7-day Mongolia Tour from Grasslands to Karakorum-2021

Key Information: Trip Length: 7 days/6 nights. Trip Type: Easy. Tour Code: SMT-7D Specialty Categories: Cultural Journey, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife, and Sports. Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Your international flight or train to Mongolia is on your own arrangement. Minimum Group Size: 2-9 adults or more participants. Valid Season-2021: May-September (*excepted from July 09-July 14-Hot Seasonal).

2021 Land Tour Costs per person in \$ US

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS	Hotel Premium Palace 4* Habitación Doble ESTANDAR	Hotel Novotel Ulaanbaatar 4*/ Hotel Holiday Inn 5* Habitación Doble ESTANDAR	Hotel Blue Sky & Tower 5* Hab. Doble DELUXE
<mark>2</mark> pax	\$ US 2,316	\$ US 2,390	\$ US 2,466
<mark>3</mark> pax	2,244	2,316	2,390-
<mark>4-9</mark> pax	2,167	2,244	2,316
<mark>+10</mark> pax	2,091	2,167	2,244
Individual Supplement in UB City	154	186	260
Extra Night in UB City	154	194	260

Early Check-in/Late Check-out (07:00AM-02:00PM): \$ US 84 Early Check-in/Late Check-out (02:00PM-07:00AM): \$ US 186 IS

PAYMENT CONDITION: These require an immediately booking form and deposit by wire bank transfer of \$ US 800 per person. Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt. Your confirmed hotel during in Ulaanbaatar, the specified services, the letter-visa support (if necessary) are guaranteed, once Samar Magic Tours has received the deposit 800 USD person.

The Balance of the tour costs: is due before 90 working days. Your Mongolia Tour price is guaranteed, once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment. All tour prices are in USD and are based on tariff and rates of currency exchange in effect at the time of printing. No further reminder will be sent and, if payment is not received by the due date, I reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and charge a cancellation fee, the amount of which will not exceed the total cost of the holiday. You are therefore strongly recommended to take out travel insurance at an early stage to cover you in event of cancellation. All itineraries are as written, but reserve the right to alter these due to any unforeseen circumstances, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

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Tour Highlights: This unforgettable Mongolia journey designed especially for groups, families, private, and funny travel. Meeting nomadic people, staying in a traditional tent, seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. Visit the 40 meter (~133, 3 feet) Statue of Genghis or Chinggis Khaan, visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. The attached museum has exhibitions relating to the Bronze Age and Xiongnu archaeological cultures in Mongolia, which show everyday utensils, belt buckles, knives, sacred animals, etc. and a second exhibition on the Great Khan period in the 13 and 14th centuries which has ancient tools, goldsmith subjects and some Nestorian crosses and rosaries. Terelj National Park-is one of the most popular national parks in Mongolia. Terelj features stunning granite mountains and flowery endless grassy green meadows. This picturesque National Park is a part of Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area. It is a great place for hiking, trekking, even you can rock climb here at its natural steep granite walls. Drive towards west to see the Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show (will take place from 10:00AM-12:00M). It demonstrates traditional living way of real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Next, drive towards west to visit & explore Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park (hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the buffer zone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 120kms/62 miles west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The flagship species for the Hustain Nuruu Nature Reserve is the reintroduced Przewalski or takhi horse. Karakorum-is located about 420kms west from the capital Ulaanbaatar in Ovorkhangai province. This is the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley-is located along the Orkhon River in Ovorkhangai and Arkhangai Provinces, was the center of the Mongol Empire, the center of the Uighur Empire, and the birthplace of Mongolian Buddhism. Visitors, such as Marco Polo, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sg. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. Free time in your own in Orkhon Valley. Today, the cultural heritage of the Okhon river valley constitutes a UNESCO World Heritage. Currently the park is home to a hundred fifty specimens. Elsen Tasarkhai (also know as Bayangobi desert)-is a part of the 80kms/50miles long Mongol Els Sand Dunes and is located on about 280kms west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The nature in this area is really spectacular and great for relaxing. During the trip, you will also have opportunities to visit a local nomadic family, 1 hour is included to ride two-humped Bactrian camel. Walk on sand dunes, experience staying in a traditional Mongolian dwelling ger, and walk and relax in beautifully serene nature. Enjoy the sunset. We would be pleased to have you join us!

