



Tour 500

## Mongolia - Drive yourself



### Travel description:



Steppenfuchs Reisen has created an opportunity for all those who would like to drive themselves to fulfill this wish.

You will drive yourself with the Russian jeep (UAZ) through Mongolia. We have chosen for you one of the most interesting routes. The tour leads through the Gobi and then into the central part of Mongolia with many interesting points. If you wish we can also change the route and plan your wishes.



So that you can fully concentrate on the nature and landscape, you will be accompanied by a vehicle in which our experienced technical team (tour guide, mechanic and cook) rides along. With the help of good maps and GPS we will discuss the day's stage in the morning. And since they always ride within sight of our technical team, problems that arise on the way can be solved quickly and competently. In case of difficult passes in the terrain, you will be supported by our tour guide, but you will quickly get used to the terrain and then find the right track yourself.

This tour combines many classic sights of Mongolia. It leads from Ulaanbaatar first to the north and then to the Gobi. This tour is the ideal introduction for anyone who does not yet know Mongolia and wants to experience as many interesting areas of the country as possible.

Special highlights are the visits to the monasteries of Amarbajasgant and Erdene Zuu (Karakorum) and the area around the Vulture Gorge.

Amarbajasgant is located not far from the newly built asphalt road between Darkhan and Erdenet in a very beautifully situated valley. The landscape and the tranquility emanating from the monastery, completely captivate every observer.

Karakorum is the cradle of Mongolia and the ancient capital of the medieval Mongol Empire. South of Karakorum, the landscape gradually turns into the Gobi.

Within the Gobi, the Vulture Gorge with its unique desert landscapes and canyons and Bajanzag, with its mighty rock formations, are a special natural experience. Until late in the summer, the narrow and narrow Vulture Gorge is filled with ice from the previous winter.

With a little luck, you can find fossilized dinosaur bones in Bajanzag. This part of the tour follows the footsteps of the legendary explorer and discoverer Sven Hedin.

### Route:

Ulaanbaatar – Kloster Amarbajasgant – Erdenet – Bulgan – Ögij Nuur – Karakorum – Arvayheer – Bajanzag – Hongoryn Els - Dalanzadgad – Baga Gazriin Chuluu – Ulaanbaatar

### Itinerary:

1. Tag Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, check-in at hotel, program briefing. After that we will visit Ulaanbaatar. You will see the famous Gandan Monastery with the 27 mtr. high Buddha statue, the monastery museum of the Tschojdshjin - 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: - / M / -

