out from tourist camp. Following a visit to Erdenezuu, the first Buddhist monastery in Mongolia, continue driving to Tsenher hot spring. Upon arrival to the tourist camp, clients will be given time to settle into their 2/3 person gers. After lunch, enjoy the natural bath. Overnight in ger.

Day 3

After breakfast drive towards Ulaanbaatar. Have picnic lunch on the way. After arriving in Bayangobi visit to Mongol Els sand dunes and enjoy short horse riding. Dinner and overnight in gers.

Day 4

After breakfast return back to Ulaanbaatar. En route visit to Uvgun temple in Hugnukhaan mountain. Have picnic lunch on the way.

Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 8.900, vid 2, 5.600:-, vid 3-5, 4.400:-

## AMARBAYASGALANT MONASTERY

Amarbayasgalant monastery is considered second to only Erdenezuu in terms of size. Situated 360 km north of Ulaanbaatar, the monastery was built in 1717 - 1736 by Undur Gegeen (Great Saint) Zanabazar, a prominent religious leader and artist who was proclaimed by Dalai Lama as the first reincarnation of Hutugtu Zabzundamba. The main temple is astonishingly beautiful, constructed without using a single nail. Amarbayasgalant spared the faith of other Buddhist monasteries during the 1930's political purges and stayed largely untouched. There is good local hiking and a ger camp seven km's from the monastery for those who want to stay overnight.

### 13. AMARBAYASGALANT MONASTERY EXPERIENCE (2 nights, 3 days)

You can witness the artistic excellence of Buddhist architecture, which is an important aspect of religious culture of Mongolian nomads and enjoy the natural beauty of Central Asian plateau.

Day 1

Drive to Amarbayasgalant monastery (360 km from Ulaanbaatar). Have packed lunch on the way, and get to Amarbayasgalant in late evening. Settle at 2/3 person gers. After dinner, visit to the nomadic family and get introduced to nomadic culture and try Mongolian traditional dairy products.

Day 2

After breakfast, visit Amarbayasgalant monastery and explore its unique structure. After lunch, go for hiking around the monastery for 2 hours. Dinner and overnight at the ger camp.

Day 3

After breakfast drive back to Ulaanbaatar. Have packed lunch on the way. Arrive Ulaanbaatar in late afternoon.

Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 6.600:-, vid 2, 3.950:-, vid 3-5, 3.400:-

## HENTII

Hentii is named after the impressive Hentii mountain range which covers the north-west corner of the province and is part of the giant 1.2 million hectare Khan Hentii Strictly Protected Area. The land is the source of the Herlen and Onon rivers, both of which are mentioned extensively in the epic history of the life and deeds of Chinggis Khaan, "The Secret History of Mongols". This historical Mongol heartland, and specifically the town of Galshar in the far south of the province, is famed as the source of Mongolia's fastest horses.

### 12. HENTII - CHINGGIS KHAAN'S BIRTH PLACE (2 nights, 3 days)

Day 1

Drive to the village of Tsenher Mandal. The village is set amongst pine-covered mountains and on arrival, walk around the area. Overnight stay at the tourist camp near the Blue lake (230 km from Ulaanbaatar).

Day 2

After breakfast, continue driving to Binder village. Visit to Binder ovoo and other historical sites related with Chinggis Khaan, such as the place where the Pan Mongol Empire was founded. There is the sacred tree, which is believed that can make your wishes come true. There are over 200 graves of Hunnu, Mongolian ancestors. Horse riding experience for an hour. Overnight stay at Chinggisiin Toonot tourist camp.

Day 3

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 7.200:-, vid 2, 4.400:-, vid 3-5, 3.600:-**

## SOUTH GOBI

The Gobi desert is the habitat of the rarest animals and a unique natural landscape. Its desert and semi-desert ecosystems have hardly changed in many years. The Gobi is often imagined to be a place of unbearable heat and lifeless sand dunes, similar to the inhospitable Sahara desert, but the reality is quite the reverse. The Gobi has high mountains, springs, forests, sands, steppes and a rich animal kingdom.

