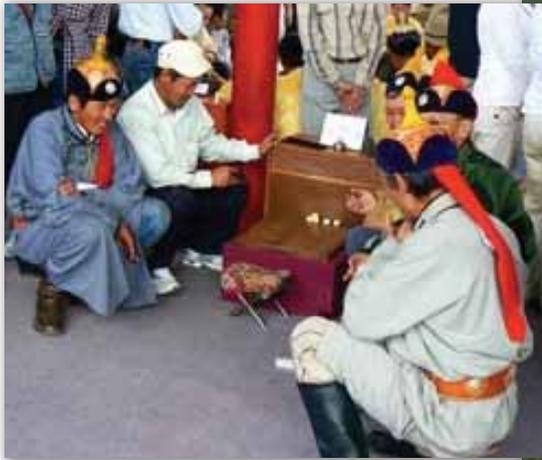




Essential Mongolia

2019



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Journey Through the Land of Genghis Khan

Flexible Essential Series – Classic Private Journey – 7 Days

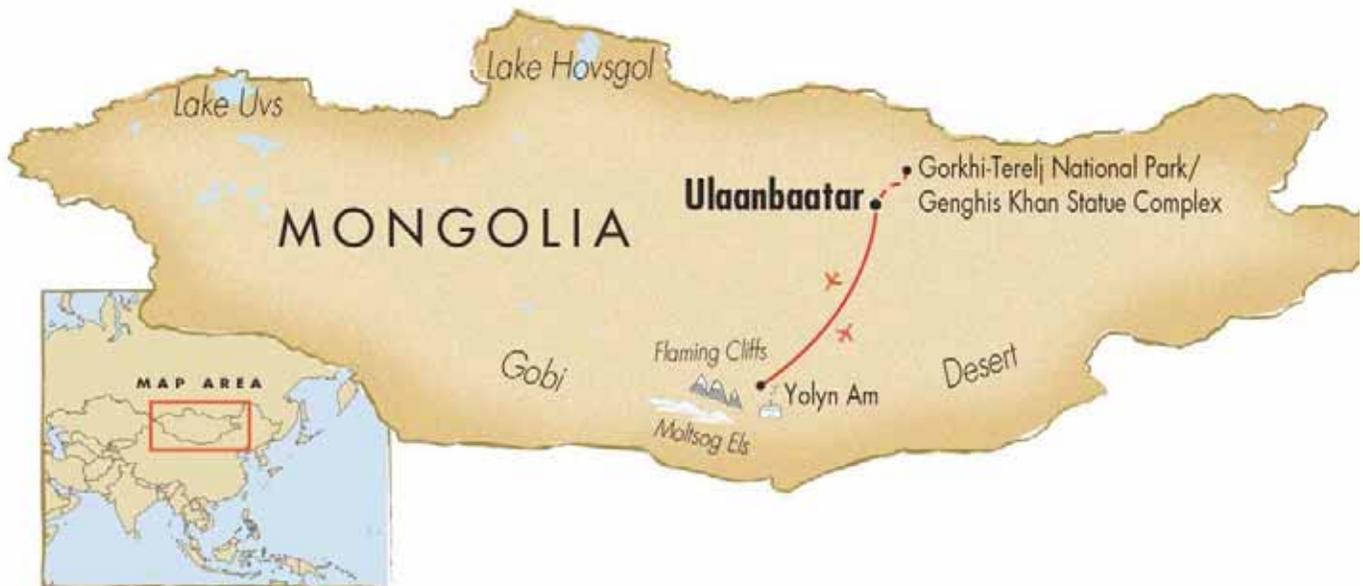
Your choice of dates, start any day of the week

On this incredible week-long journey in Mongolia, get an instinctual feel for the nomadic life a world away from home. Explore the capital, Ulaanbaatar, rapidly expanding as nomads set up their moveable gers on the outskirts of town, then travel over miles of endless, wind-combed steppe to admire the sweeping alpine landscape of Gorkhi-Terelj National Park. In the great Gobi Desert, witness the glow of the Flaming Cliffs at sundown and imagine discovering the first nest of dinosaur eggs ever found. Meet with nomadic families living in the harsh desert, experience the living traditions of the Mongolian people on intimate visits to local ger camps, and open to the unfamiliar resonances of Mongolian throat-singing, created to combat the loneliness of the nomadic herder under the big sky.



