

Happy Camel Travel

Presents

**South Gobi Trekking
(11 days)**

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SOUTH GOBI TREKKING
(11 DAYS)

11 Days ♦ 6 Nights in Tented Camp
♦ 3 Nights in Ger Camp ♦ 1 Night in Hotel



Happy Camel invites you to discover the natural and cultural wonders of Mongolia, one of the last remaining seldom-explored countries. Largely inaccessible to the Western world until only recently, Mongolia offers a rare glimpse into an ancient nomadic culture that has changed little over the centuries.

The traveller will discover this untouched country by exploring the rare combination of ancient traditions of Buddhism, nomadic horse-based culture and natural beauties such as the high mountains, the grasslands and more.



Trekking ♦ Yoliin Am ♦ Dungenee Am ♦ Gobi desert
♦ Tesiin Lake ♦ Zegstiin Tsagaan Sand Dunes
♦ Khongoriin Els ♦ Flaming Cliffs
♦ Family Stay



Trip Type: Rigorous South Gobi Trekking

QUICK ITINERARY REFERENCE

DAY 1: YOLIIN & DUNGENEER AM

DAY 2: NOYON

DAY 3: KHUREN KHANANGIIN NURUU

DAY 4: GORGES AND CANYON

DAY 5: TESIIN LAKE

DAY 6 AND 7: ZEGSTEIN TSAGAAN SAND DUNE

DAY 8: KHONGORIIN ELS

DAY 9: BAYANZAG

DAY 10: DALANZADGAD

DAY 11: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

MAP OF THE ITINERARY



DETAILED TOUR DESCRIPTION

DAY 1: YOLIIN & DUNGENEE AM

Today we will take early morning flight. After one and half hour by we will land Dalanzadgad, province town of South Gobi. Our team will pick you up and our adventure will start through the beautiful gorges of the imposing Altai Mountain Chain. We will pass through the **Yoliin Am** and the **Dungenee Am** both located in the Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park. Ancient rivers carved those green valleys.

We may catch a glimpse of the wild Argali sheep, the Ibex, the desert gazelles or the Golden Eagles. We will also pay a visit to the little museum of the park where you can admire a collection of dinosaur bones.

(Ger camp L, D)

DAY 2: NOYON

We will drive through Dungenee Am to reach later today Noyon village. From here we will drive to our host family from where we will take camels for our trekking. The **Gobi Desert** measures over 1,610 km from southwest to northeast and 800 km from north to south and stretches over Mongolia and China. It occupies an arc of land 1,295,000 km² in area, making it fifth largest in the world and Asia's largest. Much of the Gobi is not sandy but is covered with bare rock.

The Gobi is a cold desert, with frost snow on its dunes during the winter months. Besides being quite far north, it is also located on a plateau roughly 910–1,520 meters above sea level, which further contributes to its low temperatures. An average of approximately 194 millimetres of rain falls per year in the Gobi. Additional moisture reaches parts of the Gobi in winter as snow is blown by the wind from the Siberian Steppes. These winds cause the Gobi to reach extremes of temperature ranging from –40°C in winter to +50°C in summer.

(Tented camp B, L, D)

DAY 3: KHUREN KHANANGIIN NURUU

We will load all our gears on our pack camels (or our jeep will follow) and start our trekking. For our first day we will trek along the southern side of the Khuren Khanangiin Nuruu Mountain.

(Tented camp B, L, D)

DAY 4: GORGES AND CANYON

Today we will trek north through a canyon of the Khuren Khanangiin Nuruu Mountain.

(Tented camp B, L, D)

DAY 5: TESIIN LAKE

For another day we will trek north to reach the once was Tesiin Lake. This totally dried out lake is now a place where salt is collected. It is one of the many evaporates of Mongolia.

(Tented camp B, L, D)

DAY 6 AND 7: ZEGSTEIN TSAGAAN SAND DUNE

For 2 more days we will trek along the Zegstiin Tsagaan Sand Dunes, into the direction of Nemegt canyons. Depending of the speed of our trekking we will reach the canyons in the evening of the second day.

(Tented camp B, L, D)

DAY 8: KHONGORIIN ELS

Today we will head to the **Khongoriin Els**. These are Mongolia's largest sand dunes. Those impressive dunes of 275 meters high in some places, stretch from East to West over more than 100 km. Behind the sand dunes we will see the impressive black rocky mass of the Sevrey Mountain.

