

Expedition Gobi Desert

Overland Adventure Tour 2nd – 11th June 2010

This exciting 10-day tour is an overland adventure, starting from Ulaanbaatar and travelling down through the Middle Gobi steppe to the real desert of South Gobi province. There are many amazing sights along the way, including fantastic granite mountains, strange rock formations, massive sand dunes and hopefully interesting flora and fauna. We travel by jeep or expedition bus on rough tracks, rarely on good paved roads. In the countryside nomadic people live in gers, following a way of life which has changed little in centuries. You will have a chance to observe their fascinating way of life.

Every night will be spent at ger camps where traditional ger tents have been set up for travelers and have facilities including a ger restaurant, bar, showers and toilet. These will be very welcome at the end of each day, since the Gobi Desert is often a hot, dusty and windy place.



Trip Highlights

» **Gobi Desert**, third largest desert in the world, straddles the border between Inner Mongolia and Outer Mongolia

» **Flaming Cliffs** where Roy Chapman Andrews unearthed the very first dinosaur eggs in the 1920's.

» **Bag Gazriin Chuluu** amazing granite rock formations in the very middle of the vast Mongolian steppe.

» **Tsagaan Suvraga** a suitable place for some extraordinary photography.



Taking a break whilst crossing Middle Gobi

Day 1 Arrive Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to hotel.

Day 2 Jeep to Bag Gazriin Chuluu, a remarkable granite rock formation situated in the central steppe of Middle Gobi. We might see ibex, marmots, steppe fox and birds of prey.

Day 3 Travel through Middle Gobi to Tsagaan Suvraga, an amazing series of pink and white limestone cliffs, which appear from far away to be the ruins of a city.

Day 4 Jeep to South Gobi. This is Mongolia as one imagines it: distant horizons, dry rocky earth and a huge blue sky.

Day 5 Visit Gurvansaikhan National Park up in the mountains and walk in the "Eagle's Mouth" canyon. Jeep to Khongoriin Els.



Day 6 Take a short camel ride into the big golden sand dunes before heading to Bayanzag "Flaming Cliffs" where Roy Chapman Andrews found the first nest of dinosaur eggs. Here there is a forest of small saxaul trees "zag".

Day 7 Jeep northeast to Saikhan Ovoo. Here on a bend in the Ongi river, are the remains of two monasteries, one on either side of the river.

Day 8 Jeep to Zorgol Khairkhan, a dramatic granite mountain with bizarre rock formations jutting out against the skyline. Genghis Khan stationed part of his army here.

Day 9 Jeep to Ulaanbaatar across the green hills of Tuv "Central" province. Expect to arrive in the afternoon with free time for shopping.

Day 10 Transfer to airport for departure.

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

Price per person: € 1095

Single hotel: € 50

Price includes: 2 nights in hotel, 7 night traditional ger camps, meals, transfers and transportation in 4WD vehicle, interpreter, entrance fees, permit to enter restricted area.

Not included: International flights to and from Mongolia, visa costs, lunch and dinner when in UB.

