



Tour: 120



## The Gobi and the South of Mongolia



### Travel itinerary:

This motorcycle tour is tailored for the desert enthusiast who wants to cross the wide expanses of the Gobi by motorbike and is also prepared to ride on lonely tracks. It is then remunerated by the uniqueness of the Gobi. This season the track has been completely reworked again, so that we will drive even more in the Gobi.



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 can therefore not be compared to the Sahara or other deserts. The desert lover will nevertheless 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 leads without detours directly 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 and even to be invited into a yurt.



The dimensions of the Gobi Desert are gigantic. The desert is about 2,000 kilometers long and up to 1,000 kilometers wide and stretches 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 on earth after the Sahara.



The trip to the hard to reach meltwater formed canyon at the edge of the Nemengt Mountains is one of the highlights of this tour. Wind and sand put the finishing touches to the canyon. The area around the Nemengt Mountains is very sparsely populated. You will hardly find any nomads here anymore. From Nemengt, we return to the more northerly part via less frequented pistes. This tour connects all interesting points of the Mongolian Gobi.



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, a supplier of 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 crying camel" are awakened.



This trip is in some parts technically demanding and the participants should have experience in off-cycling. The tour has some longer sand passages in the south.

### Distance:

Ulaanbaatar – Ikh gazriin chuluu – Dalanzadgad – Geierschlucht – südliche Gobi – Khongoryn els – Nemengt-Gebirge – Kloster Ongi – Ulaanbaatar



### Travel itinerary:

1. Day Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, airport transfer, hotel check-in, program meeting. Afterwards we will visit Ulaanbaatar. You will visit the famous Gandan Monastery with the 27 mtr. high Buddha statue. The monastery museum of Choydshjin –

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 girl and the famous throat singing.

Accommodation: Hotel, Meals: - / L / -

2. Day Visit the Natural History Museum with its interesting dinosaur exhibition and then walk across Suhkbaatarsquare with the new Cshingges Khan statue. In the afternoon, contact with the motorcycles. Test drive, last adjustment work and technical instruction. Return to the hotel. In the evening you will visit a folklore performance with traditional musical instruments, snake girls and the famous throat singing.

Accommodation: Hotel, Meals: B / L / -

3. Day Takeover of the motorcycles and departure from Ulaanbaatar. Right after the city you will visit an Owoo according to ancient Mongolian custom and circumnavigate it three times to make the trip a success. The journey goes to the "Grand Mother Stones "Ikh gazriin chuluu". A rock formation that is probably unique. You have enough time to hike through this impressive landscape.

Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

4. Day Drive on towards Dalandzadgad through the Mongolian grass steppe. In Mongolia, the steppe is the predominant landscape. It occupies about 80 percent of Mongolia's land area and is Mongolia's most important natural resource, as grassland offers extensive grazing grounds. In the dry climate hardly any forests thrive, but instead all the more luxuriant grassland. We will also use this day to look deeper into nomadic life.

Visit of Tsagaan Suwarga (White Stupa). Millions of years ago there was a sea here. Today an interesting limestone rock formation with a splendid play of colours still bears witness to this. Especially in the setting sun, the rocks shine in a bright orange. We will also visit the "Petroglyphs", a kilometre-long band of rock drawings. The rock drawings are the oldest drawings in Mongolia.

Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

5. Day Arrival in Dalandzadgad. Shopping at the market for the onward journey. Here you have the opportunity to watch the hustle and bustle at the local market. The drivers will use the time to store fuel, which is often lacking in the Gobi. Afterwards drive to the Vulture Gorge, overnight stay near the gorge.

Accommodation: Gercamp, Meals: B / L / D

6. Day Hike through the Vulture Gorge. In the gorge there are still large ice masses, which were created in winter by a small river, well into the summer. Here you also have the opportunity to observe bearded vultures, ibexes and other animals. A small museum at the entrance of the gorge gives information about the animal world and the eventful past of the Gobi. Today you drive through the Gurban Saikhan. At this day sDaye the "mountain goats" among the participants will get their money's worth. In the afternoon we reach the south side of the mountains and continue to the small village Noyan in the southern Gobi.

Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

7. Day Continue through the southern Gobi to Gurvantes, the last real village, before we drive into the Centergobi. Continue south, almost to the Chinese border - total desert. On the way you will be able to see an old salt extraction plant where, according to the traditional principle, water from a salty spring is naturally evaporated until a solid salt crust remains. Overnight stay in the wild romantic gorge system of the Nemengt mountains.

Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

8. 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 very 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: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

9. Day Drive north to Bayanling. The way leads us through a unique mountain world, which is still completely untouched. We will explore this unique area with our motorcycles.

Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

10. Day Today we go along the Gobi Altai Nuruu Mountains to the village and continue to the rock formation "Bichigt Khad". In the gorges of Bichigt Khad there are extensive areas with rock paintings, which we will visit. At noon we drive to the "White Cave". The Tsagaan Agui cave is hidden in the Tsakhir mountains. Here we find the traces of stone age people and afterwards we drive through a unique rocky landscape in the Gobi to Oorg Nuur, one of the four Gobi lakes.  
Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D
11. Day Today will be a sandy day. From Oorg nuur we drive a little north to the small village Baruunbajan ulaan. This village lies directly in a small salt lake, which we will visit. Then we cross the Gobi to the highest mountain in the region, the Tevish Uul, where we will make a detour to the Tevish Uul to see the still little explored rock drawings.  
Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D
12. Day Today we stay in the region of the Tevisch Uuls. Today we will not eat big kilometres, but search for rock drawings in the valleys of Tevisch Uuls. This day is also a small "recovery day" after the long stages in the Gobi.  
Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D
13. Day From Tevisch Uul we drive to the sand dune "Chongoriin Els", also called singing dune. Whenever the wind blows over the sharp degree of the dune, a more or less lamenting sound develops. The "exciting" thing about this dune is the fact that the wind deposits the Gobi sand behind a mountain range and a river repeatedly transports this sand. Through this "battle" between water and sand, new terrain formations are created again and again. In the evening there is the possibility to climb the up to 400 m high sand dune and enjoy a wonderful sunset.  
Accommodation: Gercamp, Meals: B / L / D
14. 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: Gercamp, Meals: B / L / D
15. Day We continue through the Gobi Desert to the "red Cliffs", which we will reach in the late afternoon. The "red Cliffs" are also called dinosaur cemetery, because here the first larger dinosaur finds were made during the Gobi expedition of Sven Hedin. Nearby is also 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: Tent, Meals: B / L / D
16. Day Drive to the monastery Ongij and visit of the monastery ruins. 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. Continue in the direction of Arwajcheer. Arwajcheer is the district capital for the northern Gobi area. Here we will do the shopping at the market for the next days. On the market the products from the region are offered and were which the nomads need. There is a colourful hustle and bustle there. 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: Tent, Meals: B / L / D
17. Day Today we leave the Gobi and drive north to the district capital Arwaicheer. There we have again the possibility to supplement our food. On the market there is a colorful drift. After the sightseeing of the city, it goes on mountain tracks into the mountains.  
Accommodation: Tent, Meals: B / L / D
18. 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. The yak is very common in this mountain region. Then we continue through the valley to Karakorum.  
Accommodation: Gercamp, Meals: B / L / D
19. Day In the morning we will visit Karakorum, the former capital of Mongolia. In Karakorum is also the monastery "Erdene Zuu". This monastery belongs to the most important monasteries in Mongolia and was partly restored again. We will take some time to visit this unique historical site. Then we continue through the flood meadows of the Orchon to Ogii Nuur. On the way some historical excavation places

are visited (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: Tent, Meals: B / L / D

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

Accommodation: Hotel, Meals: - / L / -

21. Day Morning: Departure

Kilometer Road:	720
Kilometer Off - Road:	2.300
Kilometer Total:	3.020

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.



Streckenübersicht südliche Mongolei

### Service include:

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 include:

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 € 1.500.

**Date:**

<b>2024</b>					<b>2025</b>				
Start		End		Airport	Start		End		Airport
18.06	Mi	08.07	Di	-	18.06	Do	08.07	Mi	-
10.07	Do	30.07	Mi	-	10.07	Fr	30.07	Do	-
16.07	Mi	05.08	Di	-	16.07	Do	05.08	Mi	-
06.08	Mi	26.08	Di	-	06.08	Do	26.08	Mi	-
13.08	Mi	02.09	Di	-	13.08	Do	02.09	Mi	-
08.09	Mo	28.09	So	-	08.09	Di	28.09	Mo	-

**Price**

	BMW 650 GS	Chin. Bike
<b>Kat A</b>	4.980 €	3.780 €
<b>Kat D</b>	5.140 €	3.920 €
<b>Kaution</b>	1.500 €	1.000 €

All prices without international flights  
 All prices in **EUR**

**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.

**Supplements:**

Single Supplements Hotel	150 € p.P.
Single Supplements Gercamp	35 € p.P. / Night
Over NAADAM (10.7. - 13.7.) Additional	150 € Pers.

**Remarks:**

All prices are in EURO

**Appointments for 2025 / 26**

The travel prices for 2026 are not yet fixed. The travel price for 2025 can be taken as a guideline

Indicated are the arrival / departure day in Ulaanbaatar

Price without flight plus current flight tariff MIAT or Aeroflot

Individual appointments are possible