



# The Great Naadam Festival of Mongolia

11 day tour to Beijing, Ulaanbaatar, Elsen Tasarkhai, Karakorum, Hustai National Park & Hustai

Naadam Festival, the biggest festival in Mongolia. In the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival, we will cheer on the dancers, athletes, wrestlers, archers, horse riders and musicians. Tour around Ulaanbaatar city, wander on the grassland, sleep in traditional gers, devour Mongolian barbecue in the grasslands, what a joy and experience of Mongolia!



**Day 1 04 Jul 2017 Australia ✈ Beijing**  
Tonight you fly with Air China from Sydney / Melbourne to Beijing. Overnight flight.

**Day 2 05 Jul Beijing ✈ Ulaanbaatar**  
Meal: D

Arrive into Beijing early in the morning then take a connecting flight to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. You are met at the airport after custom formalities and transferred to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Check in at Hotel 9 or similar in the city center for 3 nights.

**Day 3 06 Jul Ulaanbaatar City Tour**  
Meal: B/L

The city tour of Ulaanbaatar takes you through some of the principal sights of this unique city. You visit the Gandan Monastery, housing a 26m high gilded statue of the Buddha. Your tour also takes you to the Museum of National History, which has a number of fascinating displays of traditional Mongolian clothing and weaponry, as well as exhibits charting the course of Genghis Khan's empire-building, and walk through the Central Square of Mongolia named after Genghis Khan with 2 statues one dedicated to the Great Khan himself, and another to Sukhbaatar – hero of Mongolian people's revolution in 1921. You are transferred to the hotel in the early evening.

**Day 4 07 Jul Ulaanbaatar 🚗 Elsen Tasarkhai**  
Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast we pack the vehicles and depart to the west toward Karakorum, the ancient capital

city of Mongolia. Transfer to the camp near the Mongol Els Sand Dunes. Enjoy a visit to a nomadic family and see their lifestyle with some optional horse or camel riding. Check in at Hoyor Zagal Ger Camp for 2 nights.

**Day 5 08 Jul Elsen Tasarkhai 🚗 Karakorum**  
Meal: B/L/D

We visit legendary monastery Erdene Zuu, the first Buddhist monastery in Central Mongolia founded in 1586, Museum of Karakorum and its surroundings the Turtle Rock and the Phallic stone. This afternoon we visit the newly established Museum of Karakorum which gives a good introduction to Central Mongolia, its history and the UNESCO world heritage site Orkhon river valley.

**Day 6 09 Jul Karakorum 🚗 Hustai National Park**  
Meal: B/L/D

This morning we drive to the Hustai National park, where Takhi wild horses graze peacefully with the other wild life. Upon arrival at the camp we will have lunch. Afterwards visit the information center of the national park and early in the evening, we drive to the depth of the park for spotting wild horses. Return to the camp, dinner and an overnight stay at the ger camp.

**Day 7 10 Jul Hustai 🚗 Ulaanbaatar**  
Meal: B/L

We drive to the east to Ulaanbaatar (2hrs), before checking into your hotel in the city, we drive to the Giant Genghis Statue (1hr from Ulaanbaatar)



and return to Ulaanbaatar by lunch. Later a transfer to the hotel. Enjoy some free time before the Great Festival of the next day. This is a lifetime experience indeed and everyone wants to take part in it. The Mongols have the saying "If you are healthy, you will see the Naadam". Check in at Hotel 9 or similar for 3 nights.

**Day 8-9 11-12 Jul Ulaanbaatar – Naadam Festival Meal: B/L/D**

See the fantastic opening ceremony of the Naadam festival and watch the first round of Wrestling, and then Archery and Ankle bone shooting competitions. On 12th July, you will drive to the horse racing place to experience the Naadam Festival horse races. you will also visit Bogd Khan's Palace Museum and see a traditional folk concert by magical Tumen Ekh ensemble. Meals served at local restaurants and overnight hotel stay.

**Day 10 13Jul Ulaanbaatar ✈ Beijing ✈ Australia Meal: B**

This morning is at leisure, then you are transferred to the airport for your Air China flight to Beijing for your connecting flight home.

**Day 11 14 Jul Australia**  
Arrive into Australia this morning.



**The Great Naadam Festival of Mongolia Dates & Prices** ➔

Tour code	Start Sydney Tuesday	End Ulaanbaatar Thursday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney
			Air China
MO170704	4-Jul-17	13-Jul-17	\$5,350
Land Only: \$3,350			Single supplement: \$585

\* This tour guarantee departure based on a minimum of 2 people. All prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.  
 \* Land Only (from 5 Jul - 13 Jul) price: Tour starts from Arrival transfer in Ulaanbaatar to Departure transfer in Ulaanbaatar excludes any international air tickets. Mongolian Visa included.  
 \* China Beijing Transit Visa: 72 hours Visa Free. \* Mongolian Visa included.  
 \* Package prices of Air China for departing from Sydney only. Stopover in Beijing available. Extra taxes may apply; subject to availability. Please contact us if you depart from other state.

- Included Services:**
- Return Air China flights Sydney / Melbourne to Ulaanbaatar via Beijing economy class air travel including all ticketed taxes and fuel surcharges.
  - Full-time services of your English speaking local guide throughout the tour
  - Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
  - Ticket to the Giant Genghis Monument Complex
  - All transfers (Comfortable minivan with AC + Experienced drivers)
  - Twin/double share at good 3\* hotel and twin share at good tourist camps
  - Meals as listed (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
  - 0.5 l x 3 bottled water per day
  - Mongolia visa application and fees
  - Exclusive Great Naadam Festival tour souvenir!

Hotels used for this tour: 3\* Ulaanbaatar Spring hotel; Hoyor Zagal Ger Camp; Hustai Ger Camp or similar. All Camps are with private facilities.