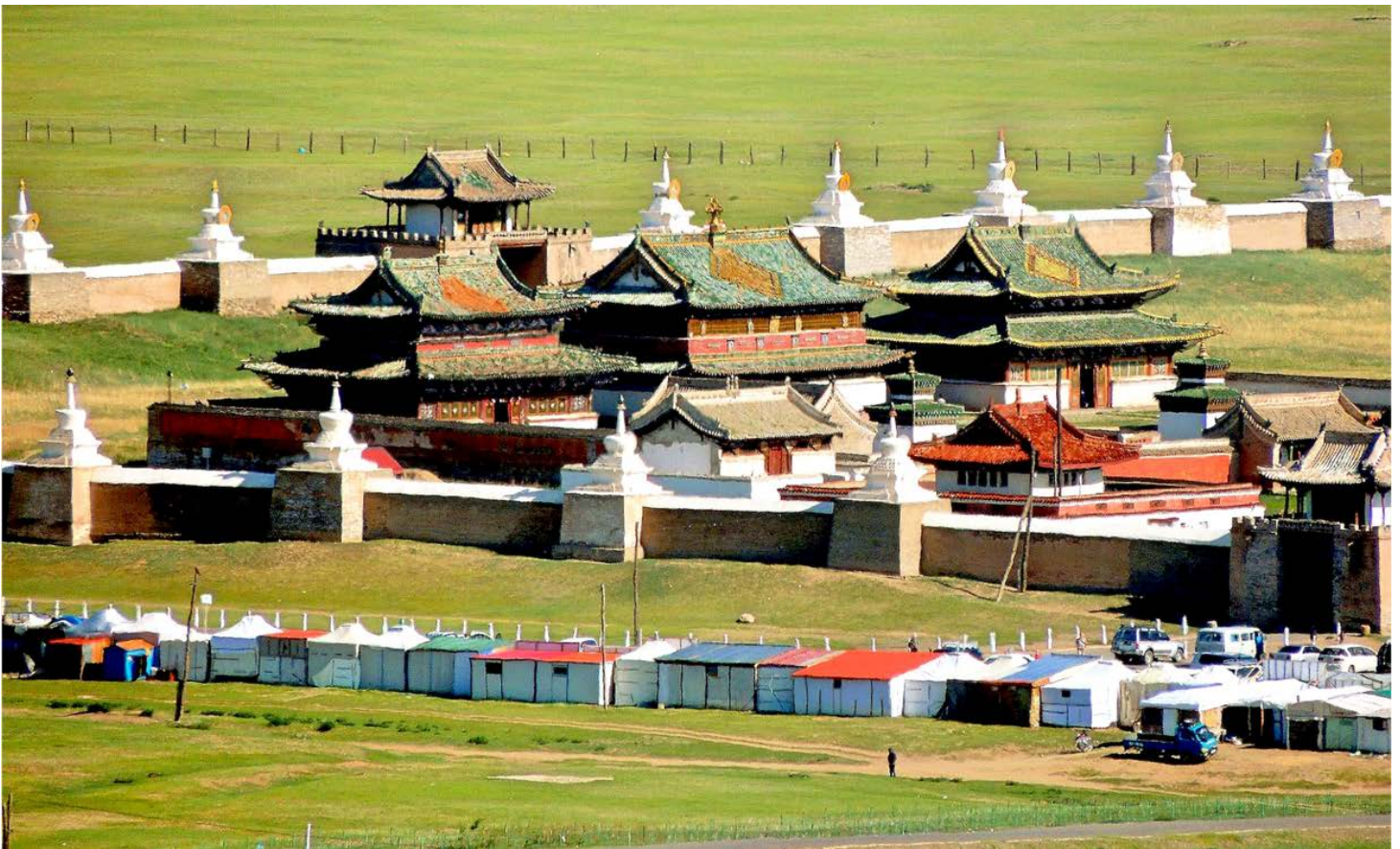




MESMERIZING MONGOLIA

MONGOLIA July 2-18, 2025



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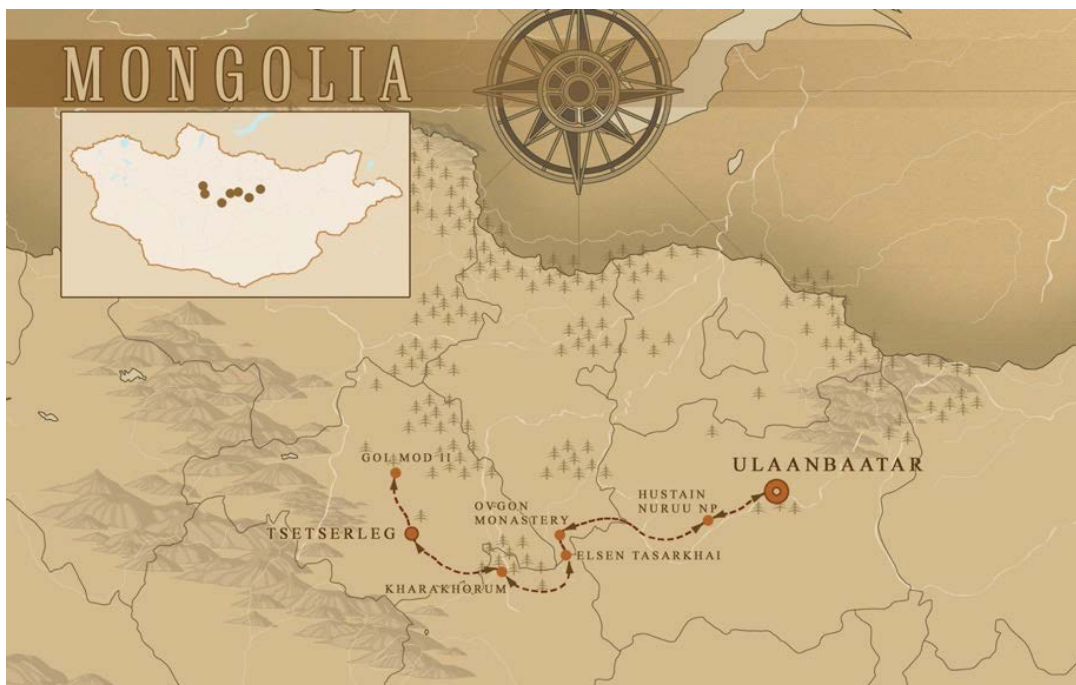
ABOUT THE GUEST LECTURER



Uranchimeg (Orna) Tsultemin is a renowned scholar of Mongolian art and culture. She was born and raised in Mongolia and obtained her Ph.D. degree in Art History from University of California, Berkeley, where she also taught courses in Mongolian and Tibetan arts in the past. She also taught at two universities in Mongolia as well as South Korea's prestigious Yonsei University. She has curated Mongolian art exhibitions internationally in Asia, Europe, and the US, with her most recent shows in Hong Kong and Venice, Italy. She is currently Edgar and Dorothy Fehnel Chair in International Studies and Associate Professor at Indiana University's Herron School of Art and Design.

Professor Uranchimeg's publications include her monograph *A Monastery on the Move: Art and Politics in Later Buddhist Mongolia* (Honolulu: Hawaii University Press, 2020), which won *Art Book* award from the International Convention of Asia Scholars in 2023 in Leiden, the Netherlands. She also guest edited a volume *Buddhist Art of Mongolia: Cross-Cultural Connections, Discoveries and Interpretations* (Berkeley: Institute of East Asian Studies, 2019) in addition to six books published in Mongolia, numerous peer-reviewed articles and international exhibition catalog essays. While she is working on her new book manuscript on Mongolian contemporary art, she also enjoys travelling the countryside, spending time with her family, and entertaining her guests with her home cooking. Another passion of hers is Tibetan art, which she continues to explore through her travels to Lhasa and beyond.

MAP OF CENTRAL MONGOLIA





TRIP SUMMARY

Mongolia is a place with rich cultural and natural heritage. Learn about prehistoric monuments known as Hirgisuur, deer stones and stone men, and what forms of art were brought in by Buddhist monks. Visit ruins of ancient cities and look for traces of cultures once inhabiting central Mongolia. Meet some of the modern-day nomads roaming the vast steppes of Mongolia and the Gobi Desert whose lives essentially have not changed for over several millennia.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 / July 2

Arrival

Upon arrival at the Chinggis Khan International Airport in Ulaanbaatar, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel. After resting in your hotel room, enjoy a welcome dinner at one of the fine local restaurants. Overnight at the hotel. (Approximately 1 hour of driving; Tuushin Best Western HTL; D)



