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NAADAM FESTIVAL AND KHARAKHORUM TOUR (10 DAYS)

At first, on half of this tour you will visit Khan Khentii protected wilderness area, the outstanding natural beauty with its cloudless skies and amazing virgin horizons, this fertile land is home to many indigenous species including elk, wild boar, wolf, antelope, musk deer and marmot.

Stay in Princess Camp where you will spend a day riding horse like nomad Mongolia in nearby Khan Khentii Mountains. The area is perfect for those who love nature and explore nomad living style.

The next half of this Mongolia tour include one of the most widely celebrated national holidays Naadam festival. You will have a great opportunity to see Mongolian culture and people including three manly sports Wrestling, Archery, Horse racing competitions.

- Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar
- Day 2: Ulaanbaatar– Terelj National park and Nomads' Lifestyle tour
- Day 3: Horse riding tour to Princess temple ruins in Khan Khentii
- Day 4: Khan Khentii protected area – Ulaanbaatar
- Day 5: Ulaanbaatar – Sand dunes, Camel riding
- Day 6: Kharakhorum, Erdene Zuu monastery
- Day 7: Ulaanbaatar
- Day 8 Naadam festival, opening ceremony
- Day 9 Naadam festival, horse racing
- Day 10 Journey to home


Route	Ulaanbaatar-Terelj-Princess Lodge-Princess temple-Kharkhorum (Gers /Mongolian traditional home place/)
Region	Western Mongolia
Tour Highlights	Horse riding, Visit nomad family, Bonfire, Camel riding, Naadam Festival
Available season	July 4, (event)
Travel type	Culture tour

Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar /04. July/

	<p>Upon arrival you will be welcomed and assisted by our official Mongolian representative. After airport formalities transport to Hotel will be around 30 minutes. The afternoon, we will visit the Museum of Mongolian History (exhibits of Mongolian ethnic lifestyles) / visit Chinggis Square (there is a Great Chinggis Khaan’s Memorial complex) for city orientation. In the evening, diner will be served at the Mongolian famous traditional restaurant, serving authentic taste</p>
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Overnight in 3 stars Hotel **/D/**

Day 2: Drive to Terelj National park and Nomads’ Lifestyle tour /05. July/

	<p>Breakfast at the Hotel, before we leave Ulaanbaatar you can go to nearby bank for money exchange and shopping for your personal concern. Drive to Terelj National Park, on the way we will have short break at Turtle rock. There you have great opportunity to take photos of gorgeous stiff rock. Afternoon, arrive in Princess Lodge having lunch in the GER restaurant. Late afternoon see the river and hike the mountain nearby and spend rest of the day at Princess Lodge having nature wooden Sauna or shower.</p>
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Overnight in Princess Lodge **/B, L, D /**

Day 3: Horse riding tour to Princess temple ruins in Khan Khentii landscape /06. July/

After having nice tasty breakfast served by the Lodge staff, ride horse like a nomadic Mongol to Princess Temple, our local horse guide will assist you all the time. We ride on horseback around 16 km two ways through spectacular valleys and across small rivers surrounded by highly-eroded rock formations of the Khan Khentii Mountains. Lunch break on picnic at a site chosen for its spectacular setting. Visit the ruins of Princess Temple which was built in 1740. Late afternoon, we will arrive in Princess Lodge : you can rest or enjoy several activities including traditional games, bonfire in the evening, Sauna and shower time.

Overnight in Princess Lodge /B, L, D /

Day 4: Khan Khentii strictly protected area – Ulaanbaatar /07. July/

After breakfast we will drive back to Ulaanbaatar.

On the way, you will visit nomadic family. Watch their everyday life and try dairy product. After arrival rest of your day will be guided sightseeing in Ulanbator spent in shopping at most beautiful handcrafts of the country and shop at local brand cashmere factory.

Overnight in 3 stars Hotel /B, L, D /

Day 5: Ulaanbaatar – Elsen Tasarkhai (Sand dunes), Camel riding trip /08. July/

After breakfast at Hotel, we will drive to Kharkhorum city, on the way, break at Elsen Tasarkhai (Sand dunes) also known as Bayan Gobi is a suitable place for breaking between Khogno Khaan mountain and Kharkhorin. Elsen Tasarkhai literally means “an isolated torn-off piece of sand” and it is a small sequence of real desert in the midst of green steppes, continues about 80 km. It feels like in the Gobi Desert, and visitors can hike in the sand dunes. You will ride Camel about two hours. Afternoon drive Kharkhorum (about 1.5 hours).

