

GEOTOURS MONGOLIA

JULY 1 - 13, 2024



GOBI DESERT



NAADAM FESTIVAL



LAKE KHUVSGUL

Mongolia is a country full of beautiful nature and fascinating culture. This tour will visit Mongolia's highlights and will attend the annual Naadam festival. Although Mongolia is a large country in area, the tour has 4 domestic flights to reduce the hours of road travel.

- Ulaanbaatar - capital city; excellent museums; music and dance performance
- Lake Khuvsgul – beautiful lake in the forest, with opportunities to hike, boat, and see reindeer
- Naadam Festival - with traditional wrestling, archery, costumes, singing, dancing
- Gobi Desert - sand dunes, camel riding
- Yolyn Am – canyon hike, with ice even in summer
- Flaming Cliffs - site of dinosaur fossil discoveries
- Terelj Nat'l Park - overnight in gers (nomadic tents)
- 4 domestic flights included

The group size will be around 10-16 persons.

TOUR COST = \$2990

includes 4 domestic flights in Mongolia, lodging in a double/twin room, breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, private transport, English-speaking guide, Matt and/or Suzan Ebner as group leaders, and activities. Single room costs +\$500.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare from the USA (about \$2200 round-trip from LAX to Ulaanbaatar), meals not listed above, drinks, tips to drivers and guides, shopping. Participants can spend additional time traveling on their own before or after the tour.

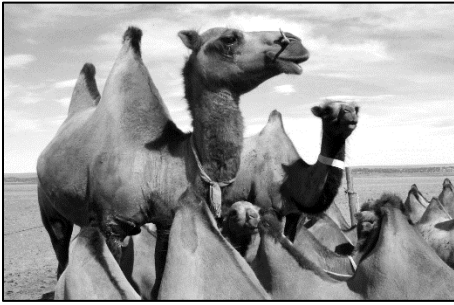
REGISTRATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE – online at WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/MONGOLIA2024

- Payments can be made by:
 - Venmo or Zelle to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone).
 - Check to GeoTours LLC, 1547 E. Puente St., Covina CA 91724
- 1st payment of \$400 is due within 7 days of registration.
- 2nd payment of \$500 is due November 30, 2023.
- 3rd payment of \$800 is due February 29, 2024.
- Final payment is due April 30, 2024.
- Payments made after May 15, 2024 will have a \$100 late fee.



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Monday 7/1/24 - Depart USA

Tuesday - 7/2/24 - Arrive Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. Free time to explore on your own. Stay in Ulaanbaatar for 2 nights at a 4-star hotel.



TUMEN EKH

Wednesday - 7/3/24 - Ulaanbaatar

Enjoy a city tour of Ulaanbaatar with professional guide and private transport: Gandan Buddhist Monastery, Winter Palace of the last Mongol king, National History Museum, Genghis Khan Square, and Zaisan hill for a panoramic view of the city. In the evening attend Tumen Ekh National Song & Dance Ensemble, a Mongolian cultural show with 15 different performances of traditional songs, dancing, and contortionists. Night #2 in Ulaanbaatar, with breakfast included.



ULAANBAATAR



BUDDHIST MONKS

Thursday - 7/4/24 - Ulaanbaatar – Gobi Desert

One-hour flight to the Gobi Desert, then drive 2-3 hours to the Flaming Cliffs, a world-renowned archaeological site for the vast amount of dinosaur bones and eggs found here. Made of red sandstone, these cliffs and canyons are especially beautiful in the later afternoon. Visit a local family. Overnight in a ger (yurt) camp, with all meals included. Gers are comfortable with beds and a separate building for hot showers and sit-down (western) toilets.



GER CAMP

Friday - 7/5/24 - Gobi Desert

Drive to Khongor Sand Dunes, the most magnificent dunes of the Gobi. They are "singing dunes", humming when the sand is moved by the wind or by footsteps. Climb the dunes if you are energetic and take an optional camel ride. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.



IBEX

Saturday - 7/6/24 - Gobi Desert

Drive to Yolyn Am, a narrow canyon where the shade keeps some places covered by ice year-round. Hike between tall cliffs, with a chance to see wild ibex. Visit a nature museum. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.

Sunday - 7/7/24 - Gobi Desert- Terelj National Park

Morning flight from the Gobi Desert to Ulaanbaatar. Drive about one hour to Terelj National Park, located at 5000' with beautiful alpine scenery. Optional activities include walking, hiking, and horseback riding. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.



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TERELJ NAT'L PARK

Monday - 7/8/24 - Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar

Morning free for more walking/hiking in Terelj. Visit giant Genghis Khan Statue en route to Ulaanbaatar. One night in Ulaanbaatar in a hotel.

