

GOBI DESERT AND TERELJ NATIONAL PARK & GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL TOUR

Private Tour Created by Sandra Braun

DURATION: 13 Day /12 Nights

DATES: SEPT 22 – OCT 4, 2023 (International flight depart **Sept 20th USA)**

TOUR COST: \$3625 USD Per Person (In-Country Flight Included)

GROUP SIZE: 8-14 Travelers (8 min.) Single Supplement: \$300

TOUR GRADE: Easy - Moderate



Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ Explore Gobi and Terelj National Park
- ✓ Eagle Festival
- ✓ Witness the nomadic life-style
- ✓ Photography opportunities
- ✓ Mongolian traditional concert
- ✓ Mongolian traditional BBQ
- ✓ Camel and horseback riding

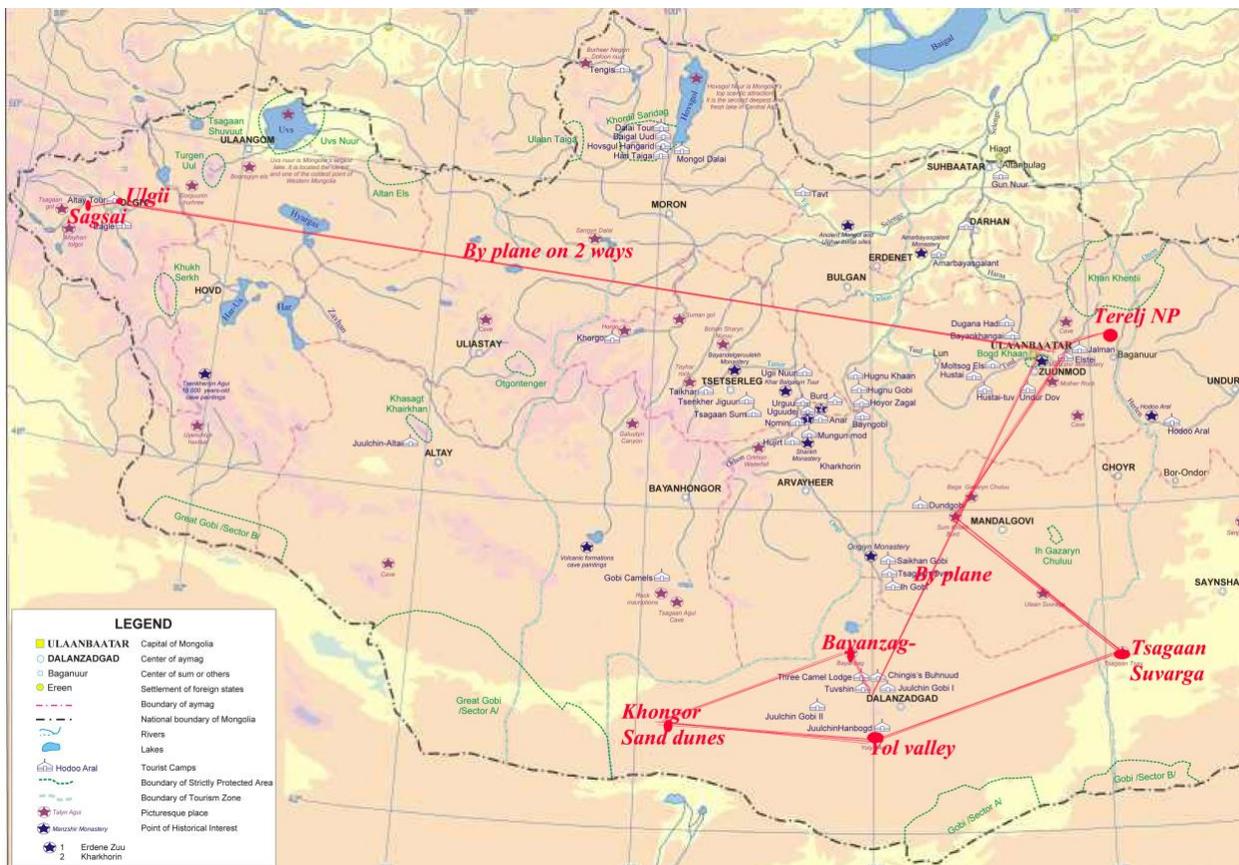
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INTRODUCTION

Walking through Glacier canyon of Yolyn Am freezes even during summer hot days, as you slide down through Singing Dune of Khongoryn Els, moreover further under the sunset it looks like flaming Cliffs called Bayanzag, also Equestrian statue as Modern exhibits of Millennium man human wonder well-known Chinggis Khan. Natural wonders of stone's sceneries Turtle Rock and Praying Lama, deep down of Mountain ranges stands Meditation center of Aryapala temple. Chance to ride a camel on endless sand dunes, riding horse through steep Cliffs besides hiking up to Hills while exploring landscapes and reading god's teachings and possibility to trekking to Bayanzag, homeland of dinosaurs.

