

Camel Trek In The Gobi Desert



Camel Riding Challenge 18th – 29th Sept 2010

Riding on camels with our local guides, we trek nearly 200 km over 7 days from the eastern end of the Gurvansaikhan (“Three Beauties”) mountain range to Khongoriin Els where massive sand dunes meet the edge of the Gobi Altai mountains. Whilst on trek all nights will be spent camping in tents, but at the start and end of the journey we stay in traditional ger camps which have comfortable facilities. There will be full vehicle support during the trek and all luggage and equipment will be carried in the jeeps.

South Gobi is a sparsely populated province of Mongolia. Most people live a nomadic existence, moving several times a year with their ger (yurt) and herds of animals. This is a great chance to experience something amazing in a remote corner of the world.



Accommodation:

2 nights hotel
3 nights traditional ger camp
6 nights camping

Group size: The tour will run with a minimum of 4 people.

Price per person: € 1995

Single supplement: € 105

Price includes: Return flight to Gobi, accommodation, meals, transfers and transportation, riding camels and local guide, interpreter.

Not included: International flights, visa costs, lunch and dinner in Ulaanbaatar.

Day 1 Arrive Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 2 Fly to Dalanzadgad in South Gobi. Meet tour staff and drive to Gurvansaikhan National Park. Hike into the Yol Valley “Vulcher’s Mouth” canyon. Drive down to Ger Camp 1. Overnight ger camp.

Day 3 Drive over the Gurban-saikhan mountains (140 km) to Khavtsagait (marked “Start” on map). Meet camels and local guides. Allocate camels and start riding.

Day 4 Ride to Black Rock and on to moving sands. Our local guides take care of the camels throughout the tour and saddle them up each morning. Overnight camping.

Day 5 Ride along the east bank of the Khongor river. This is a remote area with a few nomadic families and their herds of animals. Overnight camping.



The most suitable way to cross the Gobi Desert is on the back of a camel

Day 6 Ride to Chono Kharaiikh (“Leaping Wolf”). We may be invited into someone’s ger for a cup of tea or yoghurt. Overnight camping.

Day 7 Ride through Zag which is a forest of Gobi saxaul trees. This shrub grows very slowly (1 meter in 25 years) and can survive the harsh conditions of the desert. Overnight camping.

Day 8 Ride to the lowland area known as Tsonjiin Khotgor. Overnight camping.



Day 9 Ride to Adag Nuur lake and on to the place where we return the camels to their owners. Overnight Ger Camp 2.

Day 10 Drive through an amazing mountain pass and across the desert to Camp 1.

Day 11 Fly to Ulaanbaatar.

Day 12 Depart.

Trip Highlights

- **Yoliin Am** “Vulcher’s Mouth” mountain canyon in the Gobi Desert
- **Riding Camels** is how the locals get from place to place.
- **Nomadic** family visits to see their self-sufficient lifestyle.
- **Wildlife** is abundant in this sparsely populated part of the world, despite the tough conditions