BRIEF ITINERARY:

Day 1-Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, meet Samar Magic Tours team. (L)

Day 2-Ulaanbaatar-Terelj National Park. (B)(L)(D)

Day 3-Terelj National Park-Great Statue of Genghis Khan-Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)

Day 4-Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show-Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park. (B)(L)(D)

Day 5-Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park-Karakorum. (B)(L)(D)

Day 6-Bayangobi desert-Camel riding-Khogno Khan Nature Reserve-Uvgun Temple-Ulaanbaatar. (B)(L)(D)

Day 7-Departure Mongolia or Post tour. (B)

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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1-Upon your arrival in UB city and after custom formalities and baggage claim, you will be met by **Samar Magic Tours team** and taken to the centrally located hotel in Ulaanbaatar (by hotels policy the check-in time is after **02:00PM/14:00)**. Welcome lunch in traditional Mongolian Barbecue local restaurant. Ulaanbaatar City tour: visit the National History Museum-where you will see artefacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present and the Sukh Baatar square-this is the main square in the heart of Ulaanbaatar. Here you will see a large statue of the Genghis Khan-inaugurated in 2006 on the occasion of 800th Anniversary of the Great Mongolian Empire of Genghis Khan (1206-2006), the Sukh Baatar Hero along with The Parliament House, Stock Exchange, the Drama Theatre and the Palace of Culture. **06:00 P.M.-Mongolian National Performers** (concert which includes the Tsam dance, traditional Mongolian singers, dancers, Tuvan throat singing and contortionists). **07:30 P.M.-**Transfer to hotel. Dinner is not included. Overnight at Premium hotel, 4 stars or at Holiday Inn hotel, 5 stars or at Blue Sky Hotel, 5 stars. **(L)**

Day 2-Breakfast. 09:00AM-Meet Samar Magic Tours team at reception of the hotel. Visit the Gandantegchinlen Monastery is a Tibetan-style Buddhist monastery that has been restored and revitalized since 1990. The Tibetan name translates to the "Great Place of Complete Joy". It currently has over 150 monks in residence. It features a 26.5-meter-high statue of <u>Avalokitesvara</u>. It came under state protection in 1994. Here you will have the opportunity fto attend a Buddhist ceremony. Afterward, we visit a small dinosaur's fossils museum. Lunch is included in local restaurant. Drive north further to reach Terelj National Park. Seeing grasslands and beautiful vistas. The valley is about 20kms/12miles long at 1600m. This picturesque National Park is a part of Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area. It is a great place for hiking, trekking, even you can rock climb here at its natural steep granite walls. Explore the Turtle shaped original giant rock - symbol of Terelj National Park. Walking & Trekking to Arryabal Meditation Temple, on the top of the small hill. Overnight in Tourist Gers Camp. (B)(L)(D)

Day 3-Breakfast. Drive to visit **the 40 meter /~133,3 feet Genghis Khan Statue** on horseback (55km/34mi) N/E of the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar. The statue is symbolically pointed east towards his birthplace. It is on top of the Genghis Khan Statue Complex, a visitor center, itself 10 meters (32 ft 10 in) tall, with 36 columns representing the 36 khans from Genghis to Ligdan Khan. Visitors walk to the head of the horse through its chest and neck of the horse, where they can have a panoramic view. **Visit an authentic nomadic family**. **Drive back to Ulaanbaatar.** Transfer to hotel. Overnight at Premium hotel, 4 stars or at Holiday Inn hotel, 5 stars or at Blue Sky Hotel, 5 stars. **(B)(L)**

Day 4-Breakfast. **08:00AM**-Meet Samar Magic Tours team at the reception of the hotel. Drive towards west by comfortable 4WD Land Cruiser Toyota vehicle with A/C (1 Mongolian speaking driver + 4 tourists in one vehicle. Limit weight: 15kg per person), to observe the **Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show** (will take place from **10:00AM-12:00M**). It demonstrates traditional living way of real Mongolian nomads and breeding and using of five kinds of livestock and movement from one place to another using ox, yak, camel and horse carts which are the carts. Here you will have the opportunity to hear a Mongolian folk song, to see 5 herding animals, to observe the demonstration of catching and milking sheep, goat, to observe the demonstration of making felt and tanning, the demonstration of moving one place to another use by cart, yak freight, camel and horse carts. **13:00**-Mongolian lunch is included. Next, drive towards west to **visit & explore Hustain Nuruu Wild Horses National Park** (hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the buffer zone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 120kms/62 miles west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The flagship species for the Hustain Nuruu Nature Reserve is the reintroduced **Przewalski or takhi horse**. Currently the park is home to a hundred fifty specimens. Accommodation in Tourist Gers Camp, close to Hustain Nuruu National Park. (**B**)(**L**)(**D**)

