

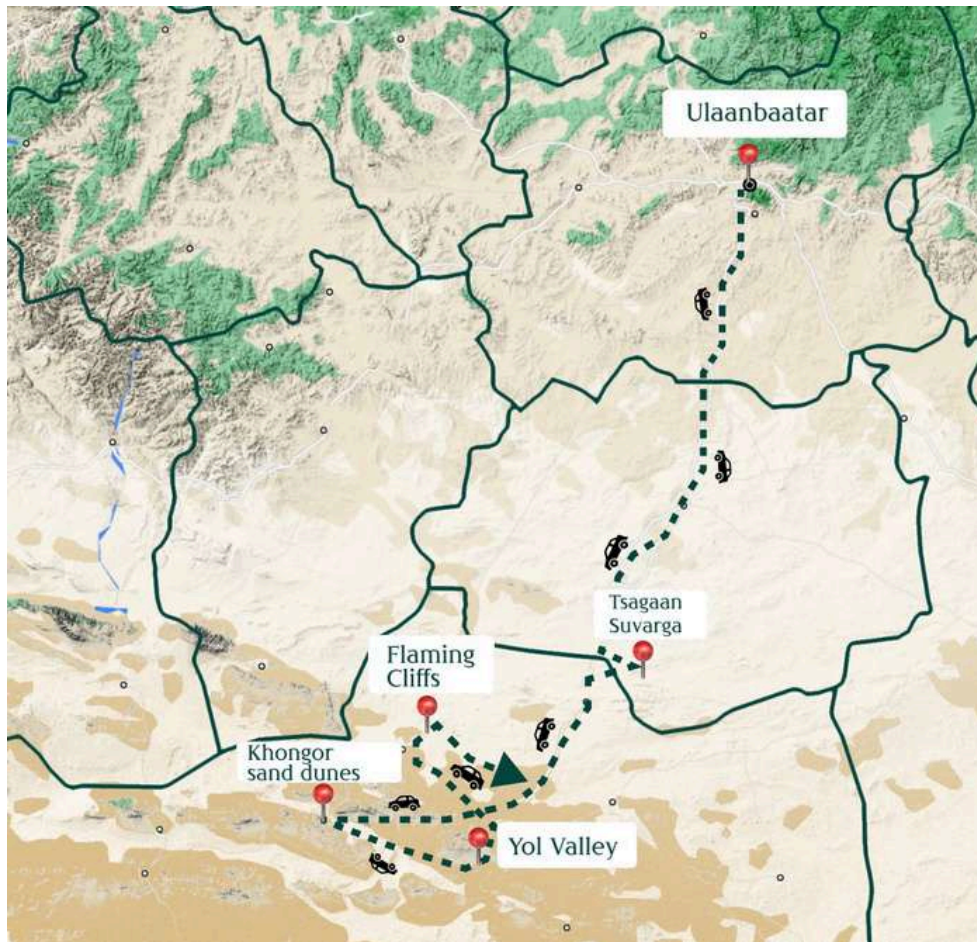
# Pure Gobi Adventure

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from May to September



## TRIP SUMMARY



This 7-day journey is a focused exploration of Mongolia's legendary Gobi Desert, designed for travelers seeking dramatic desert landscapes, ancient history, and authentic nomadic encounters. After arrival and a brief introduction in Ulaanbaatar, the route heads directly south into the heart of the Gobi, where vast open spaces and ever-changing terrain define the experience.

The itinerary highlights the Gobi's most iconic natural wonders, from the towering limestone cliffs of Tsagaan Suvarga to the sweeping dunes of Khongor Sand Dunes, where the desert's scale and silence are most powerfully felt. Travelers will explore Yol Valley, a surprising green canyon hidden within the desert mountains, and witness the optical phenomena of the Gobi Mirage, showcasing the region's extreme climate and contrasts.

Cultural and historical discoveries deepen the journey, including ancient petroglyphs at Havtsgait, a visit with a traditional camel herder family, and exploration of the legendary Flaming Cliffs, renowned for their red sandstone formations and dinosaur fossil discoveries. The journey concludes with a return to Ulaanbaatar before departure.

