


NOMADIC EXPEDITIONS



Private Trip to Mongolia

*Especially created for: The Delegation for Friendship Among
Women*

September 6 - 17, 2016



-Detailed Itinerary-

Day 1
September 6

Arrival

The contrast between ancient traditions and a 21st century democracy is most visible in Ulaanbaatar, where traditional gers and Buddhist monasteries sit side by side with modern high-rises.

Upon arrival at the airport you will be welcomed by your private Nomadic Expeditions guide and driver and transferred to the deluxe [Shangri-La hotel](#), luxury hotel located just steps from various museums and shops.

*Shangri-La
Hotel
Horizon Club
Room*

Day 2
September 7

Ulaanbaatar

This morning visit **Gandan Monastery**, the seat of Buddhism in Mongolia. Woven through Mongolia's nomadic culture is a rich Tibetan Buddhist tradition in which ancient shamanist practices are still evident. Although Buddhist monasteries were either destroyed or converted into museums during the Stalinist purges of the 1930s, Gandan Monastery continued to operate as a showpiece for government officials. However, in spite of the government's efforts to suppress Buddhism and other religious beliefs, Mongolia's spirituality persisted and a significant resurgence of Buddhism began in 1990 when Mongolia became a democracy. Monasteries across the country are again opening their doors to worshippers, and the few lamas who survived the purges are training the new generation. Enjoy a private blessing ceremony.

Next, visit the **Sukhbaatar Square** named in honor of the revolutionary leader who commanded the Mongolian army to fight for the nation's independence from Manchuria with the help of Russian army in 1920s. It is also the site of the Great Khans Memorial built in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Mongolian Empire. After 80 years of Soviet domination, a

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time during which it was forbidden by the government to utter the words “Chinggis Khan,” many Mongols now celebrate their pride in their great ancestors.

Explore the **National History Museum** for an excellent overview of Mongolia’s history and culture.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception dinner at the **United States Embassy to Mongolia**. **Ambassador Jennifer Zimdahl Galt’s** will meet the delegation of Friendship Among Women. Special guests will be invited to join our group for the reception as well.

Day 3-4
September
8-9

Ulaanbaatar

We will continue to explore the city of Ulaanbaatar for these two days and special meetings will be organized on these days as well to familiarize you with the political, economic and social climate in Mongolia.

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Visit **Choijin Lama temple**, which was originally built by the order of the last king of Mongolia the Bogd Khaan dedicated to his brother and the state oracle Luvsan Haidav Choijin Lama. Consisted of the group of 5 temples, the Choijin Lama Temple museum houses various Buddhist artifacts dating back to 1800–1900s including the masterpieces of the famous Mongolian sculptor Zanabazar, some fine *thangkas* and the best collection of the *tsam* masks for the religious ceremonies in the country.

We will visit the Bogd Khan Palace, home of Mongolia’s last theocrat, Bogd Jabtzan Damba Hutagt VIII, which displays elaborate ceremonial robes, other personal effects of Mongolia’s ‘8th Living Buddha.’

Our planned list of special guests to meet and organizations include:

Mrs. Oyungerel Tsedevdamba

<http://www.oyungerel.org>

Zorig Foundation

<http://zorigfoundation.org>

Mrs. Oyun Sanjaasuren

Member of the Parliament, Former Minister of Environment, Green Development and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia.

Mongolian Women's Fund

<http://www.inwf.org/our-members/asia/mongolian-womens-fund-mones/>

Day 5
September 10

Fly: Ulaanbaatar - Gobi

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Three Camel
Lodge*

In the morning private transfer to the airport for your flight to the Gobi. Contrary to the sterile sameness that the word 'desert' suggests, the Gobi is a diverse and fascinating region, and includes sites of some of the most important paleontological discoveries of the 20th century. For the next few days, explore the stunning landscapes of the Gobi, habitat for Bactrian camels, Argali mountain sheep, goitered gazelle, Golden Eagles, Saker Falcons, jerboas (similar to kangaroo rats), and many endemic reptiles. The Gobi is also home to some of the Northern Hemisphere's most rare and elusive mammals, such as the dhole, snow leopard, and Gobi bear, known in Mongolian as *Mazaalai*.