(Ger camp B, L, D)

DAY 9: BAYANZAG

Today we will drive to **Bayanzag** also known as the "Flaming Cliffs" is the worldwide renowned place where palaeontologist **Roy Chapman Andrews** found dinosaur bones and eggs. The surrounding landscape is a beautiful combination of rocks, red sand and scrubs. Here we will spend some time exploring the cliffs.

(Ger camp B, L, D)

DAY 10: DALANZADGAD

Drive to Dalanzadgad. We will spend afternoon relaxing and exploring further this little community on the edge of Gobi Desert.

(Hotel, B, L,)

DAY 11: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Flight back to Ulaanbaatar. Today we will have free day to explore further the town and to shop for souvenirs. You might as well check the beautiful cultural show enjoy the colourful and rhythmic Mongolian dance, throat singing & admire the contortionists.

(B, L)

RESERVATION

Your trip will be confirmed after a deposit of 35% of the due amount is paid to our bank account. Once the payment is done, we will start organizing your trip and book the local flights if any.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Land transportation
- Local flight
- Airport transfer
- Hotel stay
- Tented camp
- Ger camp stay
- Meals 9B, 10L, 9D
- Tour guides
- Camping and kitchen equipment
- National park entrance fees/Museum and Monasteries entrance tickets

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Hotel in Ulaanbaatar
- City touring
- International transport
- Passport and visa costs
- Medical, trip insurance and evacuation costs
- International airport taxes, excess baggage charges. Local flights are limited to 10 kg.
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Laundry
- Telephone calls
- Items of personal nature
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included

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.

TRANSPORT

Toyota Land Cruisers series 80, 100, 105- have 4 passenger seats. Comfortable on our bumpy road, forward facing seats equipped with seat belts and has air condition and plenty space for luggage in trunk and on roof track.

Delica - Japanese 4X4 van. Delicas have 5 passenger seats. Comfortable on our bumpy road, bit slower on off-road than Land Cruisers. Forward facing seats equipped with seat belts and has air condition. Panoramic view windows. Having not much space in trunk, luggage mostly put on roof rack.

Furgon - Russian military van. Furgons have 7 passenger seats. Mostly forward facing seats. It has plenty space. Furgons have no air condition and not equipped with seat belts. If you are in group and looking for adventure on tight budget it might be a good solution. Excellent vehicle on rough off-road condition. However less comfortable than Land Cruisers and Delicas.

FOOD

Traditional Mongolian food based on different type of meat: mutton, beef, goat, horse and camel. As well as we eat dairies and usually heavy meals due to our radical climate of cold long winter and hot dry summer. However nowadays our food culture is becoming more diverse and you can easily find international food in restaurants and buy diverse imported food at supermarkets. We will do our best to accommodate your food requirement. Please let us know in advance if you have any special food requirement.

ACCOMMODATION

In Ulaanbaatar we can book your hotel. We offer accommodation from guesthouse to the most prestigious 5 star hotels with suites.

All hotel we recommend are centrally located and in walking distances from restaurant, shops and museums.

While in the countryside, depending on the trip you choose, you will overnight in Ger Camps, Family Stay and Tented Camp.

Gers from Ger Camp are the traditional felt tents of nomadic herders. Each ger is furnished with a wood stove and beautifully painted furniture such as beds, a table and stools. Gers are based on double occupancy. Each ger camp has its restaurant, western style toilet and hot water showers. Most visitors find their stay in gers, which provide an authentic taste of Mongolian culture and adventure, their most enjoyable experience in Mongolia.

Family Stay. In summer time many nomads build extra Gers next to theirs and welcome guests. You will have mostly your private Ger. However, facilities stay basic and simple

Tented Camp is a camp build on a nice spot. The travellers will sleep in Western style tents. We will however do our best to offer you the best available service. We pride ourselves on the level of comfort we provide while camping in these remote areas, but camping is not for everyone. It is important to remain open-minded and physically willing.

REMARK

Mongolia is a developing country in terms of infrastructure. The standard of the roads is very low, with no tarmac outside the capital. As a result, be prepared for bumpy and dusty rides.

Travelling in a seldom-explored country, with very little infrastructure requires flexibility, tolerance, a spirit of adventure and respect and understanding for cultural differences. The trip itinerary is subject to changes due to weather, trail conditions, government restrictions, or other reasons beyond our control. We will however do every attempt to adhere to the given schedule.

PAYMENTS

Your trip will be confirmed after a non-refundable deposit of 35% of the due amount payable by bank transfer or visa.