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Horse camel and gobi

Travel description:

A tour by horse camel and jeep in Mongolia with the main focus on the desert "Gobi". This trip is especially interesting for people who are enthusiastic about the desert, but also like to be on the way with the country's typical mounts. You will get to know the central part on the back of a horse, in the Gobi you will ride a camel for a few days. In between you will be on the way again and again with the modern means of transport, the jeep, in scenic particularly beautiful parts of Mongolia and thus also get deep into the partly very little visited regions of the Gobi.

Mongolia is rich in culture. In the Orkhon Valley, even before Dshingges Khan built his capital Karakorum there, ancient cultures have lived. In the Orkhon Valley we will be on the way with horses. You will visit by horse an ancient Turkic excavation and the remains of the former Urighur capital "Char balgas" and ride to Karakorum, the former capital of Mongolia.

The south of Mongolia is dominated by the unique landscape of the Gobi Desert. Due to its altitude, the Gobi is a cold desert and therefore cannot be compared with the Sahara or other deserts. Nevertheless, the desert lover will find parallels in view of the endless, almost uninhabited expanses, the unique sand dunes and rugged rock formations. Those who have experienced the clear starry nights in the Gobi will not soon forget them.

The drive to the difficult to reach canyon formed by meltwater at the edge of the Nemengt Mountains is one of the highlights of this tour. Wind and sand gave the canyon the final touch. The area around the Nemengt Mountains is very sparsely populated. Here you will hardly meet nomads. From the Nemengt you will return to the northern part of the canyon on less frequented roads. This tour connects all interesting points of the Mongolian Gobi.

At Khongorin Else, the singing sand dune, we will be on the way with camels. This original means of transportation of the Gobi, is rather calm, than hectic. Here we go along the big sand dune in a round ride through the Gobi..

To avoid problems with the mounts on the way, you will be accompanied by experienced nomads. You don't need any riding experience (but it is desirable), but you should be a little bit sporty. The Mongolian horses are rather frugal and less temperamental. However, if all else fails and you have problems with your backside, you can of course continue the tour by jeep and cheer on your colleagues..

Strecke:

Ulaanbaatar – Karakorum – Orchonwasserfall – Naimanuur Seen – Arwaihkeer – Kloster Ongi – südliche Gobi – Khongoriin els – Geierschlucht – Dalanzadgad – Tsogt Ovoo - Ulaanbaatar

Reiseablauf:

1. Tag Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, airport transfer and after an introductory talk and after checking into your room at the hotel, sightseeing of Ulaanbaatar will begin. You will visit the famous Gandan Monastery with the 27 mtr. high



Buddha statue. The monastery museum of the Tsochojdshjin - Lama, the important Lama in the history of Mongolian Buddhism and a small 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 throat singing.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: - / L / -

2. Tag Departure from Ulaanbaatar. You will be picked up by our team and their vehicles. Just behind the city, the Mongolian grass steppe begins. Today you will get the first impression of life in this vastness. The first stop is at an "Ovoo", a natural religious place of cult. According to an old custom, in order to make the journey successful, we will go around this "cairn" three times, so that the earth gods will be positive

Today's destination, the Hognon Han Mountains we will reach around early afternoon. Visit to the ancient Erdene Hamp Monastery in the picturesque Hognon Han Mountains. The monastery is one of the smallest monasteries in Mongolia. Only a few monks live here. The monastery reflects the attachment of the nomads to Buddhism. A small footpath then leads us higher up the mountain. Here we can visit the remains of the former monastery (UVGUN Khiid), which was much larger. Here you have the opportunity to hike in the bizarre rock world, or enjoy the sunset. Overnight stay in a yurt.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

3. Tag Today we will drive to Karakorum, the former capital of the Mongol Empire. In the morning we will visit the remains of the ancient capital and learn about life in the city. An excavation site under German supervision illustrates the development of the city particularly well. You will have plenty of time to see everything at your leisure.

The second sightseeing point on this day is the monastery complex of Erdene Zuu. The monastery was the first Buddhist monastery in Mongolia and can be traced back to the middle of the 15th century (Prince Abatai Khan). The name of the monastery can be translated as "Precious Sanctuary". The monastery was built after the disintegration of Karakorum and the stones of the old city were used to build the monastery. In an extensive tour, we will visit the entire monastery complex.

