

GOBI DESERT: WALKING WITH THE GIANTS

DAY 1

ARRIVE ULAANBAATAR, CHECK-IN, ORIENTATION, WELCOME DINNER

After you check in and have your room assignment, take some time to freshen up and relax before our welcome meeting. Our tour leader will meet you at 3:00 p.m. and have a group welcome meeting. We will review the program schedule, discuss roles and responsibilities, logistics, safety guidelines, and emergency procedures, and answer questions. After the meeting, we'll have an orientation walk and museum visit.

Afternoon: Chinggis Khaan Museum, Sukhbaatar square

Chinggis Khaan Museum: There are a total of 6 permanent exhibition halls and 2 temporary exhibition halls, such as the First Kingdoms of Mongolia, the Mongolian Empire and its component states, Mongolian kings and nobles of the 13th-20th centuries, and the Great Khan's House of Honor.

Sukhbaatar Square: The main square of the capital city was established in 1921. This square is an important place where Mongolians experienced all the happiness and suffering. It is the only place where the people of UB gather at any time, whether it is young people who have graduated from school, couples who are getting married, or when there is a hunger strike or protest.

Dinner: Welcome dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation: Hotel 4* in the city center

Driving distance: 100 km/2 hr driving

Meals included: Dinner

Note: Arrival transfer can be booked with us prior to your departure. Otherwise, the group will arrive separately. Hotel check-in time 2:00 p.m. Let us know if you would like to book early check-in.

DAY 2

FLY TO GOBI DESERT AND REACH OUR BASE CAMP

Breakfast: At the hotel

Morning: After early breakfast, we will fly to the center of Gobi desert near the southern border of Mongolia. After the 1.5 hr flight, we will visit the Natural History Museum of Gobi Desert. Then drive to Khanbogd county, near the China and Mongolian border.

Lunch: Picnic

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Afternoon: We will arrive at our base camp by evening. Have dinner and a relaxing evening by the camp. Get to know our expedition team in the Gobi desert.

Dinner: At the base camp

Accommodation: Bell tent (twin shared)

Driving distance: 290 km/4-5 hr driving

Meals included: B/L/D

VISIT PETROGLYPH SITE "JAVKHLANT" AND "KHURDET" CAVE RELATES TO THE ANCIENT TEA ROAD MERCHANTS

Breakfast: At the base camp

Morning: Today we will visit historically significant sites in the Gobi desert. "Javkhlant" petroglyphs - a collection of approximately 200 rock paintings, featuring 300 distinct rock figures. These carvings span from the Neolithic Age to the Bronze Age, offering valuable insights into the historical and cultural evolution of the region.

Lunch: Picnic

Afternoon: "Khurdet" cave - situated in the unexplored part of the Gobi desert, is a unique historical monument marking a branch of the Silk Road and Tea Road. It holds distinctive significance with no equivalent found in Russia or China. Approximately 30 inscriptions are believed to be around 300 years old.

Return to our base camp in the evening and have a relaxing evening. Tomorrow we will change into a different base camp location so pack our luggage this evening.

Dinner: At the base camp

Accommodation: Bell tent (twin shared)

Driving distance: 80 km

Meals included: B/L/D

DAY 4

VISIT PETROGLYPH SITE "JAVKHLANT" AND "KHURDET" CAVE RELATES TO THE ANCIENT TEA ROAD MERCHANTS

Breakfast: At the base camp

Morning: We meet a former county mayor and he will accompany us to tell the most interesting stories of the monasteries we visit today. One of them is Demchig Monastery, established in the 19th century. Due to its location near the biggest alkaline granite pluto, the monastery is believed to be the secret energy center of the world with its huge natural energy.

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Lunch: Picnic

Afternoon: We will drive through the "Galba Gobi" desert, one of the most deserted and unexplored areas in Mongolia. Therefore it is considered a safe haven for wild and endangered animals such as onager (wild ass), goitered gazelle, and wild camel. In the evening, we will arrive at Base camp 2 and wind down. Paleontological talk session in the evening.

Dinner: At the base camp

Accommodation: Bell tent (twin shared)

Driving distance: 150 km

Meals included: B/L/D

DAY 5

DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT SITE "SHAR TSAV"

Breakfast: At the base camp

Morning: We will drive to "Shar Tsav" the dinosaur footprint site with a total of 13,000 footprints of dinosaurs so far. The site stands out as a rare and unique geological phenomenon, distinct from other locations globally. Notably, preserved dinosaur tracks of various types have been identified, alongside the discovery of dinosaur fossils near the geological stratum. This distinctiveness sets it apart from other regions around the world. Visit the information center and explore the area.

Lunch: Picnic

Afternoon: Explore the footprint site and see different species of dinosaur footprints along with a paleontologist specialized in footprints.

Dinner: At the base camp

Accommodation: Bell tent (twin shared)

Walking: 10 km throughout the day

Meals included: B/L/D

DAY 6

SUIKHEENT - PETRIFIED WOOD SITE AND AMTGAI - FOSSIL SITE

Breakfast: At the base camp

Morning: Drive to "Suikheent" petrified wood site and explore the area.

Lunch: Picnic

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Afternoon: Explore "Amtgai" fossil site.

Dinner: At the base camp

Accommodation: Bell tent (twin shared)

Driving distance: 200 km

Meals included: B/L/D

THE FLAMING CLIFFS EXCURSION

Breakfast: At the base camp

Morning: Drive to Bayanzag near the provincial town.

Lunch: Picnic

Afternoon: Excursion to Bayanzag known to the world as the Flaming Cliffs where the dinosaur eggs were discovered for the first time in the world.

Dinner: Ger camp

Accommodation: Ger camp (twin shared)

Driving time: 290 km/5 hr driving

Meals included: B/L/D

DAY 8

YOLL VALLEY AND MOLTSOG SAND DUNES

Breakfast: At the Ger camp

Morning: Hike in the "Yol valley" or the Lammergeier valley and visit local natural history museum.

Lunch: Picnic

Afternoon: Excursion to "Moltsog Els" sand dunes. Visit camel herder family and learn their nomadic lifestyle and traditions. Ride bactrian camel to the sand dunes.

Dinner: Ger camp

Accommodation: Ger camp (twin shared)

Driving time: 290 km/5 hr driving

Meals included: B/L/D

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DAY 9

RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR, HOTEL CHECK-IN, FAREWELL DINNER

Breakfast: Local hotel

Morning: Early morning breakfast and fly to Ulaanbaatar city. After a 1.5 hr flight, our team will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to the hotel. Early check-in to our hotel and freshen up. You will have time for yourself until late afternoon.

Afternoon: Meet at a designated time at the hotel and visit the Institute of Mongolian Paleontology where our paleontologists work and conduct detailed studies. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Dinner: Farewell dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation: Hotel 4* in the city center

Driving time: 100 km/2 hr driving

Meals included: B/D

DAY 10

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE

Our scientific journey ends today. Our team will transfer you to Chinggis Khaan International Airport.

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INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations - hotel rooms, ger camps, camping tents
- Cars, drivers and petrol for the whole trip
- Any entrance fees or park permits
- Special permission from Mongolian government to conduct search on sites closed to public
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Guides and researchers
- All airport transfers
- Roundway domestic flights