

## Mongolia South to North

Explore Mongolia's alluring wide open spaces and stunning vistas on this **discovery style** journey. Our route will take us to the spectacular fossil fields of the southern Gobi, to Khongoryn Els National Park then following in the footsteps of Roy Chapman Taylor to Flaming Cliffs fossil sites. On the journey north we visit the National Preserve of Przewalski's horses. In the lush grasslands and taiga forests of the north-east we go cross country beyond the standard routes into the valleys of the Kherlen River headwaters to explore the 'homelands' of Jingxi Khan.

Visit Ulaan Baatar, Khongoryn Els National Park, Flaming Cliffs, Yolyn Am, Kharkorin, Kukh Nuur, Dadal.



Length of trip	<b>16 days</b>
Accommodation	<b>Hotels, Ger camps</b>
Meals included	<b>Yes</b>
Travel Style	<b>Porter supported trek.</b>
Escort	<b>SRA tour leader for more than 6 travellers.</b> <b>Local English speaking escort for 6 or less travellers.</b>
Sightseeing and entry fees	<b>Included</b>
Maximum group	<b>12</b>
Commences	<b>Ulaanbaatar 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012</b>
Concludes	<b>Ulaanbaatar 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012</b>
COST	<b>NZ\$5,900</b> based on twin share. Single Rm Sup NZ\$250 (hotels only) (prices subject to change)



## Itinerary at a Glance :

**Sat 9 June 2012**      **Arrive Ulaanbaatar**  
Met by our representative and transferred to the hotel.

**Sun 10 June 2012**      **Ulaan Baatar**  
Today we are out and about around Ulaanbaatar to visit Ganden monastery and the Museum of Natural History with its remarkable collection of dinosaur fossils from south Gobi.

**Mon 11 June 2012** **To Dalanzadgad and Yolyn Am**  
This morning we fly to South Gobi and transfer to Yolyn Am Ger camp. There's time to visit the canyon at Yolyn Am and late afternoon make an excursion to the Flaming cliffs.

**Tue 12 June 2012**      **To Khainkhan**  
Our route today will first take us to the spectacular Khongoryn Els dunes National Park. In the afternoon head north across the Gobi to Khainkhan Ger Camp at Guchin Us.

**Wed 13 June 2012**      **Drive to Batolizy**  
Today we continue north across undulating steppe to picturesque Batolizy in Ovorkhangai Aimag. We will break the journey at the Aimag capital of Arvayheer and overnight at Talbiun Ger camp in the foothills.

**Thur 14 June 2012**      **Batolizy**  
Today we have a full day to visit the Uaantsutgalan water fall, hike up to the Tuvkhan Monastery, botanise and call in on summer nomad encampments.

**Fri 15 June 2012**      **To Kharhorin**  
We don't have far to go today to relocate to Kharkorin. The 13<sup>th</sup> century Royal capital of Ghengis Khan's son and successor Ogodei. Arrive and settle into the Ger camp.

**Sat 16 June 2012**      **To Bayingol**  
This morning visit the 16<sup>th</sup> century Erdene Zuu monastery and after lunch drive to the Bayingol ger camp in lovely Mongol Els Nature Reserve.

**Sun 17 June 2012**      **To Ulaanbaatar**  
Today we are calling in at the Hustain Nature reserve on our way back to Ulaanbaatar. Hustain is the protected breeding habitat for the reintroduction of Takhi or Przewalski's horse. Afternoon, arrive back in Ulaanbaatar.

**Mon 18 June 2012**      **To Kukhnuur**  
The road to Kukhnuur takes us northeast across the steppe into the Onon valley towards the birthplace of Ghengis Khan. Along the way we will stop at the 30m tall Ghengis Khan statue.

**Tue 19 June 2012**      **To Binder**  
Today we are heading for Bereeven monastery enroute to Binder. We will have plenty of time to explore the monastery and enjoy the stunning scenery along the way.

**Wed 20 June 2012**      **To Dadal**  
There is more picturesque county ahead today. We have a ferry crossing of the Onon River to start the day and plenty of historical connections with the Genghis Khan legend to provide additional interest.

**Thur 21 June 2012**      **Dadal**  
We have an easy day today with a few sights of cultural interest and a great little folk museum to visit.

**Fri 22 June 2012**      **To Ondorhon**  
It is likely to be a long day on the road as we make our way down valley to the Aimag capital of Ondorhon. We gradually leave the forested steppe behind as we follow the Onon river downstream.

**Sat 23 June 2012**      **To Ulaanbaatar**  
Today we are heading directly back to Ulaanbaatar by the main road. Expect to arrive in Ulaanbaatar early afternoon for some last minute shopping.

**Sun 24 June 2012**      **Conclude**  
Transfer to the airport and conclude.

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## Explore more : TRANS-SIBERIAN

**CONCLUDE** the *Mongolia North to South* itinerary in Ulaanbaatar on Saturday 23rd June and join **Trans-Siberian** itinerary:

Ride the rails on our grand east to west traverse to Mongolia, Siberia and European Russia on this classic **touring style** journey from Beijing to St Petersburg. Commence in Beijing with time to visit the Great Wall and Forbidden City. Along the way we break the journey at Ulaanbaatar to experience life on the steppe, at Irkutsk for an excursion to beautiful Lake Baikal and at historic Yekaterinburg. Our Moscow stop over will include the iconic landmarks of Red Square and at St Petersburg we visit the key 'must see' heritage sights and museums.

*Visit Ulaanbaatar, Kharkhorin, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Yekaterinburg, Moscow, St Petersburg.*

### **BEIJING stopover**

*Tailor made to suit your time-frame and interests.*