

MONGOLIAN ODDYSSEY

SEP 13- 26, 2014
13 NIGHTS 14 DAYS



Creating her favorites, Mother Nature touches them up with particular thorough and vests absolute power in them. Land of Mongolia undoubtedly falls in this category. Join us on this journey to lesser known lands on this planet. Beware, this is only for true travel enthusiasts and adventure seekers. This land of the legend of Genghis Khan, Mongolia is a large landlocked country with 45% of its population living in its capital. For a long period, it had a closed economy and was pretty much cut off from the world. Mongolia has seen much upheaval in last millennium with the rule of the great khans to Qing dynasty to Buddhist and Soviet influences. Today's Mongolia represents only part of the Mongols' historical homeland; more ethnic Mongolians live in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in the People's Republic of China than in Mongolia. The land is sparsely populated region with hot summer and cold winters. The northern part of Mongolia is mainly Steppes and southern part is mainly Desert. Economic activity in Mongolia was traditionally based on herding and agriculture - Mongolia's extensive mineral deposits, however, have attracted foreign investors, and the country is undergoing an economic transformation through its mining boom.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Sep 13, Sat Delhi- Beijing- Ulaanbaatar

Report at the airport at 0030 hrs for flight to Ulaanbaatar.

CA 0315 DEL-PEK 0315-1225 HRS

CA 955 PEK-ULN 1510-1730 HRS

Reach Ulaanbaatar late in the evening. Clear customs and drive to the hotel. Night stay in Ulaanbaatar.

Day 2: Sep 14, Sun Arrive in Ulaanbaatar and city tour- 50 kms

Take a city tour to Gandan Monastery where you will see huge gold plated Buddha, a symbol of Mongolian national pride and cultural revival and visit National Museum of Mongolian History, where you will see artifacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present. Excursion to Zaisan Hill War Memorial to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city. **(B+L)**

Day 3: Sep 15, Mon Fly to South Gobi (1H30)-100 km

Early in the morning, we will catch a flight to Dalanzadgad city, the capital of Umnugobi province. Our trip will start with a drive to Gobi 3 Saikhan and Yoliin am. Hiking in the mountain 1H. also called The Eagle valley) – a wonderfully picturesque place with ice even in summers, and surrounded by sheer rocky walls, forming incredible canyons. These areas are situated in the Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park that encompasses the "Three Beauties" peaks and the most easterly points of the Altai Mountains. Overnight in tourist camp. **(B+L+D)**

Day 4: Sep 16, Tues Khongor sand dunes – 200 kms/ 4 hrs

After breakfast, drive to Khongor sand dunes. These are Mongolia's largest sand dunes, reaching a height of 300 meters in some areas. The sand dunes change color with each hour of the day, from yellow to silver to rose-color at (sunrise or sunset). On the way, see Dungene valley – a wonderfully picturesque place and surrounded by sheer rocky walls, forming incredible canyons. Enjoy a short hike and photograph the charming landscape and wildlife. Today you will be riding on Bactrian camel (two humped camels) to explore the Khongor sand dunes area. Our camel guide will lead you safely through the sand dunes. Plus, you will have an opportunity to visit a camel herdsman family to experience their lifestyle, culture and traditions. Overnight in tourist camp. **(B+L+D)**

Day 5: Sep 17, Wed Bayanzag – 180 kms/ 4 hrs

After breakfast, drive to Bayanzag. **(B+L+D)**

Day 6: Sep 18, Thur Ongi Temple Ruins- 180 kms/ 3-4 hrs

After breakfast, we will drive to Ongi Temple ruins which had about thousand lamas. It is a ruin of big monastery Bari Yonzon Hamba on the bank of a river. On the way, we will enjoy the vast steppe of the country. Participate in traditional games and Overnight in the tourist camp. **(B+L+D)**