Upon arrival, drive to **Yol Valley National Park**, cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains. An ancient river carved this surprisingly green valley, and its remnant streams create ice formations at the base of the valley that sometimes persist as late as July. A hike or optional horse back riding through the valley leads to the habitat of indigenous vulture-like Lammergeiers, Altai snowcocks, ibex, yaks, and Argali mountain sheep.

Later, drive to Nomadic Expeditions' award winning [Three Camel Lodge](#) ger camp, located at Bulagtai Mountain on the

edge of Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park (5-6 hours). Spend the rest of the evening at leisure or explore the surroundings on your own. The lodge offers a wide variety of activities to travelers from reading a book on Mongolia to watching a documentary about nomadic culture, and from learning traditional Mongolian games to enjoying a relaxing massage. Overnight in gers.

Day 6
September 11

Nomadic Family visit/ Moltso

In the morning visit a **nomadic family** and learn about a nomadic way of life and customs and traditions that have existed for centuries.

In the afternoon, drive to the **Moltso Els** and visit with a camel herder family and visit the area on foot or on camelback.

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Three Camel
Lodge

Day 7
September 12

Bulgan Town/ Flaming Cliffs

Rise in the morning, and drive to **Bulgan** to meet with an agricultural cooperative and women who grow vegetables. Visit the local school before driving back to the lodge.

After lunch begin driving to the legendary **Flaming Cliffs**, named for the red-orange sandstone that glows brilliantly at sunrise and sunset. It was here in 1923 that Roy Chapman Andrews and his exploration team from the American Museum of Natural History found the first nest of dinosaur eggs the world had ever seen. To the trained eye, the ancient formations of the Flaming Cliffs are rich with fossils, and paleontological expeditions continue to make significant discoveries at this site.

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Three Camel
Lodge, Deluxe
Ger

Day 8
September 13

Gobi – Ulaanbaatar

In the morning, drive to the airport for your return flight to Ulaanbaatar.

Today's meetings will be dedicated to the health matter in

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Mongolia and we will visit WHO and local hospitals:

World Health Organization's Mongolia Office:

<http://www.wpro.who.int/mongolia/en/>

**Day 9-10-11
September
14-15-16**

Ulaanbaatar Meetings

A series of meetings will be arranged for the delegation and these are some of the organizations and experts we plan to meet:

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Mrs. Undraa Agvaanluvsan

Executive Director of The Strategy Academy, former visiting professor at Stanford University, former Ambassador-at-large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Nature Conservancy's Mongolia office

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/asiaandthepacific/mongolia/>

Made in Mongolia

<http://www.madeinmongolia.net>

Lotus Orphanage

<http://www.lotuschild.org>

National University of Mongolia

<http://www.num.edu.mn/en/>

Arts Council of Mongolia

<http://artscouncil.mn>

**Day 12
September 17**

Departure

In the morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

B

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Nomadic Expeditions reserves the right to alter the above itinerary if deemed necessary.

Why Travel With Us?

Unrivaled Experience

Crafting the trip of a lifetime has been our specialty since 1992, and our experience exploring Mongolia and beyond is rivaled by no other travel company. Among others, Conde Nast Traveler Magazine named Jalsa Urubshurow, the founder and president of Nomadic Expeditions, as the “Top Travel Specialist for Mongolia” in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. We have offices in the USA and Mongolia and our operations are vertically integrated. For adventurers, this means direct communications and access to expedition specialists who have first hand experience with our trips.

Our personable guides are professionally trained in the culture and natural history of Mongolia and our other destinations, and each is expert in the skills necessary for leading rewarding adventure travel. These talents and abilities ensure that an adventure undertaken with Nomadic Expeditions will be exciting, enriching, enjoyable, and safe – an experience likely to exceed your expectations.

Many individuals and organizations that have traveled with us would be happy to share their experiences with you—just ask.

