



Nomadic Explorer
BEYOND GUIDEBOOK

2026 MONGOLIA

8 DAY SOUTHERN MONGOLIA TOUR

Southern Gobi & Terelj Discovery



TOUR CODE: V2G

Introduction

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Experience the best of Mongolia on this unforgettable 8-day journey through the Gobi Desert and Terelj National Park. Explore the Flaming Cliffs, White Stupa, Yol Valley, and stunning sand dunes while enjoying camel riding, horseback riding, and authentic nomadic culture. Discover Mongolia's breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and traditional performances in Ulaanbaatar.



Tour Highlights

GOBI MONGOLIA



Experience authentic Mongolian nomadic life and stay with local herder families



Ride camels across the golden dunes of Khongor Sand Dunes



Explore the dramatic landscapes and ancient wonders of the Gobi Desert

Trip Overview

Day	Theme	Key Activities	Meal
1	Ulaanbaatar arrival	Airport transfer and free time for leisure	D
2	White Stupa	Drive to White Stupa, guided walk, panoramic views, photography	B,L,D
3	Bayanzag & Moltzog Els	Visit Flaming Cliffs, camel riding, and nomadic family experience.	B,L,D
4	Yol Valley	Visit petroglyphs and museum, horseback riding and hike in Yol Valley.	B,L,D
5	Baga Gazriin Chuluu	Explore granite rock formations, caves, and ancient temple ruins	B,L,D
6	Terelj National park	Visit Chinggis Khaan Statue, Turtle Rock, and Aryabal Temple.	B,L,D
7	Return Ulaanbaatar	City tour and folk concert	B,L,D
8	Departure	Airport transfer	B

Day 1 – Ulaanbaatar Arrival

Welcome to Mongolia! Your journey kicks off at Chinggis Khaan International Airport. Once you've cleared immigration and grabbed your bags, look for your friendly local guide and driver waiting for you in the arrivals hall. They'll whisk you away for a smooth transfer to your hotel in the heart of Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to rest or explore the city. enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. This will be your official introduction to authentic Mongolian cuisine. After dinner, return to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.



Day 2 – White Stupa

After an early breakfast at the hotel, begin your journey toward the Gobi Desert and the spectacular White Stupa (Tsagaan Suvarga).

This breathtaking limestone escarpment rises nearly 30 meters high and stretches for hundreds of meters, shaped by wind and water erosion over millions of years. The colorful layers of white, pink, and orange resemble the ruins of an ancient city. The area was once covered by a prehistoric sea, and marine fossils can still be found scattered across the surrounding plains.

Enjoy a guided walk along the cliffs, panoramic photo stops, and time to admire the vast open landscapes of the Gobi. In the late afternoon, arrive at a nearby tourist camp, check in, and enjoy dinner under the wide Mongolian sky.

Overnight at a tourist camp.



Day 3 – Bayanzag & Moltsoog Els

This morning, continue your journey deeper into the heart of the Gobi Desert toward Bayanzag, famously known as the Flaming Cliffs. The area became world-famous after American explorer Roy Chapman Andrews discovered the world's first dinosaur eggs and important dinosaur fossils here in the 1920s. Upon arrival, explore the dramatic red sandstone cliffs and enjoy the breathtaking desert landscape that glows brilliantly under the sunlight. After lunch, continue driving to the beautiful Moltsoog Els Sand Dunes, surrounded by mountains and open steppe. Here, you will visit a local nomadic family and learn about Mongolia's traditional nomadic lifestyle, customs, and daily life. Enjoy a memorable camel riding experience across the peaceful sand dunes before dinner and overnight at a nearby tourist camp.



Day 4 – Yol Valley & Petroglyphs

After breakfast, visit the fascinating Khavtsgait Petroglyphs, ancient rock carvings that offer insight into the lives and culture of prehistoric people who once lived in the region. Continue to Dalanzadgad, the capital of South Gobi Province, where you will visit the local Gobi Nature and History Museum to learn more about the area's wildlife, unique geography, and dinosaur discoveries. Afterwards, drive to Yol Valley located within Gurvan Saikhan National Park, one of the most beautiful natural areas in Mongolia. Surrounded by towering cliffs and narrow rocky canyons, the valley is famous for its stunning scenery and year-round ice gorge hidden deep inside the canyon. Enjoy a horseback riding excursion followed by a scenic hike through the valley to reach the glacier area. After exploring the valley, transfer to your tourist camp located near the national park for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 5 – Baga Gazriin Chuluu

After breakfast, depart for Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a striking granite mountain formation rising from the middle of the open steppe.

