
Mongolia: Untouched Wilderness

A SIGNATURE PRIVATE TRAVEL JOURNEY WITH COX & KINGS

Ulaan Baatar • Gobi Desert • Ulaan Baatar

TOUR DETAILS

5 Days / 4 Nights

START

Ulaan Baatar

FINISH

Ulaan Baatar

2009 PRICE:

June – August

\$2,975 per person, double occupancy**

\$1,495 single supplement

**Surcharge applies during the Naadam Festival

WHAT'S INCLUDED

All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary

Meals as noted in the itinerary

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)

All transfers and sightseeing on a private basis

Internal airfare Ulaan Baatar – Dalanzadgad – Ulaan Baatar

Private sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International air travel (USA to Asia)

Visa fees

Travel insurance; Excess baggage fees

Personal items and alcoholic beverages

Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service

Nestled between China and Russia, Mongolia is one of the world's least visited countries. Its history stretches back to the empires of Genghis Khan and its scenery offers vast, natural beauty. From the Gobi Desert to grassy steppes where wild horses and nomads roam, Mongolia is one of the world's last great wilderness regions.

On this tour visit **Ulaan Baatar**, a curious mix of old and new with Soviet architecture beside traditional nomadic Gers.

The South Gobi offers stunning views, vivid sunsets and encounters with nomadic families. While exploring this fascinating region, stay **two-nights in a Ger**, the traditional felt tents of nomadic herders, for a wonderful balance between nature and comfort.

Day One

Arrive Ulaan Baatar

B,L

Upon arrival at Ulaan Baatar's Airport you will be met by a Cox & Kings representative and transferred to your hotel.

Ulaan Baatar, capital of Mongolia, is located on the bank of the Tuul River, surrounded by majestic mountains. The combination of these pine covered mountains, wide boulevards, vast public squares and parks give the city a feeling of spaciousness, while the ger communities, Buddhist temples, and bustling marketplaces give it a rustic charm.

Following lunch at the hotel's coffee house, this afternoon visit the **Suktbaatar Square, the Gandan Monastery, the Natural History Museum and Zaisan Memorial**. Time permitting also visit the **Bogd Khaan's Palace**.

Ulaan Baatar Hotel (Deluxe Room), Ulaan Baatar

Day Two

Ulaan Baatar to Gobi Dessert

B,L,D

Early this morning you are transferred to Ulaan Baatar's airport for an hour long flight to the **South Gobi and the town of Dalanzadgad**, the provincial capital of South Gobi Province. Upon arrival you will be met by a Cox & Kings representative and transferred to a nearby Ger Camp for breakfast.

Begin your sightseeing with the **Eagle Valley**, known locally as **Yolin An**. Following the visit, you are transferred to the **Three Camels Ger Camp** where you will stay in Deluxe Gers (with toilet and a wash basin) for two nights. This is your base to explore this fascinating region. Breakfast, lunch and dinners are included at the Ger Camp during your stay.

Three Camels Ger Camp, Gobi Desert (Deluxe Ger)

Day Three

Gobi Dessert

B,L,D

This morning visit **Bayanzag and the Moltzog Sand Dune**. You will also have an opportunity to visit a **nomadic family** that rears camels.

The afternoon is offered at leisure in your Ger Camp. You can choose to watch a delightful local movie, *The Weeping Camel*, at the Camp's Lounge. The movie portrays the life of a nomadic family that rears camels and the rejection of a baby camel by its mother. It's a delightfully simple story and offers a very charming insight into the nomadic people of the Gobi region.



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Following dinner at the camp enjoy a short performance of **Throat Singing, a quite amazing Mongolian singing tradition. Three Camels Ger Camp, Gobi Desert (Deluxe Ger)**

Day Four Gobi Desert to Ulaan Baatar B,L
Early this morning you are transferred back to Dalanzadgad Airport for the short flight back to Ulaan Baatar and onto your hotel.

Our guide, driver and car are available at your disposal to explore the **Museum of Fine Arts, Janraisig Temple, Choijin Lama Monastery, The Art Gallery, Opera and Drama Theatres, Museum, and Cashmere Factory Outlets.**

This evening you will enjoy a **Cultural Show** which pulls together folk singing and dances from around the country.
Ulaan Baatar Hotel (Deluxe Room), Ulaan Baatar

Day Five Depart Ulaan Baatar B
Your Mongolian adventure comes to an end as you are transferred to Ulaan Baatar's Airport for your departure flight.

End of Cox & Kings Tour Arrangements

The Naadam Festival July 11 -13, 2009



The Naadam Festival is the major Mongolian holiday and a wonderful time to experience the culture and people of this amazing land. The festival has its roots in the nomad wedding assemblies and hunting extravaganzas of the Mongol Army. The opening ceremony features marches and music from soldiers, monks and athletes before the real fun begins! In the Naadam Stadium the three sporting passions of Mongolians - horse racing, wrestling and archery - are played over 2 days. But if you don't want to watch sport all the time, there's plenty to see and do outside - food, music, crafts or just people watching. Once you have had your fill of the sports, people watching and local food and culture, fly out to the Gobi desert to visit sand dunes and the land of dinosaurs with some of the most spectacular sunsets you will ever see. This is the best time to see the Mongolian people and soak up the party atmosphere!

VISA

US Passport Holders do not require visa for Mongolia if traveling under 30 days as tourist. For visa requirements for other Nationalities please check with our office.

Please Note: If you are arriving Mongolia from China, a visa is required for Americans visiting China. Further you will need a double or multiple entry China Visa which must be obtained here in the U.S. prior to traveling. After you obtain your China visa, we will also require a copy of the visa stamped in your passport.

WEATHER

The best time to visit Mongolia is June through August

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

This tour includes some long drives, which are beautiful but arduous, as the roads are unpaved in many areas. Hotels/ Ger Camps in Mongolia are very basic, offering simple services.

FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

The best gateway to fly into Ulaan Baatar is Beijing or Seoul, South Korea.

Recommended add-on journeys:

Classic China 12 Nights/ 13 Days
China Experience 16 Nights/ 17 Days

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