Responsibility

Our commitment to responsible travel means that every expedition is undertaken with the greatest respect for the lands we explore and the local people we meet. Those who travel with Nomadic Expeditions do so with the assurance that the preservation and protection of the ecosystems and cultures we visit is of the utmost importance to us, both as individuals and as a company. Respect for the places we travel to is at the heart of everything we do.

Real Travel, True Adventure

Mongolia is one of the last frontiers of genuine adventure travel, where an incredible diversity of ecosystems and traditional cultures await discovery by those with an appreciation for the world’s truly wild places. To journey into the desert, steppe, and mountains of Mongolia is to travel back to a time before “tourist industries,” when there were no detailed maps indicating “points of interest,” and one had to rely on the knowledge and kindness of locals to discover the hidden corners of the world. We at Nomadic Expeditions are those friends in a far-off land, whose knowledge of the places we travel to can guide visitors to exceptional adventures giving each traveler personal and enriching experiences of these remarkable lands and their people.

Main Trip Price:

\$5,000 per person based on twin occupancy

Single supplement fee: \$1,800 per person

Internal Airfare: Included

Trip Price includes:

- Ground transportation in Mongolia as described in the itinerary;
- All internal flights;
- Transfers on arrival and departure;
- All accommodations based on twin occupancy;
- Breakfast and lunches in the city and all meals in the Gobi as noted in itinerary;
- Optional camel riding as noted in the itinerary;
- All excursions, entrance fees, and visits as described in itinerary;
- Extensive pre-departure Travel Guide, reading list, important information about your trip, map and luggage tags;
- English speaking leading Nomadic Expeditions guide throughout your stay;

Land Price does not include: International airfare; passport and visa fees; food and beverages not included in the group meals including the welcome dinner and farewell dinner receptions; speaker fees or hotel conference room rental fees; comprehensive medical and trip insurance; airport taxes; excess baggage charges; gratuities to guides and drivers; photography and video fees; items of personal nature including alcoholic beverages, laundry and telephone calls; other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Single Supplements

Single supplements guarantee single accommodations in hotels and gers. If single travelers wish to share accommodations, every effort will be made to match them with a roommate. If a suitable roommate is not available at the time of booking, a single supplement fee will be invoiced. A refund will be issued if a share situation subsequently becomes available.

International Airfare

The most popular gateway cities to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar are Beijing (Air China or Mongolian Airlines), Seoul (Korean Air or Mongolian Airlines), Moscow (Aeroflot or Mongolian Airlines) and Tokyo (Mongolian Airlines). Additionally, there are weekly flights from Berlin (Mongolian Airlines) and Hong-Kong (Mongolian Airlines) and Istanbul (Turkish Airlines) as well. Due to the time difference, passengers originating from the USA or Europe, will have to leave 1-2 days prior to the trip commencement date.

Please indicate on your Trip Application Form if you would like us to assist you in booking international flights. Flight availability and pricing is subject to change and Nomadic Expeditions cannot guarantee the availability of flights close to the departure date, so it is in the client's best interest to make reservations as early as possible in the trip planning process. Airline ticketing fees will be applied to tickets purchased through Nomadic Expeditions.

It is imperative that you send a copy of your international flight itinerary to Nomadic Expeditions at least 30 days prior to departure so that we may arrange for any additional services and/or airport transfers.

Visa requirements

U.S. citizens do NOT require a visa to enter Mongolia. However, if you are traveling to Mongolia via China, you are only permitted 72 hours or less in Beijing or Shanghai without a visa. If you plan to travel to other cities or extend your stay beyond 72 hours, it is imperative that you obtain a double-entry Chinese visa in advance.

Reservations

Reserve your space on this trip by completing our Trip Application and mailing it to us with a \$750 deposit per person (\$200 deposit per person for extensions.) Please mail to:

Nomadic Expeditions
1095 Cranbury South River Road Suite 20A
Monroe Township, NJ, USA, 08831

Once we receive your Trip Application and deposit, we will send you written confirmation of your reservation and our extensive pre-departure information packet, which includes our Travel Guide, recommended reading, insurance information, cultural and environmental guidelines, medical information, and travel tips. This information should answer most of the questions you may have about your upcoming adventure. However, if any other questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will also include an invoice for the balance of your trip payment, which will be due

90 days prior to your departure date, payable by check, credit card, money order or wire transfer to Nomadic Expeditions, Inc. (Please note that there is an additional fee for payment by wire transfer to cover bank service charges.)

