

Mongolia Hangai, Altai and Gobi Drive

Trip Description

Daily itinerary

1 day	Arrive UB Met by our "Oveland Journeys" team in Ulaanbaatar airport and transfer to our hotel.	Accommodation: Hotel Meal: Full board
2 day	In Ulaanbaatar This morning , we give you an introduction to the city of Ulaanbatar by bus and local guide. Explore the Gandan Monestry and the Buddist centre. See the Zanabazar Museum and the Chojin Lama temple. For Lunch, visit a typical Mongolian Restaurant. To conclude the tour drive by the "Winter Palace, and the Big Buda Statue on the Hill A welcome Dinner is included this evening. Overnight in 4* hotel.	Accommodation: Hotel Meal: Full board
3 day	Drive Ilaanbaatar to Hustai National Park. We leave the largest city in Mongolia and drive drive on mostly open roads and desert tracks to Hustai. Hustai National Park is the site of a unique re-introduction scheme of the "Przewalskii"horse (Equus przewalskii), by Mongolian's called Takhi. It became extinct in the wild and have since 1992 been successfully re-introduced to Hustai from zoo's around the world. We can drive in the national park with its many Kilometres of tracks on the rolling Steppe Mountains with large patches of birch and aspen forests. There are also visible remains of Neolithic graves. We will drive for a few hours in the park and hopefully see the horses and other wildlife unique to Hustai Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 125 km
4 day	Explore KHARAKHORUM After driving 5-6 hrs /about 370kms/, we reach KharKhorum. Mongolia's ancient capital, Kharakhorum, Chinggis Khaan's fabled city, was founded in 1220 in the Orkhon valley, at the crossroads of the Silk Road. It was from there that the Mongol Empire governed, until Khubilai Khaan moved it to Beijing. The symbolic ruins of Kharakhorum (Harhorin), monumental walls (400 m of length) with 108 stupas, surround the first Buddhist monastery in Mongolia Erdene Zuu Monastery, built in 1586. In 1792, it housed 62 temples and 10,000 lamas; since 1990, it has become an active monastery again. Turtles carved from the stone marked the boundaries of the complex. Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board
5 day	Drive to Tsenher Hot Springs Drive about 105kms to west and reach Tsenher hot springs. The off-road route starts at the 80km mark and makes for an interesting and challenging drive to the camp with several river crossings. Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 105km

6 day	Drive to Khorgo /Terkhiin Nuur Nat.Park Driving Overland westwards, you will stop next to 'Taikhar chuluu', a huge rock which related to the local mythology. We pass the "Khorgo Volcano" which is an extinct volcano covered with basalt lying in the east of Lake Terkhiin Tsagaan (National Park). Our Overnight accommodation is situated on the lake side and is a spectacular location with good facilities . Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 200km
7 day	Khorgo (White) Lake and Volcano. After a relaxing start we drive a short distance to the Volcano to climb to the summit. It's a nice challenge with spectacular views for the top. Return to the Camp for an afternoon of leisure. Overnight as above in a Gur Camp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board
8 day	To Telmen Lake Today, our route turns to west and drive to the western side of the Hangai Mountains on a variety of roads and at some points high altitudes up to 2000m. Our Gur camp tonight is isolated and provides some wonderful photographic opportunities at either end of the day. Overnight in the Telmin Ger camp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 260km
9 day	To Hyargas Lake Enjoy the drive alongside the lake on remote roads and then on a combination of fast gravel and newly sealed roads to arrive at Hyargas Lake Ger Camp on the shores of this huge body of water which is abundant with bird life. Overnight in gercamp. (BD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 380km
10 day	Hyargas Lake - Hovd city The first part of our drive to Hovd town necessitates a primitive ferry crossing. Hovd town was a trade center, located on the northern Silk Road with connections to Russia and China. In 1763 the Manchu administration built the fortress Sagijn Cherem (Castle). An area of about 4 ha was fenced with 3m high and 2m wide walls. Now all 18 Mongolian ethnic groups live in this province.	Accommodation: Hotel Meal: Full board Distance: 210k
11 day	Hovd-Altai Drive The scenery changes dramatically from this point. Drive about 400km via mountainous regions with snowcapped peaks to reach lake Khar Us Nuur-National Park. At the bird observation tower, we can observe many birds varieties like white swan, pelican, goose, duck, sea-gull and others. We continue our driving and reach Altai city. Overnight in local hotel. (BLD)	Accommodation: Hotel Meal: Full board Distance: 440km