Day 7: Sep 19, Fri Karakorum and Erden-Zuu- 240 kms/6-7 hrs

After breakfast, continue driving to Karakorum, the symbolic ruins of the 13th century capital of the Mongol Empire. On the way, we will enjoy beautifully changing landscape from semi desert Gobi into forest steppe. Visit Erdene-Zuu, the oldest monastery, with 108 stupas, built in 1586. Then visit Karakorum museum and see the Great Mongol state period, Stone Age, Bronze Age, Ancient state period halls. Overnight in tourist camp. **(B+L+D)**

Day 8: Sep 20, Sat White lake 300 km (6-7hrs)

After breakfast, we will drive to Khorgo volcan and White lake. Khorgo crater was created by the eruption of Khorgo volcano. There are trees and other vegetation growing around the crater, and at the top of the crater, you will be able to see the surrounding area. Overnight in tourist camp. **(B+L+D)**

Day 9: Sep 21, Sun Zuun nuur

Drive to Khuvsgul province via Khangai mountains. Enjoy valleys and mountainous areas. Overnight in tourist camp. (B+L+D)

Day 10: Sep 22, Mon Huvsgul National park via Murun 250 km (5-6hrs)

Drive to the capital of the Huvsgul province, Murun. The flight takes one and a half hours, and on arrival at the airstrip in the Murun a local driver, who will take you to Huvsgul lake National Park, will meet you. Overnight in tourist camp. (B+L+D)

Day 11: Sep 23, Tues Take a boat tour local reindeer photo

Today we take a boat tour and local reindeer photo in the deep taiga forest. You have a chance to ride on the back of the reindeer for taking your memorable picture. Overnight in tourist camp. (B + L + D)

Day 12: Sep 24, Wed Trekking and horseback riding

The days you have opportunity to trek and ride to the lakeside & mountain for exploring, taking pictures, enjoy wildlife, flora & fauna of Huvsgul lake area. Overnight in tourist camp. (B + L + D)

Day 13: Sep 25, Thur Drive to Murun and return Ulaanbaatar (100km 2hrs)

Up early you will be driven back to Murun for your return flight to Ulaanbaatar. (B)

Day 14: Sep 26, Fri Fly back

Transfer to the airport to take the flight back. B

CA902 26SEP ULN-PEK 1150- 1400 HRS

CA 947 26SEP PEK-DEL 2100- 0150 HRS – arrival on 27th Sep

COST PER PERSON: USD 2900 PER PERSON

AIRFARE: INR 60000 PER PERSON CURRENTLY

Services to be included in the price:

- 3 nights overnight in Guide hotel in Ulaanbaatar.
- Domestic flight as per itinerary.
- 11 nights in Tourist camp in countryside.
- Guide/Entrepreneur.
- Car and Driver's Service.
- Horse riding.
- Boat in Lake.
- Camel riding in Gobi.
- Meals as per itinerary.
- All Museum and entry tax.
- Visa charges for Mongolia.
- Service tax as levied by Govt. of India

Services not included in the price:

- Evening tea on any day is not included.
- International airfare.
- Travel insurance. You are recommended to get travel insurance coverage from their local insurance companies before traveling.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, beverages, alcoholic drinks, telephone calls, optional activities, sightseeing or meals which are not included in the tour itinerary.

NOTES ON TRAVEL:

1. The most of the tourist camps have European dishes such by mutton, beef, chicken, vegetable items and fruits. You will be escorted on the tours by local guides who have excellent language skills and great local knowledge. We use comfortable air conditioned Japanese 4x4 vehicles for transport. The hotels in the city centre are 3 star and we use tourist camps in the countryside. These use traditional ger tents for accommodation which are regarded as comfortable; the camps also have separate washing blocks with western style toilets and shower cubicles (no bath), and there are also laundry, eating and shopping facilities available. There is hot water and electricity in the camps. There are restaurants at tourist camps where you can get tea or coffee.
2. Retain any currency exchange certificates and withdrawal receipts.
3. Internet connection charge can range from USD 1-3 an hour
4. Please let your family know that you may be out of touch and not to worry.



