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Great Gobi Expedition



Itinerary:



General:

A journey for the friend of the desert. The tour that leads to the isolated regions of the Gobi Desert.



The south of Mongolia is dominated by the unique landscape of the Gobi Desert. The nucleus of the Mongolian empire, the junction of the Silk Road, China's stepping stone into space - The Gobi Desert has written history, yet in many areas it is still a Terra Incognita, an unknown world.

The dimensions of the Gobi Desert are gigantic. The desert is around 2,000 kilometres long and up to 1,000 kilometres wide, stretching from Ulan Bator in the north to the Kunlun Shan Mountains in the south, from the foothills of Tien Shan in the west to Manchuria in the east. This makes it the second largest desert in the world after the Sahara.

Due to its altitude, the Gobi is a cold desert and therefore cannot be compared to the Sahara or other deserts. However, the desert lover will find parallels in view of the endless, almost uninhabited expanses, the unique sand dunes and rugged rock formations. Once you have experienced the clear starlit nights in the Gobi, you won't forget them so quickly. This tour takes you straight into the Gobi, almost to the Chinese border. The tour plan also leads you to the discovery sites of dinosaur bones and offers you the opportunity to get to know the way of life of the nomads in the Gobi. Dinosaur finds are not the only witnesses in this region to suggest that the Gobi were once rich in vegetation. In different places on this journey they will find untouched rock drawings. For example at the Tevish Uul (Uul = mountain). But not only there we will find rock drawings, also these rock pictures can be found more often in the gorges of the Gobi.

The trip to the difficult to reach, meltwater formed canyon at the edge of the Nemengt Mountains is one of the highlights of this tour. Wind and sand gave the final touch to the Ca-nyon. The area around the Nemengt Mountains is very sparsely populated. Here you will hardly find any nomads left. From the Nemengt it goes over little frequented runways again into the northern part.

The Gobi Expedition will also give enough time to get in touch with the life of the nomads in the Gobi. You will experience the hospitality of this very scattered Noma-den. Our guides, but also the drivers, who often have relatives in the Gobi, will invite you and in a few moments you will be caught by the friendliness.

The life of these people is determined by nature and its rhythm. The camel is still the most reliable means of transport in the Gobi, supplying wool and meat. During our visits to the nomads, you will experience how the needs of these animals determine life. Memories of the film "The Weeping Camel" will be awakened.

This tour connects all interesting points of the Mongolian Gobi and gives a deep insight into the nomadic life in the Gobi. The tour has



expedition character in wide parts, since it leads into very few inhabited areas of the Gobi. This also means that there may be short-term changes in the route due to the situation on the pistes.

Route:

Ulaanbaatar – Ikh gazriin chuluu – Dalandsadgad – Geierschlucht – südliche Gobi – Chongoriin Els – Nemengt – Baiandsag – Kloster Ongij – Karakorum – Ulaanbaatar

travel itinerary:

