



# NAADAM FESTIVAL

## AND GREAT GOBI DESERT TOUR

*Simply unforgettable*



*Naadam highlights the three 'manly sports' of wrestling, archery and horse racing and is a time when Mongolians celebrate who they are, how proud they are to be Mongolian.*

*Jargal Expedition.*

A group of people, likely Mongolian, are riding horses across a vast, open landscape. The riders are wearing traditional, colorful clothing, including hats and jackets. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of adventure and exploration.

## Discover Mongolia your way

We believe ourselves as generation of nomadic people and proud so that as imperatively, we are honour of operating an adventure tours for guests and giving them opportunity to experience about our culture and tradition through our selected discovery destinations in our country. With assistance of our dedicated team and comfortable accommodation arrangement in the backcountry, we will provide you an authentic and real-life adventure in Mongolia. Our personal service begins with your first enquiry and extends through your whole trip. For years we've been arranging distinctive adventure holidays throughout Mongolia. Each is personally designed to suit you to perfection.

Best wishes

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# NATURE OF OUR DISCOVERY TOURS

## DISCOVER OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Our vibrant tradition, culture, lifestyle and diverse natural environments will energize your senses and satisfy your most adventurous travel dreams.

## HAVE AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Communicate with them about why and what and how. As the doors open up and you are more comfortable with them and they with you they will start to ask you questions as well. This is a beauty of cultural exchange for all involved. This bond of cultural learning is unique and a fun way to travel getting to know the local people. It requires a willingness to leave some of our own cultural norms in our luggage during the trip in order to fully dive in. It's genuine. The rewards are incredible.

## TRAVEL WITHOUT A HITCH & FEEL GOOD ABOUT TRAVEL

Your trip will be organised to your expectation and in some cases exceeded your expectation. As usual, with great efforts of our dedicated team, everything go without a hitch and you are able to enjoy throughout your travel with us.

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## GUARANTEED ROUTE & REAL ADVENTURE

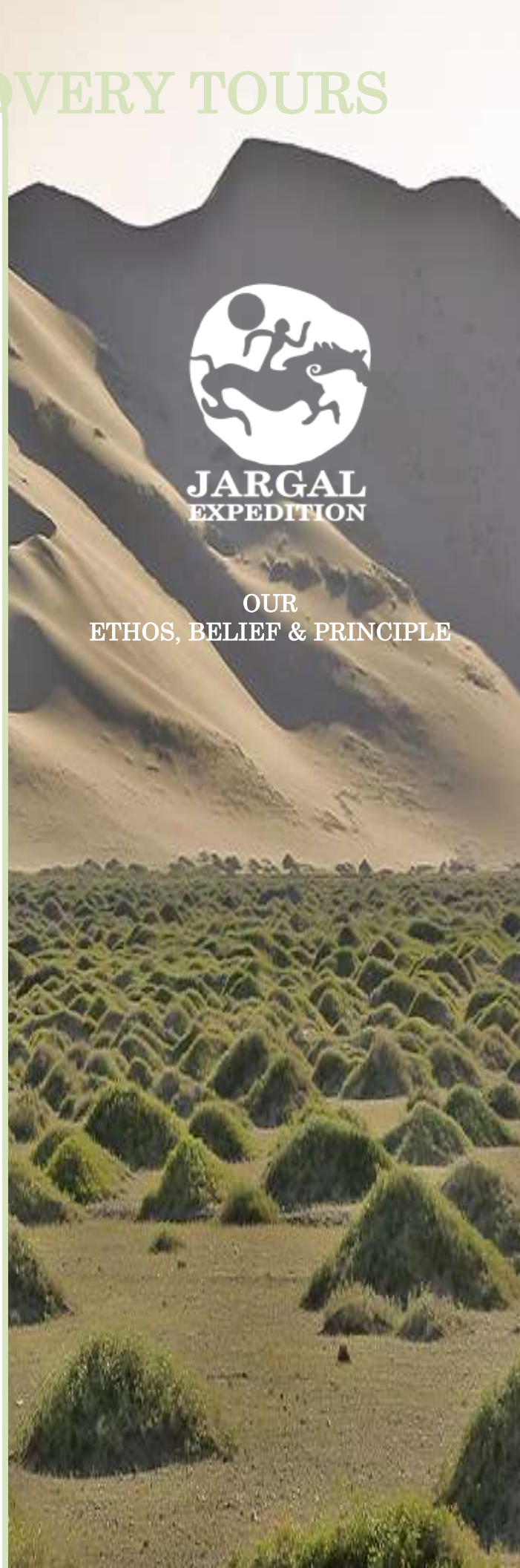
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OUR  
ETHOS, BELIEF & PRINCIPLE