In the afternoon we will drive to the Orkhon waterfall. The drive takes us through a distinctly scenic valley. We will explore the waterfall. The Orkhon waterfall was first formed by a volcanic eruption. The lava masses blocked the path of the Orkhon and forced it to look for a new way. The landscape around the waterfall is very forested and forms a beautiful contrast to the Mongolian grass steppe.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

4. Tag Today starts the riding tour with our horses. The luggage is loaded onto the waiting yak trolleys and off we go with the riding stage. The way leads on the first day over lava fields with granite stones and old trees. The pace is now a bit slower as the yaks run ahead. In the late afternoon you will reach your campsite in a clearing in the forest.
Accommodation: tent, meals: B / L / D

5. Tag Today we ride the whole day in the Naiman Nuur (Eight Lakes) Nature Park. Slowly we will go uphill towards the Eight Lakes. We will pass beautiful mountain meadows and high valleys. Gradually the vehicle tracks become thinner and thinner and we are in the middle of the nature reserve. We will camp for the night just before the pass to the first of the eight lakes.
Accommodation: tent, meals: B / L / D

6. Tag On the way with horses. This gives us the opportunity to get in touch much more intensively with the nomads who live scattered around.
Accommodation: tent, Meals: B / L / D

7. Tag On the way with horses.
Accommodation: tent, Meals: B / L / D

8. Tag Our last day where we will be on the way with the horses. The path will lead us along the Eight Lakes. We will have a wonderful view of the constantly changing landscape. In the afternoon we will reach our destination, a small yurt camp and we will say goodbye to our companions.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

9. Tag In the morning, arrival in Arwaicheer. There we will visit the market, where we will also refresh our supplies for the last part of the trip. While the cooking team is shopping, you can walk around the

market at your leisure and see the colorful hustle and bustle. The road now leads us out of the Archangai Mountains to the south in the direction of the Gobi. We always drive along the Ongii River. Slowly the landscape changes from steppe to desert. Our destination are the ruins of the Ongii Monastery.

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

10. Tag In the morning, visit of the monastery ruins. The monastery used to be one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. More than 10,000 monks lived here. Today there are only a handful. After the sightseeing, we will start the expedition part of the trip to the Gobi. First we will drive along the big sand field "Guchin Us" on few used roads in order to look for the constantly changing passage and then we will use it to drive further south to the Tevish Uul mountain massif. At Tevish Uul there is a vast area with many very well preserved rock carvings, a sign that the vegetation in the Gobi used to be much different. We will have enough time to explore these rock paintings.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
11. Tag From Tevish Uul with its rock drawings we will drive further south, deeper into the Gobi. We will visit two small villages in the Gobi with their nomads.
Accommodation: Tent Nomads. Gercamp not possible, Meals: B / L / D
12. Tag Bichigt Khad is a vast canyon system in the Gobi with probably the best preserved rock paintings. The rock paintings are among the oldest in Mongolia and they are in very good condition. The trip to the rock paintings also leads in parts through the "black" Gobi. Here the rocks and stones are covered by "desert varnish". After that we drive into the Nemengt Mountains, or better into the gorges of the Nemengt Mountains. At the foot of the mountains there is a system of truly unique valleys washed out by meltwater and wind erosion. The descent into this system is not easy to find and we will pitch our tents in one of the valleys. In the gorges of the Nemengt, one finds very many and well preserved fossilized dinosaur bones.
Accommodation: Tent Nomads. Gercamp not possible, Meals: B / L / D
13. Tag Along the "Sleeping Camel", a very prominent rock formation in the Gobi, we will drive towards the singing sand dunes ("Chongoriin Els"). Before that there is a possibility to see how salt is extracted in the Gobi, as we will pass a small salt lake. After passing through the sand dune, we will head east to the nomadic family where we will change to camels.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
14. Tag Takeover of the camels and start with the camel ride. Here it is a little more leisurely. This part of the journey is done more at a "caravan pace". The sand dunes at the edge of the route, which must be passed, reinforce this impression.
Accommodation: tent, meals: B / L / D
15. Tag We ride our camels through the Gobi.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
16. Tag We ride our camels through the Gobi. In the late afternoon we return the camels to our nomad family and say goodbye to the nomads who accompanied us on the camel ride.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
17. Tag Today we will go to Bajandsag, or the "red Cliffs". Here the first major dinosaur finds were made in the Gobi. For this reason, this place is often called the "dinosaur cemetery". In Bajandsag there are also extensive saxaul forests. The saxaul tree is a very slow growing desert tree. We spend the night in the uniquely shaped rocks of Bajandsag. At sunset, the rock shines in a unique red.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
18. Tag On the northern side of the "Gruvan Saihkan" mountains we drive today to the Vulture Gorge. The gorge starts in a very narrow valley and in it there are still large ice masses until far into the summer. In addition, we can see the bearded vulture here, which is still found in large numbers in the mountains. There are interesting legends and stories about this vulture. After we have explored the canyon extensively, we continue towards Tsagaan Suwarga Canyon. Now we slowly leave the Gobi. The landscape becomes noticeably greener. The canyon itself was formed by wind and water erosion. Not only that dinosaur bones can be found here in large quantities, but also the play of colors is very impressive. We will also visit the "petroglyphs", a kilometer long band of rock drawings. The rock drawings are the oldest drawings in Mongolia.

