



Mongolia Overland

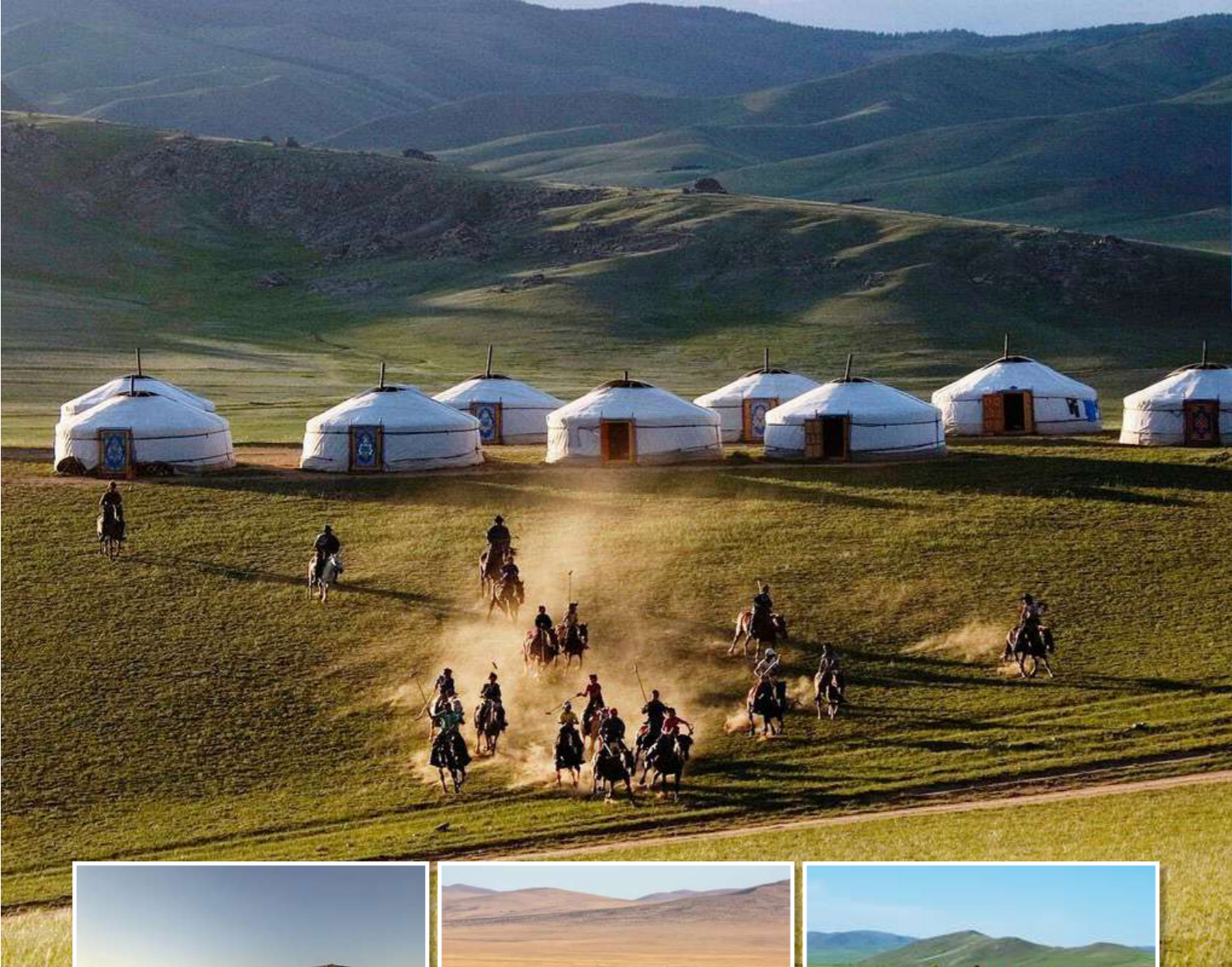
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About The Drive

Mongolia's diverse landscapes call for an electrifying 4x4 expedition consisting of heart-pounding drives, navigating mountain passes, and exploring mystical valleys making it a road trip unlike any other. Dive into the spirited Nadaam Festival, navigate challenging terrains in Ikh Gazriin Chuluu, and conquer the formidable Gobi Desert.

