

# Terelj National Park - Central Mongolia - Naadam festival - 8 days tour

This 7 days trip will take you to central Mongolia's beautiful Terelj National Park, spectacular forested mountains, a hot spring, flower-covered valleys, famous cultural and historical sights, beautiful protected areas with abundant wildlife, Sand Dunes and Hustai National Park. Statute of Chinggis Khaan that is the largest in of its type in the world. You will have opportunities to visit a local nomadic family, experience staying in the traditional Mongolian dwelling, the Ger, ride horse and camel, walk and relax in colorful natural beauty, experience Mongolia's cultural heritages, enjoy visiting historical museums and temples and watch the traditional Naadam festival. These adventures and more are included in this tour. We are dedicated to providing you with the most joyful and wonderful adventure.

### Day – 1 (4th of July). Chingis Khaan statue & Terelj NP.

Today we will visit to the Zaisan Hill. After that we will drive to the Chinggis Khaan Statue

complex. Chinggis Khaan Statue complex is located in "Tsonjin Boldog", a historical place where Chinggis Khaan found his golden whip. The statue was created as a memorial to the Man of the Millennium "Chinggis Khaan". The 40 meter high stainless steel statue of Chinggis Khaan on the horseback is the largest of its kind in the world. Visitors can climb to the top of the horse's head and have a farseeing and panoramic view over the complex area.

Continue driving to the Terelj National Park. Terelj National Park is a picturesque place of high granite cliffs that were eroded by natural forces creating a wonderful landscape of granite tors as if sculpted by some giant sculptor. Most visited places in the park are Turtle Rock formation and Aryabal Meditation Temple. You will visit to the Aryabal meditating temple by horse and walking in the serene nature. (Ger camp/L, D)





### Day – 2 (5<sup>th</sup> of July). Elsen Tasarkhai "Sand Dunes".

After breakfast we will drive west to beautiful Elsen Tasarkhai Sand Dunes. The Elsen Tasarkhai Sand Dunes is one of the most picturesque places of Mongolia and is part of the 80 km long Mongol Els Sand Dunes. This place is a wonderful combination of pretty sand dunes, majestic granite mountains, grassy green land, a clear fresh spring and a tiny lake. Indeed, here you can enjoy seeing the combination of Gobi and Khangai Natural Zones. We will visit local nomadic family, do camel riding to the sand dunes and enjoy walking and climbing on the sand dunes. (Ger camp/B, L, D)

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#### Day – 3 and 4 (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of July). Ulaan Tsutgalan "Water fall" & Orkhon valley.

We will continue driving to the Ulaan Tsutgalan "Water fall" which is located in Orkhon Valley. Ulaan Tsutgalan "Water fall" is on Ulaan River which flows through basalt rocks formed by a unique combination of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes around 20000 years ago. Ulaan Tsutgalan Waterfall cascades from a height of 20 meters and is naturally most impressive. You can do walking in the beautiful green valley and serene nature. (Ger camp/ B.L.D)





Day – 5 (8th og July). Tsenkher "Hot Spring".

Today we will visit to the Tsenkher Hot Spring. Tsenkher Hot Spring water contains a blend of the most useful minerals for the human body. Mongolians say its water is a pleasant treatment for stress, nervous disorders and rheumatism. Then having hot mineral water bath and enjoy walking to the beginning of the mineral spring. (Ger camp/ B.L.D)





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### Day – 6 (9th of July). Karakorum "Ancient Capital of the Great Mongolian Empire of the Genghis Khan" & Erdenezuu monastery.

Today we will drive to the Ulaan Tsutgalan "Water fall". On the way we will visit Karakorum "Ancient Capital of the Great Mongolian Empire of the Genghis Khan". Karakorum (Kharkhorin) was the capital of Great Mongolian Empire of Chinggis Khan in the 13-14th Centuries. Visit one of Mongolia's two largest monasteries, "Erdenezuu", Museum of Karakorum and surrounding sites of Karakorum: the Great Khan's monument, the legendary Turtle of Karakorum and the Phallic Rock statue. Erdenezuu Monastery has a complex of 108 stupas and over 10 temples that contain rich displays of Mongolian Buddhism. The Erdenezuu Monastery and ruins of Karakorum were registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1996. Continue driving to the



Khustai National Park. Stay overnight near to the Khustai National park. (Ger camp/B, L, D)

### Day – 7(10<sup>th</sup> of July). Khustai National Park - Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast we will visit to the Khustai NP. Khustai National Park is located in Altanbulag Sum, Tuv Province. Khustai has 506 square km area and was established in 1993. The park protects the wild horse "Takhi", also known as Przewalski's wild horse in the world, and a bio-diversity of other rare wild animals and plants. The quantity of various ecosystems within the park assures an abundance of wildlife. We will visit a small museum of the Takhi and learn about the park and wild horse Takhi. Watch a short documentary film about Khustai National Park, Przewalski's wild horse and Takhi re-introduction project. On the way to Ulaanbaatar, we will visit to Khui doloon khudag and watch horse racing of Naadam festival. (B, L)





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## Day – 8(11<sup>th</sup> of July). Naadam Festival

After your breakfast we will walk to the Stadium for Opening ceremony of Naadam festival and watch wrestling, archery and ankle bone shooting. Naadam festival is a traditional festival in Mongolia. The festival is also locally termed "the three games of men". The games are Mongolian wrestling, horse racing, and archery, and are held throughout the country during midsummer. ( L )



#### **Included in the price:**

- *Airport transfers*
- English speaking tour guide
- *Meals during trip (B, L, D)*
- Experienced driver + car + fuel
- Accommodation during the trip
- Entrance fees to the museums & National Parks
- Hot SPA
- Horse and camel riding /optional/
- Ticket for opening ceremony of Naadam festival
- Drinking water during the trip

#### **Excluded in the price:**

- Alcoholic drinks
- Snacks
- Personal expenses
- Extra and optional activities' cost
- Camera fee for museum & monastery
- Travel insurance
- *International airfare*
- *Tips for your guide and driver (discretionary)*
- Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar

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