This unique area is known for its fascinating rock formations, hidden caves, ancient inscriptions, and peaceful natural scenery. Explore the rocky landscape on foot while discovering narrow passages, small springs, and historical remains connected to old monasteries.

As evening approaches, enjoy a spectacular sunset as the granite rocks glow in warm golden and red colors beneath the vast Mongolian sky. Dinner and overnight stay at a nearby tourist camp.



Day 6 – Terelj National Park

After breakfast, begin your journey back toward northern Mongolia and the beautiful Gorkhi-Terelj National Park. On the way, stop at the famous Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex, the largest equestrian statue in the world. Explore the museum inside the complex and enjoy panoramic views from the statue's observation deck. Continue driving into Terelj National Park, one of Mongolia's most picturesque destinations known for its alpine scenery, granite mountains, forests, and winding rivers. Visit the iconic Turtle Rock, a naturally shaped rock formation resembling a giant turtle, and hike up to the peaceful Aryabal Meditation Temple located on a hillside overlooking the valley. Enjoy the fresh mountain air and relaxing natural surroundings before overnighting at a tourist camp in the national park.



Day 7 – Return to Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast, visit a local nomadic family and experience the traditional lifestyle of Mongolian herders. Enjoy a horseback riding experience through the beautiful natural landscape surrounding Terelj National Park before returning to Ulaanbaatar. In the afternoon, enjoy free time for shopping at local cashmere and souvenir stores. In the evening, attend a traditional Mongolian cultural performance featuring throat singing, morin khuur music, and traditional dance, followed by a farewell dinner with your guide and driver.

Day 8 – Departure

After breakfast, check out from your hotel. Your guide and driver will transfer you to Chinggis Khaan International Airport for your departure flight.

Your unforgettable journey through the diverse landscapes, rich history, and nomadic culture of Mongolia comes to an end.



Accommodation



Where You'll Stay

- Stay in comfortable 3–4 star hotels in Ulaanbaatar
- Experience authentic Mongolian ger camps and nomadic hospitality
- Enjoy accommodations surrounded by Mongolia's beautiful natural landscapes



Price

Price per person based on twin/double sharing

People	Price (per person USD)
2-3	\$2200
4-5	\$1600
6-7	\$1400
8-9	\$1300
10+	\$1200

Service Includes

- All activities on the itinerary;
- Meals (not drink) as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner);
- Experienced English-speaking guide;
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary;
- Transfers: Airport Pick up and drop as per your flight timings
- Bottle of water on the coach (1 bottle/1 person/1 day)
- Accommodation as mentioned above.
Check in: 2 pm. Check out: 11.am
- Transportation

Service Excludes

- Drinks
- Early check in & late check out room (available upon request and depend on room availability)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance).
- International or Domestic flight tickets
- Mongolian Visa
- Tipping for guides, drivers, hotel staff, restaurant staff, etc.
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- All other services not specified in the itinerary
Surcharge for Peak season, Naadam festival(11 of July – 15 of July).

Travel guide & Tips

Mongolia is known for its vast landscapes and rapidly changing weather, so we recommend bringing comfortable outdoor clothing and dressing in layers. Even during summer, mornings and evenings can become cool, especially in the countryside. A light waterproof jacket, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat are highly recommended for outdoor activities.

While staying in ger camps and visiting remote areas, facilities may be simpler than in the city, but they offer an authentic experience of Mongolian nomadic life. Internet connection can be limited outside Ulaanbaatar, so preparing offline maps or essential information in advance can be helpful.

Mongolian people are known for their warm hospitality, and guests are always welcomed with respect.

When visiting monasteries or nomadic families, modest clothing and respectful behavior are appreciated. Horseback and camel riding activities are suitable even for beginners, and local guides will assist you throughout the experience.





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