This itinerary offers an immersive, uninterrupted desert adventure, ideal for travelers who want to experience the raw beauty, solitude, and cultural depth of the Gobi Desert in a compact and well-curated format.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - Arrival in Ulaanbaatar



Welcome to Mongolia, a land of vast landscapes and nomadic heritage.

Upon arrival at Chinggis Khaan International Airport, you will be met by your local team and transferred to your hotel in the city center. Depending on your arrival time, you may enjoy a short walk around the neighborhood or simply rest after your international flight. In the evening we will enjoy a cultural performance followed by a welcome dinner.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Bayangol

**Meal:** Dinner

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### DAY 2 - Middle Gobi/ White Stupa's

Geological wonder of the Gobi.  
Approx. 6 hours driving.

**Morning:** Begin traveling south toward Tsagaan Suvarga, a dramatic escarpment of eroded limestone cliffs.

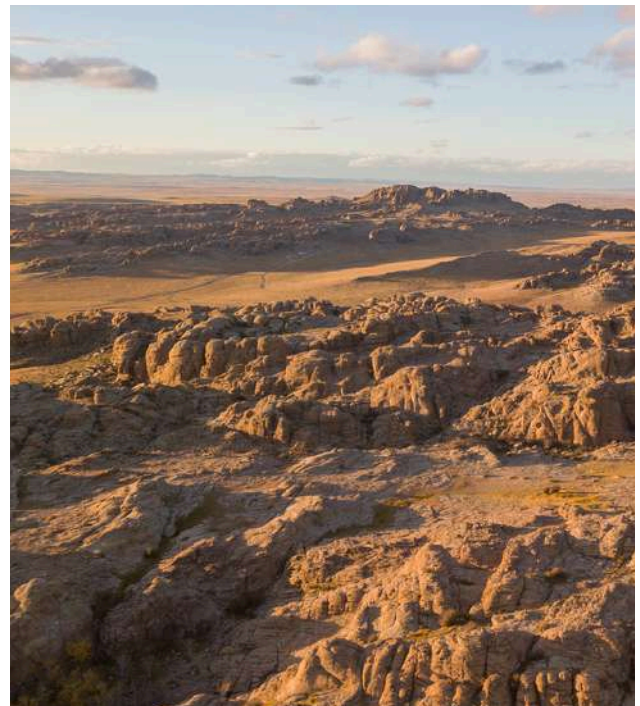
**Afternoon:** Have lunch enroute at the town of Mandalgobi. Arrive in the late afternoon at your ger camp and check in, after a short rest begin exploring the layered rock formations, shaped by wind and water over millions of years.

**Evening:**

Take a sunset walk along the cliffs before returning to camp for dinner.

**Accommodation:** Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## DAY 3 – KHONGOR SAND DUNES



The iconic sands of the Gobi Desert.  
Approx. 6–7 hours driving.

### **Morning**

After breakfast, continue deeper into the Gobi Desert, passing arid plains and distant mountain ranges.

### **Afternoon**

Stop for lunch in a local town before arriving at Khongoryn Els, Mongolia's largest and most dramatic sand dunes. Check into your ger camp and enjoy time to rest.

### **Evening**

In the late afternoon, head to the dunes for a guided hike. As the sun sets, the sand glows with shifting colors and the dunes may emit a low humming sound, giving them their nickname, "singing dunes." Dinner at camp.

**Accommodation:** Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## DAY 4 – YOL VALLEY

Approx. 4–5 hours driving.

### **Morning**

Depart the sand dunes and travel through the South Gobi toward the Gurvan Saikhan Mountains.