The Eagle festival, or Golden Eagle festival (Бүргэдийн наадам/ бүрkit той), is an annual traditional festival held in Bayan-Ölgii aймаг, Mongolia. In the eagle festival, Kazakh eagle hunters (Burkitshi) celebrate their heritage and compete to catch small animals such as foxes and hares with specially trained golden eagles, showing off the skills both of the birds and their trainers. Prizes are awarded for speed, agility and accuracy, as well as for the best traditional Kazakh dress, and more.



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Day by Day Itinerary: Depart from USA: Sept 20th

Day 1 (Sept 22): Arrive in Mongolia - Ulaanbaatar (Abbrev- UB)

Meet and greet at the airport. Transfer to our hotel. O/N:Holiday Inn

Day 2 (Sept 23): City Tour in UB

Gather in the lobby at 9am. Tour includes Gandan Monaster, Sukhbaatar Square, National History Museum and Bogd Khaan Palace. Mongolian Traditional Concert 6pm. Dinner on own. Return to Holiday Inn. **(B/L)**

Day 3 (Sept 24): Tsagaan Suvarga, White Stupa

We will drive to Tsagaan Suvarga. The scarp of Tsagaan Suvarga is located in Ulziit soum of Dundgobi province. It is interesting to see the sheer slope, facing east, which from cliff is 30 meters high and 100 meters wide. Over thousands of years the wind has created this amazing structure. Stay in ger camp (about 450kms / 7 hours driving).

Day 4 (Sept 25): Bayanzag or Flaming cliffs

Visit to the Bayanzag area. Known as a Flaming Cliffs "Cradle of Dinosaurs" this is where the first nest of dinosaur eggs ever discovered was found in 1922. A site famous for the remains of dinosaur that lived here 60 million years ago. You can walk around where dinosaurs once roamed and see saxaul trees and other classic desert vegetation. Overnight in ger camp (about 300kms – about 5 hours driving). **(B/L/D)**



Day 5 (Sept 26): Khongor sand dunes and camel riding

Today we will drive to Khongor sand dunes. At 28 m in height the giant sand dunes stretch lengthwise some 180 kms. Sometimes the area is only several hundred meters wide but can grow to 7-20 kms. We will hike to the top of the sand dunes and make camel riding. Overnight in ger camp (about 150 kms- About 4 hours driving). **(B/L/D)**

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Day 6 (Sept 27): Yol Valley and hiking

In the early morning we will drive to South Gobi and visit to Yol Valley. The Vulture Canyon, which nestles between the beautiful peaks of Gurvansaikhan of the Three Beauties. After arrival at the canyon, we will take 2-hour hike through the canyon. On our way in/out of the park we can visit the local Natural History Museum where dinosaur eggs and bones, petrified trees and a snow leopard are on display. Overnight in Khan-Uul hotel in Dalanzadgad (about 230 kms -About 5 hours driving). **(B/L/D)**



Day 7 (Sept 28): Drive back to UB

This morning we will drive to UB. Holiday Inn (About 600kms-About 8 hours driving). **(B/L)**

Day 8 (Sept 29): Fly to Ulgii, Horseback Riding Fly to Ulgii, capital of Bayan-Ulgii in western Mongolia. We will visit local market and History museum of Ulgii. In the early morning, we will drive to Sagsai village and visit Kazakh family. Enjoy horseback riding with the eagle hunter. In the evening, we will drive back to the camp (About 100kms). **(B/L/D)**



Day 9 (Sept 30): Golden Eagle festival and Opening Ceremony (B/L/D)

The official opening ceremony commences with the participants parading in on horseback with their eagles. The competition begins with each Kazakh displaying his hunting outfit and accessories, the most elaborate and beautiful of which receive the highest points. In the afternoon, the judges will evaluate the Golden Eagles' speed and agility. The eagles will be released from a cliff with their owners standing below, signaling for the eagles to land upon their arms as they do while hunting. Those with the fastest times and best technique will be awarded the highest scores. In the evening, attend a Kazakh play in honor of the hunters and their eagles. Stay in ger camp.

Day 10 (Oct 1): Golden Eagle Festivals & Awards Ceremony (B/L/D)

The Golden Eagles will be released from a cliff to attack fox skins that will be dragged by their owner on horseback. The eagles will be judged on their success of grabbing the "fox", their speed, and "gripping" technique. As the points for the competitions are being tallied, the Kazakhs will compete in their traditional game called "kukbar"- passing goat skin which tests one's horse riding skills, strength and agility. In the late afternoon, the winners of the festival will be announced at the awards ceremony. In the evening, enjoy a celebration dinner. Stay in ger camp.

