



Tour 204...

Great Mongolia Round Trip



Travel description:



The great Mongolia tour offers you the whole diversity of Mongolia. This unique trip leads from the north to the deep south. First in the north to the Khovsguul lake, the "sea" of the Mongols and then in the Gobi. This tour is the ideal start for everyone who does not know Mongolia yet and wants to experience as many interesting areas of the country as possible.



Special highlights are the visits to the monasteries Amarbajasangant, Khovsguul Lake and Erdene Zuu (Karakorum) as well as the area around the Vulture Gorge. Amarbajasangant is located not far from the newly built asphalt road between Darchan and Erdenet in a very beautifully situated valley. The landscape and the tranquility emanating from the monastery, completely captivate every observer.



After two days of driving through Mongolian steppe landscape, we will reach Kovsguul Lake. Uniquely located, enclosed between high mountain ranges, we will spend a day at the lake. The region is inhabited by the "Tsarten" (reindeer people). In their culture shamanism is still widespread. On one of the evenings we will be able to experience a shaman.



The Terchijin Tsagan Nuur (white lake) is formed by a volcanic eruption with a fascinating lava and rock landscape. The Khorongo volcano, with its many mystical caves will be visited by us.

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 Bajandsag, 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. If you are lucky, you can find fossilized dinosaur bones in Bajandsag. This part of the tour follows in the footsteps of the legendary explorer and discoverer Sven Hedin.



You will have the opportunity to come into contact with nomads a lot during this trip. Whenever the situation allows, we will stop at the nomads on the way. If only because the driver always has to check on the condition of the route. This is every time a nice opportunity to experience the hospitality of the nomads. Already when entering the yurt, where we are always given, we receive the customary "milk tea". Later also pastries and yogurt products.



During the trip around Mongolia you will always have time for the "little things" along the way. Many things can not be planned in advance, which arise spontaneously on the way. In the foreground is the experience of Mongolia. This also includes getting involved in the different sense of time. Time and the use of time in Mongolia have a different meaning than in Europe. Let us take you into this other life for the time of your stay.



Strecke:

Ulaanbaatar – Kloster Amarbajasangant – Erdenet – Bulgan – Ögij Nuur – Karakorum – Arwajcheer – Bajandsag – Dalanzadgad – Mandelgobi – Ulaanbaatar

Itinerary:

1. Day Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, transfer from the airport to your hotel, check-in at the hotel, program briefing. After that we will visit Ulaanbaatar. 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 most 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. Day Departure towards Amarbajagalant Monastery. Immediately after leaving the city, you will stop at a Mongolian Ovoo to, according to ancient custom, make the earth gods peaceful for the further 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. Day Amarbajagalant Monastery is one of the largest sanctuaries in the country after Erdene Zuu and was rebuilt in 1996. Visit to the monastery, tour of the monastery. Buddhism is the main religion in Mongolia. Banned in the times of communism, nevertheless practiced, today it is again widespread. We will experience the ceremonies in the temple and for a short time immerse ourselves in this strange world of the gods. Then we will continue over rolling hills towards Bulgan via Erdenet. From Bulgan we will drive to the extinct volcano "Uran Togo".
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
4. Day Crossing of the Selenges. Continuation to Morön. The landscape we are passing through now is completely different from the rest of Mongolia. Forested mountainsides and large clear rivers, are the distinctive mark of this region. On the way we will pass the remains of past cultures. In the middle of the landscape there are old ruins of a defensive fortress. Shortly before Morön we will spend the night.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
5. Day Short trip from Morön to the ancient tombs of Uushigiin. Visiting the tomb field with different deer stones. Since 1999 an excavation is carried out here by Kanazawa University (Japan). Again and again we meet nomad families or stop on the way cattle breeders to exchange news. Arrival at Khovsguul Lake and overnight stay at the lake. With a little luck we will have fresh fish for dinner.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
6. Day Lake Khovsguul is located in the region of the Tsaats. The Tsaats live almost exclusively from the reindeer they breed. We will try to visit this minority in the region. Trying because they also live strictly nomadic and do not always set up their tents in the same places. Alternatively, there is the possibility of hiking, or horseback riding. Back to our camp, meeting with shamans. Shamanism the traditional ethnic religion in Mongolia and there is a direct relationship with Tengrism. Tengrism is a collective term for the original religions of all Mongolian and Turkic peoples of Central Asia.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
7. Day In the morning we start driving back to Morön. After passing Morön, we drive further south into the Mongolian mountain country. Slowly the landscape becomes forested. We will continue south to Terchijn Zagaan Nuur (Wise Lake). It will take us a good two days to reach the lake.

Through the Mongolian highlands we are now heading towards Jargalant. We drive through a varied landscape, with rock formations, lush green steppe and the closer we get to the Archangai Mountains, with trees.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
8. Day At noon we will arrive at Terchijn Zagaan Nuur. The lake was formed by volcanic activity. Besides its extremely beautiful location, it is also very rich in fish.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D
9. Day Excursion to the surroundings of Terchijn Zagaan Nuur. We drive along the rugged lava field that dams up the lake to Khorngo volcano. A short hike and you will reach the volcano rim and enjoy the beautiful view. The Khorongo volcano was a sacred mountain until well into the 19th century and only a select few were allowed to climb it. Not far from the volcano are some caves, which we will also visit. There are different myths connected with these caves.

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

- 10.Day Continue towards Ikh Tamir. On the way we will pass by the Tree of 100 Branches, a special place of worship, both animist and Buddhist. Arrival in Ikh Tamir, visit of the strangely shaped Taikhar Rock. The Taikha Rock is a monolith and you can find different rock drawings, as well as inscriptions on the rock.