From feeling the rush as you drive through the mesmerizing Khongoryn Els Sand Dunes to experiencing the serenity of the desert as you camp beneath the Mongolian skies.

This expedition promises both excitement and a deep dive into Mongolia's cultural and natural wonders. Gear up for a once-in-a-lifetime kind of adventure through the land of the eternal blue sky!

Why travel With AO



A brainchild of Sanjay Madan and Tushar Agarwal, Adventures Overland was established in the year 2012 and is today universally recognized as the end word in the realm of self-drive expeditions within India, as well as across the world. Our promise of a luxurious experience, which is safely executed and is unique in its implementation, has withstood the test of time and earned us a dedicated clientele who have undertaken multiple journeys with us, and keep coming back for more.

Our customized and truly bespoke itineraries speak for themselves, as we firmly believe in the idea of countryside sightseeing, and discovering off-beat paths. The aim is to not only visit popular tourist places, but explore and absorb the very essence of a destination.

Adventures Overland prides itself on having set the benchmark for excellence in the field of Around the World Drives, not once but numerous times. AO holds Tri-Nation Expertise (India, Nepal & Bhutan), and along with 15 Limca Book of Records under our belt, we also enjoy the distinction of being a Guinness Record Holder in Travel.

We have been felicitated with numerous awards and distinctions which include - India's Leading Tour Operator at World Travel Awards 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, Best Niche Tour Operator at Satte Awards (2020), Honoured by the Government of UAE at the Dubai Travellers Festival for special contribution towards adventure travel globally, Represented India at the 2nd ASEAN-India Car Rally, Zee Business Travel Award for Best Adventure Travel Experience Partner, and the Times Power Icons Award in Adventure and Expedition Category.

Awards & Media



Adventure and Expedition



Our Ratings



Route Map Mongolia



Major Highlights

- 1 A 4x4 expedition through diverse landscapes with the coolest convoy.
- 2 Navigating high mountain passes, conquering challenging terrains, and exploring the Gobi Desert.
- 3 Attending the Nadaam Festival featuring archery, wrestling, and horseback racing.
- 4 Deep dive into Mongolia's cultural wonders, including the ancient Ikh Gazriin Chuluu.
- 5 Discovering Yol Valley, Flaming Cliffs, and the legendary Khongoryn Els Sand Dunes.
- 6 Off-roading through towering dunes and riding Bactrian Camels.
- 7 Exclusive exploration of the Flaming Cliffs with a Mongolian Academy of Science researcher.
- 8 Visits to Ongiin Monastery, Kharkhorin, and Erdene-zuu Monastery, founded by Genghis Khan.





01

Day | Arrival in Ulaanbaatar

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar for a warm welcome! Your journey kicks off with a team representative greeting you, and swiftly whisking you to your designated Hotel.

Surrounded by lush pine forests to the north and verdant steppes to the south, the city of Ulaanbaatar is known for its contrasting landscapes.

In the evening, a scrumptious dinner will be served and as the conversation flows, you will get acquainted with all your fellow travelers.



02

Day | Naadam Festival

Prepare for a day of cultural splendor at Naadam, the renowned Mongolian festival. Witness locals participating in archery, wrestling, and horseback racing as a part of the festivities. The origin traces back to the rise of the Great Mongolian Empire and served as the crux of Genghis Khan's strategy to ensure his warriors stayed fit. Acknowledged by UNESCO in 2010, this event seamlessly combines tradition and competition and has preserved the country's heritage for years.

The rest of the day is at leisure and you are free to explore this vibrant city.



03

Day | Ulaanbaatar to Ikh Gazriin Chuluu

Prepare for a day of thrilling 4x4 adventure through the Gobi Desert, the ancient realm of dinosaurs.

Conquer the road and feel the rush of adrenaline with every turn of the wheel before you reach Ikh Gazriin Chuluu in Dundgovi province. This government-protected haven boasts stunning rocky outcrops and dry grassland making the landscape look otherworldly. It's home to a spectacular variety of flora and fauna, including the rare argali wild sheep.

We will end the day with camping in traditional ger tents amidst the breathtaking scenery, and relish a fabulous dinner with bonfire amidst granite rock formations that would look even more ethereal under the night sky.



