

Every year, Naadam is the biggest festival and sporting event on the Mongolian calendar encompassing the 'three many sports' of wrestling, horse racing and archery, Join us for the 2010 Naadam held in Mongolian capital city Ulaanbaatar, from 11th-13th July. Witness the spectacular opening ceremony, fear for the brave young jockeys, then marvel at the elegance of the wrestlers and the precision of the archers. While in Ulaanbaatar, you will also visit the sightseeing of UB, before heading down to the Mongolian ancient capital city Kharkhorin, Erdene Zuu Buddhist monastery, Gobi desert for the giant Khongoriin Els sand dunes, dinosaur fossils at Bayan Zag and the spectacular Gurvan Saikhan National Park. No trip to Mongolia is complete without sampling the local food, so we also invite you to try with us *khushuur* (fried meat pancakes), *buuz* (steamed meat dumplings), *khorkhog* (mutton cooked with hot stones), *airag* (fermented mare's milk) and traditional hand-made dairy products.

day 1:**ULAANBAATAR**

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, transfer to your hotel. Guided city tour

day 2:**GENGHIS KHAN STATUE / TERELJ NATIONAL PARK**

drive to Chinggis Khan Statue Complex. Equestrian statue of Genghis Khan is the largest in the world and 40m high from surface. The statue reflects his courage and power of Genghis Khan.

days 3:**NAADAM FESTIVAL**

Visit to National Stadium and watch open ceremony of Mongolia's famous Naadam Festival in the nation's capital city, Ulaanbaatar. Overnight in hotel.

days 4:**NAADAM FESTIVAL/HOGNO KHAN NATIONAL PARK**

Watch horse racing and drive to the National Park. Visit to horseman family. Overnight in tourist ger camp

day 5:**MONGOLIAN ANCIENT CAPITAL CITY**

drive to Kharkhorin, Mongolia's ancient capital which was built in 1235 by Chinggis Khaan's third son, Ogoodei Khan. Visit Mongolia's first Buddhist monastery - Erdenezuu - which has 108 stupas and was founded by Avtaisain Khan in 1586. Overnight in tourist ger camp.

day 6:**VISIT ONGI TEMPLE**

Jeep to the ruins of Ongi Temple, on the bank of the Ongi River. This large monastery complex was destroyed in the 1930's by Communist purges, but is currently being restored. Overnight camping ger camp

day 7:**BAYAN ZAG, FOSSIL FINDS**

Visit the world famous Flaming



Cliffs at Bayan Zag, where American palaeontologist, Roy Chapman Andrews discovered dinosaur fossil eggs in 1920. Overnight in ger camp in wide open steppe.

day 8:**SOUTH GOBI**

Drive to Gobi Gurvan Saikhan (The Three Beauties of the Gobi) National Park and arrive at Sand Dunes of Khongoryn Els known as "singing sands". Overnight in tourist ger camp.

day 9:**CAMEL TREKKING**

Camel trekking at sand dunes of Khongoryn Els It will be one of the most unforgettable experiences of your life. Visit a family of camel breeders. Overnight in a ger camp.

day 10:**YOLYN AM GORGE, SOUTH GOBI**

Drive to the Yolyn Am National Park in the South Gobi where sheer rock walls and long canyons are home to bearded vulture eagles, snow leopards, Ibex. Great for hiking. Visit the Gobi museum. Overnight ger camp.

Day 11: Fly to Ulaanbaatar

Arrive in UB and check-in to hotel.

Further sightseeing in UB

day 12:**ULAANBAATAR**

Full day of guided sightseeing in UB. See fascinating performance of traditional folk songs, throat singing, and beautiful melody of horse-headed fiddle, ethnic dances and artistic contortion. Enjoy dinner and a night out on the town with your guide who will remain with you until you return to your hotel. Overnight in hotel.

day 13:**DEPARTURE****Trip Overview**

US\$ 2470 per person, for 2-3 people:

US\$ 2275 per person, for 4-7 people:

US\$ 1950 per person, for 8-12 people:

Tour grading: Easy

Accommodation:

4 nights in hotel

8 nights in Mongolian ger tourist camps

Price includes:

Internal flight, all accommodation, 4WD vehicle transportation, interpreter, meals, all entrance fees, permits for entry to restricted areas, camel and horse riding.

Not included: International flights, visa costs, insurance, meals in UB