We will continue to the district capital Tsetserleg. There we will buy the necessary things for the next days on the market. On the market the surrounding nomads offer their products and also provide themselves with the most necessary things. It is a colorful hustle and bustle on the market. A small detour leads us to the monastery Zayan Gegeen, which we will visit.

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

- 11.Day Continue towards Ögij Nuur, a very beautifully located lake. The lake is an important stop for many species of migratory birds. The drive leads through the Mongolian grass steppe. Along the rivers we can see again and again the white shining points of the isolated nomadic yurts in contrast to the green of the steppe. Once again you will be fascinated by the vastness of the steppe.

Towards afternoon we drive the remaining kilometers to Ogii Nuur, a very beautifully situated lake in the Mongolian steppe. With a little luck, our companions catch a large pike, which are still in large quantities in the lake.

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

- 12.Day Early in the morning we will be awakened by the different songs of the many species of birds that live at Ogij Nuur. After 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.

In the afternoon, arrival to Karakorum, the former capital of Mongolia, visit to Erdene Zuu Monastery founded in 1586 and the ruins of the ancient capital of the Mongolian Empire.

Erdene Zuu, the oldest monastery in Mongolia, was founded in 1586. At that time Buddhism gained importance in Mongolia. Statues such as those of the deity Gombogur were brought to the country and can still be seen at Erdene Zuu today. The complex consists of several temples and a complex of buildings that were gradually built. In the heyday of the monastery, over 1000 monks lived there. Over the centuries, the monastery was destroyed, rebuilt and modified several times. Manchurian conquerors repeatedly destroyed Erdene Zuu and the city of Karakorum.

Visit to the new built "Karakorum" Museum. The museum houses the most important finds uncovered during the excavation. You will get a good overview of the development of the city, up to its destruction.

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

- 13.Day Across the mountains of Archangai with its diverse rock formations, we will go to Tuvhun Monastery. This monastery is an ancient hermiDaye that has been extensively restored and is located at the birthplace of the first Bogd Khan. In 1996, the hermiDaye was declared a World HeriDaye Site by UNESCO. To get to the monastery we have to walk a short distance of about 45 minutes. But then we are rewarded by the unique view. Afterwards we will go to the Ulaangoll waterfall. The waterfall is located in the middle of a lava field and the landscape around the waterfall is uniquely beautiful. In the afternoon we have time for a short hike in the surroundings of the waterfall.

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

- 14.Day Today we leave the steppe landscape of Mongolia and drive south into the Gobi. At first the landscape is still very green, but this changes within a few kilometers. Our destination is the Ongii Monastery, of which, however, only the ruins can be seen, since it was completely destroyed around 1937. This happened in the course of the "cleansing". We reach the monastery in the afternoon.

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

- 15.Day Short walk and visit the ruins of the monastery of Ongij. Talk with the monks. This monastery was one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. Walking through the ruins of the monastery, one can still get a good idea of the former size of the monastery. At that time up to 10,000 monks lived here. The

monastery was almost completely destroyed in the 1930s. Only after the "Wende" it was slowly rebuilt. Today only a few monks live here. The monastery is located directly on the Ongii River in a beautiful black rock landscape. and continue towards Bajandsag, or the "red Cliffs". Here the first major dinosaur finds were made in the Gobi. For this reason this place is also called "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.

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

16.Day Drive to the southern Gobi, to the sand dune "Chongoriin Els. The route leads us over the eastern foothills of the "Gurvan Sayhan" mountains, the southernmost part of the Altai. Crossing this small mountain range, we are now in the middle of the Gobi. We meet herds of camels and the settlement becomes much less. In the evening we will climb the sand dune and experience a beautiful sunset.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

17.Day Today we will go on the southern side of the "Gurvan Sayhan" mountains to the Vulture Gorge. There are many mysterious stories about this gorge, on the bottom of which ice is still present until far into the summer. The ice in the gorge is created by a small river. If you like, you can also cover this part on horseback. At the entrance of the gorge usually nomads are already waiting with their horses (horse rental optional).
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

18.Day Drive from Dalandsadgad, where we will shop again, towards Tsagaan Suwarga Canyon. Now we are slowly leaving 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

19.Day Now we are heading back to Ulaanbaatar. The last 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". 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. The last night under the open sky we will spend in one of these valleys.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

20.Day Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, check-in at the hotel. Evening: free time in Ulaanbaatar. You have the opportunity to buy souvenirs or cashmere products. Farewell to our driver, who drove you safely through Mongolia the whole time.
Accommodation: according to your chosen category, meals: B / L / D

21.Day Airport transfer and return flight.

Kilometer Street	2.160
Kilometer Off – Road:	1.750
Kilometer Total:	3.850

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

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](http://www.hansemerkurversicherung.de)

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 (German)

Termine:

2025				2026					
Anfang		Ende	Flugh.	Anfang		Ende	Flugh.		
05.05	Mo	25.05	So	--	18.06	Do	08.07	Mi	--
26.05	Mo	15.06	So	--	10.07	Fr	30.07	Do	**)
18.06	Mi	08.07	Di	*)	--	16.07	Do	05.08	Mi
10.07	Do	30.07	Mi	**)	--	02.08	So	22.08	Sa
16.07	Mi	05.08	Di	--	06.08	Do	26.08	Mi	--
02.08	Sa	22.08	Fr	--	13.08	Do	02.09	Mi	--
13.08	Mi	02.09	Di	--	08.09	Di	28.09	Mo	--

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	2.680 €	2.380 €	2.220 €
B	2.720 €	2.410 €	2.395 €
C	2.820 €	2.560 €	2.490 €
D	2.910 €	2.750 €	2.670 €

*) 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>)

Helpful links:

Packing list suggestion:

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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