Sukhbaatar monument on Ulaanbaatar's central square

Day 2 / July 3

Ulaanbaatar / Gobi Desert

After breakfast meet your guide at the hotel lobby to transfer to the airport for your flight the Gobi Desert. Named after natural springs in the valley, the word Dalanzadgad literally means Seventy springs. Upon arrival in South Gobi, transfer to a ger camp in the center of Dalanzadgad valley for dinner and overnight. Gers are the traditional felt covered tents, made of a latticed wood structure covered with layers of felt. Based on double occupancy, they provide an authentic and memorable taste of Mongolian culture and allow you to visit areas which otherwise lack traveler accommodations. (Approximately 2 hours of driving; Ger Camp; B, L, D)

Day 3 / July 4

Yol Valley

In the morning, drive to the Yol Valley located in the Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park, one of the biggest by territory in the country. Yol Valley is named after the birds of prey Yol or Lammergeiers who dwell in the higher cliffs of the valley. It contains ice built by a small stream over winter that persists as late as July and is home to many of Gobi's wildlife including Ibex, Argali sheep and Snow Leopard.



Birding at Yol Valley

Stroll through the valley before returning to the camp for lunch. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in gers. (Approximately 3 hours of driving; Ger Camp; B, L, D)

Day 4 / July 5

Moltsog Els and the Flaming Cliffs

In the morning drive to Moltsog Els Dunes. Visit a local camel herder family, sample some dairy products and try camel riding.

Lunch at the camp. Dr. Orna's informal talk about foreign visitors to Mongolia in the 19th-early 20th c. including Roy Chapman Andrews. In the evening drive to the legendary Flaming Cliffs, red sandstone formations stretching for about 3 km in width. They were first discovered by the Central Asiatic Expedition led by Roy Chapman Andrews of the American Museum of Natural History in the early 20th century. It is home to hundreds of dinosaur fossil finds and first dinosaur eggs to be discovered ever. Paleontological expeditions from many countries, including from the U.S, Poland, Japan and Russia have worked here. Each year rain and wind reveal yet more fossils and every summer new discoveries are made. We will visit one of the lesser-visited areas and spend the evening looking for dinosaur fossils. Enjoy a picnic dinner at the Flaming Cliffs. Transfer to the ger camp overnight. (Approximately 4 hours of driving; Ger Camp; B, L, D)

Day 5 / July 6

Gobi / Ulaanbaatar

In the morning, transfer to Dalanzadgad and fly back to Ulaanbaatar. After lunch, visit the newly built Chinggis Khaan Museum. This state-of-the-art museum opened its doors in 2022 and has a collection of 10,000 exhibits covering the times of the Great Mongol Empire established by

Chinggis Khaan and expanded by his descendants to become the biggest contiguous empire of human history. After dinner, transfer to your hotel overnight. (Approximately 2 hours of driving; Tuushin Best Western HTL; B, L, D)

Day 6 / July 7

Ulaanbaatar

Dr. Orna will do a presentation this morning before we get to our daily program. After the lecture visit to Gandan, the country's largest monastery. An imposing 90-foot-tall statue of Megjid Janraisag (Avalokiteshvara in Sanskrit) stands in the largest temple in the monastery. This statue is considered the religious symbol of Mongolia's independence and democracy after the country's democratic transition in 1990. When a Mongolian student in the mid-1990s discovered fragments of the original statue (which was destroyed by Soviet authorities in the 1930s) in St. Petersburg, a nationwide campaign began to collect money for rebuilding the Buddha. After years of hard work, this magnificent Buddha was resurrected and is now standing proud, making all Mongolian Buddhists happy.



Statue of Chenrezji at Gandan Monastery, Ulaanbaatar

After lunch visit the halls of the National Art Gallery, housing an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary art of Mongolia. Return to the hotel for a short rest. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a fine local restaurant. (Tuushin Best Western HTL; B, L, D)

Day 7 / July 8

Tsonjin Boldog & Tonyukuk monuments

Day trip to Tsonjin Boldog monument, including a visit to Tonyukuk. After breakfast, drive east out of Ulaanbaatar (1.5 hour) to the famed Tonyukuk Monument, one of the most valued archaeological sites of the early Mongolian Turkic nation. Erected in 744 AD, the statue was built by a renowned scholar and statesman and is inscribed with the brief history of the Turkic state. The

statue is considered one of the world's most significant examples of Runic inscription. Explore several "man statues" located nearby.

