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# The Gobi desert and Mongolia





The south of Mongolia is predominated by the unique landscape of the Gobi. "Gobi" translated simply means desert and defines the inner Asian region in Mongolia as well as in China.



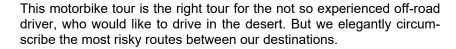
Due to it's altitude the Gobi is colder and not comparable to other deserts such as the Sahara. Situated in the midst of the Asian continent in a huge basin the average height is 1000m nN. This and the enclosing mountains that hold back any clouds result in the dry climate.

The Gobi is manly a desert of stones and boulders. Yet with its majestic sand dunes and unsettled vastness the connoisseur will recognise parallels to other deserts. And who ever spend a night under the clear starry sky of the Gobi will never miss this experience again.

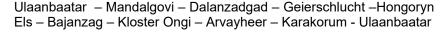
This tour heads straight into the core of the Gobi. We visit places of findings of dinosaur bones and have the opportunity to experience the Nomadic lifestyle.

The nomadic families in this area live very solitary. The life is determined by the needs of their hordes. Scattered on the hillsides you see their white Gers, barely recognisable for the untrained European eye.

The second part of the trip will lead us to the historical sites in the central region of Mongolia. Therefor this tour is a perfect mixture for those who visit the country. You'll experience the culture and the unique life in the desert.







# Itinerary:

- 1. Day Early morning arrival by scheduled flight from Germany. Check in at the hotel, program review. Then we will visit Ulaanbaatar. You will see the famous Gandan Monas-tery with the 27 m high Buddha statue, the monastery museum of the Chojdshjin Lama, the important lama in the history of Mongolian Buddhism and you make a small city tour through Ulaanbaatar. In the evening, visit a folklore presentation with traditional musical instruments, snake girls and the famous throat song. Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: /
- L/-
- 2. Day Handle over of motorcycles, technical instruction, ride to the big "earth mother stones" in the Mongolian steppe. This



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unique area in Mongolia is characterized by its fascinating mountainous landscape. Like indiscriminately distributed in the terrain are picturesque rock formations, which have got their own character by wind and water erosion.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

3. Day

Continue to Dalandsadgad through the Mongolian steppe. In Mongolia, the steppe is the predominant landform. It occupies about 80 per cent of the country's surface and serves Mongolia as the most important natural resource, since the grassland offers extensive pasture grounds. In the dry climate, hardly any forests thrive, but the more lush grassland. We will also use this day to look deeper into the nomadic life. Overnight Tsagaan Suwarga in the region of Tsogt Ovoo in the Mongolian steppe.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

4. Day Arrival in Dalandsadgad, the provincial capital in the Gobi. Shopping in the market for the journey. Here you have the opportunity to attend the colourful activity on the local market. The drivers will use the time and fuel bunkers, which is often lacking in the Gobi. Afterwards drive to the Jolly Am, overnight near the gorge.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

- 5. Day

  Visit of the Jolly Am (footpath). The river, which flows through the vulture's gorge, produces so much ice in winter, which does not melt until far into the summer. We will explore the canyon and learn about the flora and fauna in the small natural science museum at the entrance to the canyon. Along the southern slopes of the mighty Altaigemountains, today it goes to the sand dune "Khongolin Else". In between, there is always the possibility to make a short detour into the sycamore system of the Gurvan Saikhan mountain range.

  Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
- 6. Day Pass through the sand dunes, trip to a nomad family. The contrast on the dune could hardly be bigger. Sattes green, created by a small river and right behind the huge sand dune, which reaches far over 400 mtr. Is high. Afternoon: Nomad life close up. If you want, you can also change the vehicle with a camel back and spend some time on the camel.

  Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
- 7. Day Bypass the southern part of the Altaimountains towards Bulgan and Bajandsag. In the region around Bajandsag. With its red sandstone formations, the first dinosaur bones have been found in Mongolia. With some luck you can find some. Bajandsag also has the largest Saxaul forests in Mongolia. The Saxaul tree is a very slowly growing hardwood tree, which is normally not larger than 30 40 cm overnight in the unique rock formations of Bajandsag.

  Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
- 8. Day Drive to the monastery Ongij and visit the monastery ruins. Before we reach the monastery, or rather the monastery ruins, we pass the plain of Ongii and the Ulaan Nuur (red lake). The Ulaan Nuur is, however, only periodically available as a lake, since it is fed only by the rainwater of the Gobi. In the late afternoon we reach the monastery Ongii, which once belonged to the largest monasteries in Mongolia. Today some monks are trying to rebuild the monastery. We have the opportunity to talk with the monks and to visit the monastery complex. Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
- 9. Day

  Departure direction Arwajcheer. Now we leave the Gobi and arrive in the Mongolian central country. Arwaicheer is the district capital city on the southern edge of the Archangai Mountains. Here, we will supplement our stocks on the market for the next few days before proceeding to the Orchon waterfalls. Immediately after Arwaicheer, the slope leads us up to 2500 mtr. And we are surrounded for the first time in a long time by real forest. We will stay in one of the lush green valleys of the Archangai Mountains.

  Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
- 10. Day We are now entering the southern Archangai Mountains on a very beautiful stretch. In the beginning we follow the Taatsyn gol, which has created a scenic valley. We continue steadily uphill until we reach the region of the high valleys in the Archangai Mountains. Drive to the Orchon waterfalls. These waterfalls have been created by volcanic activities and the entire Ochon valley is exceptionally beautiful. There will also be enough time for a hike around the waterfalls today.



Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

11. Day We continue drive to Karakorum, the former capital of the Mongols. In Karakorum is also the monastery Erdene Zuu, which was built only after the disintegration of Karakorum, partly from the stones of the city. Only a few traces bear witness to the size of the town. What was not destroyed by the harsh climate, much to the efforts of the communists, who have tried to radically eliminate the historical traces. Today, research is being carried out under the leadership of the University of Cologne.

Under Ugedai Khan, the son and successor of Genghis Khan, Karakorum developed into the first capital of the Mongol empire. From him, the important residence was expanded into a real city, and from 1235 onwards it was equipped with a fastening system. In Karakorum, the Chingges Khan, the cruel martial and tyrannical khans, showed their second completely different face. Due to its tolerable attitude towards the new and the unknown, its capital in the 13th century became not only the switching center of the administration of the country and a center of trade and crafts, but also a melting pot of different religions, cultures and peoples.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

12. Day Through the Orkhon valley with its green meadows we drive today to Chöschöö Tsaidam archaeological site (Tonyukuk). This is the tomb of Bilge Chagan (Bilge Khagan 683-734 AD Turkish commander). Bilge Khagan played an important role, against the advance of the Chinese in this region. Modern, one would today as a "warlord" call him, because he has different peoples connected in this region.

In the evening we arrive at the lake Ogii Nuur. This lake is not only unique to the landscape, also the bird lovers, will come here fully at their expense, since this lake is used by the migratory birds as a resting place.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / -

13. Day Return drive to Ulaanbaatar. On an asphalt road back to Ulaanbaatar. We will arrive in the afternoon.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / - / -

14. Day Airport transfer and flight back at home.

Kilometer Street: 710
Kilometer off - Road: 1.750
Kilometer Total: 2.460

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Due to the conditions (weather conditions, state of the track) within Mongolia, deviations in the exact travel history can occur. The tour is only a guide for the tour. Adverse weather conditions are reversed in reverse order.

#### Service included:

Overnight in Ulaanbaatar in a hotel of the middle price category. English speaking guide. Entrance for museums, national parks and cultural activities. Motor bicycle incl. Fuel and service charge, backing vehicle(s), accommodation in the countryside in Gercamps.

#### Service not included:

Costs for personal needs, costs of beverages, such as e.g. Beer, etc., dinner in Ulaanbaatar, travel expenses, health costs, film photo fees (if required), drinking fees, visa cost, or costs related to visa requirements in Mongolia Return of the motorcycle, at the end of the tour, or accident.

#### Various:

Self - share of damage to vehicle € 1.000.



# Dates:

2023					2024				
Start		End		Airp.	Start		End		Airp.
22.05	Мо	04.06	So		22.05	Mi	04.06	Di	
05.06	Мо	18.06	So		05.06	Mi	18.06	Di	
22.06	Do	05.07	Mi		22.06	Sa	05.07	Fr	
07.07	Fr	20.07	Do		07.07	So	20.07	Sa	
09.07	So	22.07	Sa		09.07	Di	22.07	Мо	
16.07	So	29.07	Sa		16.07	Di	29.07	Мо	
23.07	So	05.08	Sa		23.07	Di	05.08	Мо	
30.07	So	12.08	Sa		30.07	Di	12.08	Мо	
15.08	Di	28.08	Мо		15.08	Do	28.08	Mi	
27.08	So	09.09	Sa		27.08	Di	09.09	Мо	
01.09	Fr	14.09	Do		01.09	So	14.09	Sa	
08.09	Fr	21.09	Do		08.09	So	21.09	Sa	

### **Price**

**BMW 650 GS** 

Kat A 2.850 € Kat D 2.980 €

All prices without international flights All prices in EUR Plus 1.000 € vehicle deposit

# Categories:

A: In Ulaanbaatar you organize your accommodation and meals yourself. Overnight stays in tents in the countryside.

D: In Ulaanbaatar you stay in a middle class hotel and have an excellent lunch. In the countryside, only ger camps are used.

\*) All prices without international flights

#### Supplements:

250 €	Pauschal
35 €	p.P. / Nacht
45 €	p.P. / Nacht
150 €	Pers
7€	Pers/ Day
25 €	Pers
	35 € 45 € 150 € 7 €

#### If the minimum number of participants is not reached

Small group surcharge	1 People	800€	p.P
	2 People	600€	p.P
	3 People	400 €	p.P

## Comments:

All prices in EURO

Schedule information for 2023 / 24

The travel prices for 2024 are not yet fixed. The travel price of 2023 can be taken as a guideline

Arrival / departure day in Ulaanbaatar

Price without flight plus current airfare MIAT, Aeroflot or Turkish Air

Individual dates are possible

## The cheap flight to the trip

Benefit from the fact that Steppenfuchs Reisen has concluded a very favorable agreement with Mongolian Airlines (MIAT) for the necessary flights from Germany to Mongolia. In the season, several times a week directly from Frankfurt or Berlin Tegel to Ulaanbaatar.

<sup>)</sup> Guest yurts at nomad families, simple sanitary conditions

) Yurt camps, two-bed yurts, separate showers and WC, restaurant



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