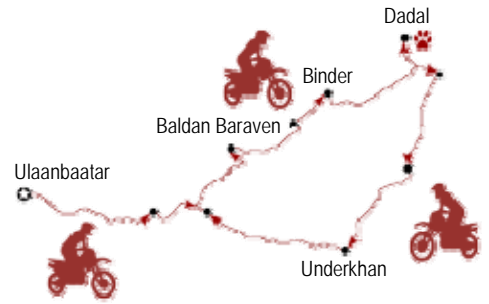


Birthplace of Genghis Khan



Off-Road Motorcycle Tour 15th – 22nd June 2010

Genghis Khan was born in Dadal near to the Siberian border in the north east corner of Mongolia. This is a beautiful area of mountains, forest, lakes and wide rivers. It is also of immense historical significance and we will visit the places where Genghis Khan lived until he became leader of his people and moved his capital to Kharkhorin in Central Mongolia. The first and last days of the trip are on a good new black topped road, but for the rest of the tour we follow rough jeep tracks on packed mud or rock. There may be some river crossings (depends on recent weather conditions), although we travel out of our way to find bridges to cross the big rivers. All nights on tour are spent in the wild, camping in tents.



Trip Highlights

» **Genghis Khan's Statue** (see picture below) located 50 km from Ulaanbaatar is 40 metres high and has a conference centre in the base and an elevator in the horse's hind legs for visitors to reach the head.

» **Temujin's coronation** at which he was given the title "Genghis Khan", is believed to have been near to Khukh Nuur "Blue Lake" in 1206.

» **Lake Deluun "Spleen Lake"** in Dadal village now exists in the spot where Temujin's family ger was pitched when his mother gave birth. She prepared soup made from the spleen of a white horse.

» **Khajuu Bulag** is a small spring in the middle of the forest near the Bayan river, from which Genghis Khan is sure to have drunk.



Motorbikes and Support Group

Day 1 Arrive Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to hotel near to the city centre. Allocate motorbikes and meet the tour crew. Overnight hotel.

Day 2 Set off eastwards towards Khentii Province, stopping for lunch at the huge silver statue of Genghis Khan on his horse. Leave the main black topped road before the village of Tsenkhermandal and ride over the mountains to arrive at the small Khukh Nuur ("Blue Lake") beside which we camp. (Riding distance approx 170km)

Day 3 Ride on rough jeep tracks through silver birch forest and open rocky hilltops to arrive at Baldan Baraivan Hid, which used to be one of the most important Buddhist monasteries in the country before being destroyed by Communists. Continue on to Binder district to an ancient King's graveyard in the mountains. Overnight hotel. (Riding distance approx 220km)

Day 4 Not far from our campsite are some bronze-age rock paintings which we stop to see before riding on to Bayan Adrag

village beside the wide Onon river. We cross this river later near the entrance to Onon-Balj National Park where there is a good bridge. (Riding distance approx 180km)

Day 5 Ride north a short distance to Dadal village where Genghis Khan was born in 1162. Where his mother's ger once stood there is now a small lake, and we can drink from a spring nearby, the water from which the great man himself must surely have tasted. Drive to Norovliin district to camp. (Riding distance approx 60km)

Day 6 Drive across the fertile open hills of Batnorov district and through the village to reach Underkhan, the capital of Khentii province located beside the Kherlen river. Overnight camping on a mountainside outside the town. Drive to Norovliin district to camp. (Riding distance approx 240km)

Day 7 Return to Ulaanbaatar on the good new black paved road, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way. Overnight hotel. (Riding distance approx 330km)

Day 8 Transfer to airport for departure.

Accommodation:

2 nights hotel
5 nights camping in tent

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

Price per person: € 1895

Motorbike hire: included

Single supplement: € 60

Price includes: Motorbike hire, petrol for motorbike, hire of tents, most meals, support vehicles, transfers, entrance fees, permit to enter restricted area, tour lead rider.

Not included: International flight to Mongolia, visa costs, lunch and dinner when in Ulaanbaatar city, protective motorcycle clothing e.g. helmet, boots, body armour.