Continue a little further to visit the biggest equestrian statue to Chinggis Khaan at Tsonjin Boldog, overlooking the Tuul river valley to the east. The statue comprises of a visitor center with museums, art exhibits and shops. Those who wish can hike up the stairs to end up on the main of the horse to get a bird-eye view of the neighboring valleys. Enjoy lunch at one of the local restaurants before returning back to Ulaanbaatar.



Chinggis Khaan's Statue complex at Tsonjin Boldog

Dinner on your own. Overnight at the hotel. (Approx. 3 hours of driving; Tuushin Best Western HTL; B, L)

Day 8 / July 9

Hustai National Park

In the morning transfer to Hustai National park, situated west of Ulaanbaatar. Hustai Nuruu is one of three sites where the wild horses, known as the Takhi or Przewalski's Horse have been reintroduced during the last two decades. After the last individuals disappeared from the wild in Mongolia in late 1960s, genetically pure animals were bred in captivity in European zoos and have been reintroduced into three distinctive habitats in Mongolia. We will be able to observe these handsome, completely wild horses in their natural steppe habitat. Together with the Tarpan of the European steppe – which no longer exists in a pure state – the Takhi was a dominant grazer of the arid grasslands of the Eurasian continent. This is one of the few instances in which a large mammal, extirpated in the wild, has been successfully reintroduced within its former range.



Takhi at Hustai National Park

Upon arrival check into your gers. After lunch, visit the local information center, including watching a documentary on Takhi horses. Explore this diverse park of natural grasslands, mountains and river shores with further encounters with Takhi herds. Drive further to visit the Ongot monuments, gravesite just outside the Western border of Hustai Park composed of a number of granite statues. These grave stones were built by people of Turkik origin about 1200 years ago. Explore the monuments. Return to the camp for dinner and overnight. (Approx. 3 hours of driving; Ger camp; L, D)

Day 9 / July 10

Hogno Khan mountains / Harhorin

Drive to Hogno Han Mountains at the stunning confluence of three geographical zones (steppe, desert, and forest). Visit the Ovgon monastery originally built in 1660 but later destroyed by the armies of Galdan Boshigt from western Mongolia in the 18th century. Consequently, the monastery was rebuilt to be demolished by communists in the 30s of the last century. Some temples are being restored these days. Explore the site. After picnic lunch, continue onto Harhorin.

The construction of Harhorin city was completed during the reign of Ogedei Khan, Chinggis Khan's third son who, in 1128, inherited the empire his father created. It is located in the picturesque valley of Orkhon River, which bears hundreds of historically and archaeologically significant sites going back 2000 years, still waiting to be discovered. These include 2000-year-old burial sites, deer stones and ruins of cities pre-dating the time of Chinggis Khan. Upon arrival check into your gers. Dinner and overnight in a local hotel (Approx. 6 hours of driving; Local Hotel; B, L, D)

Day 10 / July 11

Naadam games

After breakfast we spend a full day at the Naadam games in Harhorin. Naadam originally was a way to train men to the military skill: every soldier had to be able to ride fast, shoot arrows and wrestle



with enemies during combat. In Mongolia, with its scarce population and nomadic ways, where individual herders live far apart from each other it was important to come together from time to time for training. That is why the Naadam is often referred to as 3 manly sports: horse racing, archery and wrestling. As time passed it became a way to celebrate important events and not necessarily the same men were participating in all three sports. July 11 and 12th commemorate the regaining of Mongolian independence in 1921.



Horsing is an integral part of Naadam games

Enjoy a full day at the Naadam site in Harhorin. Return to the camp for lunch. This evening, enjoy a traditional Mongolian barbeque for dinner. Local Hotel. (Local Hotel; B, L, D)

Day 11 / July 12 Harhorin

This morning we will hear another presentation from Dr. Orna before visiting the magnificent Erdene Zuu Monastery, one of Mongolia's most beautiful Buddhist structures. Strolling through its grounds, surrounded by 108 stupas, you will find plenty of opportunities to photograph its temples and local visitors. Visit local Erdensiin Art Gallery before heading to the hotel for lunch.