1. Day Early morning arrival with the scheduled flight from Germany. Airport transfer to the hotel and first exploration of the city. You will see the famous Gandan monastery with the 27 m high Buddha statue, the largest statue in the world, the monastery museum of the Tschojdshjin - Lama, the important lama in the history of Mongolian Buddhism and a short city tour are also on the program. In the evening you will visit a folklore performance with traditional musical instruments, snake girls and the famous laryngeal singing.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
2. Day In the morning, departure from Ulaanbaatar. Immediately after the city you will visit an Owoo according to old mongolian custom and circle it three times so that the trip succeeds. The trip goes to the "Great Earth Mother Stones "Ikh gazriin chuluu". A rock formation, which is probably unique. You have enough time to walk through this impressive landscape..
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
3. Day Continue towards Tsagaan Suwarga (white stupa) through the Mongolian grass steppe. In Mongolia the steppe is the predominant landscape. It occupies about 80 percent of the land area and serves Mongolia as the most important natural resource, as the grassland offers extensive grazing grounds. In the dry climate, hardly any forests thrive, but all the more lush grassland. We will also use this day to look deeper into the nomadic life. Tsagaan Suwarga describes an area with an incredible play of colours in the desert landscape. Not far from Tsagaan Suwarga there is also a long rock formation that is covered with rock drawings. 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 In the morning drive to Dalanzagad, the district capital in the Gobi. From Dalanzagad we go to the nearby "Gurvansaikhan Mountains".
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
5. Day Hike in the Bartgeier gorge. In the gorge there are still large ice masses, which were created in winter by a small river. You can also observe bearded vultures, ibexes and other animals. A small museum at the entrance of the gorge gives information about the fauna and the eventful past of the Gobi. Continue through the Gurvan Saikhan Mountains, on the southern side to the small village of Bayandalay.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
6. Day Today we continue south and leave the Gurvan Saikhan Mountains. Some sand fields have to be avoided before we reach the village of Noyon. Then we continue west and we will spend the night on the backside of the big sand dune "Khongoryn els". This day will leave many interesting impressions of the landscape, but also of the people who live in it.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
7. Day Drive to the Tsulganaij oases. The Tsulganaij oases are completely uninhabited, are not farmed and depending on how heavily it has rained, the oases carry different amounts of water. With a little luck, sometimes a small lake is formed where you can swim.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
8. Day One day relaxing at the Tsulganaij oases. Here you can swim in a small lake in the middle of the Gobi. The Tsulganaij oases are formed by a small river which ends here in a large depression. Depending on water level and rain, a more or less large lake forms in the middle. The shores are covered with reeds and are home to many bird species. The oases are uninhabited. This day is also a reserve day, as there can be delays in the journey due to poor road conditions.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

9. Day Drive through the southern Gobi to the "Nemegt" Canyon. On the way to the uninhabited oases, we pass the only wells in the region. Naran Darts is a spring with very cold water and a meeting point for all the animals in the area. Hike through the canyon. This region in the Gobi is rarely visited and is still largely untouched. You won't find any people here now, this region is too arid for that. The wind and the winter meltwater have created unique forms out of the soft sandstone.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
10. Day Today we drive a little further north to the small village Bayanlig. This place is within sight of the Altaia foothills, which extend far into the Gobi. After passing the small village we continue to the rock formation "Bichigt Khad". In the gorges of Bichigt Khad there are extensive areas with rock paintings, which we will visit.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
11. Day Continue to the rock drawings at Tevisch Uul near the village of Bogd. There we make a detour to the Tevisch Uul to see the still little explored rock drawings.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
12. Day Drive on very little frequented pistes to the sand dune "Khongorynels" (singing dune). The route leads along extensive sand fields, which we don't have to pass.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
13. Day Today we recover from the desert tour. We have the whole day and will visit the big sand dune Khongorin Else. If you like, you can also go with the camel.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
14. Day Continue through the Gobi desert to the "red Cliffs", which we will reach in the late afternoon. The "red Cliffs" is also called a dinosaur cemetery, because here the first larger dinosaur finds were made during the gobie expedition of Sven Hedin. Nearby is the largest Saxaul forest in the Gobi. The Saxaul tree is an extremely slow growing tree that has adapted perfectly to the situation in the Gobi.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
15. Day We then continue in the direction of Ulan Nuur, which has dried up, past the large sand field and then to the ruins of the Ongij monastery. Visit to the ruins of the monastery. This monastery used to be one of the largest. Today only ruins are to be visited and one can only guess the former size. With a lot of commitment monks slowly rebuild this monastery. We have enough time to talk with the monks about their situation and Buddhism.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
16. Day Continuing in the direction of Karakorum Arwajcheer is the district capital for the northern Gobi area. Here we will do the shopping at the market for the next days. At the market there will be offered products from the region and were needed by the nomads. There is a colourful hustle and bustle. After Arwajcheer we enter the Archhangai Mountains. The road now becomes narrow and rocky. We will spend the night in one of the valleys.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
17. Day Through very beautiful Orchontal we go today to the Ulaangoll waterfall. The waterfall is located in the middle of a lava field and the landscape around the waterfall is uniquely beautiful. We have our lunch break on the banks of the Orchon River. We can buy fresh yoghurt and yak cheese from the nomads who live in this valley. Yak is very common in this mountain region. Then we continue through the valley to Karakorum.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D
18. Day In the morning we will visit Karakorum, the former capital of Mongolia. In Karakorum is also the monastery "Erdene Zuu". This monastery is one of the most important monasteries in Mongolia and has been partially restored. We will take some time to visit this unique historical site. Afterwards we continue through the flood meadows of the Orchon to Ogii Nuur. On the way we visit some historical excavation sites (Khöschöö Tsaidam). Here a former palace from the old Turkish empire is uncovered under Turkish leadership. The Turks suspect their origin in this region. Later they were expelled by the Mongolian tribes.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, Meals: B / L / D