04

Day | Ikh Gazriin Chuluu to Yol Valley

Today is reserved for yet another exhilarating Gobi Desert escapade!

Roaring through the vast landscapes, we conquer challenging terrains for a while, before stopping in Dalanzadgad for a delectable lunch. Afterward, we head towards the mesmerizing Yol Valley, a slender gorge embraced by the rugged Gobi Gurvan Saikhan mountain range.

As you sit behind the wheel, navigating through the U-shaped canyons, each twist will offer a new kind of thrill. In the afternoon, our tires hum with anticipation as we keep driving ahead, with the air being charged with the promise of adventure. But the excitement doesn't stop there.

We will rev up for another off-road experience towards the Flaming Cliffs, named so because the sunset makes them look as if they are on fire. The cliffs are also renowned for dinosaur fossils and a research expert will accompany us to help us enlighten more about the latest discoveries in paleontology. As the sun sets we will return to our stay and indulge in a scrumptious dinner before retiring for the night.



05

Day | Yol Valley to Gobi Desert

On day five, race toward the majestic Khongoryn Els Sand Dunes.

The entire stretch of the road will test your driving skills with dirt, grime, and granules of sand paving the way. As you navigate this truly off-beat terrain, sitting behind the wheel of your 4x4, with wide open valleys blurring past, you will feel the rush of adrenaline cruising through your veins.

The Khongoryn Els dunes are popularly known as the Singing Dunes because they make a humming sound whenever touched by a breeze mimicking a melody. Apart from this phenomenon, the color of the dunes also changes as the day progresses. It is truly a feat for your senses, especially after such a challenging drive day.

We will be camping right in the heart of this natural wonder and watching the sun painting the skies in a tangerine hue. The rest of the evening is at leisure.



06

Day | Full Day Desert Experience

Prepare for a day of exhilarating adventures as you rev your engines, commanding your 4x4 to conquer the sprawling dunes.

Amidst the vast landscapes, you'll have the opportunity to delve into the heartwarming hospitality of Mongolians. We have specially added this personalized experience to the itinerary where you get to spend your day alongside a camel herdsman's family, embracing their traditions and forming connections that transcend cultural boundaries.

As dusk starts to fall, we will return to our camp. In the evening we will indulge in a scrumptious dinner, savoring the flavors of the region while surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Mongolian wilderness.