2. Tag Departure towards Amarbajasgalant Monastery. Immediately after leaving the city, you will stop at a Mongolian Ovoo to pray to the earth gods for the rest of the journey. On the way we will cross the second largest river, the Orkhon. The journey to the monastery will then take you through a beautiful valley, where the monastery will be located at the end.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
3. Tag Amarbajasgalant Monastery is one of the largest sanctuaries in the country after Erdene Zuu and was rebuilt in 1996. Visit to the monastery, "immersion" in the Buddhist myth world and then continue towards Uran Togoo via Erdenet and the village of Bulgan. In Erdenet, the copper metropolis, we will do some shopping for the further route. Arrival at the Uran Togoo volcano. The volcano rises in the middle of the Mongolian steppe. "Uran" in Mongolian means something like - Perfect, Good -. And indeed, the volcano cone rises very clearly from the flat surrounding land. In the evening you can climb the volcano crater and enjoy the beautiful view.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
4. Tag Arrival at Ogij Nuur. Ogij Nuur is a very rich lake in fish. After arrival, you can walk along the shore, or go to our horse breeder's family and borrow a horse to ride through the grass steppe. With a little luck you will have fresh fish for dinner.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
5. Tag Early in the morning we will be woken up by the different songs of the many bird species that live at Ogij Nuur. After a hearty breakfast, the journey continues to Karakorum. On the way we will visit some historical excavation sites (Khöschöö Tsaidam). Here, under Turkish supervision, a former palace from the ancient Turkish Empire is being excavated. The Turks are believed to have originated in this region. Later they were expelled by the Mongolian tribes. Detailed sightseeing of Karakorum, the former capital. 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 enough time to visit this unique historical site.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
6. Tag Through the mountains of Archangai with its diverse rock formations, we will go to Tuvhun Monastery. This monastery is an ancient hermitage that has been extensively restored and is located at the birthplace of the first Bogd Khan. In 1996, the hermitage was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. To visit the hermitage we will take a short hike. Afterwards we will drive through the eastern Archangai Mountains to the Orkhon Waterfall. This waterfall is located in a very scenic valley. The region is very populated for Mongolian standards and we can buy fresh yogurt and yak cheese from the nomads who live in these valleys. The yak is very common in this mountainous region.  
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
7. Tag Today we head towards the Gobi Desert. We drive the first part of the route always along the Ongii River. The landscape becomes flatter and more desert-like. Here we will see the first camels on our journey. We arrive at the ruins of Ongii Monastery. Visit to the monastery ruins. This monastery used to be one of the largest. Today only ruins can be visited and one can only imagine the former size. With a lot of commitment monks are slowly rebuilding 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
8. Tag Now we are in the middle of the Gobi. We drive through the depression of Ongii 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 graveyard". 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
9. Tag Today we will go a little deeper into the Gobi. From Bajandsag we drive along the "Gruvan Saihkan" mountains to the sand dune "Chongoriin Els, or singing dune. Whenever the wind blows over the sharp

grade of the dune, a more or less plaintive sound is produced. In the afternoon we will visit one of the camel breeding families at the edge of the dune. Here we will learn a lot about life in the Gobi. Who would like can also ride on a camel.

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

10. Tag In the morning we have time to get acquainted with the life of desert nomads. Today we will drive on the southern side of the "Gruvan Saihkan" mountains to the Vulture Gorge. Before we reach the gorge, we will cross the mountains again. The gorge starts in a very narrow valley and there are large ice masses in it until far into the summer. Besides, we can see the bearded vulture, which is still abundant in the mountains. There are interesting legends and stories about this vulture. After we have explored the gorge extensively, we will drive on to spend the night in a yurt camp.

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

11. Tag Drive from Dalandsadgad, where we will shop again, 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.

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

12. Tag Now we will go back to Ulaanbaatar. At the end of the drive we come to one of the most interesting rock formations in Mongolia, the small "Earth Mother Stones". The rocks are scattered in the middle of the grass steppe and again and again the most amazing views and valleys open up to us. 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

13. Tag Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, check-in at the hotel. You have the opportunity to buy some souvenirs or cashmere products. Farewell to our driver, who drove you safely through Mongolia the whole time. Evening: free time in Ulaanbaatar.

Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: F / M /

14. Tag Morning: Transfer to the airport and return flight

Kilometer Street:	1.450
Kilometer Off – Road:	1.400
Kilometer Total:	2.850

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

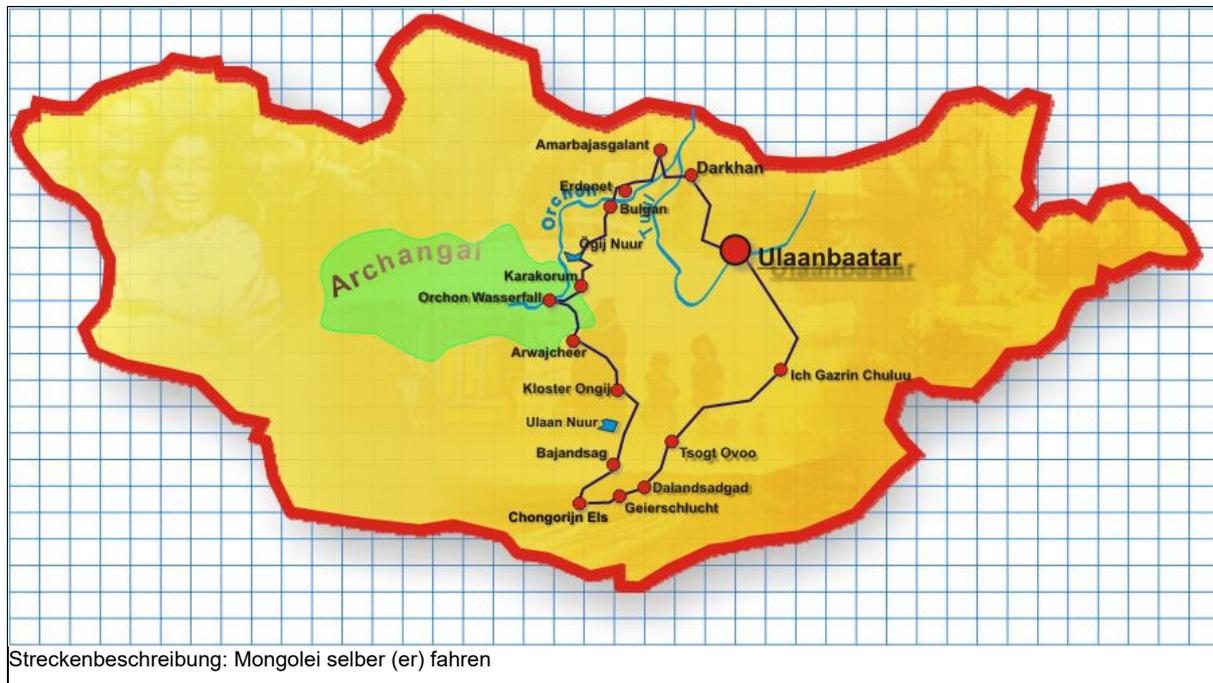
Personal laundry, T-shirt or similar, warm jacket, rainwear, sun hat or similar, warm sleeping bag, warm sleeping clothes for the night, sleeping mat, small pillow, washing utensils, towel, bathing clothes, sturdy shoes, good sunglasses, sunscreen, photo equipment, small flashlight, medicines, if available GPS device. Backpack, or large travel bag to accommodate everything. Suitcases are rather impractical for this type of travel.

Packing list suggestion: [https://www.mongolei.com/pdf\\_datein/Packliste\\_EN.pdf](https://www.mongolei.com/pdf_datein/Packliste_EN.pdf)

**International driver's license**, 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, swimwear, sturdy shoes, good sunglasses, sunscreen, photo equipment, small flashlight, medicines, if available GPS device. Backpack, or large travel bag to accommodate everything. Suitcases are impractical for this type of travel.

In case of traffic accidents (culpable / not culpable) you acknowledge that the processing will be done according to Mongolian law.

Please take out travel accident insurance or travel liability insurance for each participant.



### Performance description:

Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar and in the countryside, according to the price category you choose (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:

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. You can book an insurance here: [Hanse Merkur Versicherung](#)

Selbstkostenanteil bei Schäden am Fahrzeug € 500 pro Teilnehmer. Der Selbstkostenanteil ist in Form einer Kautions am Anfang der Reise zu hinterlegen.

You can find more very useful information about the itinerary and preparation for the trip at the following link: [https://www.mongolei.com/pdf\\_datein/ReiseInformationen.pdf](https://www.mongolei.com/pdf_datein/ReiseInformationen.pdf) (German)

Please also read the [additional agreements](#) for self-drive tours

### Date:

No fixed dates. Any date is possible  
Individual appointments possible from two people

### 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*)
<b>A</b>	3.480 €	3.120 €	2.890 €
<b>D</b>	3.880 €	3.170 €	2.980 €

\*) All prices without international flights and per person

**Category:**

- A:** In Ulaanbaatar you organize your airport-/ station transfer, 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

\*\*) 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>)

**Helpful links:**

Packing list suggestion:

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Travel insurance

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Travel information (german)

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Travel application

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