

Family Tour



*Family Adventure in Mongolia
19th – 28th July 2010*



Bring the kids to Mongolia next summer. It will be a fine adventure for the whole family with 10 days of fun and fascinating experiences for people of any age. We travel by jeep to Arkhangai province in Central Mongolia where Genghis Khan established the capital of the great Mongol empire in the thirteenth century. We travel through countryside which varies from steppe to mountain to desert and forest. Everyone will get a chance to ride horses, camels and even a yak and cart, as the local people do. Small children will be taken care of and can ride together with a grown up

You will experience traditional Mongolian hospitality and spend time with a nomadic family, perhaps watching the horses being milked or playing with their children. At the hot springs you can enjoy bathing in outdoor pools on the edge of the forest and near the town of Kharkhorin you will see monks of all ages performing Buddhist rituals in the ancient temples of Erdene Zuu monastery (don't be surprised to see the young monks flicking paper or dried rice when they should be chanting – children are children everywhere!).

As well as an adult guide and interpreter, the children will have their own personal guide. Sarantoya (age 14) speaks fluent Mongolian and English and has been brought up in two cultures. She will show you all the best bits of this wonderful country and will ensure that your holiday is something very special.



Nomadic boy with his camels



Mongolian children pose for a photograph on the decorative bed in their ger.



When in Mongolia...do as the Mongols do.

Day 1 Arrive in Ulaanbaatar. We meet you and take you to the hotel. in the city centre.

Day 2 Take a jeep from Ulaanbaatar across the vast open landscape to Khogno Khan mountain. Arrive at the ger camp located at the foot of a huge granite rocky cliff and in the evening explore the dramatic surroundings (beware of wolves!).

Day 3 Hike round the mountain to the other side where a small Buddhist temple has been built beside the ruins of an old monastery with a grand outlook. You will have another night at Khogno Khan

Day 4 Jeep to Kharkhorin, the valley where Genghis Khan built his capital. Visit Erdene Zuu monastery. Afternoon ride horses in the valley. Overnight ger camp by the Orkhon river.

Day 5 Drive to Tsetserleg town. Visit the local market and in the afternoon drive up into the mountains to Tsenkher hot springs.

Day 6 Visit a nomadic family and see the way they live. They may give us a ride on their yak and cart, which is how they normally bring wood from the forest.

Day 7 Jeep to Elsen Tasarkhai, "Little Gobi". Play in the sand dunes and in the evening ride camels. There are often wonderful sunsets here.

Day 8 Return by jeep to Ulaanbaatar, stopping on the way for a picnic lunch.

Day 9 Morning city tour. Visit Chojin Lam temple and the Natural History Museum which has excellent displays of dinosaurs found in Mongolia. Afternoon is free for shopping.

Day 10 Depart.

Accommodation:

3 nights hotel
6 nights ger camps

Group size: Minimum of 4 people.

Price per adult: € 995
Child under 16 years: € 895
Single hotel supplement: € 75

Price includes: Accommodation, meals on tour, transportation, sightseeing costs and entrance fees, riding horses and camels, interpreter, children's guide.

Not included: International flights, visa costs, meals in Ulaanbaatar.

Trip Highlights

- **800 year old turtles** – all that remains from the time of Genghis Khan are two stone turtles which once guarded the city gates.
- **Little Gobi Desert** perfect for camel riding in the big sand dunes .
- **Desert Dinosaur** skeletons and meteorites found in Mongolia are displayed at the Natural History Museum.
- **The Milky Way** and magnificent starry skies on cloudless summer nights.