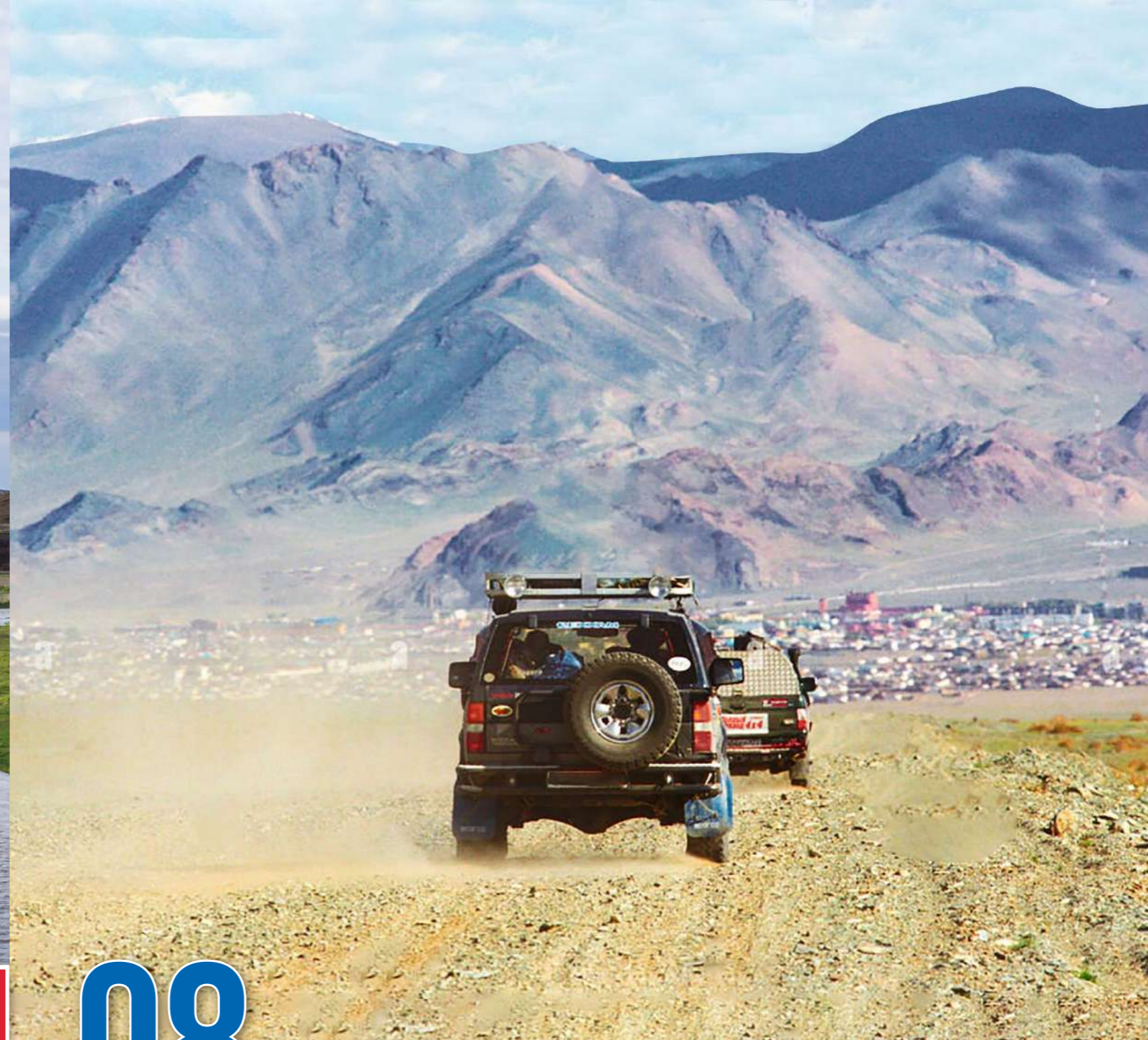
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Day | Gobi Desert to Ongiin

Today we will speed northward through mountainous twists and indulge in yet another off-roading escapade where our convoy will navigate the many serpentine routes to reach our next destination. After a long day of driving, we will reach our camps where we will relax for a bit before heading towards the Ongiin Monastery.

We will stroll through the region, and trace the Ongiin River's curve, uncovering the remnants of two monasteries destroyed in the communist upheaval of the 1930s. We will also get to witness the expansive complex of 28 temples that once stood tall crowned by a small temple built later on, which is now referred to as Ongiin Khiid.

In the evening, we will indulge in dinner and share our stories from today's adventure before retiring for the night.



08

Day | Ongiin to Kharkhorin

Gear up for an exhilarating morning filled with promise as we head north to Kharkhorin via a thrilling dirt road. The day consists of a long drive on dirt roads and by the time you reach the city, it'd be time for the sun to set.

The ancient city of Kharkhorin consists of many archaeological wonders. Genghis Khan himself founded this city in 1220, nestled in the Orkhon River valley, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It served as Mongolia's 13th-century capital under his son, Ogedei Khan.

The evening will be all about delicious dinner, and engaging conversations around a bonfire under the starry Mongolian sky.



09

Day | Kharkhorin to Hustai National Park

Today we will explore the magnificent Erdene-zuu Monastery, the oldest surviving Buddhist hermitage in Mongolia. Surrounded by the remnants of Kharkhorin's ancient walls and adorned with 108 stupas, Erdene-zuu dates back to the late 1500s. After retracing its ancient ruins we will brace ourselves for an exhilarating drive back to Ulaanbaatar, with a pit stop at the enchanting Hustai National Park—a Specially Protected Area since 1993.

In the evening, cultural performances by Mongolian throat singers and folk dancers along with a Saker Falcon hunt await you at the ger camp.



10

Day | Hustai National Park to Ulaanbaatar

Today marks the final day of gripping drives and we will spend it by diving into the heart of Mongolia - Ulaanbaatar.

Visit the impressive Gandantegchinlen Monastery, a spiritual haven nestled in an otherwise urban landscape. Then gear up for a drive to the Zaisan Memorial, offering panoramic views of the city against the backdrop of the Bogd Khan Mountain. At last, visit the National Museum of Mongolia where you will get to learn more about the country's history and culture.