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

19. Tag Now we are heading back to Ulaanbaatar. The penultimate day in the Mongolian grass steppe has begun. At the end of the drive we come to one of the most interesting rock formations in Mongolia, the big "Earth Mother Stones" (Ich Gazriin Chuluu). The rocks are scattered in the middle of the grass steppe and the most amazing views and valleys open up to us again and again. We will spend the last night in the open air in one of these valleys.

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

20. Tag In the morning, return to Ulaanbaatar, check-in at the hotel. You have the opportunity to buy souvenirs or cashmere products. Farewell to our driver, who drove you safely through Mongolia the whole time. Afternoon: free time in Ulaanbaatar.

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

21. Tag Early: Return flight

Kilometer Street:	980
Kilometer Off – Road:	1.780
Kilometer Camel	60
Kilometer Horse	160
Kilometer Total:	2.980

Activities not to be specified in time: Staying overnight with nomads in yurt, participation in local naadam festivals.

Due to the conditions (weather conditions, condition of the route, high water) within Mongolia, there may be deviations in the exact itinerary. The tour description is only a guideline for the course of the tour. The tour can be driven in reverse order due to e.g. adverse weather conditions.

Necessary equipment:

All the technical equipment, such as tents, cooking equipment, etc. is provided by "Steppenfuchs". You only need the things for your personal needs. The list given here is limited only to the things that are necessary from our point of view and is only meant to give an indication.

Personal laundry, T-shirt or similar, warm jacket, rainwear, sun hat or similar, warm sleeping bag, warm sleeping clothes for the night, sleeping mat, small pillow, washing utensils, towel, bathing suit, sturdy shoes, good sunglasses, sunscreen, photographic equipment, small flashlight, medicines, sturdy riding pants and riding boots or "chaps" or over ankle hiking boots. Backpack, or large travel bag to hold everything. Suitcases are somewhat impractical for this type of travel.

Packing list suggestion: https://www.mongolei.com/texte/Packliste_EN.pdf

Service description:

Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar and in the countryside, according to your chosen price category (see below). Airport transfer in Ulaanbaatar, tour guide German speaking, entrance fees for museums, national parks and cultural program, provision of off-road vehicles incl. gasoline and incidental expenses. Costs for horses and / or camels as shown in the program, full board in the country, in Ulaanbaatar according to the price category you have chosen.

Not included are:

Costs for personal needs, costs for drinks, such as beer etc., dinner in Ulaanbaatar, travel souvenirs, health costs, film- photo fees (if necessary), tips, visa costs, or costs related to the visa regulations of Mongolia, possibly additional nights in yurt camps, vegetarian food in the country. Depending on the price category you choose, additional costs for accommodation and meals in Ulaanbaatar.

What else:

The reservation for the trip becomes valid only after the signed registration form has been returned to Steppenfuchs Reisen. We recommend the conclusion of a foreign health and travel cancellation insurance. An enstp. Insurance you can take out here: [Hanse Merkur Versicherung](#)

Date:

2024					2025				
Anfang		Ende		Airport.	Anfang		Ende		Airport.
26.05	So	15.06	Sa	--	26.05	Mo	15.06	So	--
18.06	Di	08.07	Mo	--	18.06	Mi	08.07	Di	--
09.07	Di	29.07	Mo	--	10.07	Do	30.07	Mi	--
02.08	Fr	22.08	Do	--	02.08	Sa	22.08	Fr	--
06.08	Di	26.08	Mo	--	06.08	Mi	26.08	Di	--
08.09	So	28.09	Sa	--	08.09	Mo	28.09	So	--
26.05	So	15.06	Sa	--	26.05	Mo	15.06	So	--

Individuelle Termine ab zwei Personen möglich

Price:

Steppenfuchs Reisen offers a price range tailored for every budget. From the budget solution, to the "all inclusive" trip. Look for the right offer for you.

Category	2 – 3 Pers	4 – 5 Pers.	ab 6 Pers
A	2.835 €	1.995 €	1.260 €
B	2.940 €	2.205 €	1.470 €
C	3.045 €	2.310 €	1.785 €
D	3.150 €	2.520 €	2.100 €

¹⁾ All prices without international flights

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.

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²⁾ Guest yurts at nomad families, simple sanitary conditions

³⁾ Yurt camps, two-bed yurts, separate showers and WC, restaurant

Supplements:

Single room hotel plus	250 €	Pauschal
Single yurt	50 €	p.P. / Nacht
Lux yurt (yurt with private bathroom)	45 €	p.P. / Nacht
Tours via NAADAM (10.7. - 13.7.) Price surcharge of	170 €	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 **2024 / 25**

The travel prices for 2025 are not yet fixed. The travel price of 2024 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 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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