5. You need to be fit enough to be able to do a long walk if required. Tiredness on this trip will be more from factors such as change of diet, change of environment, high and low temperatures, distances travelled etc.
6. Please get a general as well as dental check up done before embarking on this journey. This is not a requirement but a strong suggestion.
7. Please let us know in advance if you have any medical condition of any kind. We will be carrying a basic first –aid but you must carry your medicines (if you use any) with prescription.
8. Let us know of any food related or other allergies if any.
9. You must must carry travel insurance including repatriation/ evacuation cover).
10. It would be a good idea to carry some snacks for the journey. Food choice will be extremely limited for vegetarians.
11. You will need to carry your own luggage everywhere. Travel light.
12. Bureaucracy here can be as tiring as India. Maybe even more. You will need to bring a lot of patience.

LIST OF THINGS TO BRING:

Passport	Visa	Insurance	Money	Walking shoes (not new)
Medical kit	Flash light	Regular clothes for daily wear	Fleece	A thick jacket
Woolen socks, gloves, cap	Thermals- at least 1	Windproof jacket	Slip on footwear	Hat/ cap
Sun block	Sunglasses	Toiletries	Toilet paper/ wet wipes	Washing line
Books if you like to read	Note pad to write in	Camera	Small travelling towel	

TO BOOK:

- The booking is confirmed only on receipt of 50% of tour cost.
- 100% of the tour cost to be paid 30 days before date of departure
(The trip will be considered confirm only if there is no default in the above payment procedure.)

If you cancel the trip:

- 20% of tour cost + Air / Rail cancellation charges are non- refundable
- 45 to 31 days before date of departure: 50% of tour cost + Air / Rail cancellation charges
- 30 to 15 days before date of departure: 75% of tour cost + Air / Rail cancellation charges
- 15 to 0 days before date of departure: 100% of tour cost + Air / Rail cancellation charges (Will be considered as no show)

Cancellation by us (Banjara Camps and Retreats P. Ltd.)

- We reserve the right to cancel a trip if the minimum numbers of persons as specified, do not book on that trip.
- We reserve the right to refuse or cancel any booking if we consider it necessary. In such cases, we shall refund all the money that you have paid.
- If cancellation or alteration by us is caused by events including war or threat of war, strikes, civil strife, natural disaster, technical or political difficulties affecting air or ground transport, or events amounting to force majeure, this will naturally limit our liability. If such events occur before the departure date, we will do our best to make alternative arrangements.

MODE OF PAYMENT:

1. **ONLINE TRANSFER** into our **current** accounts in **Axis Bank** or **Standard Chartered Bank**
2. **DIRECT CHEQUE DEPOSIT** into our **current** accounts in **Axis Bank** or **Standard Chartered Bank** at any branch/ ATM in India
3. **DIRECT CASH DEPOSIT**, only into our **current** account in **Standard Chartered Bank**; at any branch in India
4. By **CASH** or **CHEQUE** handed over personally (or by your rep) **AT OUR DELHI OFFICE**
5. **OUTSTATION CHEQUE** payments are acceptable **only if** they are delivered (or we get a scan of the bank deposit slip) at least **4 working days** before the payment due date.
6. **OUTSTATION PAYMENTS** by a **Payable at Delhi** DD sent to our **Delhi Office** by courier/post.

IMP: CHEQUE / DD to be made in favour of "Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd."

AXIS BANK:

- A/c name : Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd.
- A/c no. : **015010200017806**
- Branch address : K-12; Green Park Main; New Delhi – 110016
- Branch Code : UTIB0000015 (for direct cheque deposit)
- IFSC Code : UTIB0000015 (for online transfer)

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK:

- A/c name : Banjara Camps & Retreats Pvt. Ltd.

- A/c no. : 525-0-509-319-3
- Branch address : 10 Sansad Marg; New Delhi – 110 001
- Branch Code : SCBL0036027 (for direct cash/ cheque deposit)
- IFSC Code: : SCBL0036027 (for online transfer)





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