Day 5-Breakfast. **08:00AM**-Drive towards west by comfortable 4WD Land Cruiser Toyota vehicle with A/C (1 Mongolian speaking driver + 4 tourists in one vehicle. **Limit weight:** 15kg per person) to visit and explore **Karakorum**is located about 300kms/+5hrs driving west from Hustain Nuruu National Park, in Ovorkhangai province. This is **the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley**-is located along the Orkhon River in Ovorkhangai and Arkhangai Provinces, was the center of the Mongol Empire, the center of the Uighur Empire, and the birthplace of Mongolian Buddhism. Visitors, such as Marco Polo, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. Today, the cultural heritage of the Okhon river valley constitutes a **UNESCO World Heritage**. **Visit the legendary Erdene zuu monastery, the turtle monument and the Karakorum museum**, which is recently opened to show the public, remains unique in Kharakorum found during an excavation organized by Mongolia and Germany together. In 1792 the Monastery still had 62 temples and 10,000 lamas. But in 1930 it became a victim of the Stalin's purges. All but three of the Temples were destroyed and most of the monks were either killed or sent to Siberia. Accommodation in Tourist Gers Camp in Karakorum. (**B**)(**L**)(**D**) Day 6-Breakfast. 07:00AM-Drive to visit and explore Khogno Khaan Mountain Nature Park is located about 12kms from main road and 270kms west of Ulaanbaatar. Covering an area of 47000 hectares, this park contains many historical monuments, forests of silver birches and poplar trees, and sources. The ecosystem of this park is particularly interesting because the steppe and the taiga meet here. Created in 1997 as a natural reserve, it became in 2003 a natural park. Walking and hiking to visit one of the main attractions of this area is the small Uvgun monastery which was built in 17th century by Saint Zanabazar who was a great sculptor and the biggest representative of Buddhism in Mongolia. Continuous drive further to visit Elsen Tasarkhai (also known as Bayangobi desert)-is a part of the 80kms/50miles long Mongol Els Sand Dunes and is located on about 280kms west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. The nature in this area is really spectacular and great for relaxing. During the trip, you will also have opportunities to visit a local nomadic family, 1 hour is included to ride two-humped Bactrian camel. Walk on sand dunes, experience staying in a traditional Mongolian dwelling ger, and walk and relax in beautifully serene nature. Enjoy the sunset. Drive back to Ulaanbaatar (about 270kms/+5hrs driving). Transfer to hotel. Shopping for souvenirs and cashmere. Farewell dinner in luxury local restaurant. Transfer to hotel. Overnight at Premium hotel, 4 stars or at Holiday Inn hotel, 5 stars or at Blue Sky Hotel, 5 stars. (B)(L)(D)

Day 7-Breakfast. By hotels policy the check -out time is before **12:00** noon. Transfer to the airport. Departure Mongolia or Post tour **(B)**. **Tour Ends.**

What's Included?

3 nights of accommodation at Premium hotel, 4 stars or at Holiday Inn hotel, 5 stars or at Blue Sky Hotel, 5 stars, based on Twin/double standard room, with daily breakfast.

1 night in tourist traditional camps, based on Twin Ger with Full board, in Terelj National Park.

1 night in tourist traditional camps, based on Twin Ger with Full board, in Hustain Nuruu National Park.

1 night in tourist traditional camps, based on Twin Ger with Full board, in Karakorum.

All transportation in private by tourist bus with A/C (according to the confirmed group, including all petrol).

3 days drive towards west in private by comfortable 4WD Land Cruiser Toyota vehicle with A/C (1 Mongolian speaking driver + 4 tourists in one vehicle. Limit weight: 15kg per person), outside of Ulaanbaatar, including all petrol. All specified food (**B**-breakfast, **L**-lunch, **D**-dinner), including one bottle of mineral

water.

Welcome lunch in traditional Mongolian Barbecue local restaurant.

Farewell dinner in luxury local restaurant.

Services of Spanish or English speaking guides.

Entrance fees to 2 national parks, Great Statue of Genghis Khan, Karakorum, museums, monuments, and monasteries.

One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert.

Authentic Mongol Nomadic Show (will take place from 10:00AM-12:00M).