Daily Itinerary

- Day 1 Arrive Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Day 2 Ulaanbaatar
- Day 3 Ulaanbaatar • day trip to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
- Day 4 Ulaanbaatar • fly to South Gobi
- Day 5 South Gobi
- Day 6 South Gobi • fly to Ulaanbaatar
- Day 7 Depart Ulaanbaatar



Tour Highlights

Ulaanbaatar

Gorkhi-Terelj National Park

South Gobi

Yol Valley

Gandan Monastery, National History Museum, Sukhbaatar Square, Bogd Khan Winter Palace, Zaisan Memorial Hill, Zanabazar Fine Art Museum
Genghis Khan Statue Complex, Turtle Rock Meditation Temple, visit with a nomadic family
Flaming Cliffs, Moltsoq Els, Togrogiin Shiree, Three Camel Lodge ger camp, optional camel riding, visit local nomads
Gurvansaikhan Mountains, rich natural environment

Daily Itinerary

Day One

Arrive Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar, transfer from the airport to the hotel for overnight.

Meals: Independent – Best Western Tuushin or similar

Day Two

Ulaanbaatar

Begin touring today in **Ulaanbaatar**, the political, industrial, and cultural heart of Mongolia. Located in a basin 5,000 feet above sea level, Ulaanbaatar is surrounded by the beautiful Khan Khentii mountains. Mongolians are traditionally nomadic people, and the concept of a settlement or city is fairly new. Ulaanbaatar, or “Red Hero,” was established only 350 years ago, when the trade routes between St. Petersburg and Beijing made it an important trade and commercial center. At one time, over 90 percent of native Mongolians followed a nomadic lifestyle. Now, nearly half of the country’s population lives in



Ulaanbaatar.

Touring today includes an introduction to the city center and several of the key sights here. Begin with a visit to the **Gandantegchinlen (Gandan) Monastery**, founded in 1838. Until then, Mongolia’s monasteries had been small, mobile organizations that moved with the nomads. Meaning “Great Place of Complete Joy,” the monastery was badly damaged during the 1930s Stalinist repressions, but the main temple was allowed to remain as a showcase for foreigners. Today, this temple houses a 20-ton gilded statue of “the Lord Who Looks in Every Direction,” created in the 1990s to replace the one destroyed in 1937.



Continue with the **National History Museum**, providing a comprehensive overview of the country's history and culture. The newly remodeled museum displays traditional implements of daily nomadic life, including Stone and Bronze Age artifacts, historical costumes of Mongolia's minority tribes, sacred relics, and agricultural, fishing, and hunting equipment.

After an independent lunch, visit the **Bogd Khaan Palace Museum**. Mongolia's last Bogd Khaan, or "Living Buddha," lived for 20 years in this compound, built between 1893 and 1903. Unlike other old sites in Ulaanbaatar, this one escaped destruction in the 1930s Stalinist purges. Six temples remain, as does a ceremonial gate built without the use of nails. On display are many of the gifts presented to the Bogd Khaan.

The memorial on **Zaisan Hill** above Ulaanbaatar honors Mongolian and Soviet soldiers killed in WWII. Its sculptures and murals celebrate Mongolian-Soviet friendship, and a Soviet tank that Mongolia contributed to the war effort is enshrined. The 300-stair climb to the top of the hill rewards one with panoramic views of Ulaanbaatar and the surrounding mountains.

Conclude touring today with a tour of the modern Hunnu Mall to admire the dinosaur skeletons in the **Paleontology Museum**. The Mongolian Academy of Paleontology set up this fascinating temporary exhibit in 2015, transferring displays from the former Natural History Museum.

Once your full day of touring concludes, enjoy a **welcome dinner at a local Mongolian restaurant** before returning to the hotel.

Meals: B, D – *Best Western Tuushin or similar*

Day Three

Ulaanbaatar • day trip to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park

Head to the countryside today, leaving Ulaanbaatar after breakfast and departing for **Gorkhi-Terelj National Park**. Named after an alpine plant related to wild rosemary, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park abuts the 4,600-square-mile Khan Khentii Strictly Protected Area, where very few humans live. At over 5,000 feet, Terelj is a sweeping alpine landscape of temperate grassland and small pines dotted with rustic gers and grazing livestock. Horses are available for hire; huge rock formations crop up at intervals through the rocky soil. This is the high steppe of Mongolia: here the traveler can get a feel for the huge distances and enormous sky that nomads have contended with for eons.

Along the way, visit one of Mongolia's most well-known attractions: the **131-foot stainless-steel statue of Genghis Khan**. Dominating the horizon about an hour's drive from the capital, this giant equestrian statue of Genghis Khan is an unforgettable sight. Sightseers can enter the interior of the horse on an elevator and admire the view from a platform perched on the horse's head. A



recreation area, souvenir shops, and lodgings are taking shape around the massive statue.

Upon arrival in the park, **enjoy a meal of traditional favorites** in a local camp's dining ger.