### **Afternoon**

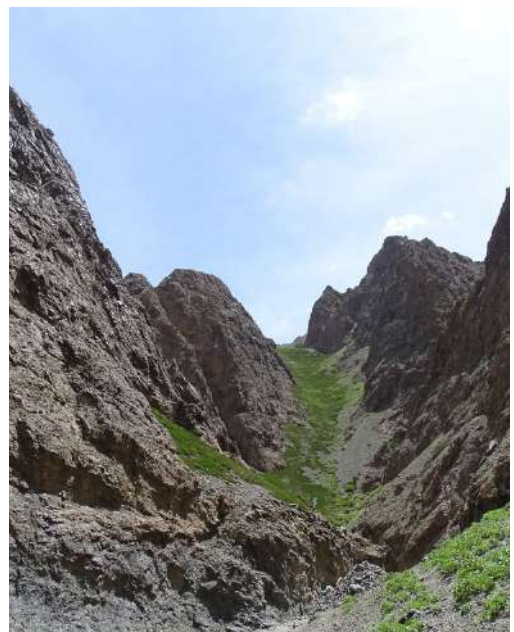
Visit Yol Valley, a narrow canyon known for its seasonal ice formations sometimes lasting into late summer and rich wildlife despite being located in the desert. Hike through the valley, keeping watch for bearded vultures and ibex. Lunch follows before continuing to your ger camp.

### **Evening**

Relax and enjoy dinner at camp.

**Accommodation:** Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## DAY 5 – HAVTSGAIT PETROGLYPHS, CAMEL HERDERS, AND FLAMING CLIFFS

Ancient art, nomadic culture, and paleontological history.

### **Morning**

Drive to the Havtsgait Mountains and hike to see ancient petroglyphs carved into rock faces, some dating back thousands of years. These images provide insight into early nomadic life and belief systems.

### **Afternoon**

Return to camp for lunch and rest. Later, visit a local camel herder family to learn about their daily life and traditions. Enjoy a short ride on Bactrian camels across the desert steppe.

### **Evening**

Continue to the Flaming Cliffs, a striking red sandstone formation made famous by dinosaur fossil discoveries. Explore the area and enjoy a sunset dinner overlooking the cliffs.



**Accommodation:** Ger Camp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 - BACK TO UB

Approx. 7–8 hours driving.

### **Morning**

Begin the journey back to UB.

### **Afternoon**

Enjoy lunch enroute at the town of Mandalgobi. Arrive in the late afternoon.

### **Evening**

Enjoy a farewell dinner at a fine local restaurant.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Bayangol

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## DAY 7 - DEPARTURE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight, concluding your journey through Mongolia.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## LAND PRICES

Based on 2 participants:	<b>\$2,200 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 3-5 participants:	<b>\$1,880 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 6-9 participants:	<b>\$1,695 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Based on 10 or more participants:	<b>\$1,530 per person</b> , standard twin occupancy;
Optional single supplement:	<b>\$300 per person</b>

LAND PRICES INCLUDE:	LAND PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary based on using a 4x4 van and land cruisers;</li> <li>• Accommodations in a standard room at hotels and gers in the countryside based on a twin occupancy;</li> <li>• Airport arrival &amp; departure transfers;</li> <li>• All meals indicated as B, L or D;</li> <li>• All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary;</li> <li>• English speaking guide throughout your stay with local knowledge and experience;</li> <li>• Supply of bottled water per person per day based on consumption.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International and domestic airfare;</li> <li>• Personal laundry;</li> <li>• Drinks not mentioned in the itinerary;</li> <li>• Travel insurance;</li> <li>• Medical evacuation costs;</li> <li>• Excess baggage charges;</li> <li>• Visa fees;</li> <li>• Gratuities;</li> <li>• Photography and video fees;</li> <li>• Any other item not mentioned as included.</li> </ul>

## HOW TO BOOK THIS TRIP

You may book any trip with us by filling out our [Trip Application Form](#), which you can download using Adobe Acrobat Reader and can send to us as an electronic file via e-mail at

- [TURGEREL@MongoliaQuest.com](mailto:TURGEREL@MongoliaQuest.com)

All reservations are subject to deposit of \$400 per person. Deposits are refundable until 90 days prior to the start of the program less a \$250 administrative fee. Please arrange a wire transfer to Mongolia Quest bank account as per following instructions:

**Beneficiary name:** MONGOLIA QUEST LLC

**Beneficiary's address:**

Suite #1205, Dalai Tower, 1st Horoo, 13th Sud-district, Sukhbaatar District,  
Ulaanbaatar 14210, Mongolia;

**Tel:** (976) 7000 9747

**Email:** [info@MongoliaQuest.com](mailto:info@MongoliaQuest.com)

**Beneficiary's account number:** 3005111070

**Beneficiary's bank name:** Golomt bank

**Beneficiary's bank address:**

Monnis branch

3rd floor, Monnis tower, Chinggis avenue

Khoroo #1, Sukhbaatar district

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

**Beneficiary's bank swift code:** GLMTMNUB

Once we receive your trip application form, we will send you information about how to wire your deposit to us, and a confirmation letter with information related with visa and international airfare reservations. You will also receive our pre-departure Travel Guide, which will include information on weather, suggested reading list, a list of items to pack, etc.

About 4 weeks prior to your arrival date, we will send you Final Departure Information which will include your final itinerary along with any other necessary updated information regarding the logistics of your trip.

## **PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

As mentioned above, a deposit of \$400 per person is required to reserve space for the trip that you have chosen. Full payment is due 90 days prior to the start of the trip. In the case of a cancellation, please contact us in written form.

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by Mongolia Quest. At the time, we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- **Up to 90 days prior to departure: \$250 per person handling fee;**
- **89-60 days prior to departure: 20% of the trip cost per person;**
- **60-45 days prior to departure: 50% of the trip cost per person;**
- **44-30 days prior to departure: 75% of the trip cost, per person;**
- **29 days prior to departure, or after the trip starts: no-refund.**

Some airfares may be nonrefundable. Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from MQ for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

### **Tier pricing**

Our prices are based on tier pricing. At the time of booking, we will bill you for the amount based on the confirmed number of trip participants. In case the number of travelers increases at the last moment, we will reimburse the balance of your payment in accordance with the corresponding tier pricing, after you return home.

## TRAVEL NOTES

### How to get to Mongolia

The official Mongolian international civil flight carriers Mongolian Airlines or MIAT. Currently it serves flights between Beijing, Seoul, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Frankfurt. Other popular airlines include Asiana, Pusan and Turkish airlines. South Korea is the most common international gateway city to Ulaanbaatar. Mongolian Airlines and Turkish Airlines fly daily to/from Istanbul. If you are coming from Europe, you may also find Turkish Airlines a convenient connection. During the summer season, if no seats are available on any of these major carriers, there are ways to fly to Mongolia through local cities in China and Russia. Please contact us for more information. The seats are usually in high demand and booking needs to be done well in advance.

### Visa Information

U.S, Canadian, Japanese, Singaporean, Australian and citizens of most European counties are allowed to enter Mongolia without a visa for up to 30 days. All other nationals are required to get a visa before entering Mongolia.

#### THE LIST OF THE COUNTRIES TO BE EXEMPTED FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS TO VISIT MONGOLIA UP TO 30 DAYS IN THE YEARS OF 2023-2025

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Czech Republic</li> <li>• Republic of Austria</li> <li>• Kingdom of Belgium</li> <li>• Hungary</li> <li>• Hellenic Republic</li> <li>• Kingdom of Denmark</li> <li>• Kingdom of Spain</li> <li>• Italian Republic</li> <li>• Republic of Latvia</li> <li>• Republic of Lithuania</li> <li>• Swiss Confederation</li> <li>• Republic of Bulgaria</li> <li>• Republic of Ireland</li> <li>• Republic of Philippines</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principality of Liechtenstein</li> <li>• Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</li> <li>• Republic of Malta</li> <li>• Kingdom of the Netherlands</li> <li>• Republic of Poland</li> <li>• Portuguese Republic</li> <li>• Slovak Republic</li> <li>• Republic of Slovenia</li> <li>• Republic of Finland</li> <li>• Republic of Croatia</li> <li>• Canada</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kingdom of Sweden</li> <li>• French Republic</li> <li>• Republic of Estonia</li> <li>• Kingdom of Norway</li> <li>• Republic of Iceland</li> <li>• Republic of Cyprus</li> <li>• Romania</li> <li>• Principality of Monaco</li> <li>• United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</li> <li>• Commonwealth of Australia</li> <li>• New Zealand</li> </ul> |
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## Weather