## NATIONAL NAADAM FESTIVAL WITH GREAT GOBI DESERT GRAND TOUR

### HIGHLIGHTS



- Naadam Festival- Horse racing
- Naadam Festival - Archery
- Naadam Festival - Wrestling
- Gandan - the largest Buddhist monastery in Mongolia
- National Museum of Mongolian History



- Explore Bayanzag birthplace of dinosaurs
- Travel through the biggest and impressive sand dunes in Mongolia
- Sightseeing the largest statue of Chingis Khaan

Naadam is the biggest festival of the year for Mongolians and is held in the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar during the National Holiday from July 11-13. It begins with an elaborate introduction ceremony featuring dancers, athletes, horse riders, and musicians. After the opening ceremony, the competitions begin. As usual, it runs for three days in all parts of the country and consists of horse racing, archery, and wrestling. These competitions are called the manly games. Women participate in all but the wrestling category. Main Naadam festival in the UB, tournaments may take place in a separate venue.

So far there are about more than 90 species of dinosaur fossils has founded from the Mongolian Gobi. You will travel through the amazing dinosaur birthplace of Bayanzag- the Flaming Cliffs. This spectacular discover is in the remote South Gobi of Mongolia, home to the rich dinosaur fossils reserve, the “Land of the Dinosaurs” is an area of great paleontological site, magnificent vistas and unique Gobi land formations.

It is also the home to endangered animals such as Snow Leopard, Asiatic Ibex, Asiatic wild ass, Gobi Bear and Bactrian camel. Here you are surrounded by exotic desert land formulations, guided and befriended by our guide and driver. Imagine being enveloped in the wild and mysterious Gobi desert, falling sleep in comfortable Ger Camp under the starry Gobi night sky, waking up the vast desert landscape where the dunes can rise to a staggering 200 metres above the valley floor with razor sharp edges that stand out against the bright blue sky.

This week-long escape with Naadam Festival covers all the desert highlights of the spectacular sunny South Gobi of Mongolia.

# NATIONAL NAADAM FESTIVAL WITH GREAT GOBI DESERT TOUR

## BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 01: (July 10) Arrive in UB, Mongolia  
Day 02: (July 11) Opening Ceremony of Naadam Festival  
Day 03: (July 12) Fly to Dalanzadgad, South Gobi-Yoliin Am (Eagle's Valley)-Khongor sand dunes  
Day 04: Khongor sand dunes  
Day 05: Bayanzag (Flaming Cliffs)  
Day 06: Fly to Ulaanbaatar-Terelj National Park  
Day 07: Ulaanbaatar  
Day 08: Departure  
**DATE:** 10-17 July, 2020

Please note that this may run in reverse, so please ask us about this before booking if this is important to you.

**DURATION:** 8 days

**TOUR PRICE:** From \$1790

**ACCOMMODATION:** 3 nights 4 Star hotel, 4 nights Ger Camp

**TRANSPORTATION:** All transportations by private vehicle. (4 WD, Minivan or Minibus). This destination is required domestic flights between UB and Dalanzadgad, South Gobi.

**ADVENTURE LEVEL RATE:** Comfortable & Active

**PRIVATE TOUR:** Book this trip as a private departure just for you on your selected date.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT OPTION:** We offer the opportunity to pay a supplement to pre-book a single room.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Full services of both guide and driver
- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Drinking water throughout tour
- All transport (domestic flight, minibus or 4WD)
- National park/reserves entrance fees
- All nights' accommodation including hotel in UB
- All others indicated in program

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Visa
- Hotel refreshments
- Travel insurance
- Airplane ticket and taxes
- Excess baggage charges
- Daily personal expenses

## TAILOR MADE TOUR

As this is your holiday, please feel free to discuss your preferences with us and we will cover or cut a tour according to your wishes.





