



## Itinerary

### 10 Day Best of Mongolia Small Group Tour

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE ULAANBAATAR

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar, you will be greeted by your guide and driver. Transfer to your Hotel. Take the rest of the day to explore the city at your leisure or if time permits an optional half or full day city sightseeing tour is available on request.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: 3 star Hotel, Ulaanbaatar

#### DAY 2: Baga Gazriin Chuluu

In the early morning, begin your journey to Baga Gazriin Chuluu (220km) - roughly translated as lesser rock formation. Visit old temple ruins located by the formation and explore the area.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### DAY 3: Tsagaan Suvarga

After breakfast visit the ruins of Sum Khukh Burd Temple. Continue driving to Tsagaan Suvarga (230km), a fascinating white limestone cliff which resembles a stupa. To some, it may even remind of the ancient ruins of Petra.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### DAY 4: Yol Valley

Drive further south (220km) to visit the Three Beauties of Gobi mountain range. Spend the day on an excursion to Yol Valley, hiking and enjoying stunning photographic opportunities.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### DAY 5: Khongor Sand Dunes

After breakfast, drive to Khongor Sand Dunes also known as the Singing Dunes (220km). After settling at the camp, visit a nomadic camel breeding family and experience the hospitality of Mongolian nomads. Reach the sand dunes upon the backs of a two humped camel. A climb up to the sand dunes will be rewarded with breathtaking views. In the evening observe a spectacular sunset, prepare your camera!

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### **DAY 6: Bayanzag**

Drive to the world-famous Flaming Cliffs (Bayanzag), rich in saual trees of Gobi (170km). Explore the site of the first paleontological discoveries in Mongolia which immortalised the name of Roy Chapman Andrews (26/01/1884-11/3/1960) an American Explorer, Adventurer and Naturalist.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### **DAY 7: Ongi Monastery**

After breakfast drive north, visit the ruins of the once great Ongi Monastery (185km), one of the three older major Monastic centres of Mongolia. Visit the ancient monastery grounds and visit the site undergoing a slow rebuilding process.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### **DAY 8: Kharkhorin, Erdene-Zuu Monastery**

Early morning after breakfast drive to Kharkhorin (300km), once the capital of the 13th century Great Mongol Empire. Visit the Kharkhorin museum housing artefacts dateable to even the Turkish period (VII century). Visit Erdene-Zuu Monastery, the first and largest monastery in Mongolia built on the ruins of the ancient capital. Tour the monastery and visit several temples with excellent examples of Buddhist Thangka paintings and statues dating back to the 17th century.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Standard Ger Camp

#### **DAY 9: Ulaanbaatar**

After breakfast, head towards Ulaanbaatar (380km). Lunch along the way, Transfer to your Hotel upon arrival.

Optional half day tour and folk arts concert available.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 Star Hotel, Ulaanbaatar

#### **DAY 10: End of Tour**

Transfer to the airport or the train station for your departure from Mongolia!