

# GOBI DESERT COMFORT

An adventure is waiting for you in this Mongolian Gobi discovery tour. This magnificent trip starts on wild horses to venture to the Orkhon Valley, where the traditional nomadic life is experienced for a few days before traveling deeper towards the Gobi desert. Once in the famous desert, wildlife and nomadic lifestyle are waiting to be discovered. Start your dream trip here!

It is :

Rocky formations sculpted by erosion,  
plains scattered with wildflowers and edelweisses,  
great steppe, valley  
sand dunes

larch forest  
rivers and mountains  
Gobi desert

## Ulaanbaatar

### **DAY: 1** Arrive in Ulaanbaatar

You will land in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. At the airport, you will meet with your translator who will take you to the city center, and on the way there you will be shown where to change currency if you wish to. If your flight arrives early, you will be taken on a city tour on this day. Your luggage will be dropped off at your hotel before you enjoy the city tour.

During the city tour, you will see the central square of Ulaanbaatar city; the Chinggis Khaan square. Then you will visit the Mongolian national historical museum and the Gandantegchinlen Monastery, the center of Mongolian Buddhism. Then you will be taken to do some shopping if desired before being dropped at your hotel and then see you tomorrow!

## *Ulaanbaatar - Hustai National Park 100km -2h*

**DAY: 2** On this morning you will drive to the countryside. On the way, there will be a stop at a big supermarket to buy whatever you might need. After that, you and your team will drive to Hustai National Park to watch the wild horses, which will be the first driving on the Mongolian steppe. Here the wild horses are named Przewalski's horses. We will reach around lunchtime and have lunch here. You will spend the night at the tourist camp and sleep in the Mongolian Ger.

- Breakfast - Hotel
- Lunch - Tourist camp
- Dinner - Tourist camp
- Accommodation – Ger

*Hustai National Park to Old capital Kharakhorum 280km*

**DAY: 3** Today your team will drive with you to the Mongolian old capital city, Kharakorum. On the way, you will stop at the Mongol Elsen tasarhai sand dunes which are called the Mini Gobi. There will be a stop here to take a break, and you can take a photo with the camels! Once in Kharakhorum, you will see the local museum and one of the oldest Mongolian oldest monasteries Erdenezuu which is a Buddhist monastery. After the museum, you will drive to the tourist camp where we stay.

- Breakfast - tourist camp
- Lunch - local restaurant
- Dinner - tourist camp
- accommodation – Ger

*Kharakhorum to Orkhon Valley Nomad Family 80km*

**DAY: 4** We will drive to the Orkhon Valley, as there will be two places to visit in Orkhon Valley, first, you will visit the Tuvkhun monastery, which is one of the oldest monasteries in Mongolia, the second one is Orkhon waterfall we will visit tomorrow. The monastery is located at the rocky top of a mountain surrounded by a larch forest. Here you will hike to the top of a mountain to see this monastery. Hiking will be around 3 km on one side of the mountain and around 7 km on both sides, heading into the forest. After that, we will drive to a nomad family in Orkhon Valley. Before we drive to the nomad family, we will have our lunch next to the car. Lunch will be ready when we come back from the top. In Orkhon Valley, you will stay with the nomad family for two nights. We will visit there before dinner. If you have free time you can play with the nomad kids or try to milk yaks.

- Breakfast - Tourist camp
- Lunch - By your team
- Dinner - Nomad family
- Accommodation- Ger

*Nomad to Orkhon Waterfall 12km*

**DAY: 5** Today we will go to the Orkhon waterfall and you will have some choices to get there; horse riding, going by car, and hiking. If you are a confident rider you can ride a horse

from the nomad family and if you can't ride we can hike to the waterfall or go by a car is a nice alternative as It is not so far from the nomad family. After the waterfall, you can have your lunch next to the canyon. When you come back to the nomad family you can play with the kids or take a rest in your GER, if you want, you can help the family with their tasks; herding the animals, preparing the wood for the fire, and bringing some water from the river, try milking yaks, etc.

- Breakfast-by your team
- Lunch - nomad family
- Dinner - nomad family
- Accommodation- Ger
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### *Orkhon Valley to Ongi Monastery 350km*

**DAY: 6** Drive to the beginning of the Mongolian Gobi Desert and we have a long road to get there. In Arvaikheer city we can have lunch at a local restaurant and visit the local container market before carrying on with the journey. Our next point is the Ongi monastery, located at the beginning of the Gobi Desert. This is a lovely place created in the 17th century which sadly today consists of destroyed ruins, but it is still a very nice place to visit. Close to this monastery, we will stay at a tourist camp at the bank of the Ongi River which is a very peaceful area, perfect for a rest in nature

- Breakfast-by your team
- Lunch - restaurant in Arvaikheer
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation - Ger