## DAY 1. ULAANBAATAR

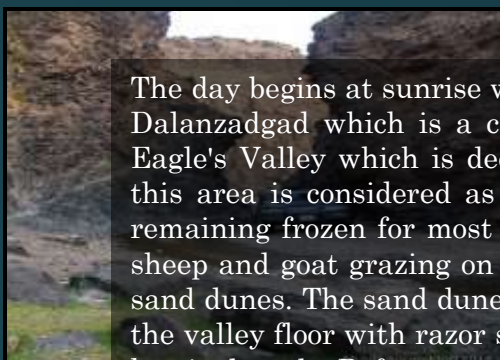
You will be met by your guide at the international airport of UB and transferred to UB Hotel. In the afternoon, after a lunch, you will enjoy a leisurely time of sightseeing around UB and visit to the Gandan Monastery and the National History Museum where presents our history and culture from prehistoric to the present day. Early evening after sightseeing program, we invite you a welcome dinner at a restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel. Meals: D



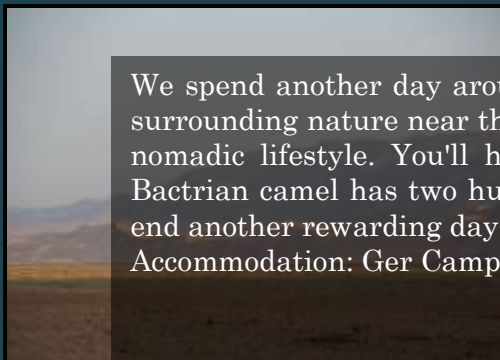
## DAY 2. OPENING CEREMONY OF NAADAM FESTIVAL

Today is the real highlight for us - the day you witness for our national holiday. After a breakfast, we will be attending the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival in Ulaanbaatar. Undoubtedly, Naadam is the most colourful and most important annual cultural event. It begins with an elaborate introduction ceremony featuring dancers, athletes, horse riders, and musicians. After the opening ceremony, the competitions begin. As usual, it runs for three days in all parts of the country and consists of horse racing, archery, and wrestling. Before leaving the stadium, we will attend archery competition. After lunch, we will drive to horse racing field of Naadam festival with Mongolian racers from all over Mongolia. Accommodation: Hotel. Meals: BLD



## DAY 3. DALANZADGAD-EAGLE'S VALLEY, SOUTH GOBI

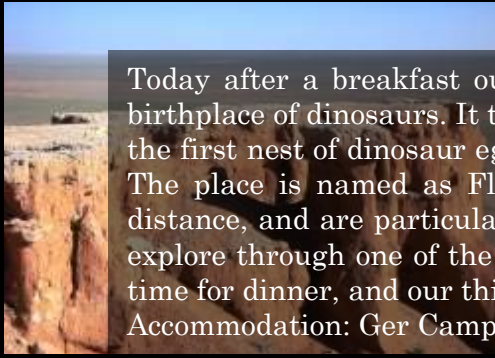
The day begins at sunrise with a breakfast at hotel and you will be transferred to the airport, fly to Dalanzadgad which is a center of the South Gobi Province. Upon the arrival, we will drive to Eagle's Valley which is deep and narrow gorge in the Gurvan Saikhan National Park. Although this area is considered as hot and dry desert, the Eagle's Valley is notable for a deep ice field remaining frozen for most all around year. By hiking through the valley, you can encounter wild sheep and goat grazing on the cliff walls. We will have a lunch and before driving to the Khongor sand dunes. The sand dunes are vast desert landscape where rise to a staggering 200 metres above the valley floor with razor sharp edges and extend over an area between 2-20 km in width and 180 km in length. Before sun sets, we'll climb up to the highest dunes and see surrounding desert landscape. Back at a ger camp, we'll have a dinner and enjoy listening sound of singing dunes which is generated by Gobi wind before you're sleeping. Accommodation: Ger Camp. Meals: BLD



## DAY 4. KHONGOR SAND DUNES

We spend another day around Khongor sand dunes, enjoying a full day exploring and relaxing in surrounding nature near the dunes. Today we will visit to herder family and experience the way of nomadic lifestyle. You'll have an opportunity to ride camel. Mongolian camel is considered as Bactrian camel has two humps and very comfortable to ride. In the evening, enjoy your dinner to end another rewarding day.