After lunch, visit sacred **Turtle Rock**, an enormous granite rock formation resembling a turtle that climbers like to scramble up. On the side of the mountain behind Turtle Rock is the lovely **Aryapala Meditation Temple**, created in 1998 to be a center for Buddhist retreat and meditation. Graced with majestic views and profound quiet, the temple is visited by Buddhists from around the world. Here you can enjoy a bit of hiking in Mongolia's beautiful outdoors, as well as an opportunity to **ride Mongolian horses**.

Before returning to Ulaanbaatar, take one final opportunity to **visit with a**

nomadic family in their ger, enjoying conversation over a favorite traditional drink, salted and buttered tea. Our guide will help us speak with the family and hear about their daily lives in this natural environment.

Dinner this evening is independent.

Meals: B, L – *Best Western Tuushin or similar*

Day Four

Ulaanbaatar • fly to South Gobi

Early this morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to the Gobi Desert. **The South Gobi** is composed of vast steppe land in Mongolia's southernmost province of semi-arid desert, and harbors sites of some of the most important paleontological discoveries of the 20th century. Explore the open landscapes dotted with hardy desert plants that serve as forage for wild Bactrian camels, Argali mountain sheep and goitered gazelle. This part of the Gobi is also home to golden eagles, saker falcons, jerboas (similar to kangaroo rats), many endemic reptiles, and some of the Northern Hemisphere's rarest mammals, such as the dhole, snow leopard, and Gobi bear.

Arrive in the South Gobi and transfer to **Three Camel Lodge** ger camp, for lunch and rest. Sheltered under a volcanic outcrop where ancient people carved their petroglyphs, the lodge offers an authentic Mongolian experience. As Mongolia's premier eco-lodge, this ger camp makes use of the country's most abundant resources — wind and sun. Local artisans followed the canons of Mongolian Buddhist architecture in constructing the main lodge without a single nail. Travelers sleep in traditional felt gers, each with an unobstructed view of the Gobi and the heights of the Gobi-Altai Mountains beyond.



Meals are served in a large ger, modeled after the ceremonial tents of the great khans. Each deluxe twin ger at the lodge offers en suite western toilet, sink, and shower. Additional western-style bathroom and shower facilities are located in the main lodge as well.

After lunch, stop at the famous **Flaming Cliffs**. Named for their red-gold luminescence in the rays of the setting sun, the Flaming Cliffs are one of the most renowned paleontological sites in the world. Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of an American Museum of Natural History Museum expedition, found the world's first nest of dinosaur eggs here in 1922. Andrews, who is widely believed to be the inspiration for the film character Indiana Jones, gave these cliffs their English nickname. The nomadic Mongolians call the area "Bayanzag." The heat and low humidity of this beautiful part of the Gobi have protected and preserved the numerous fossils that have been found here.



There may be some time for light hiking/touring of the area this afternoon.
Dinner at the camp.
Meals: B, L, D – Three Camel Lodge Ger Camp or similar

Day Five South Gobi Desert

This morning after breakfast, set out toward the sand dunes at **Moltsog Els**. The image that many have of the Gobi is of rolling sand dunes, but the vast majority of the terrain is actually sandy soil covered in very sparse scrub growth. Occasional stands of stunted trees indicate where water may be found, but with few exceptions, dunes are absent. One of those notable exceptions is Moltsog Els, where the constantly shifting sands are piled by the wind and reach surprising heights.

While in the desert, enjoy an opportunity to visit with a **semi-nomadic camel-herding family**. Camel herders typically camp in small collections of two to six gers, dwarfed by the vast desert. Here their two-humped Bactrian camels forage for scrub that other animals won't touch. In exchange for water every five to 10 days, the camels provide everything — milk, fur, transport, and fuel. Only the old or infirm are eaten. A mother camel can produce more than a gallon of milk a day for up to 19 months after giving birth. Even today, camels still carry 30% of the cargo in the Gobi.

Step inside a ger and share some salted and buttered tea or chunks of *aruul*, the dried camel's milk cheese that is a staple of travelers in the Gobi. The guide will assist in speaking with the herders and translate what they say about their daily lives in this harsh environment. Mount up between the humps and take a **short camel ride** into the desert, if so inclined.

Enjoy lunch before continuing on to **Yol Valley** also known as Yolyn Am ("Vulture's Mouth") Canyon, cutting a narrow path into the rocky slopes of the **Gurvansaikhan Mountains**. Never feeling the



warmth of the sun, the cool canyon sometimes shelters snowbanks that remain frozen long into the summer. While hiking here, travelers may spot Argali sheep balanced on a crag, or a golden eagle or saker falcon soaring overhead. Yaks are often pastured nearby during the summer months.