Mongolia enjoys over 280 sunny days a year. However, because Mongolia has a continental weather pattern, weather can fluctuate drastically during any given day. We recommend packing warm clothes even if you are coming during the hottest months. Our pre-departure information will provide details regarding the weather along with a suggested packing list. Layering is the best plan to be ready for a wide array of Mongolian weather patterns.

## Accommodation



Newly renovated Soviet era hotels are located at some of the best locations in downtown Ulaanbaatar. They offer comfortable rooms and friendly services. There are also newer hotels like Kempinski Khan Palace, Ramada Ulaanbaatar and Best Western Inn. The countryside accommodations are arranged in “ger camps,” which provide authentic nomadic felt tents with centralized bathroom and toilet facilities located nearby. They offer clean, comfortable beds and plentiful meals.

## Safety

Mongolia is devoid of any political, religious and ethnic sectarian conflicts and is considered one of the safest countries in the world for international travelers. However, like in any other country, crimes do happen, so a good sense of caution and respect shown to the locals can help to avoid unnecessary confrontations. Mongolians are generally hospitable people who love to interact with foreigners.

## Food



Mongolia’s capital, Ulaanbaatar, hosts an excellent collection of fine restaurants of international cuisine. In the countryside, tour establishments offer hearty meals with a balance of meat and vegetables. Meat in Mongolia is excellent, in that the whole country is essentially “free-range” terrain. Even your strictest dietary restrictions can now be met with proper information in advance and preparation by us.

## **Information about Currency and Payment Methods**

Mongolia's national currency is called tugrik, and the exchange rate is about 3,500 tugrik to a US dollar. Major currencies can be exchanged at the hotels and pawnshops, and ATM machines are widely available throughout Ulaanbaatar and provincial centers. However, Australian dollars can usually only be exchanged at banks. Traveler's checks can be cashed at banks, and major credit cards are accepted at most places in the capital, but only Mongolian cash is accepted in the countryside. We recommend that you travel with Mongolian national currency equal to at least \$200 when touring in the countryside.

## **Souvenirs**

Like any other place, Mongolia offers great souvenirs ranging from camel wool sweaters to cashmere scarves and traditional wooden puzzle games. Mongolian vodkas can be an excellent gift. At several stores, you can also find a range of traditional Mongolian musical instruments such as the famed Morin Khuur or "horse-headed fiddle." Bargaining is not very customary; most items are sold for the price on their labels. If you plan to shop for souvenirs, we recommend purchasing locally as many items as possible since your purchases will be a direct contribution to the local community.

## **Travel Insurance**

With Mongolia stretching over 1.5 million square kilometers and its population concentrated in the cities, we will be traveling through some remote areas away from good roads and medical facilities. We strongly recommend that you consider getting standard emergency medical evacuation insurance as a means to protect yourself from unexpected accidents that can happen during any trip. Nothing is better than traveling with peace of mind knowing that you have prepared for the trip as much as possible in advance.

## **Traveling with Mongolia Quest**

Because it is still a developing country, traveling in Mongolia requires a sense of humor and patience. New roads and bridges are being built every year, but the paved road system is still limited in the countryside. You may experience flight delays and find road conditions bumpy and dusty. But the experience of traveling in Mongolia will far exceed some personal compromises in comfort. We like to say that the best part of traveling in Mongolia is spontaneous events and interactions, which lead to unexpected interactions, discoveries, and experiences that will make your trip unique and memorable. At Mongolia Quest, we ensure the integrity of your overall itinerary, but at the same time, will go out of our way to make necessary changes in order to enrich your travel experience with us.

**ENJOY YOUR TRIP!**