Visits authentic nomadic family.

1 hour is included to ride two-humped Bactrian camel.

Taxes and services.

Letter-visa support (if it will be necessary).

Accommodation in Mongolia

Ulaanbaatar city: Premium hotel 4* (standard room), Holiday Inn hotel 5* (standard room), Blue Sky hotel 5* (standard room): 3 nights.

Terelj National Park: Tourist Gers Camp: 1 night. Hustain Nuruu National Park: Tourist Gers Camp: 1 night.

Karakorum: Tourist Gers Camp: 1 night.

What's Not Included?

Airfares. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Excess baggage. Visa. An y rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. The traveller is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, and the necessary passport pictures. Travel insurance. Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary. Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, Mongolia road conditions, etc.

ULAANBAATAR HOTELS-2021

ULAANBAATAR HOTELS	ROOMS	LOCATION
Premium Palace Hotel 4*	Double Standard Room	Located very near to Gandan Buddhist Monastery, to Peace Main Avenue about 1km, to Ulaanbaatar train station about 2.5km, and to the Central square about 2.5 km. The hotel has 71 rooms, 3 restaurants (Chines restaurant YU LONG serves classic Cantonese cuisine, Haute French restaurant serves French cuisine, easily mixed with Asian upscale cuisine and one bar for guests, Lobby café Premium Restaurant & Lounge, Sinatra karaoke). Free Wi-Fi in all rooms, Wi-Fi in public áreas.
Holiday Inn Hotel 5*	Double Standard Room	Located very near to Gandan Buddhist Monastery, to Peace Main Avenue about 1km, to Ulaanbaatar train station about 2.0km, and to the Central square about 2.0 km. The hotel has 169 rooms, 20- storey building, 1 restaurant Inn Joy (American, Pizza, Asian food. Open for Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, High tea, Cocktail hour. Menu Buffet) Free Wi-Fi in all rooms.
Blue Sky Hotel 5*	Double Standard Room	Within 50 meters from Sukhbaatar Square and the Government <i>Palace</i> with 105 meters high and 25 stories. The hotel has 200 rooms, 12 suites, rooms for conferences, 6 restaurants and one bar for guests (Seasons serves healthy cuisine and Sunday brunch. Zen serves Japanese specialties. Le Seoul serves Korean delicacies. Jade Palace serves classic Cantonese cuisine. Signature serves elegant French and European gourmet cuisine. The Blue Sky Lounge offers cocktails and cigars). Fitness: Fully equipped fitness studio with trainer. Swimming Pool: Climate controlled indoor pool with tanning beds and pool-side bar. Sauna: Finnish Dry Sauna, Private Shower Booths and three Jacuzzi tubs with different water temperatures.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

HOW TO JOIN SAM AR MAGIC TOURS: All the tours are "Land Only", so you need to book your own International flights, unless otherwise specified in the tour description. Joining information will be sent to you upon confirmation.

PAYMENT CONDITION: These require an immediately booking form and deposit by wire bank transfer of \$ US 800 person. Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt. Your confirmed hotel, the specified services, the letter-visa support (if necessary) are guaranteed, once Samar Magic Tours has received the deposit 800 USD person.

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CANCELLATIONS:

Refunds: Deposits are non-refundable.
60-30 working days prior to departure: 50% of Land Cost.
29-00 working days prior to departure: No refund.

Air or Train cancellation terms are additional: The air fares or train tickets are subject to change based on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates in international or national flights or train tickets only freeze the issuance and payment in full of the tickets. Tickets are not refundable and can only be annulled on the day of issue. All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

HOTELS: By hotels policy check-in time is after 14:00. By hotels polic y check -out time is before 12:00 noon.

PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREM ENTS: All participants are responsible for, and m ust be in possession of, a full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the end of the tour. In addition, participants must obtain an y necessary visas and vaccination certificates required for the tour.

BAGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout. For traveller's convenience, baggage allowance is suggested to one piece per person each for check-in and carry-on baggage. Excess baggage charge and insurance is at owner's responsibility. **Excess baggage:** the max. Weight of your luggage on our calculated vehicles is **10 kg (20lbs) a**, **hand luggage 5 kg (5lbs)** (overweight you need, before your departure to the countryside), extra luggage can be stored at hotels **FREE**, prior to your departure to the countryside.

ACCEPT ANCE OF RISK: The Client acknowledges that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that such holidays may involve a significant amount of personal risk. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any dam ages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.