



Mongolia Traveler

June 15-28, July 16-29, Aug 1-14, Aug 9-22,
August 13-26, Sept 18-Oct 1



Day 1: Arrive in Ulaan Baatar (UB), the capital of Mongolia. Your guide and driver will meet you at the airport. UB is where modern constructions stand beside traditional dwellings and ancient monasteries. Conveniently located downtown, your hotel is within walking distance of Sukhbaatar Square, museums, and shops. Enjoy a short city orientation tour before dinner. Overnight in hotel.



Day 2: In the morning, catch your flight for the Gobi, this arid semi-desert land with sparse vegetation, where gazelles roam, and eagles soar the skies. Drive south towards the Yolyn Am canyon. Famed for its rich bird habitat, originally established as a bird preserve. Explore the area on foot. Overnight in gers.



Day 3: Continue your Gobi exploration with Bayan Zag and Khongoryn Els sand dunes. Visit Bayan Zag, renowned as “The Flaming Cliffs” by American explorers for its dramatic shapes and colors (especially at sunset). The first dinosaur eggs were discovered at this site by an American expedition from the Museum of Natural History headed by Roy Chapman Andrews in 1922. Packed lunch at the site. Drive towards Khongoryn Els. Stretched along the narrow rift valley of the Gobi Altai Mountain range, the 200km of Khongoryn Els dunes offer spectacular views of the desert land within these rocky mountains. Overnight in gers.



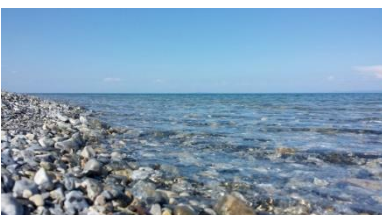
Day 4: Enjoy the day in and around Khongoryn Els. Optional camel riding. Overnight in gers.



Day 5: Head north to reach Ongiin Khiid. Lunch en-route. In the early evening, arrive at the ruins of the Ongi monastery hidden in the mountains along the Ongi River. The dramatic ruins are a perfect place to stop for an overnight rest. Overnight in gers.



Day 6: Drive to Kharhorin, the ancient capital of the Mongolian Empire, located 400km southwest of UB. Explore the restored Erdenzuu Monastery originally built in 1586. Stop for a packed lunch near Elsen Tasarhai sand dunes. Overnight in a ger camp.



Day 7: Drive further northwest to reach Tsenkher hot springs. Situated in a mountain meadow, this resort offers great opportunities for nature lovers to hike and horse ride. Take a hot soak and relax after a day of activities. Overnight in gers.

Day 8: Head northwest towards Khorgo a dormant volcano and Terkhiin Tsagaan Lake. As you hike up the volcano, the dramatic scenery of the beautiful alpine lake to the west and volcanic lava flows to the east will open in front of you. Explore the area on foot. Stay overnight at the beautiful spot on the shore of the lake.

Day 9: Drive to Jargalant hot springs, a perfect stop over for travelers heading north to Khovsgol Lake. Enjoy the hot spa. Overnight in gers.

Day 10: Drive to Khatgal, the gateway to the Khovsgol National Park and the southernmost settlement on the shore of the Khovsgol Lake. Overnight in gers.

Day 11: Enjoy the view of the beautiful lake Khovsgol, a crystal-clear water lake that stretches over 100 miles. Explore the area on foot. A short optional kayak outing is available. Overnight in gers.

Day 12: Catch your flight back to UB. In the evening, watch “Tumen Ekh” folk theater perform throat singing, traditional dance, contortion and more. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13: Full-day guided sightseeing in UB. Visit the Museum of National History to acquaint yourself more with Mongolian history, traditional culture, and arts. Then shop at the State Department Store and cashmere store. In the evening, see the “Tumen Ekh” ensemble perform throat singing, traditional dances, and more. Farewell dinner. Overnight in hotel.

Day 14: Transfer to the airport for your international departure.