After lunch transfer to Hushoo Tsaidam – monuments of Turkik king Bilge and his brother general Kultegen (685-731 AD), who have been local rulers of an ancient Turkik state, one of the greatest empires ever established by nomadic tribes of inner Asia. The main monument is 3.3 meter tall and known as Orkhon writing. A museum has been built with assistance of the government of Turkey and now this spectacular monument is properly protected. Return to Harhorin for dinner and overnight.

For those interested a visit to local nomadic family will be organized. (Approx. 2 hours of driving; Local Hotel; B, L, D)

Day 12/ July 13

Tsetserleg

After breakfast we drive to the capital of Arkhangai Tsetserleg, a province considered one of the most beautiful in Mongolia. Check into your hotel. After lunch visit Buyandelgeruulekh Monastery, which was once home to almost 1,000 monks. During the communist purges of the 1930s the monastery was converted into a museum and thus saved from destruction. Buyandelgeruulekh has become the town's main monastery and now holds weekly religious services, but is still home to many spiritual and sacred artifacts from its days as a museum.

Dinner and overnight at a local hotel. (Approx. 3 hours of driving; Local Hotel; B, L, D)

Day 13 / July 14

Jargalant Deerstones

Morning lecture on prehistoric art forms. Mongolia is rich with monuments and complex heritage sites that belong to Bronze Age culture. The main Bronze Age monuments are khirgisuurs, petroglyphs, stone sculptures such as deer stones and burial sites. The most exciting and elegant and valuable monument among Bronze Age complexes are deer stones. Deer stones will usually be found together with extraordinary monuments called khirgisuur, with slab burials or in some cases with petroglyphs forming a complex site. Today we visit the tombs and largest Deer stone site of Jargalant valley, including one of the biggest Hirgisuur structures. Back to Tsetserleg for dinner and overnight. (Approx. 6 hours of driving; Local Hotel; B, L, D)



Jargalant Deerstone complex

Day 14 / July 15

Harhorin

After breakfast, transfer back to Harhorin. Upon arrival in Harhorin visit the museum of Harhorin, depicting a rich collection of archaeology from Orkhon valley followed by a visit to monument to the great nomadic states erected on a hilltop overlooking the Orkhon valley right above the Harhorin city. Dinner and overnight in gers. (Approx. 3 hours of driving; Local Hotel; B, L, D)

Day 15 / July 16 Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar for dinner and overnight. Lunch along the way. (Approx. 7 hours of driving; Tuushin Best Western HTL; B, L, D)

Day 16 / July 17 Ulaanbaatar

This morning we explore the Chojjin Lama museum, a gem of the historical and cultural heritage of the previous century. The monastery was active until 1938. The museum is an ensemble of Buddhist architecture and consists of 5 temples and 5 arched gates. In the main temple there is the sculpture of Chojjin Lama and the embalmed mummy of his teacher. It also contains the great coral mask of Begtse, created under the direction of protectors using over 6,000 pieces of coral. *Yadam* temple and Amgalan temple contain rare artifacts made by the famous Mongolian artist and sculptor, Zanabazar. In total the museum has over 5,000 items out of which 12 are unique and 200 are particularly valuable.



Entrance to the Chojjin Lama Temple in downtown Ulaanbaatar

After lunch we visit the halls of the Fine Arts museum named after famous Zanabazar, first Buddhist theocrat of the country. The museum offers an excellent collection of Mongolia's arts including golden Buddha statues of 17th century and some of the best preserved *tankas* (traditional Buddhist paintings) in the world.

After attending a traditional dance and song performance, we enjoy our farewell dinner at one of the finest local restaurants. Overnight at the hotel. (Tuushin Best Western HTL; B, L, D)

Day 17 / July 18 Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



Mongolia Quest reserves the right to alter the above itinerary if deemed necessary by travel complications, weather, health issues or other unforeseen events

Land prices:

9-12 travelers: \$6,615 per person, based on standard twin occupancy

13-16 travelers: \$6,290 per person, based on standard twin occupancy

17-20 travelers: \$5,952 per person, based on standard twin occupancy

Single supplement: \$1,210 per person.

Private airport transfer (if you are arriving and departure before or after the main trip):

\$90 for 1 and 2 pax, \$120 for 3-5 pax.

Extra night at Tuushin Best Western HTL \$160 for single room and \$190 for a double/twin.