Overnight at GER tourist camp /B, L, D /

Day 6: Kharkhorum: More explorations of people & place /09. July/



After breakfast at tourist camp, visit Kharkhorum and its ancient ruins, Erdene Zuu. The monastery was built in 1586 and is surrounded by a massive 400m-x 400m wall. Not a single nail was used in the construction of the ornate temples, only a few of which remain standing after the communist purges. Mongolia's ancient capital Kharkhorum, Chinggis Khaan's fabled city, was founded in 1220 in the ORKHON Valley, at the crossroads of "The Silk Road". It was from there that the Mongol Empire was governed, until Kublai Khaan moved to Beijing.

After lunch drive to Orkhon Khar ruin, was the capital state of the Uigar State (9th Century A.D). Visit Orkhon Khar ruin. Archeological studies demonstrate area of the city was allotted for trade and handicraft, and in the center of the city, were palace, monastery and temples. Then drive to Orkhon's black ruin Turkic inscribed monument. Khushuu Tsaidam is a Turkic inscribed monument of the Turkic State (6th to 8th Centuries A.D). The mountain is 3.3 meters high and 1.3 meters wide and the inscription consists of 68 lines.

Overnight in GER tourist camp /B, L, D /

Day 7 Ulaanbaatar /10. July/

After breakfast, we drive and join the highway to Ulaanbaatar City. Arriving at the capital town around midday. Free time in Ulaanbaatar.

Overnight in Hotel /B, L, D /

Day 8: Naadam Festival /11. July/

After Breakfast, participate The Naadam festival opening ceremony and enjoy watching wrestling and archery contests. These manly sport are most popular in Mongolia since ancient times such as wrestling, horse racing and archery. At present it is a national holiday held 11-13th of July each year to commemorate the Mongol People's Revolution. The traditional style of wrestling has its own long-standing ritual. The second element of the Three Manly Sports is horse racing. The third element of the national competitions is archery, which has been perfected over centuries. Full day in Ulaanbaatar exploration & enjoy Naadam Festival.



Overnight in Hotel /B, L, D /

Day 09: Naadam Festival /12. July/



Next day, after breakfast drive to the horse race course about 36 km and see the Daaga (2-year-old horse) race of 10km and the Soyolon (5-year-old horse) race of 25km. In the evening we'll have exciting performance in Tumen Ekh Chuulga to see traditional folklore showing dance, song, Buddhist ritual mask dance and so on.

Overnight in Hotel /B, L, D /

Day 10: Ulaanbaatar – DEPART /13. July/B/

Breakfasts at the hotel. Transport to the airport for your departure flight to home.

Date and price

The price per person from 150-250\$ each day. It depends on the price of hotel and food.

Tour Price include:

- 5 overnights in 3 stars Hotel + lodge
- 5 overnights in tourist camp
- English speaking guide
- All meals are provided: stated as Bold letters below the daily program
- Ground transportation, four wheel drive
- Horse riding
- Camel riding
- Park entrance fees
- Pure water supply (1liter per day)
- As following destinations stated in itinerary
- Naadam festival ticket
- Traditional concert

Tour Price exclude:

- Travel insurance
- Visa application fees
- Bank transfer fee
- Beverages, snacks
- Personal expenses including, telephone call, internet, laundry
- Additional services
- Flight Gve-Ulan

Tour map



1	Ulaanbaatar City
2	Princess Lodge, Khan Khentii protected area
3	Princess Temple
4	Sand Dunes
5	Kharkhorum

Additional information

Accommodation:

We choose the best partners in order to attain best outcome. Every year we personally check our partner hotels and tourist camps to ensure they are maintaining the standard of service. Depending on your preference we offer various 3 to 5 star hotels and guest houses. Tourist camps are all equipped with shower and toilet, 2 to 4 PAX per Ger and restaurants.

Meals:

While your stay in Ulaanbaatar there are plenty of choices among Mongolian traditional, European, Indian and Asian cuisine restaurants. During your travel along the country side tourist camps will serve with standard breakfast and meals of beef, rice and vegetables. If you are vegetarian or require Halal food we also able to organize your special need of food in Mongolia.

Transport:

Our vehicles are prepared to travel on Mongolian road. We use variety of air-conditioned, four wheel drive vehicles and bus. The average mileage you will drive per day in Mongolian tour is 180 to 220 kilometers. Our vehicles include land cruiser, Delica 2, Russian Van, Bus.



Culture trip in MONGOLIA



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Guide:

We arrange English, French, Russian and German speaking Mongolian guide on your Mongolian trip. Depending on the tour our special experienced guide will serve you a meal while stay in tent. Our guides always there to help you and work passionately with full of knowledge about the country and make your Mongolian travel one of your most favorite exploration around earth.

Packing List:

We highly recommend you to read following article about what you should prepare before your Mongolian holidays.

Flight Company: on your own cost:

Jet lag – 6 hours, via Moscow, 11 hours flight