### *Ongi Monastery to Bayanzag 160km*

**DAY: 7** Drive to the Bayanzag flaming cliffs. Red flaming cliffs' which is where bones and dinosaur eggs have been found. It is one of the most beautiful places in the Mongolian Gobi desert. The highlight of this area is the sunset watched from its cliffs; the colors and light are a breathtaking sight not to be missed! You will stay the night at a tourist camp. On the way, we will stop for lunch between hills in the steppe. Most of the time we will drive on the huge steppe. You will probably see a long and endless mirage which usually seems like a lake or mirror is very nice to see. Stay at a tourist camp

- Breakfast - tourist camp
- Lunch - lunch in the box
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation- Ger

### *Flaming Cliffs to Hongoryin Els 150km*

**DAY: 8** Drive to the Hongoriin els which are Mongolian longest Sand dunes. These are 180 km long 5-15 km wide and 300 meters high sand dunes! Here, we will stay for two nights at a tourist camp. From the tourist camp, we will ride a camel to the sand mountains, and you can take very nice photos from the top of the sandhills!

- Breakfast-tourist camp
- Lunch - lunch in the box
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation- Ger

### *Climb to Sand dunes 15km*

**DAY: 9** This day you will climb the Hongoryinels sand dunes, right to the top of the sand mountains. Also, you will ride a camel around the sand dunes, it will be a true experience!. There is a river next to the sand dunes which will be the perfect place to stop for a break and have lunch. We call this place Seruun bulag, it has super cold water in the summertime, especially in the desert. This is sure to be the highlight. After the climb and camel riding, we will go back to the tourist camp.

- Breakfast-tourist camp
- Lunch - lunch in the box
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation- Ger

### *Hongoryin Els to Yol valley 170km*

**DAY: 10** This day we will leave Hongoryin Els sand dunes and will drive to Yol and the Dungeenee canyons. There will be a stop at the canyons to explore on foot it is a lovely place to walk, and you will even have lunch between the big canyons! After lunch, your team will drive to the Yol canyon. In the Yol canyon, you will hike deep into the Canyon. It will take around 2 hours which is 2.5 km for one side. You will see Yol birds (Yol birds are bearded vultures) flying in the canyon. Around Dungeenee and Yol canyon, you will see the Mongolian ibex and the wild mountain sheep Argali. We will stay at a tourist camp.

- Breakfast-tourist camp

- Lunch - lunch in the box
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation - tourist camp

*Yol Valley to Tsagaan Suvarga 215km*

**DAY: 11** Drive to Tsagaan Suvarga, it is one of the emptiest areas in Mongolia. Between rock desert and semi-arid steppes, we reach the white stupa, Tsagaan Suvarga. White Stupa is an honored name by the Mongolians. We will stay at a tourist camp here.

Tsagaan Suvarga ( White Stupa ) The scarp of Tsagaan Suvarga is located in Ulziit soum of Dundgovi province. It is interesting to see the sheer slope, facing east, which from a distance seems to be the ruins of the ancient city. The cliffs are 30-35 meters high and 80-100 meters wide. Over thousands of years, the wind and rain have created this amazing structure. It is a sheer slope and was an old seabed with a sedimentary structure created by millions of years and the different colors of the ground represent different times. The formation is over 50m at its highest point and continues at 400m.

- Breakfast-tourist camp
- Lunch - Lunch in the box
- Dinner - tourist camp
- Accommodation - yurt at tourist camp

*Tsagaan Suvarga to Baga Gazriin Chuluu 280km*

**DAY: 12** This is our last day in the Mongolian Gobi desert and, after breakfast, we will start our driving to the last destination of this trip. Our last camping point is the rocky formations of Baga Gazriin Chuluu. We'll observe stunning granite rock formations eroded by the violent elements of this area. In the 19th century, two respected monks lived here, and we still can see their inscriptions on the rock, most travelers are still coming to this place. Very interesting place in regards to its rocky structure. It is in the heart of the steppe and is located at the end of the Gobi desert. Located in Delgertsogt soum of Dundgovi province. /soum is administration unit/ Also, we will visit the ruins of an old monastery from the 17th century. we will stay at a tourist camp.

- Breakfast - tourist camp
- Lunch - local restaurant on the way
- Dinner -tourist camp
- Accommodation-Ger

### *Baga Gazriin Chuluu to Ulaanbaatar 280km*

**DAY: 13** The last day of this trip. We will drive back to Ulaanbaatar and start our driving at the same time as on previous days. The last herds of horses will be crossing the road before our dumbfounded eyes, the last yurts smoking far away, and the steppe will be with us until the last moment... We will stop for lunch somewhere. When we arrive back in Ulaanbaatar we can go shopping at the state department store, the cashmere factory store, the souvenir shop, etc...

At 6 pm we will watch a Mongolian traditional show at Tumen Ekh Ensemble: folkloric dance, contortion, and khoomii, the overtone singing. After the show, you and your team will go to the hotel where you can say Thank you and Goodbye to your team!

- Breakfast - tourist camp
  - Lunch - lunch in the box
  - Dinner -your own choice
  - Accommodation-Hotel
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### *Departure*

**DAY: 14** This day is your last day in Mongolia. Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport. Also, the transfer can be organized at the time you want, according to the schedule of your flight. Thank you for you traveled with us, we hope you have a good journey back, and see you soon!