Land price includes:

- Accommodation in a twin room at Tuushin Best Western hotel and standard ger camps throughout;
- Airport arrival & departure transfers;
- Land transportation as indicated in the itinerary;
- All meals indicated as B, L or D;
- All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary;
- English speaking guide throughout your stay;
- Gratuities;
- A bottled water per person per day and unlimited supply of boiled water.

Land price does not include:

International airfare; personal laundry and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary; travel insurance; medical evacuation costs; excess baggage charges; visa fees; gratuities; photography and video fees and any other item not mentioned as included.

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 Info@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, UNESCO street - 31, Sukhbaatar District - 1 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Tel: (976) 7000 9747. E-mail: 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

Or you can pay using a credit card, which is a subject to 4% surcharge. Should you wish to use this option, please follow below link:



<https://mongoliaquest.com/book-your-trip/>

When making the payment please include your name and the departure: “**Mesmerizing Mongolia**” by SAA.

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 carrier is Mongolian Airlines or MIAT. Currently it serves flights between Beijing, Seoul, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Berlin and Moscow. Beijing is the most common international gateway city to Ulaanbaatar. Mongolian Airlines and Air China fly daily between the two cities. Seoul, Korea is the second most popular gateway city; is served by both Mongolian Airlines and Korean Air. If you are coming from Europe, you may also consider Russian Aeroflot in addition to MIAT. Turkish Airlines has recently started offering flights between Istanbul and Ulaanbaatar. A private airline “Hunnu” offers direct flights between Bangkok- Ulaanbaatar and Paris-Ulaanbaatar. 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.

Also, a major branch of the Trans-Siberian Railway goes through Mongolia from Moscow stopping in Irkutsk and Ulan-Ude, before stopping in Ulaanbaatar and continuing to Chinese Erlain and Beijing. The seats are usually in high demand and booking needs to be done well in advance.



Visa Information

U.S, Canadian, and Japanese citizens 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. If your visa-application requires it, we will send you an invitation letter upon request. For details please refer to:

<http://consul.mn/02visae.php>

The following link has a list of Mongolian embassies, consulates and diplomatic missions abroad:

<http://consul.mn/05dtg.php>

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.

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.

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.

Information about Currency and Payment Methods

Mongolia's national currency is called tugrik and the exchange rate is about 3,400 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 \$300 when touring in the countryside.

Souvenirs

Like any other places, 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 travelling 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.

THANK YOU!



Trip Application Form

Each trip applicant must complete and sign this form (please make copies for your own records). Read the application carefully, complete it in full, and sign on the bottom of the last page where indicated. **All three pages of the application must be received with you \$400 deposit in order to confirm your reservation.** You can e-mail the completed form to info@mongoliaquest.com.

Trip Name: MESMERIZING MONGOLIA Dates of travel: _____

Full Name (as it appears on your passport): _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Weight _____ Height: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (night) _____ (day) _____

Fax (optional): _____ E-mail: _____

Name as you'd like it to appear on your name-tag: _____ Occupation: _____

Hobbies/Special Interests: _____ non-smoker smoker

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Passport Date of Issue: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____

Birthdate (m/d/y): ____/____/____ Birthplace: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

I am willing to share a room or *ger* (yurt) with other travelers.

Double occupancy (name of accompanying traveler): _____

Single preferred (not guaranteed in all *gers* and will require additional payment).

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND INSURANCE: Unless otherwise notified, each traveler agrees to book their own international airline reservations. Please let us know if you would like to depart earlier or later than the trip dates. **Please send us your flight information as soon as you reserve your airline tickets, along with a copy of your travel or medical insurance.**

My preferred gateway city: _____ Departure date: _____

Membership number: _____



PERSONAL INFORMATION:

I have no medical or dietary restrictions, except as follows: _____

I am in good physical condition to undertake this trip, with the possible following exception(s): _____

Name, address and phone number of your physician, for contact in case of emergency (optional):

Name: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (w) _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name, address, phone number and relationship of a person who is not traveling with you, for contact in case of emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (home or cell) _____ (w) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I (the "Participant") understand and agree—as a condition of my acceptance to participate in this trip—that there is a limitation of liability on the part of the Mongolia Quest LLC ("MQ"). I understand and agree that I shall take on full assumption of all risks of travel, and hereby release the MQ from liability. I also recognize other terms and conditions hereinafter set forth as:

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

I understand and agree that the MQ, a Mongolian tour operator, acts only in the capacity of an agent in making arrangements for the transportation, hotels, and other services included in this tour, and does not assume any responsibility or liability for any injury, damage, illness, death, loss, accident, delay, expense or other irregularity to the Participant due to any act of, or default or negligence or failure to act by any carrier, hotel, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in this tour, or by any of their employees or agents.