12 day	To Gobi lakes Today is a long drive to east, through big open steppe area. We will move from the Altai Mountains to vast steppe areas. We will reach the remote Lake Orog. The nomads here live from livestock herding. However, by international standards, it is not densely populated. Near the sands they keep Bactrian Camels. The lake sits next to Ikh Bogd (Big Holy) Mountain (3957m) at 1200m above sea level. There are also some nearby sand dunes. Tuin River empties into the lake from its journey from the Hangai Mountains. The abundance of food attracts plenty of birds including some 60 pairs of Grey Herons nesting on the ground! The world's longest fault line is visible through the terrain. It came about in 1957 and extends for some 270km westwards from Orog Lake. Overnight in local hotel. (BLD)	Accommodation: Hotel Meal: Full board Distance: 430km
13 day	To Hermen Tsav From the oasis, we drive to Hermen Tsav, an impressive series of sandstone canyons in the southern-most part of the Gobi desert, surrounded by interesting red rock formations and dotted with unusual desert plants. Some visitors to the region have called this place the most beautiful part of the Gobi desert. Overnight in tent. (BLD)	Accommodation: Tent Meal: Full board Distance: 300km
14 day	To Gurvantes Oasis Today we drive through the town of Gurvan Tes to a beautiful oasis, surrounded by sand stone formations. We will make an excursion where it is possible to see desert wildlife including wild ass, gazelles, and if we are lucky, the very rare red Antelope. Overnight in tent. (BLD)	Accommodation: Tent Meal: Full board Distance: 160km
15 day	To Hongoryn Els Full day drive towards Khongorin Dunes, the biggest sand dunes in all Asia. The 800-meter high sand dunes in Sevrei soum, South aimag, are called Khonguryrn Els. These dunes are 20 km wide and 100 km long. The Khongurun River flows along the stand dunes and gives birth to the oasis. We visit the dunes by camel. Visit a local camel breeding family and learn about their breeding programs. Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 170km
16 day	To To Bayan Zag Continue our driving to north and reach Bayan Zag valley. Known to westerners as The Flaming Cliffs, Bayan Zag (Rich with Saxaul) is famed for its' red sandstone cliffs which take on beautiful red and orange hues during sunset. Sculptural Saxaul trees grow in the arid rocky soil. The area is also recognized as one of the world's largest dinosaur graveyards. In 1921, at this point, the American Roy Chapman Andrews discovered some of the most important Paleontological findings of the last century. Since then, hundreds of archeological expeditions have come to this remote desert location, and even today with the assistance of local people dinosaur fossils continue to be found in the area. Overnight in a ger camp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 110km

17 day	To Baga Gazryn Chuluu Drive to north-east about 200km and reach Middle Gobi and BAGAGAZRYN CHULUU. Visit the stones Valley walking and runes of the Sacred Monastery. The monastery is built on the small island in the middle of Lake Burd Nuur by local Mongolians in 16th century. Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 200km
18 day	Drive to Terelj Nat. Park Gorkhi-Terelj National Park is located near Ulaanbaatar, about 60 km. The Park is a great getaway destination for short and long time visitors. Spend a night at one of the Mongolian Ger camps in Terelj Park to get the taste of Mongolian culture. Among local attractions are famous "Turtle" Rock, man-made park with dinosaur statues, "Arraybal" buddhist temple, "Khagiin Khar" Glacier Lake, and relaxing views of Tuul River valley. Overnight in gercamp. (BLD)	Accommodation: Gercamp Meal: Full board Distance: 260km
19 day	To Chinggis Khan Statue and Ulaanbaatar Driving to west, we engage with Mongolias newest attraction, the "Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex" Chinggis khan statue complex is located 55 km from Ulaanbaatar among beautiful natural scenery on the bank of river Tuul, in the place called "Tsonjin Boldog", memorial place connected with historic events. Arrive into Ulaanbaatar early evening. A Farewell dinner will take place this evening at a local restaurant. Overnight in Ulaanbaatar in a 4 star Hotel.(BLD).	Accommodation: Hotel Meal: Full board Distance: 120km
20 day	To Ulaanbaatar and Flights. Wake up to a nice breakfast. Take time to relax, maybe some last minute shopping before transferring to the airport. Rooms will be available until 12 noon. Farewell Mongolia.	Meal: Full board

Dates & Prices

07-05-2018 - 26-05-2018, days total: 20, price: 3990

28-05-2018 - 17-06-2018, days total: 21, price: 3990

Trip description

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The best of Amazing Mongolia

The Gobi desert is a treasure chest of fossilized dinosaur bones and eggs. The Gobi is a land of steppes and mountains and the second biggest desert in the world. There you can see the Eagle valley; you will experience the lifestyle of Gobi desert nomads. On the second half of trip you will come from Gobi to Altai Mountains. Take a fascinating adventure to Western Mongolia-an untouched heaven of big lakes, high mountains, gorgeous landscapes and the largest diversity of both wild life and ethnicities in Mongolia.

Includes

Inclusions:

- All meals from arrival into Mongolia. Breakfasts are local fare. Lunches will be local restaurants, tailgate or boxed lunches. Dinners will be at local restaurants mostly attached to the accommodation. Western type food is available at local supermarkets.
- Services of an "Overland Journeys" crew consisting of a minimum of a lead vehicle driver and often a Tour

- Leader / co-driver.
- A local Mongolian tour guide travelling in the lead vehicle.
- A Rally Tours supplied 4x4 vehicle for a minimum of 2 persons or maximum of 4 persons. This will include all insurances (excesses for damage apply) and fuel vouchers for the journey.
- All accommodation (as per itinerary) in Hotels (in the main centres) and Ger Camps and tents on one occasion. All camp items supplied. Additional nights prior to or post the tours can be arranged
- Radio telephones for inter-vehicle communication.

Exclusions:

- Flights to and from Mongolia (we can however assist with flight arrangements if required)
- Personal Travel Insurance (Compulsory)
- Tips and Gratuities to local guides, hotel and ger camp staff etc.
- Local Taxis for personal excursions.
- Food and beverage other than that mentioned on the itinerary.
- Local souvenirs.
- Fuel over and above your allocation.
- Road tolls and traffic fines.

Menu of costs.

20 days of Touring in the Mongolian Outback driving an Overland Journeys 4x4 (Mostly Land Cruiser)

\$US4500 per person.

20 days of Touring as a passenger in a Rally Tours Crew vehicle with driver. (Max 3 persons per vehicle).

\$US 3990 per person.