Conclude your full day of touring with a stop at the small **Natural History Museum**. This regional museum provides an overview of the flora and fauna of the area.

After touring, return to Three Camel Lodge. Dinner and overnight are both at the ger camp.
Meals: B, L, D – *Three Camel Lodge Ger Camp or similar*

Day Six

South Gobi Desert • fly to Ulaanbaatar

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for a short flight back to Mongolia's capital. After an arrival transfer to the hotel, take an afternoon tour around the city, starting with a visit to the **Zanabazar Museum of Fine Art**. Seventeenth century Buddhist leader Zanabazar was a painter, sculptor, linguist, and architect, and the museum includes some of his works. Featuring art from the Paleolithic Age to the early 20th century, the Zanabazar Museum contains a large collection of Buddhist art, including gorgeous fabric *thangkas*, representations of an aspect of Buddha or a Buddhist ideal that is embroidered or painted on cloth and can be rolled into a scroll. The famous painting by B. Sharav, "*One Day in Mongolia*," can be viewed here as well.

Return to the hotel for rest, followed by a **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant. Enjoy a special performance that includes **Mongolian throat-singing** at tonight's farewell – a memorable goodbye to this amazing land.

Meals: B, L, D – *Best Western Tuushin or similar*

Day Seven

Depart Ulaanbaatar

Following breakfast, the tour concludes with a departure transfer to the airport.

Meals: B (flight schedules permitting)

Tour Days of Operation

Private departures of this land itinerary can begin on the dates of your choice in 2019, any day of the week.

Please note, in general, you will have to choose a start date between June 1 and mid-September, and be aware that operation/availability depends on domestic flight schedules. You will need to depart the U.S. at least one day prior to your tour start date due to airline flight schedules.

Private Journey Prices – 2019

Four star hotel basis, hotels as listed in the itinerary, or similar:

2 traveler minimum, from \$4,295 per person, twin share

Internal airfare, from \$325 per person, economy class subject to change

Single supplement from \$1,150

Solo traveler rate, in same hotels, inclusive of single supplement, from \$6,595 plus internal air \$325 economy class, subject to change.



Hotel Upgrade Prices

Hotel upgrade prices depend on the dates/days of travel, and are subject to change based on availability and other factors. Hotel upgrade is based on using the five star Shangri-La Hotel in Ulaanbaatar. Ger camp accommodations are the same as the standard price.

2 traveler minimum, from \$5,095 per person, twin share
Internal airfare, from \$325 per person, economy class subject to change
Single supplement from \$1,395

Solo traveler rate, in same hotels, inclusive of single supplement, from \$7,995, plus internal air \$325 economy class, subject to change.

Your Private Journey Includes

- Shared accommodations in well-located superior tourist class hotels throughout the itinerary. See **Hotel Upgrade Prices** above for upgraded accommodations.
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners, per the itinerary. A few lunches and dinners are left free to allow independent exploration.
- Restaurant tips for included meals.
- One arrival and one departure airport transfer. (Additional arrival and departure transfers available at additional cost.) MIR will arrange for travelers to be met upon arrival and seen off on departure, whether we make your air arrangements or not.
- Ground transportation throughout itinerary by private vehicle (size of vehicle depends on number of travelers in your group).
- Guided sightseeing tours and entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary.
- Services of experienced, English-speaking local guides, drivers, and other staff.
- Complete pre-departure information including detailed packing list, reading list, *Touring with MIR* handbook with country-specific information, maps, and travel tips.
- Assistance booking your custom flight arrangements (on request; please note that international airfare is not included in the land tour cost).
- Final document packet including luggage tags, final updates, and more.

Not Included

- International airfare or taxes/fuel surcharges.
- Meals not specified as included in the itinerary.
- Single supplement charge, if requested or required.
- Baggage handling.
- Items of a personal nature (phone calls, email, laundry, alcohol, excess baggage, etc).
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- Visa/passport fees, airport departure fees.
- Expenses incurred as a result of delay, modification or extension of a tour due to causes beyond MIR's control.
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Important Notes: Is This Trip Right For You?

This Flexible Essential program, by nature, is designed to be adventurous, but also as comfortable as is possible for rustic travel in this region. Accommodations will vary from a four-star hotel in Ulaanbaatar to more basic accommodation in a ger camp in the Gobi. These two nights will be spent in Three Camel Lodge Ger Camp where all gers offer en-suite toilet, shower and sink – however they are still stand-alone accommodations, connected by flagstone paths and with rustic heating systems (wood stove) and limited access to electricity. Services are improving in the region; nevertheless, you may encounter problems with plumbing, bureaucratic service, road conditions, unpaved sidewalks, uneven surfaces and steps and availability and quality of public restrooms. You are traveling in some areas which, relatively speaking, have seen few travelers, and the infrastructure is not yet fully developed. Air-conditioning is a luxury and not available in facilities outside the capital or in vehicles.