This should be understood to include, but is not limited to: any breakdown of machinery or equipment; the issuance of improper visas, health certificates or other required documents; any acts of any governmental authority; any strikes or civil disturbances; sicknesses or quarantines; weather issues and natural disasters; hostilities or acts of war; or any other *force majeure*.

The MQ also does not assume nor shall it hold any responsibility or be liable for any injury, damage, illness, death, loss, accident, delay, expense, or other irregularity to the Participant due to any routing changes in travel, any changes in the modes of travel, or any risks and dangers associated with travel in general, and specifically with such physical activities that may include, but are not limited to: mountain climbing, horse riding, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, camel trekking, and overland hiking/trekking.

Any additional charges or expenses that may arise from any delay or unexpected extension of this tour, or arising from any of the previously described acts or events, will be the Participant's responsibility. The MQ also reserves the right to decline to accept



any person as a Participant in the tour, or refuse to retain any Participant in the tour, and shall have the right to remove any Participant during the tour at such Participant's expense.

Finally, the MQ reserves the right to adjust the itinerary and make changes in the modes of ground and air travel, or changes in the accommodations or hotels or other changes in the tour without prior notice. In addition, any Participant's contract in using any airline and/or any other public carrier shall be the sole contract between said carrier and the Participant.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS OF TRAVEL AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I further understand that I am undertaking travel to lesser developed countries, and in addition to the rewards associated with such travel there are certain inherent problems that I may encounter which are due to circumstances and situations associated with such travel. I understand that the problems that I may encounter could be more frequent than problems inherent to travel in more developed countries.

With this understanding, I assume and release MQ from any and all liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident, delay, expenses or other irregularities arising from any of the unexpected events, risks, dangers, and other situations listed above. Please note that the MQ will attempt in good faith, and subject to sound business judgment, make all reasonable efforts and necessary changes, to the extent possible, in the travel itinerary, so as to adapt to any of these possible circumstances, while yet complying to an extent reasonably possible to the published itinerary.

Once again, by signing this agreement, I assume and release the MQ from any responsibility or liability for any injury, damage, illness, death, loss, accident, delay, expense or other irregularity to the Participant due to any act of or default or negligence or failure to act by any carrier, hotel, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in this tour—or by any of their employees or agents. I recognize that these consequences may arise due to factors that include, but are not limited to: any breakdown of machinery or equipment; the issuance of improper visas, health certificates or other required documents; any acts of any governmental authority; any strikes or civil disturbances; sicknesses or quarantines; weather issues and natural disasters; hostilities or acts of war; or any other acts beyond the control of these agents.

I understand that all rates for transportation, hotels and other services are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of the printing of the price list for said tour, and are subject to increase without prior notification in the event of changes therein. I further understand that all trip applications are subject to acceptance by MQ.

Because there are certain risks and dangers associated specifically with the physical activities inherent to adventure travel—including (but not limited to) mountain climbing, horse riding, kayaking/canoeing/rafting, camel trekking and hiking/trekking—at points where you might choose to engage in these activities you will be required to sign an additional release of liability before undertaking said activity. MQ is not responsible for lost or damaged personal property or for any injuries you may sustain on this trip, or during any activities in which you choose to engage.

(Note: If you have any questions about this or related liability issues, please call us concerning the risks involved with the activities on this particular trip.)

Given the unpredictability of traveling in lesser-developed countries, all itineraries and arrangements are subject to change without prior notice. However, the MQ will attempt to provide advanced notice of any changes to itinerary or services to the extent possible. MQ reserves the right to adjust itineraries as deemed necessary, or to postpone or substitute itineraries or services, if travel conditions may jeopardize the health and/or safety of the travelers, or prevent the itinerary from operating as scheduled. Any additional charges incurred arising from the postponement, delay or extension of a trip or adjustment to the itinerary due to weather, equipment failure, flight schedule changes, illness, or other causes beyond our control will be the traveler's responsibility.

All of the information and assumptions set forth above are true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____