Tuesday - 7/9/24 - Ulaanbaatar – Lake Khuvsgul

Morning flight from Ulaanbaatar to Murun in northern Mongolia. Visit beautiful Lake Khuvsgul, the second largest freshwater lake in Asia. This lake holds about 70% of Mongolia's fresh water, and is a smaller version of Lake Baikal of Siberia, a short distance to the north. The lake is surrounded by mountains, thick taiga forest, and lush meadows filled with summer wildflowers. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.

Wednesday - 7/10/24 - Lake Khuvsgul

Explore the lake by boating and hiking. Possibly see yaks and visit nomadic reindeer herders. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.

Thursday - 7/11/24 - Naadam Festival

Enjoy Naadam, Mongolia's famous annual festival, coinciding with Mongolian Independence Day. There are colorfully dressed singers and dancers, archery, wrestling, and cross-country horse racing. These festivities are celebrated throughout Mongolia; we will attend Naadam at one of the towns near Lake Khuvsgul. Ger camp, with all meals included.

Friday - 7/12/24 - Murun – Ulaanbaatar

Flight from Murun to Ulaanbaatar. Free time in Ulaanbaatar to shop, explore, or relax. One night in Ulaanbaatar.

Saturday - 7/13/24 - Depart Mongolia

Depart Ulaanbaatar or continue traveling on your own. Probably arrive home in the USA on the same day.



REINDEER



TAIGA FOREST



GOBI GRASSLAND



YAKS



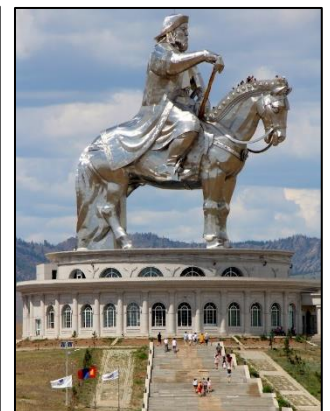
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TRIP COST

- \$2990 – MONGOLIA land cost
 - Price based on sharing a room; single supplement is +\$500 but a single ger (yurt) is not available at all ger camps.
 - Includes 11 nights lodging in a double or twin-shared room, private transport, Matt and/or Suzan Ebner as group leaders, English-speaking guide, breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, many activities.
- Not included in trip cost: international airline tix, tips to drivers and guides, meals not listed, drinks, shopping, optional activities.
- GeoTours Alumni discount - \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trips you have done up to \$100 maximum alumni discount.
- Early Registration Discount
 - \$75 discount if registering with your \$400 deposit by 5/31/23.



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TOUR DATES & FLIGHTS

- Depart USA to UBN (Ulaanbaatar) on 7/1/24 (or 6/30/24). Return from UBN on 7/13/24.
 - LAX-UBN-LAX costs ~\$2200 with 2 or 3 segments on Korean, Asiana, Eva, and/or MIAT.
- GeoTours will provide information on recommended flights. Participants can travel on their own before or after the GeoTours trip, which will affect the dates and price of airline tickets.

TRANSPORTATION, PACE, WEATHER

- 4 Domestic flights & private ground transportation: private tour bus in Ulaanbaatar and private minibuses elsewhere.
- This trip has a moderate pace and participants should be able to walk up to 4 miles a day.
- July weather in Mongolia varies from 50F in the north to 80F in the south. It doesn't rain much in Mongolia, but there are sometimes brief thunderstorms.

CANCELLATION POLICY

To cancel your participation, you must inform GeoTours in writing or by email. Cancellation date is the date when GeoTours receives your written notice. *Cancellation penalty is the amount shown below PLUS any non-recoverable expenses already paid on behalf of the passenger, such as nonrefundable tickets or hotel rooms.

<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Cancellation Penalty</u>
On or before June 30, 2023	\$100*
July 1 – September 30, 2023	\$200*
October 1 – November 30, 2023	\$300*
Dec 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024	\$400*
February 1 – March 1, 2024	\$600*
After April 1, 2024	No Refund



TRAVEL INSURANCE

- International travel always has inherent risks for injury, sickness, or loss, so Travel Insurance is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
- Compare different travel insurance policies at squaremouth.com.
 - Trip participants should get Travel Insurance with Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Medical Evacuation, Medical, and Lost/Stolen Baggage.
 - Cancellation coverage means that travel insurance will reimburse nonrefundable trip costs if you cancel for a covered reason. Cancellation coverage only works if you purchase the insurance BEFORE a sickness or injury forces you to cancel, and an insurance claim requires a physician's written advice that you should cancel your trip due to your illness or injury.
 - **Trawick Safe Travels First Class** (found on www.squaremouth.com/) costs \$285 for a 60-year-old, \$5000 trip cost (airfare + GeoTours price), destination Mongolia, July 1-13, 2024. The cost depends on age and costs more for older travelers.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Trip participants must agree to the Terms and Conditions below.

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity, and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage, delay, or cancellation due to equipment problems, quarantine, pandemic, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission, and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa, and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.