This program is rated as rigorous touring due to several factors. Outside of the capital, there are almost no roads, so all overland transfers including those in the South Gobi and to Terelj National Park will involve very rough and bumpy drives over dusty and unpaved tracks in basic vans, Russian jeeps or other vehicles. This itinerary features a significant amount of touring on foot, both in the city and out of it. In the city, you're likely to encounter uneven surfaces and attractions accessible only via steep staircases. Museums generally do not have elevators. In the rural areas, there will be a variety of challenging terrains. If time and scheduling permit, you will have the opportunity to hike about 30 minutes down the Yol Valley, which is mostly grass with occasional shallow streams or smooth rocks. The Flaming Cliffs, likewise, feature rounded rocks, some steep, and loose sand and gravel for those who wish to explore.

To reap the full rewards of this adventure, travelers must be able to walk at least two to three miles a day, keeping up with fellow travelers. Flexibility, a sense of humor and a willingness to accept local standards of amenities and services are essential components to the enjoyment of this trip.

Every effort has been made to make the information in this schedule accurate. However, trip itineraries are always subject to change. In Mongolia, the airline infrastructure is not as developed as it is in the west. Flight schedules change constantly, and there is a strong likelihood that the program as reflected in this document will have moderate to significant routing and timing changes based on changing flight schedules. We will do our best to inform participants in advance of any changes, but due to the nature of travel in Mongolia, this may not always be possible. This tour maintains a focus on cultural interaction; we will be visiting private homes, and participants may share meals with local residents. It is therefore important that tour members have a desire to involve themselves in the local culture in order to enjoy this trip.

Are You Prepared?

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Please read the U.S. State Department's Travel Advisory regarding travel to Mongolia here:



<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/mongolia-travel-advisory.html>

If you are not already enrolled in STEP, Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, a free service to enroll your trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, please consider enrolling. For more information: <https://step.state.gov/step/>

Weather

Mongolia has a short travel season, June-September. While the Gobi will be quite warm in the summer, the rest of Mongolia is at its best. Rain is possible. The daytime temperature range is 60-100 degrees Fahrenheit for the summer, but nights can be much colder. In all seasons, the desert cools down significantly at night, so all travelers should plan to bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Please remember, weather at all times of year has an element of the unpredictable. This information comes from weatherbase.com and is based on data from previous temperatures on record. It is always advisable to check with weatherbase.com closer to your departure date for current conditions and forecasts for the specific region you will be visiting.

International Airfare

MIR's in-house, full-service air department is available to assist with your air travel needs. Check with MIR before booking air on your own, as we are happy to research and compare the best fares available through multiple channels. Airfare varies depending on a wide variety of factors, such as dates of travel and seasonality, seat availability, special airline promotions, how restrictive ticket changes are, how long the fares can be held without purchase, routing considerations such as stopovers and more. Tour dates are based on the land tour only. Our preferred carriers for this tour are Korean Airlines and Air China, as they offer convenient itineraries and competitive rates from multiple cities across the U.S. to Mongolia.

Please call us at 1-800-424-7289 to discuss air options and routings for this program, and to request a quote for your specific plans and dates of travel. We will be happy to put together a no-obligation suggested air itinerary and estimate for you at your request.

Visas

Please note: A Mongolian visa is not currently required for U.S. passport holders, but may be required for citizens of other countries. Other visas may be required for countries visited en route to Mongolia, such as Russia or China. Please call for more details.

Pre and Post-Tour Extensions

For those wanting to extend their stay in Mongolia, MIR can arrange for a post-tour extension to Ulgii to visit the Kazakhs in western Mongolia. Perhaps you would like to travel to China before or after the trip to visit Tibet, Xi'an, Shanghai, or Hong Kong; or visit Siberia to see the world's deepest lake, Lake Baikal. All of MIR's destinations are open to you, and all can be attached to this program. Please contact MIR for more details about exciting options for extended travel.

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MIR Small Group Tours

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References

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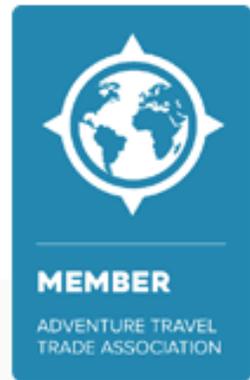
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