

Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

Train Journey 04th - 13th June 2011



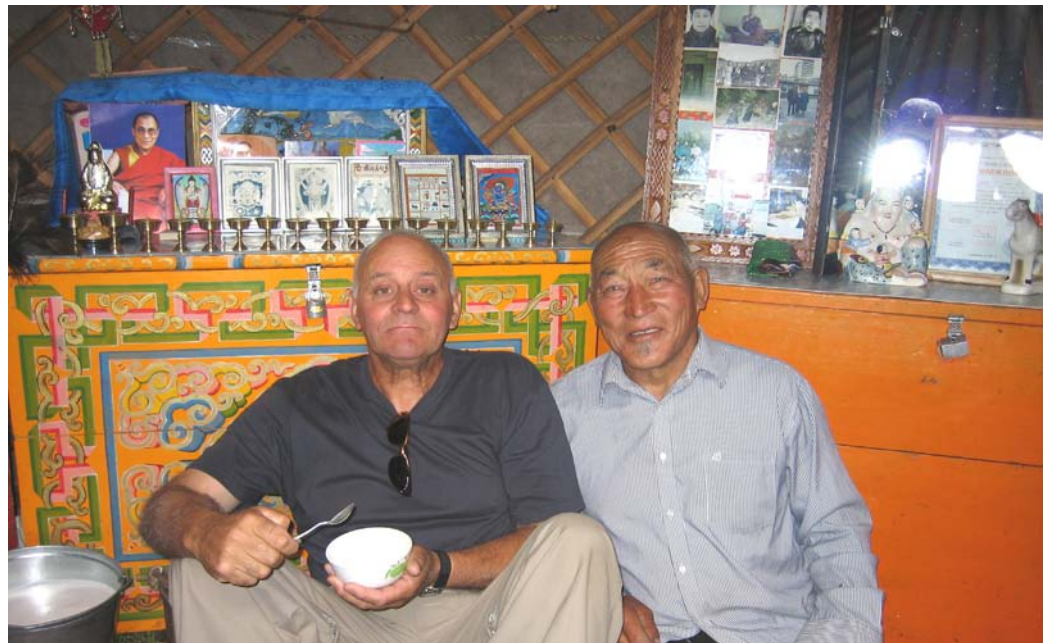
This tour is a wonderful opportunity to see the most important and famous sights in and around Beijing, to travel on the Trans Mongolian train to Ulaanbaatar, and to visit the ancient Mongolian capital of Kharkhorin.

The train is a very exciting way to enter Mongolia and is a journey lasting approximately 35 hours. We pass through the Chinese autonomous region of Inner Mongolia and across the Gobi Desert to reach Ulaanbaatar. This is a fun journey with lots to see, plenty of other passengers to meet, a nice restaurant car, and comfortable bunk beds in each compartment.

In Mongolia we travel by jeep to Kharkhorin town in the central region. It is difficult to believe that this open, undeveloped, sparsely inhabited valley was once the centre of the greatest empire the world has ever known. Genghis Khan established his capital here in the thirteenth century, and later a large Buddhist monastery was built on the same site.

Trip Highlights

- » **Great Wall of China** walk on the ramparts of this amazing structure.
- » **Forbidden City**, home to Chinese Emperors for 500 years.
- » **Trans Siberian Railway** travel the first section of this world famous train line.
- » **Gobi Desert** pass across this vast wilderness on the train.
- » **Erdene Zuu** the original centre of Buddhism in Mongolia



Enjoy traditional Mongolian hospitality

Day 1 Arrive Ulaanbaatar.

Day 2 Take a bus to Badaling and walk on the Great Wall. Afternoon go to one of the Ming Emperor's tombs in the mountains.

Day 3 Visit the Forbidden City, residence of the Chinese Emperors for 500 years. Later go to the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace.

Day 4 Early in the morning board the train to Mongolia. Observe the scenery, cultivated fields and towns of northern China. Reach the border at midnight.

Day 5 The train passes across the Gobi Desert and on through the steppe of Middle Gobi to



arrive in Ulaanbaatar in the afternoon. Transfer to Continental Hotel.

Day 6 Set out of the city by jeep into the vast open countryside. Afternoon arrive at Khogno Khaan. Overnight ger camp at the foot of the mountain.



Prayer wheels at Erdene Zuu

Day 7 Hike or ride horses from Khogno Khaan mountain down to Elsen Tasarkhai, an area of big sand dunes and desert vegetation. Evening ride camels. Overnight ger camp.

Day 8 Jeep to Kharkhorin. Visit Erdene Zuu monastery, the original centre of Buddhism in Mongolia. Overnight ger camp beside the Orkhon river.

Day 9 Jeep to Ulaanbaatar, arriving late afternoon. Overnight Continental Hotel.

Day 10 Free day in Ulaanbaatar to enjoy the museums, temples, shops and restaurants. Overnight hotel.

Day 11 Transfer to airport for flight to Beijing. Overnight hotel.

Day 12 Depart.

Accommodation:
 4 nights hotel in Beijing
 1 night on train
 3 nights hotel in Ulaanbaatar
 3 nights traditional ger camp

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

Price per person: € 1095

Single hotel supp: € 200

Price includes: Accommodation, most meals, transfers and transportation, sightseeing costs and entrance fees, train ticket, flight UB - Beijing, interpreter.

Not included: International flights to Beijing, visa costs, airport departure tax, dinner in Beijing, meals on train, lunch and dinner in Ulaanbaatar.

