

# Gobi Loop – Southern Mongolia

The coldest desert of the world in summer is surprisingly warm and full of life. Expect amazing wildlife, stunning nature and impressive nomadic life, blending 21st century technology with centuries old nomadic traditions. This trip covers everything the Gobi has to offer, from rocky canyons to steep cliffs, high mountains to flat plains and frozen rivers to flaming cliffs.

- Marvel at the sunset on top of a 200m high sand dune
- Find out what gives the flaming cliffs its name
- Discover the ancient capital of Karakorum
- Experience modern nomadic travel

## Day - 1 Ulaanbaatar

**ARRIVAL AT ULAANBAATAR** We receive you at the airport and drop you at your hotel. After a meet and greet, we will get a basic orientation and begin a tour of a city that over half the population of the country call home.

**Overnight:** Hotel, Ulaanbaatar

## Day - 2 Baga Gazriin Chuluu

**ULAANBAATAR – BAGA GAZRIIN CHULUU (B,L,D)**

We leave early and start heading towards Gobi. Our first waypoint are the impressive rock formations of Baga Gazriin Chuluu. We will explore canyons, climb on top of large boulders and try to find the ruins of an old temple hidden between the rocks. Here we also spend our first night in a Ger.

**Overnight:** Ger Camp

## Day - 3 Tsagaan Suvraga

**BAGA GAZRIIN CHULUU - TSAGAAN SUVRAGA (B,L,D)**

The cliffs of Tsagaan Suvraga are a colorful sight and make for some beautiful hiking. Once on top, the view over Middle Gobi is breathtaking. To its feet is an equally colorful crater landscape which is challenging to navigate by car but exciting by foot.

**Overnight:** Ger Camp

### Day - 4 Yolin Am

#### TSAGAAN SUVRAGA - YOLIN AM (B,L,D)

After reaching the national park of Gobi Gurvan Saikhan we make our way to the Yol gorge. The river cutting through the mountain stays frozen deep into the summer, and the valley is teeming with small animals. After a long day of hiking and exploring, we return to our Ger camp.

Overnight: Ger Camp

### Day - 5 Khongor

#### YOLIN AM - SINGING SANDS (B,L,D)

The singing sands of Khongor are dunes over 200m high and 100km long. We will spend the day hiking and riding camels through the dunes. Towards the evening we will try to scale the highest dune to watch the sunset from above.

Overnight: Ger Camp

### Day - 6 Bayanzag

#### SINGING SANDS - BAYANZAG (B,L,D)

The site of the first discovery of actual dinosaur eggs, the "flaming cliffs" turn into a fiery red every sunset. The cliffs are overlooking a protected nature area where rainwater accumulates to form a temporary lake. Further afield are reforestation projects attempting to halt desertification by planting countless rugged Gobi-trees.

Overnight: Ger Camp

### Day - 7 Ongii

#### BAYANZAG - ONGIIN KHIID (B,L,D)

Located next to a meandering river, the temple ruins of Ongii used to be a center of Mongolian Buddhism until it was destroyed in the revolutionary times. The remnants of the temple serve as a reminder of that grim past. The beauty of the surrounding nature stands in stark contrast to this site and allows the evening to focus on relaxation.

Overnight: Ger Camp

### Day - 8 Orkhon valley

#### ONGIIN KHIID - ORKHON VALLEY (B,L,D)

Having clearly left Gobi, we drive through green landscapes to reach the picturesque Orkhon valley. We will hike through the UNESCO heritage area along the river to a waterfall. Over the course of the day we will see nomadic herders and countless wild and domestic animals. After a day of driving and hiking in this beautiful valley, we reach our camp for the night and enjoy our dinner.

**Overnight: Ger Camp**

### Day - 9 Karakorum

#### ORKHON VALLEY - KARAKORUM (B,L,D)

Karakorum was once the capital of the Mongol Empire. Today, the site features archaeological excavations and the Buddhist temple of Erdene-Zuu. After visiting the temple, we will enter the high-quality Karakorum museum. Here we will learn about the history of what is today Mongolia, with special focus on the excavations of Karakorum and artefacts of the high period of the Mongol Empire.

**Overnight: Ger Camp**

### Day - 10 Khugnu Khan

#### KARAKORUM - KHUGNU KHAN (B,L,D)

Along the road back to UB, we stop for one last night in Khugnu Khan. This sandy area is a natural replica of the ecosystem of the Gobi, almost 100km to the south of Khugnu Khan. We will ride camels into the dunes, hike through the sand and enjoy for one last time the tranquility of the Mongolian countryside.

**Overnight: Ger Camp**

### Day - 11 Ulaanbaatar

#### KHUGNU KHAN - ULAANBAATAR (B,L)

We reach UB over the course of the afternoon. After enjoying the comfort of our hotel for a while, the rest of the day is free to enjoy, before we meet for a relaxed farewell dinner.

**Overnight: Hotel**

### Day - 12 Ulaanbaatar

#### DEPARTURE (B)

Timely transfer to the airport and farewell

#### Inclusions

- 2 nights in mid-range hotel in Ulaanbaatar (double occupancy upgrade available)
- 9 nights in Mongolian Gers (Yurts) in professional camps with central sanitary facilities (double occupancy – upgrades available)
- Airport/Train Station pick-up and drop-off
- Meal as specified in itinerary
- (B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

- 1h of camel / horse riding (no previous experience required)
- City Tour Ulaanbaatar including entry fees to the National Museum and Gandan monastery

#### Exclusions

- International flights
  - Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
  - Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
  - Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
  - Personal travel insurance
  - Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
  - Visa fees
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- Overland transportation in minivans
  - Road toll, entry fees in countryside (excluding photo permits in museums)
  - English speaking local guide
  - Admission fees according to itinerary

### Payment Details:

Group from 6 persons and  
more starting from (p.P)

# USD 1719

Private tour for 2 persons  
starting from (p.P.) USD 2456

### Booking Availabilities

Booking in between : **21st November 2019 & 31st October 2021**

#### ★★★ Star Hotel & Ger Camps

Single Supplement	: USD 1473.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 2456.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 1964.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 1719.00