19.Day Return to Ulaanbaatar, arrival in Ulaanbaatar, check-in at hotel. You have the possibility to buy souvenirs or cashmere products. Farewell to our driver, who drove you the whole time safely through Mongolia.

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

20.Day After the restful breakfast, today it goes to the "black market" in Ulaanbaatar. A colourful hustle and bustle awaits us there. Afterwards you have the possibility to buy cashmere in some shops. The afternoon is at your disposal.

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

21.Day return flight



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Kilometer Strasse:	700
Kilometer Off – Road:	2.410
Kilometer Total:	3.110

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. French 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.

Dates:

2023					2024				
Anfang		Ende		Flugh.	Anfang		Ende		Flugh.
26.05	Fr	15.06	Do	--	26.05	So	15.06	Sa	--
18.06	So	08.07	Sa	--	18.06	Di	08.07	Mo	--
16.07	So	05.08	Sa	--	16.07	Di	05.08	Mo	--
02.08	Mi	22.08	Di	--	02.08	Fr	22.08	Do	--

06.08	So	26.08	Sa	--	06.08	Di	26.08	Mo	--
13.08	So	02.09	Sa	--	13.08	Di	02.09	Mo	--
08.09	Fr	28.09	Do	--	08.09	So	28.09	Sa	--

Individual appointments from two persons possible

Price:

Steppenfuchs Reisen offers a price range that is tailored to suit every budget. From the budget solution to the "all inclusive" trip. Choose the right offer for you.

Categories	2 – 3 Pers	4 – 5 Pers.	ab 6 Pers
A	2.835 €	2.520 €	2.310 €
B	2.940 €	2.835 €	2.625 €
C	3.045 €	2.940 €	2.835 €
D	3.150 €	3.045 €	2.940 €

*) Preis / Pers.

Category:

- A:** In Ulaanbaatar you organize your airport-/ station transfer, accommodation and meals yourself. Overnight stays in tents in the countryside.
- B:** In Ulaanbaatar you organize your accommodation and meals yourself. Nomadic yurts stay overnight in the country.
- C:** In Ulaanbaatar overnight stay in a simple guesthouse. You organize the catering in Ulaanbaatar yourself. In the countryside you will spend the night in tents and nomadic yurts.
- 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

**) Guest yurts at nomad families, simple sanitary conditions

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

Supplements:

Single room hotel plus	250 €	Pauschal
Single yurt	35 €	p.P. / Nacht
Lux yurt (yurt with private bathroom)	45 €	p.P. / Nacht
Tours via NAADAM (10.7. - 13.7.) Price surcharge of	150 €	Pers
Supplement for vegetarian food in the countryside	7 €	Pers/ Day
Airport transfer (return flight) promptly after departure	25 €	Pers

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 **2022 / 23**

The travel prices for 2023 are not yet fixed. The travel price of 2022 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.

Flights from 870 € pers. (if you use our flight dates) and from 950 € for individual flight dates. Please check our website for our flight offers (<https://english.mongolei.com>)

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https://www.mongolei.com/pdf_datein/Packliste_EN.pdf

Travel insurance

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Travel information (german)

https://www.mongolei.com/pdf_datein/ReiseInformationen.pdf

Travel application

https://www.mongolei.com/pdf_datein/Steppenfuchs_Reiseanmeldung.pdf