

Naadam Festival and Mongolian Blue Pearl

Simply unforgettable



It is a very exciting festival. Many people attend and many are dressed up.

Jargal Expedition.

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 local people 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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NAADAM FESTIVAL AND MONGOLIAN BLUE PEARL GRAND TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS



- Naadam Festival- Horse racing
- Naadam Festival - Archery
- Naadam Festival - Wrestling



- Explore the surroundings and enjoy the natural beauty of the Khuvsgul Lake
- Explore and learn reindeer people daily life and customs
- Sightseeing in UB
- Enjoy Mongolian traditional folk dance and music

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.

Wrestling starts with traditional “eagle dance” that is supposed to lift the wrestlers spirit. A total of 512 or 1024 wrestlers meet in a single-elimination tournament that lasts nine or ten rounds. Mongolian traditional wrestling is an untimed competition in which wrestlers lose if they touch the ground with any part of their body other than their feet or hands.

The horse race is over 30 km in distance and is raced by young riders some as young as six years old. It is surprising that more than 25000 horses, including local smaller Naadam horses participate in a race all over the country. Unlike Western horse racing, which consists of short sprints generally not much longer than 2 km, Mongolian horse racing as featured in Naadam is a cross-country event, with races 15–30 km long.

Archery dates back to the times of Chinggis Khaan’s warriors. It is an integral part of the highlights in the history of the Mongols. In the 13th century every family had bows and arrows in addition to horse-head fiddle. Not only men but also women used to shoot with bow and arrow. Men shoot their arrows from 75 meters away while women shoot theirs from 65 meters away. Traditionally the archers wear their national clothing during the competition. All the archers wear leather bracers up to the elbow on their outstretched arm, so that the cuff does not interfere with shooting.

This holiday is tailored with Naadam festival and you can celebrate it with us while traveling to Khuvsgul Lake.

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BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 01: Arrive in UB, Mongolia

Day 02: Khuvsgul Lake

Day 03: Khuvsgul Lake

Day 04: (10 July) Fly back to UB

Day 05: (11 July) Opening ceremony Naadam Festival, UB

Day 06: (12 July) Naadam Festival- Archery and Horse Race

Day 07: Departure

DATE: 7-13 July, 2020

DURATION: 7 days

TOUR PRICE: From \$1520

ACCOMMODATION: 4 nights 4 Star hotel, 2 nights Ger Camp

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

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
- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 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:

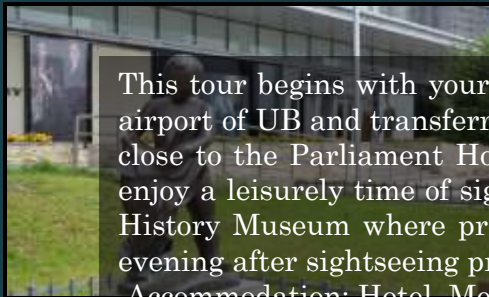
- Visa
- Hotel refreshments
- Travel insurance
- Airplane ticket and taxes
- Excess baggage charges
- Daily personal expenses

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.



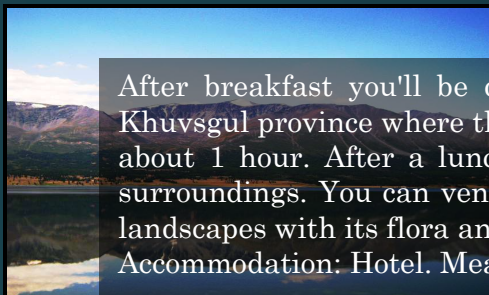
DAY 1. ULAANBAATAR



This tour begins with your arrival in the capital. You will be met by your guide at the international airport of UB and transferred to UB Hotel which is located in the middle of the Ulaanbaatar and very close to the Parliament House and Chingis Khaan Square. 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

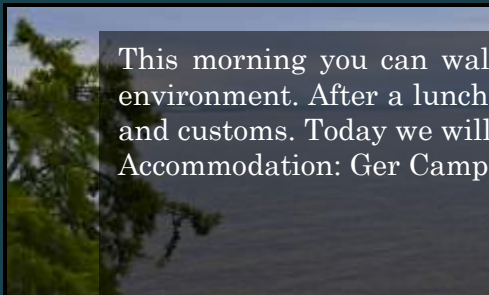
DAY 2. KHUVSGUL LAKE



After breakfast you'll be driven to UB Airport where you'll catch a domestic airplane bound for Khuvsgul province where the lake is located. On arrival you'll be driven to your Ger camp, a journey of about 1 hour. After a lunch at the camp, you take 1 hour rest and later you can enjoy your new surroundings. You can venture out on foot with your guide for an initial glimpse of the lake's varied landscapes with its flora and fauna.

Accommodation: Hotel. Meals: BLD

DAY 3. KHUVSGUL LAKE



This morning you can walk and a gentle boat trip, both excellent ways to get close to the natural environment. After a lunch, we can visit to Tsaatan (reindeer people) family, to explore their daily life and customs. Today we will ride a horse around lake and take photos of varied natures of the lake.

Accommodation: Ger Camp. Meals: BLD

DAY 4. ULAANBAATAR



Having enjoyed lunch it's time to pack your bags and travel back to the Moron's airport where you'll board a flight to Ulaanbaatar, which takes about two hours. Transfer to your hotel. After you dinner, you'll be enjoyed by a traditional dance and music performance and later free time and relax in hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel. Meals: BLD

DAY 5-6. ULAANBAATAR



These two days we'll celebrate Naadma 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. In the second day of Naadam we will drive to horse racing field of Naadam festival with Mongolian racers from all over Mongolia. You'll be busy on the horse racing field watching horse racing competitions.

Accommodation: Hotel. Meals: BLD



DAY 7. DEPARTURE

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

YOUR HOLIDAY INFORMATION



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.

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Best wishes
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