The evening calls for a farewell dinner where we will share the last meal of the trip and share our favorite anecdotes from the road trip, indulging in heartwarming conversations over drinks.



11 Day | Departure

It is time to bid farewell to the beautiful country and the people you explored it with. You will be transferred to the airport, from where you'll depart. Rugged, enormous, and historic; Mongolia will surprise you in the most wonderful of ways. A visit to this country – full of some of the warmest people you will ever meet – will ensure that you make memories of a lifetime.

Total Costing

INR 6,25,000/- Per Person

Trip Inclusions:

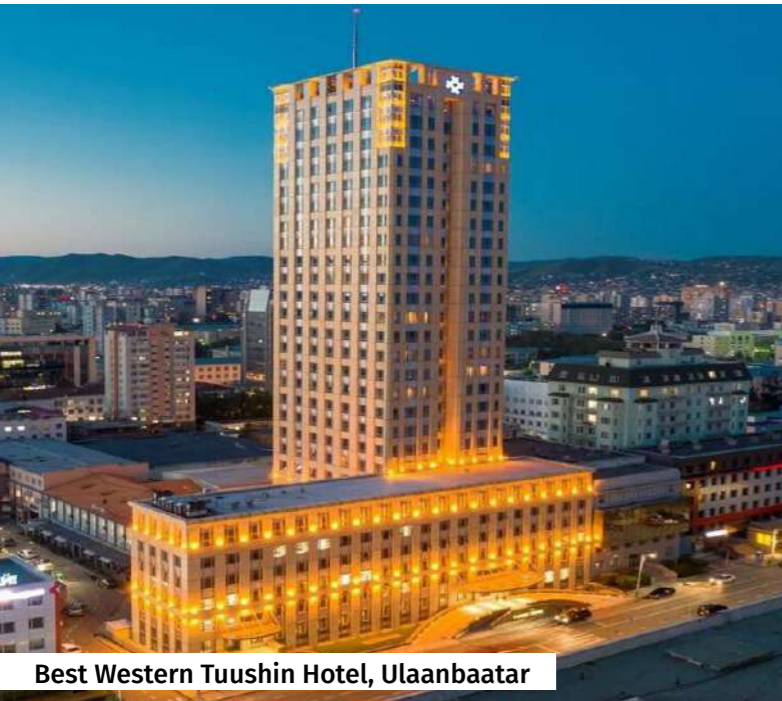
- Accommodation (Twin Sharing Basis) - 03 Nights in hotel and 07 Nights in Camps
- Self-drive 4X4 vehicle (4 people sharing 1 vehicle)
- Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Airport transfers
- Support car with all the necessary equipments
- Fuel, toll fee and maintenance charges of the vehicle
- Entrance fees to all sites
- Adventures Overland crew and support team
- Certified English speaking guide
- Adventures Overland Merchandise
- Vehicle Branding
- Visa Assistance

Note: For 3 Nights the participants will have to use common WC and shower area. The common area will be hygienic and will have the required facilities.

Trip Exclusions

- Meals and drinks other than listed in the itinerary
- International air ticket
- Refundable Security Deposit for vehicle
- Mongolia Visa Fee
- Medical and travel insurance etc.
- Porterage, Tip and Gratuity
- Lunch on day 1
- Alcohol
- Any cost arising out of unforeseen conditions like ill health, land blocks, bad weather etc.
- Any charges for carrying Video Camera or Still Camera
- Any activity not mentioned in inclusions
- Any expense of personal nature and toiletries
- GST 5%
- TCS 5% / 20% as applicable

Accommodation



Best Western Tuushin Hotel, Ulaanbaatar



Private Ger Camps, Ikh Gazriin Chuluu



Buuz - Mongolian Dish



Gobi Desert



Gobi Nomad Lodge, Yol Valley



Gobi Erdene Ger Camp, Khongoryn Els



Horse Race Naadam Festival



Hike to Granite Rock Formation



Secret of Ongi Ger Camp, Ongi



Secret of the Silk Road, Kharkhorin



Sand Dune Bashing



Mongolia Traditional Dance





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