Approximately three weeks prior to departure, after receipt of full payment, we will send your final departure package, which includes a participant list, final itinerary, contact numbers, luggage tags, map and air tickets (if applicable.)

Ger Accommodations

The Three Camel Lodge

The Three Camel Lodge is Mongolia's premier eco-lodge and expedition camp. Built in the Gobi according to environmentally and culturally sustainable guidelines, the camp offers an extraordinary combination of adventure and sophistication, combining traditional style with superb service.

The Three Camel Lodge was built to complement its natural surroundings and to utilize renewable energy sources, using both wind and solar power. Local artisans and workers crafted the roofs of the building in accordance with the canons of Mongolian Buddhist architecture, without using a single nail.

The Three Camel Lodge is more than an award-winning travel destination. It is also a center of education in the Gobi region. The Lodge funds and organizes nature conservation clubs for children in local secondary schools and serves as a base for scientific research and wildlife monitoring in the fragile Gobi eco-system.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Nomadic Expeditions. Cancellation charges are based on the number of days from the date we receive the written cancellation notice until the main trip departure date.

Cancellation charges:

90 days or more	Deposit
89-60 days	25% of land
59-30 days	50% of land
29-0 days	No refund
After trip departs	No refund

In addition, any unrecoverable charges or fees imposed by suppliers or vendors on advance payments will be assessed. Airfares are refundable in accordance with the policy of the airline carrier being used, subject to a \$50 handling charge.

If full payment is not received 90 days prior to departure, Nomadic Expeditions reserves the right to consider this a cancellation. A Late Payment Fee will apply to all payments made less than 90 days prior to departure.

Nomadic Expeditions reserves the right to cancel or postpone any travel services prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants. In the event that a trip cannot depart on the dates specified due to unforeseeable events that render the itinerary inoperable or inadvisable, Nomadic Expeditions reserves the right to postpone services until such time as it is deemed appropriate by Nomadic Expeditions. Trip payments will be held by Nomadic Expeditions, and subject to the same conditions as for the original scheduled trip.

Nomadic Expeditions is not responsible for any unrecoverable expenses incurred by trip participants due to trip cancellation or postponement, including non-refundable airline tickets, medical expenses and visa fees, or additional arrangements, made either through Nomadic Expeditions or another provider, purchased to coincide with this scheduled departure.

This trip is subject to cancellation, refund, and other policies set forth under the general terms and conditions of the Trip Application. We urge you to read this information carefully and call us if you have any questions.

Delays

We are not responsible for any additional charges incurred arising from the delay or extension of a trip due to weather, equipment failure, illness, or other causes beyond our control. No refunds can be made for any unused services or accommodations on the trip.

What to Expect

The rewards of visiting a seldom-explored country require traveling with flexibility, a spirit of adventure, and a willingness to accept local standards of amenities and services. Mongolia is a developing country in terms of infrastructure; delays or changes in the itinerary are possible, and indeed likely. Accommodations are comfortable and clean and include first-class hotels in major cities and traditional nomadic gers in the Mongolian countryside (dome-shaped tents constructed of latticed walls, covered by felt and canvas.) There is a greater diversity of food choices nowadays in Mongolia; however, meals are typically meat-based. Transportation is by bus and four-wheel drive vehicle; most roads are unpaved and are very bumpy and dusty.

It is very important that travelers contact Nomadic Expeditions with any special needs, such as dietary or medical restrictions, as soon as possible so that every effort can be

made to accommodate special needs. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the client, in conjunction with their health care provider, if necessary, to determine whether their needs can be met sufficiently to allow for a safe and comfortable journey.