Day 11 (Oct 2): Fly back to UB and drive to Terelj Nat'l Park (B/L/D)

We will fly back to UB. After landing in UB, we will drive to Terelj National Park. Stay in ger camp (About 100kms)

Day 12 (Oct 3): Visit Chingis Khaan Statue and drive back to UB



Enjoy a short hiking to the Arayabal temple in NP and visit natural rock formation of Turtle Rock. Horseback riding for 2 hours. Enroute to UB, we we'll stop at the Chingis Khaan Equestrian statue - highest one in the world. Time for shopping in UB. O/N Holiday Inn Hotel

(B/L)

Day 13 (Oct 4): Departure (B) Transfer to the airport for your departure.

Note: The itinerary sequence is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change. Adjustments may need to be made based on changes in logistics, hotels and ger camps or unforeseen matters at time of travel.

A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR TRIP...Read carefully

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Fee is based upon shared twin room accommodations. If that is not possible or if you prefer a single room, you will be responsible for the single supplement fee of \$300 at time of booking.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that travel insurance be purchased immediately following your registration. The insurance protects you and your money from late cancellations, accidents or illness in remote areas, emergency evacuation, and loss of baggage and other unexpected delays. The program we recommend, Allianz, will cover "pre-existing" conditions if you purchase full coverage within twenty-one (14) days following your initial trip deposit or flight purchase. A minimum coverage for evacuation and medical is a must. A brochure is available upon request. We are available to field any questions to assist in understanding options.

GER CAMPS: Mongolian ger camps have public western bathrooms and showers in an onsite building.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS: Please consult with Adventure Associates as you prepare your flight arrangements for the best time of arrival/departure.

HOW TO REGISTER: Complete the application form and return it to our office along with the appropriate deposit. [AA Application Form](#)

BOOKING TERMS: The acceptance of a quote and a form of payment is provided. Change fees and/or cancellation penalties will apply.

DEPOSIT: Upon acceptance of a quote, Adventure Associates of WA, Inc. and affiliates will require that a form of payment be on file for the reservation. A \$500 deposit toward the total package (\$250 is non-refundable).

FINAL PAYMENT: At 75 (July 09, 2023) days prior to travel, the remaining balance will be by check or credit card. Please call our office at least 3 business days prior to due date if you'd like to adjust to another form of payment. Credit Card fees apply: balance of the tour cost \$93.75 fee.

FORM OF PAYMENT: We accept visa, master cards and AMX, check or wire transfer for the deposit. An invoice is emailed for credit card payment via Square secure processing. Checks are accepted and credit cards administrative fees apply for the deposit of \$15 and balance of tour cost \$93.75 fee. Final payments by check please make checks out to Adventure Associates and mail to the following address:

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DOCUMENTATION: Trip Travel Packets will be provided in a timely manner for travel preparations. Formal travel documents will be scheduled for release electronically at approximately 20 days prior to client arrival and only after the full payment is received.

RESPONSIBILITY: As the tour operator, Adventure Associates of WA Inc. and contracts with carriers, hoteliers and other independent suppliers to provide the travel services you purchase. We are responsible for effectively reserving and coordinating the itinerary only. Adventure Associates is responsible for effectively reserving travel services and does not own or operate products.

PRICING: As a packaging company, pricing components cannot be broken down due to our vendor contracts. This means we are unable to provide itemized billing. Rates are locked in at the purchase price valid at that time based on availability. We will offer the best possible contracted rates to our clients, however any special online discounts, last-minute promotions or unanticipated changes to vendor rates cannot be provided once confirmed. NOTE: The itinerary has been quoted Feb 15, 2023. If there are increases in lodging and services due to unexpected increases in rates, there may be an adjustment to the tour cost.

CANCELLATIONS: Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Adventure Associates. Below minimum cancellation fees apply in addition to any fees charged by the supplier(s).

- * 76+ days prior to scheduled arrival non-refundable \$250.00 per person
- * 75 and less days prior to scheduled arrival = 100% non-refundable

No partial refunds are possible for any unused portion of your trip. Penalties on airline tickets are subject to the individual air carrier's rules and regulations. Departure is defined as the date of the first flight, or the trip departure date as indicated on our Trip Schedule, whichever comes first.

Once a trip has been confirmed, medical circumstances will not be considered as exceptions to our cancellation policy. However, if you have purchased a comprehensive Travel Insurance plan that covers cancellation, you may be able to retrieve some of the funds.