Occupying 30 per cent of the country's vast territory and stretching from the east to the west through the southern part of Mongolia, it has a total of 52 mammals, 15 reptiles, 1 amphibian and 106 bird species and its plant kingdom comprises over 400 species including many valuable medicinal, fodder and decorative plants. Its numerous rare animal species include argali sheep, ibex, snow leopard, lynx, wild ass, gazelles, saiga, wild Bactrian camel and Gobi bear, just to name a few.

Major travel routes in the Southern Gobi desert include the flaming cliffs at Bayanzag site following the trails of 1920's American explorer Roy Chapman Andrews, Hongor sand dunes - the largest sand dunes in Mongolia and Yoliin Am or Eagle valley famous for its stunning beauty and rich flora and fauna.

### 14. SOUTH GOBI MOUNTAINS AND HONGOR SAND DUNES (3 nights, 4 days)

Day 1

Fly by domestic flight to South Gobi. Arrive at ger camp and settle to 2/3 person gers. After lunch at the ger camp, go to Bayanzag, the Flaming Cliffs where the first dinosaur fossils in Asia were discovered. Arrive back at the tourist camp and visit a nearby camel herder to experience their lifestyle and enjoy short camel riding session.

Day 2

After breakfast tour the Eagle Valley early on the morning to have an opportunity to see some of the rarest animals in the world including argali sheep and ibex. After having lunch back in the camp drive to Hongor sand dunes located 200 km away from the camp. Dinner and overnight in ger camp nearby the magnificent sands of Gobi.

Day 3

Today we are exploring the awesome beauty of Gobi and hiking the loose surfaces of huge sand dunes to get a real feeling of Gobi natures. After having lunch near Hongor sand dunes drive back to the ger camp to stay overnight.

Day 4

After breakfast fly back by domestic flight to Ulaanbaatar

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 16.200:-, vid 2, 11.200:-, vid 3-5, 9.900:-**

## EAST GOBI

This tour is of a high value for money. With relatively little cost one can experience the beauties and mysteries of Mongolian Gobi desert and experiment a train journey through the southern part of Mongolia. Excursion to one of the largest sand dunes in Mongolia, 18<sup>th</sup> century Buddhist Monastery of Khamariin Hiid built by famous Mongolian religious aristocrat, poet Danzanrabjaa and dinosaur bones revealed by wind in sandy surface and remains of petrified trees aged 65 million year are some of the features of this tour.

We organize the tour on both individual and group basis. For individual travelers seats are reserved in domestic trains to Sainshand town and for groups we arrange special wagons, which is more comfortable connected to the domestic train

### 15. EAST GOBI HIGHLIGHTS TOUR (2 nights, 3 days)

#### Day 1

After breakfast transfer to Ulaanbaatar train station to catch the Ulaanbaatar - Sainshand domestic train. The train departs at 9.50 and arrives in Sainshand town at 19.50. The full day train journey takes you through the transmission zone from the mountain steppe region of central Mongolia to southern Gobi desert. After arrival in Sainshand train station transfer to Shand tourist camp 14 kilometers away from the town for dinner and overnight stay in Mongolian gers.

#### Day 2

After having breakfast in the camp we start the East Gobi round tour with a packed lunch on the way. The round tour starts from a visit to Dinosaur skeleton site, where you will encounter an amazing scene of dinosaur bone aged about 70 million years revealed on the ground. In the same area you will also see peaces of petrified wood. From the dinosaur site we arrive in the famous cave site named 108 caves, which has a lot of historical relevance with Khamariin Hiid Monastery and its founder 18<sup>th</sup> century charismatic religious leader Danzanrabjaa. Then we visit Khamariin Hiid monastery.

From the monastery our trip continues to sand dunes where you enjoy the scene of the beautiful white sands and walk along their loose slopes. Drive back Shand hotel in Sainshand where you will be served with dinner and have hot showers. Transfer to train station for 20.55 train that takes the whole night to reach back to Ullaanbaatar

#### Day 3

In the morning arrive back to Ulaanbaatar.

**Pris per person vid: 1 betalande, 4.600:-, vid 2, 3.150:-, vid 3-5, 2.800:-**