Please note that most scheduled flights originate in Ulaanbaatar, so to fly from one destination within Mongolia to another, you will almost always return to Ulaanbaatar first. Also, it is not possible to arrive in Ulaanbaatar and connect with another flight on the same day. Therefore, you must overnight in Ulaanbaatar for at least one night before flying to another destination. Scheduled flights to the various destinations in the countryside do not operate everyday, and sometimes only once or twice per week. Therefore, the number of days spent in a destination may be dictated by the flight schedule.

All itineraries should be taken as an approximate schedule of events, though every attempt will be made to adhere to the given schedule. Itineraries are subject to change due to weather, airline schedule changes, road conditions, and other reasons beyond our control. When changes occur in routing or activities, we do our best to provide the best alternatives possible to accommodate all of our clients.

Cultural and Environmental Responsibility

In our rapidly changing and shrinking world, travel is increasing to destinations that were once inaccessible. Contact between unique cultures, such as the traditional nomadic horse-based culture of Mongolia, and the outside world can have a definite impact on both sides. By promoting cultural interaction based on mutual respect and an understanding of cultural differences, we strive to maintain a delicate balance, neither accelerating the modernization of ancient cultures, nor suppressing their natural evolution.

Nomadic Expeditions is committed to making positive impact on the destinations it visits and to giving back to those who dwell there and thus encourage our travelers to participate in our philanthropic activities. Ask your Expedition Specialist about how you can be part of our efforts aimed at sustainable tourism, conservation and cultural preservation.

About Nomadic Expeditions

Nomadic Expeditions has been arranging exceptional adventures to Mongolia since the country's democratic transition in 1990 and the true opening of its borders to western visitors. Our objective is to create an unforgettable experience for our travelers, and our staff is dedicated to providing insight and guidance so that time in this remarkable country will be memorable and rewarding.

With full-time staff, operations, and offices in the United States and our affiliate office in Mongolia, Nomadic Expeditions brings a unique and enriching cross-cultural perspective to travel to Mongolia. Our offices are staffed both by native Mongolians and Americans with a genuine love of Mongolia and her culture. Our approach to business includes extended exchange programs for our employees, ensuring that each member of our staff is aware of the expectations and sensitivities of our clients and also has an understanding of the Mongolian spirit and way of life. An underlying requirement for anyone involved with Nomadic Expeditions, be they staff, suppliers, or guides, is a respect and love for Mongolia's environment and people.

Our foremost commitment is to Mongolia and her people. Nomadic Expeditions' commitment is a reflection of our founder and president, Jalsa Urubshurow, a Mongolian-American with a deep love and respect for his ancestral homeland. Having traveled much of the globe, he believes that Mongolia is one of the world's last unspoiled treasures and is dedicated to the preservation of its natural and cultural wonders. We believe that Mongolia can benefit greatly from the development of an ecologically conscientious and sustainable approach to tourism, as well as research and exploration that could reduce the demand and need for industrial development and exploitative mining of Mongolia's precious natural resources.

We believe that one of Mongolia's greatest treasures is its pristine environment and we are deeply committed to its conservation. As members of the Ecotourism Society, we are dedicated to providing sustainable travel in Mongolia through working to eliminate the negative effects of tourism, while enhancing the positive. By maintaining an ongoing dialogue with non-profit, university, and government organizations we hope to reinforce to Mongolians and visitors alike that in the long term, the environment is most valuable to us all when it is in a healthy, balanced state.

Nomadic Expeditions Recent Awards:

- 2015 **Wendy Perrin WOW List** – Trusted Travel Expert for Mongolia (Jalsa Urubshurow)
- 2015 **National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World** – Founding Member (Three Camel Lodge)
- 2015 **Transformational Travel** – PURE Life Experiences Award (Nomadic Expeditions)
- 2013-2008 **World's Top Travel Specialist for Mongolia**- Condé Nast Traveler Magazine (Jalsa Urubshurow)
- 2013 **"25 World's Best Lodges"** National Geographic Traveler (Three Camel Lodge)
- 2013 **"50 Tours of a Lifetime"** – National Geographic Traveler