

# *Mongolian Odyssey*

*Ulaan Baatar, Gobi Desert, Hustai National Park*



Mongolia is an explorer's dream. This land locked sparsely populated country is known as the "land of the blue sky". It is home to the worlds last surviving nomadic cultures. Travellers will experience incredibly diverse landscapes: from the endless sand dunes across the expanse of the Gobi Desert to the vast grasslands that make up most of Mongolia's terrain. Relatively untouched my modern life, Mongolia is an emerging country and there is no better time than now to visit its unspoiled landscapes and fall in love with this incredible country.

**Experience 5 star hotels and local ger camps on this Mongolian Odyssey.**

## **DAY 1 – 3 Sep – Arrive ULAANBAATAR**

Meet with our driver and transfer to the for a check-in. You will be booked at the **Hotel Shangri La Ulaan Baatar** for a stay of 2 nights

Afternoon at leisure.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and tour briefing

Overnight at **Hotel Shangri La Ulaan Baatar or similar.**

## DAY 2 – 4 Sep – ULAANBAATAR SIGHTSEEING

Today we'll have a full day city tour including the Gandan Lamasery, Sukhbaatar Square, the National Museum of Mongolia, Bogd Khan Winter Palace Museum and Zaisan Hill.

Lunch will be in a local restaurant (**cost not included**)

In the evening, you will enjoy a Mongolian Folk concert followed by dinner.

Overnight at **Hotel Shangri La Ulaan Baatar or similar**.

## DAY 3 – 5 Sep – Fly to SOUTH GOBI AND YOL VALLEY

This morning, an early transfer from the hotel to the airport will be arranged for you.

You will be booked on a domestic flight to the South Gobi (Ömnögobi) town of Dalanzadgad.

Today we'll spend the entire day at the Gurvansaikhan Mountains (The Three Beauties) which gave name to the large national park. We will visit the **Yol Valley** about 90km away and explore this famous ravine, which sometimes has ice and snow. On the ridges around there are sometimes Siberian Ibexes and sometimes we can hear the Altai Snowcock. Lammergeier (*Gypaetus barbatus*) nest on the cliffs and we are almost guaranteed to see them flying over the ravine. Another rare bird is the Wallcreeper (*Tichodroma muraria*) which is also quite easy to see at close range here.

We will also hike a way into the ravine. This hike is through a narrow valley and involves crossing a small stream back and forth. (*For those not able to do the entire trek, you can walk only part of it*)

We will also stop at the small but interesting museum.

Overnight in the Gobi Desert at **Three Camels Lodge or similar**.

## DAY 4 – 6 Sep - TO BAYANZAG

This morning, after breakfast, we will drive northwest 90km to Bayanzag. The name translates to 'Rich in Saxaul', indicating the 'forests' of salt resistant Saxaul trees (Haloxylon) growing here. These are however mere bushes. The main attraction, though, are the "Flaming Cliffs", made famous by American explorer Roy Chapman Andrews, who here discovered the first ever fossilized dinosaur eggs in the early 1920s. The barren cliffs look strikingly as if they are aflame during sunset.

Overnight in the Gobi Desert at **Three Camels Lodge or similar**.

## DAY 5 – 7 Sep - TO HUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

This morning, after breakfast, transfer to the Dalanzadgad airport and fly back to Ulaanbaatar

On arrival, we will head 40 kms west to Hui Doloon Hudag, the grasslands outside the city where the Naadam horse races take place. You will be booked at the **HS Khaan Resort or similar** for a stay of 1 night

Lunch will be at the resort. (**cost not included**)

Afternoon game drive to Hustai National Park where we hope to see many of the free roaming herds of Takhi and see the Przewalski horses in the wild.

Overnight at the **HS Khaan Resort** or similar.

## DAY 6 - 8 Sep: BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

Today, we will visit the community groups who inhabit the fringes of Hustai with their livestock. You will have the opportunity to engage with the Hustai buffer zone program where sustainable preservation of the parks unique biodiversity is of utmost importance.

We will enjoy a local lunch of buuz provided by the locals, partners in the conservation of Hustai.

Post lunch, transfer back to Ulaanbaatar after the visit to the local nomad family. Free time in the city.

Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant.

Overnight in Ulaan Baatar at **Hotel Shangri La Ulaan Baatar or similar.**

#### **DAY 7 – 9 Sep DEPARTURE**

After breakfast, the transfer you to Chinggis Khaan International Airport will be arranged for you for your international flight back home.

\*\*\* Return Home with wonderful memories \*\*\*

<b>Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: INR 2,64,900</b> <b>Single supplement: INR 90,700</b>
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#### **Price Includes:**

- Accommodation as per the itinerary in **5 star** hotels for 6 nights
- Daily Breakfast
- ALL MEALS (except Lunch in Ulaan Baatar & HS Khaan Resort)
- Airport transfers
- Domestic internal flights in economy class
- Transportation services in an air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- Porterage
- A qualified English speaking guide.
- Tours & Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Service of an Odyssey Tour Escort

#### **Price excludes**

- International Air ticket to and from Ulaan Baatar
- Meals and Sightseeing not mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities (recommended at US\$ 7 pp per day)
- Visa for Mongolia
- Overseas Medical Insurance policy
- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, tel expenses, room service, alcoholic beverages, etc.
- Any other services not specified in the itinerary

#### **Notes:**

- Standard check in at hotels is at 14h00 onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
  - Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.
  - Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
  - ROE calculated at 1 USD = Rs 68. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
  - **Price based on a minimum of 14 people travelling together**
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## Tentative flight schedule

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr	Arr.Date
Air China	890	03SEP	Mon	Mumbai - India	Beijing - PR China	0235	1130	03SEP
Air China	955	03SEP	Mon	Beijing - PR China	Ulaan Baatar	1515	1730	03SEP
Air China	902	09SEP	Sun	Ulaan Baatar	Beijing - PR China	1150	1355	09SEP
Air China	889	09SEP	Sun	Beijing - PR China	Mumbai - India	1940	0100	10SEP

**Economy class: Approx Rs 59000 pp // Business class: Approx Rs 151000 pp**

*The fare and schedule is subject to change at any time*

## Map of Mongolia



## Terms & Conditions

### BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of Rs 20,000 per person will be payable by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.

### CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you wish to amend/ cancel any part of a confirmed booking / reservation all such cancellations must be advised in writing. Given below is the cancellation policy.
2. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
3. Cancellation of a reservation due to any visa being rejected will amount to cancellation charges being levied as per the scale mentioned below and Odyssey Tours & Travels will not be responsible for any visa rejection by the respective consulates.
4. Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Cancellations effected after booking will attract a service fee of Rs 5000 pp.
  - b. Cancellation from 45 to 34 days prior to arrival is charged 35% for all booked rooms/nights.
  - c. Cancellation from 34 to 21 days prior to arrival is charged 65% for all booked rooms/nights.
  - d. Cancellation from 21 days prior to arrival is charged 100% for all booked rooms/nights.
  - e. No refund will be due after commencement of travel
5. Refunds due can take up to 5 weeks to process.