Accommodation: Ger Camp. Meals: BLD



#### DAY 5. BAYANZAG, FLAMING CLIFFS

Today after a breakfast our drive will take you to the Bayanzag province which is named as a birthplace of dinosaurs. It takes over 4 hours driving. Bayanzag is known as a Flaming Cliffs where the first nest of dinosaur eggs found in 1922 by an American expedition of Roy Chapman Andrews. The place is named as Flaming Cliffs red coloured cliffs themselves are very imposing from a distance, and are particularly fiery in the light of the setting sun. Today you have great chance to explore through one of the world's most famous paleontological sites. We return to the site just in time for dinner, and our third overnight in the South Gobi.

Accommodation: Ger Camp. Meals: BLD



#### DAY 6. FLY TO UB- TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Morning check out from the Ger camp and airplane transfer to UB. Upon arrival in UB we transfer you to Tereelj National Park where you'll spend another night. The park is located right in the middle of the Khentii Mountain Range. Settle into your room at a traditional Ger (yurt) tourist camp in Tereelj. After a lunch, we'll visit to a local nomadic family and experience traditional dairy products and horse ride (optional) to interesting natural rock formation named as a Turtle Rock. Family style dinner served in the evening.

Accommodation: Ger Camp. Meals: BLD



#### DAY 7. ULAANBAATAR

This morning you'll head to UB and on the way you'll visit the statue of Genghis Khan which is currently the biggest equestrian statue in the world. Here we may spend approx 2 hours after that toward to the capital city. After a lunch, you should also have time to visit the "Gobi" cashmere factory store and antique shop (optional). Before a farewell dinner, in the early evening, you'll attend traditional folk art performance.

Accommodation: Hotel. Meals: BLD



#### DAY 8. DEPARTURE

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight and our service ends.

## YOUR HOLIDAY INFORMATION



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### Holiday Status

You no longer need to worry about cancellations due to low numbers as most of our departures in Mongolia, whether joining shared services for excursions or completely going solo, are guaranteed to depart. Depending on its uniqueness, adventure holidays are usually sold all inclusive of accommodation, meals and activities described. The price you pay is usually a direct reflection on the level of service.

### What the Price Includes

All of our holidays include the following services, as described in our itineraries: domestic flights (where appropriate), land transport, accommodation, meals, trip leaders and support staff and entrance fees to some national parks.

### What the Price does not include

Visas, vaccinations, bar bills, extra drinks with meals, hotel refreshments, laundry, telephone calls, souvenirs, meals other than those specified in the relevant trip dossier.

### Transport

All transports during the trip are included transfers as per the itinerary.

### Accommodation

Besides offering well measured five star hotel in UB, we offer Ger camps which are the most common accommodation outside UB on our tours. Camping and stays in Ger camps are popular options, with some beautifully appointed stays in remote locations available for the adventurous. Accommodation in the Ger camp is two guests to share one Ger which is quite cozy well equipped with the key requirements being cleanliness, safety, comfort and a good location.

### Family Rooming

We will room your family in the most appropriate way using a mixture of twin, triple, double and single rooms as necessary. We will leave it to you to decide who shares with whom in your family group.

### Single Rooms

Most tours are based on customers sharing twin-bedded rooms. However, on many tours we offer the opportunity to pay a supplement to pre-book a single room.

### Included Meals

All our tours include full board, but other meals are often not included especially in UB. This allows you to try the cuisine in local restaurants and also to choose what and where to eat and how much to spend. Please ask us before booking if you have any specific requirements.



### Passports

A full passport is required for all of our holidays and this should be valid for at least six months after the completion of your trip. To secure your booking and avoid incurring additional charges, you must provide information on your booking form precisely as it is shown on your passport.

### Visas

You may require a visa to enter Mongolia. Your consultant will be happy to advise you on visa requirements.

### Booking

Only once you are completely happy with any holiday itinerary we create for you will we ask for a payment. In order that we can secure availability for your booking we would typically require a deposit of 15%.

### Vaccinations

For some countries you will undoubtedly require vaccinations for your visit. But Mongolia is generally a safe place to travel in terms of health and no specific vaccination are required.

### Website Information

All information on this website is correct at the time of completion. Subsequently, this information can become outdated and inaccurate. We reserve the right, therefore, to change any of the information included on our website and this amended information will then form part of your booking contract with ourselves.

## WHY TRAVEL WITH US



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